

Stanley Kay

Services were held March 15 for Stanley Kay, 64, of Port Murray. The creator of the "Casper, the Friendly Ghost" cartoon, Mr. Kay died March 13 at Hackettstown Community Hospital after a long illness.

Born in New York City, he was a graduate of City College of New York. He lived in Port Murray for most of his life.

Mr. Kay was a cartoonist and writer for Marvel Comics in New York City. His Casper character became a Saturday morning cartoon on television, with many scripts based on Mr. Kay's stories. Both the comic books and the animated cartoons have been translated into many languages.

Mr. Kay was at one time comics editor for Kings Features Syndicate. He also worked on "The Katzenjammer Kids" and "Felix the Cat."

In 1971, he toured Pacific hospitals, sketching Casper for wounded servicemen.

Surviving Mr. Kay are his wife, Isabell, and a brother, Victor, Yonkers, N.Y.

Interment was in Union Cemetery, Hackettstown. The Scala Memorial Home of Hackettstown was in charge of arrangements.

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Stanley Kay of Port Murray, illustrator of 'Casper the Friendly Ghost' dies at 64

HACKETTSTOWN — Stanley Kay, long-time cartoonist, known for his work in "Felix the Cat," "Richie Rich," and "Blondie," died Sunday, March 13, 1988 at Hackettstown Community Hospital after a long illness. He was 64. *DA 3-14-1988*

Kay, who lived in Port Murray, had a long career as a cartoonist and writer. Between 1947 and 1972, he was editor of King Features

Syndicate, a national cartoon network, where he wrote for "Blondie," "Cat's Kids," and "Mandrake the Magnificent."

After his work at King Features, he was employed by Harvey Publications and Marvel Comics, where his work was showcased in the popular comic books, "Felix the Cat," "Casper, the Friendly Ghost," "Richie Rich," and the

more recent "Fraggle Rock," "Muppet Babies," and "Care Bears."

He was a member of the National Cartoonist Society.

As a portrait illustrator for the U.S.O., Kay entertained military personnel stationed in Korea and Japan by drawing humorous caricatures of soldiers, which they often sent home to their families, his wife Isabell said.

Kay, born in New York, resided most of his life in Port Murray.

He is survived by wife, Isabell Bidwell, at home; and one brother Victor, of Yonkers, N.Y.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 15 at 11 a.m. at the Scala Memorial Funeral Home, 124 High St., Hackettstown.

Interment will follow at Hackettstown Cemetery.

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