

OBITUARY

Joan P. Faye, 79, died Thursday, January 3, 2013, at Heath Village, Washington Township, Morris County, N.J. A graveside service and burial will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Oak Ridge, N.J., on Monday, Jan. 7, 2013, at 1 p.m. Arrangements are by the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown, N.J. 07840. Joan was born Jan. 1, 1934, in West New York, N.J., and was a graduate of Memorial West High School, West New York, N.J. She was the owner/operator of Joan's Dance Studio in Wayne, N.J. A professional dancer, she was a Rockette in her younger years. She loved to dance and performed at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas with movie actress Mitzi Gaynor and also appeared on The Perry Como TV show and The Ed Sullivan Show. A former choreographer for the Packanack Players, Wayne, N.J., Joan was a member of the Dance Educators of America, and had worked and studied at the National Academy of Ballet in New York City. She was the daughter of the late Otto and Pauline (Orth) Sommerhalter and was predeceased by her husband, Leslie Faye, in 2002. Joan is survived by sons, Russell and Joan Faye, Brian and Laurie Faye and Gregory Faye; brothers, Otto Sommerhalter and Kenneth and Terry Sommerhalter; and seven grandchildren, Alexis, Jake, Max, Jessica, Connor, Parker and Taylor.

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