

A burial service will be held Monday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. in St. Columba's Cemetery Chapel, Brown's Lane, Middletown. Committal prayers will follow at graveside.

Donations may be made to Visiting Nurse Services of Newport and Bristol Counties, 1184 East Main Road, Portsmouth, RI 02871.

Deaths

BRANDAO — In Middletown, RI, January 6, 2005, Clara Escobar Brandao. Residence 333 Green End Ave, Middletown. Funeral services will be Monday, at 8 a.m. from Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Broadway, Newport, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9 a.m. in Jesus Saviour Church, Broadway and Vernon Avenue, Newport. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Calling hours will be Sunday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Memorial Funeral Home. Online condolences, information, directions: www.memorialfuneralhome.com

GIFFORD — In Newport, RI, January 5, 2005, Blanche (Ring) Gifford, wife of the late Edward B. Gifford and mother of Judith A. Gifford. Residence 11 Poplar Street, Newport. Visitation in the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring Street, Newport, on Saturday, January 8, 2005, 8:30-9:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, Newport. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to St. Joseph Church Restoration Fund, Broadway and Mann Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.

O'BRIEN — In Middletown, RI, January 5, 2005, John Joseph

Donations may be made to Portsmouth Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Wagon Fund, P.O. Box 806, Portsmouth, RI 02871.

Blanche R. Gifford

NEWPORT — Blanche Ring Gifford, 94, of 11 Poplar St., and more recently Heatherwood Nursing and Subacute Center, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at the center. She was the wife of the late Edward B. Gifford.

Born in Newport, on Nov. 7, 1910, she was the daughter of the late Elizabeth A. (Feeney) and Charles Henry Francis Ring. A lifelong Newporter, she was a graduate of St. Mary's Grammar School and the former St. Joseph's High School.

Mrs. Gifford had worked for the former Gorton's Variety Store, which later became Cantore Market on Bath Road (now Memorial Boulevard). She had worked as a child care-giver for many years in Newport for local families.

A longtime parishioner of St. Joseph's Church, she was a member of the Mothers Club and the Altar Guild.

She leaves a daughter, Judith A. Gifford of Newport.

She was the sister of the late John Elmer Ring, Charles Henry Francis Ring Jr., Mary Grace Denmark, Elizabeth Jane Mergl, Kathleen Frances Ring, Doris Barbara Servillo and Mildred Winifred Judge.

The funeral will be Saturday, Jan. 8, at 8:30 a.m. from O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring St. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Broadway and Mann Avenue. Burial will be in St. Columba's Cemetery, Brown's Lane, Middletown.

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Dog handler to talk at Portsmouth library

PORTSMOUTH — World Champion dog handler and canine specialist Tracie Laliberte will be instructing her "Communicating with Your Dog" program Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Portsmouth Free Public Library, 2658 East Main Road.

The one and one half hour classroom-style lecture will explain how dogs communicate using sounds and body language.

Laliberte has 30 years experience in the field of dogs. A former breeder, trainer, exhibitor, show dogs and winner of Best Senior Handler at Westminster Kennel Club and Crufts International Show, she is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in the humanities at Salve Regina University.

"Human beings and canines have shared a special association which spans over 15,000 years," Laliberte said. "My program is oriented toward helping owners create a better understanding of what dog's are trying to communicate through their body and vocal cues."

This program is sponsored by the North Family Trust, Portsmouth Free Public Library and is free and open to the public. Additional parking is available at BankNewport. Space is limited. To visit the library or call 683-9400 to register for the program.

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