

Michael Gilligan, college head

HACKETTSTOWN — Michael B. Gilligan, former president of Jersey City State College, died Wednesday at Hackettstown Community Hospital after a long illness. He was 79. He was born in Dunmore, Pa., and

lived in Nutley before moving here in 1961.

Mr. Gilligan graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Pa., in 1925. He later received a master's degree and a doctorate in education from New York University, New York City.

He taught in all grades from kindergarten to 12 in the Roselle School system. He taught and later became principal of the four elementary schools in Verona simultaneously.

Moving to a college level, Mr. Gilligan taught at Newark State College, served as dean of education at Jersey City State College and was then appointed president, a position he held until his retirement in 1968.

In 1966 Mr. Gilligan was acting assistant commissioner of higher education for New Jersey for one year. Also, in his final years as president of Jersey City State College, he was acting president for a short time of Paterson State College, now the William Paterson College of New Jersey at Wayne.

After retiring, Mr. Gilligan served as a visiting professor at the University of Lowell, Lowell, Mass., and taught at East Stroudsburg State College for one year.

He was a member of the National Education Association, the New Jersey Education Association and St. Mary's Church of the Assumption here.

He is survived by his wife, Grace; a son Thomas, Fairbanks, Alaska; a daughter, Sara Padden, here; a brother, William, Nutley; two sisters, Katherine Fisher, Nutley and Sally Bevilock, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St.

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