

# obituaries

## BETTY LOCKARD

Betty Lockard 48, 400 Broadway, Hughesville, died April 7 in Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, where she was admitted as a surgical patient March 30. She was a member of the Bethany United Methodist Church of Hughesville.

Mrs. Lockard and her husband, C. Rolland Lockard, resided in Shavertown from 1956 to 1968. They observed their 27th wedding anniversary April 20, 1969. She was a graduate of Hughesville High School, class of 1939.

Surviving in addition to her husband are sons, Charles R. Jr., Lancaster, N.Y.; Dennis J., at home; mother, Ada L. Warburton; brothers, Robert L. Warburton, Hughesville; Harry A. Warburton, Newton, N.J.; sister, Mrs. Herve B. Reese, RD 2, Hughesville.

The funeral was held from the McCarthy Funeral Home, 557 E. Water St., Hughesville, with the Rev. Henry C. Gable officiating. Interment was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hughesville.

## SAMUEL E. BRODY

Samuel E. Brody, Demunds Road, Dallas, died April 8 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he was admitted two days before as a medical patient. He had been in ill health for six months.

Born in Matin-Arnouk, Syria, he came to this country in 1909. For the past 17 years he had operated a grocery store on Demunds Road. Prior to that he had a store at 150 Blackman St., Wilkes-Barre, for many years.

Mr. Brody was a charter member and former trustee of St. Mary's Syrian Orthodox Church. He was very active in church affairs, assisted the priest at church services and funerals as a chanter. He was a member of the Wyoming Valley Distributing Company.

Surviving are his widow, Waheba; children, Elizabeth and Amelia, at home; George, Charleston, W. Va.; Mirila Scheutz, Rochester, N.Y.; William, Cleveland, Ohio; seven grandchildren, five of whom he had raised and were living with him; brother, Abraham E., Syria.

The funeral was held from the Andrew Mamary Funeral Home, 59 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre. Services were held in St. Mary's Syrian Orthodox Church, the Very Rev. Herbert G. Nahas officiated.

## HERMAN C. THOMAS

Herman C. Thomas 69, died April 8 at Port Lucie, Fla., following a lengthy illness. He had resided at Highland Acres, Dallas, prior to moving to Florida in October, 1967.

Born in Edwardsville, Aug. 3, 1900, he was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to his retirement, he was a well-known accountant and tax consultant in Wyoming Valley. He maintained offices in the former Miners National Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Thomas was a breeder and trainer of horses, which he showed throughout the eastern part of the country. He served for many years as a judge at horse shows at the Bloomsburg Fair. He was a charter member of the Wyoming Valley Horseman's Association.

He was a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church; Lodge 541 F&AM, Nanticoke; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; Irem Temple and Westmoreland Club. He also held memberships in various professional accounting organizations.

Surviving are his wife, the former Alice Golightly; a son, Charles H., Wilkes-Barre, local certified public accountant; brothers, William G., New Jersey; Russell F., California; Burton J., New York; a sister, Mrs. George H. Perkins, Kingston, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held from the Kniffen Funeral Home, 465 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. The Rev. Russell C. Lawry, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Scranton, officiated. Interment was in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

## WALTER GERLACH

Walter William Gerlach 71, Roushey Street, RD 3, Dallas, died April 14 at Mercy Hospital. He had been a patient for one week.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he had resided in the Dallas area for 45 years. Prior to his retirement he was employed as a crane operator for Vulcan Iron Works.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, and served as church sexton.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elizabeth Smith; children, Mrs. Walter Gosart, Shavertown; Walter Jr., Elyria, O.; sister, Martha Ownes, Wilkes-Barre, and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held from the Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas. The Rev. William Bispels, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiated. Burial was in Memorial Shrine Cemetery.

## LEON GIZENSKI

Leon Gizenski 77, RD 1, Hunlock Creek, died April 6 in Nanticoke State General Hospital where he had been a patient for six weeks. Born in Poland, he came to Hunlock Creek as a young child and lived there all his life.

Mr. Gizenski owned and operated a farm and was employed at the Geln Alden Coal Company for 15 years. He was also a caretaker on the state highway for many years.

A member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, he belonged to the Holy Name Society and was a member of the ZNP Lodge.

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The funeral was held from the Bronson Funeral Home, Main Road, Sweet Valley. A Requiem Mass was said at Our Lady of Mr. Carmel Church by the Rev. Leo J. Kozlowski. Interment was in the parish cemetery, Lake Silkworth.

## ERNEST ROBERT WATKINS

Ernest Robert Watkins 75, died April 9 at his home, 32 Lake St., Dallas, following a heart attack.

Born in Plainville, he had resided in Dallas for 10 years. Prior to his retirement, he was employed at the Okonite Company. He was a member of the Huntsville Christian Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Laura Elston; children, Mrs. Graham Smith, Pennel; Mrs. William McCracken, Middletown; George, Kendall Park, N.J.; brothers, David, Plainsville; Harry, Plains; 10

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## JACOB B. GANSEL

Jacob B. Gansel 88, died April 5 in the Rohr Nursing Home, Alliance, Ohio. He resided in Ohio with his son, Donald, for the past 10 years.

Born in LaPorte, Sullivan County, he had formerly resided in Wilkes-Barre where he was a plastering contractor for many years. He was a member of the Alliance Free Methodist Church.

Surviving in addition to his son are six grandchildren and sisters, Mrs. Hayden Richards, Dallas, and Mrs. Alice West, Wilkes-Barre.

The funeral was held from the Bronson Funeral Home, Main Road, Sweet Valley. The Rev. Kenneth Rowe of the Trucksville Free Methodist Church and the Rev. Andrew Derrick officiated. Burial was in La-Porte Cemetery.

## MARY A. DYMOND

Mary A. Dymond 48, 117 Meadowcrest, Trucksville, died April 16 at Valley Crest. She was the first patient admitted to the institution when it opened Jan. 2, 1962.

Born in Distant, she was the daughter of the late William and Ruby Furlong O'Laughlin. She had resided in Wilkes-Barre prior to moving to Trucksville 14 years ago.

Mrs. Dymond was a graduate of Newcastle High School and had been employed as an operator for Bell Telephone Com-

pany. She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lee Park, Hanover Township, and belonged to its societies.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur C.; son, S. Sgt. Arthur J., Fort Monroe, Va.; daughter, Pamela K., at home, a senior at Dallas Senior High School; and a brother, Allan O'Laughlin, Madison, Wis.

The funeral was held from the Kniffen Funeral Home, 465 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Services were held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church with the Rev. David R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

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The family of Ruth Evans Francisco wish to acknowledge with gratitude all the kind expressions of sympathy shown during their period of recent bereavement.  
We especially want to thank Rev. Russel Steele, Rev. Forest Nelson and Rev. Edwin Jacobsen for their frequent visits and help to Ruth while she was in the Hospital and the words of comfort following her departure from this life.  
We thank the Oney girls who sang, the pallbearers for their services, all who expressed sympathy by sending flowers, the neighbors for their thoughtfulness by sending food, baby sitting and assistance in everyway.  
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