

Obituaries

HAROLD BRITT

Harold B. Britt, 70, of Woodland Hills Estate, LaRue, Texas, died April 23, 1989 at the Doctor's Memorial Hospital, Tyler, Texas. Born in Carbondale, March 28, 1919, he was the son of the late Herbert F. and Angie Mae Owen Britt.

He lived in Sweet Valley most of his life prior to moving to Texas seven years ago.

He was employed as a hardware salesman for the Back Mountain Lumber and Coal Companies and Whitesell Brothers, Dallas.

He was last employed in the shipping and receiving department for the Lake-Lehman School District, before retiring 10 years ago.

He was a member of the Sweet Valley Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, the former Clara Mae Waterstripe; daughter, Alice Mae Fast, with whom he resided; brother, Edwin H. Britt, Sweet Valley; one grandson; two great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at the Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

FREDERICK BROGHAMER

Frederick J. Broghamer, 69, of Susquehanna Ave., Dallas, died April 19, 1989 in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, shortly after admission.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Charles and Bertha Thieman Broghamer.

He was a graduate of GAR High School, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Broghamer was a veteran of World War II.

He has resided in Dallas the past 24 years.

Prior to retiring, he was employed as a corrections officer at the State Correctional Institute at Dallas.

He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas; the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lucille Schaefer; son, Fred C., at home; daughters, Lucinda Broghamer and Bonita Plasco, at home; Lucille Mudzik, Linden, N.J.; brother, Dr. Edward Broghamer, Urbana, Ill.; sister, Marie Broghamer, Wilkes-Barre; four grandchildren.

Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

LORETTA BURNAT

Loretta Cawley Burnat, 78, of Reservoir Road, Dallas, died April 18, 1989 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, following an illness.

The former Loretta Cawley, she was born May 3, 1910 in Forty Fort, daughter of the late John and Catherine Higgins Cawley.

A graduate of Forty Fort High School, and resident of Forty Fort most of her life, she resided in Dallas the past 21 years.

She was employed at Sordoni Construction Co. a number of years and at the time of her retirement, was the secretary to the dean of admissions at College Misericordia, Dallas.

She was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph J.; brother, Joseph Cawley, Forty Fort; sisters, Mrs. Marie Lambert, Beaumont; Mrs. Margaret Kane, Forty Fort; numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Dallas.

ESTELLA KITTLE

Estella M. Kittle, 83, of Sweet Valley, died April 18, 1989 at her home.

Born in Sweet Valley, July 13, 1905, she was the daughter of the late Harry A. and Grace Goss Smith.

She was employed as a seamstress for the Sweet Valley Dress Factory for 25 years, retiring in 1967.

Mrs. Kittle was a member of the Sweet Valley Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, in 1979; also son, Ronald; daughters, Jean and Lois O'Kefe; three sisters, three brothers and a great-granddaughter.

Surviving are sons, Earl Jr., Theodore R., and Harry A., all of Sweet Valley; James D. Dallas, Texas; daughters, Faith Stoffel, Wilkes-Barre; Joan Cornell, Pikes Creek; Beverly Robertson, Pittsburgh; Louise Shaw, Sweet Valley; Arlene Adams, Muhlenburg; Phyllis Skoronski, Pringle; Nita Kocher, Dallas; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

The family requests memorial contributions be sent to the Sweet Valley Church of Christ, Main Road, Sweet Valley, Pa. 18656.

GEORGE KRASHKEVICH

George J. Krashkevich, 76, of Machell Avenue, Dallas, died April 20, 1989 in Wyoming Valley Health Care Center, Plains Township.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Rev. John H. and Mary Repa Krashkevich.

He was a graduate of Coughlin High School and attended New York University.

Prior to retiring in 1984, he was employed as a mechanical engineer by Lacey, Atherton and Davis, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Krashkevich was an Army veteran of World War II, having served in India and Burma.

Surviving are his wife, the former Eleanor Evans; son, David, at home; sister, Miss Margaret Krashkevich, Springfield, Va.

Interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

JEAN PEZZNER

Jean S. Pezzner, of Pole 199, Harveys Lake, died April 23, 1989 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where she had been a patient for the past three days.

Born in Russia, she was the daughter of the late Alex and Bessie Saidman Steinberg.

She had resided in Wyoming Valley for the past 66 years.

She was a member of United Orthodox Synagogue and a member of Leisure Lounge.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Blanche Frankel, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Mary Wertheimer, Kingston; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Esther Mastroff, Kingston; brother, Ben Steinberg, Wilkes-Barre.

She was preceded in death by her husband Louis in 1987.

Interment was in the Ohav Zedek Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Shiva will be observed after the Passover holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wertheimer, 98 Third Ave., Kingston, through Wednesday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

LESTER SQUIER

Lester B. Squier, 82, of Outled Road, Lehman, died April 23, 1989 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, where he had been a patient for one month.

Born in Nicholson, he was the son of the late Marshall and Bertha Brown Squier.

He graduated from Nicholson High School and received a bachelor of science degree from Mansfield State College.

Mr. Squier received a master's in education from Penn State University. While attending Mansfield State, he was a member of the varsity football, baseball and wrestling teams.

During his 42 1/2 years of service in the public schools of Pennsylvania, Mr. Squier had held the following positions: teacher in the Nicholson Township Rural School; principal of the Lehman Township School; supervising principal of the Nicholson Borough School; assistant county superintendent of the Wyoming County Public Schools; supervising principal of the Lake-Lehman School District and the supervising principal of the West Side Area Vocational-Technical School.

Mr. Squier was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, National Education Association, American Education Association of School Administrators, American Vocational Association, Vocational Administrators for Pennsylvania; and the Luzerne County Chief Administrators Association.

He was active in both church and community affairs. He has served as trustee, lay leader, president of the administrative board, and Sunday School teacher at the Lehman United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the Nicholson Lodge 438, F & AM, Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, Osage Lodge 712, I.O.O.F., and the Lehman Township Authority Board.

Surviving are his wife, the former Helen Montgomery; sons, Roy, Port Richey, Fla.; Karl, Houston, Texas.

Interment will be in Idetown Cemetery, Idetown.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Lehman United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1, Lehman, Pa. 18627.

ERMA SUTTON

Erma V. Sutton, 66, of Chase Road, Shavertown, died April 18, 1989 in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, following a brief illness.

Born in Forty Fort, on Oct. 21, 1922, she was a daughter of the late Elmer and Maude VanBuskirk Rhone.

Mrs. Sutton resided on the Conyngham Hillside Farms, Shavertown, the past 43 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren H., in 1986; brother, Daniel Rhone, in 1970.

Surviving are children, Mrs. Erma Stark, Mrs. Louise Arnold, Miss Tammie Sutton, Warren G., all of Shavertown; sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Caparoni, Tunkhannock; Mrs. Marilyn Nemetz, Shavertown; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

Amber's memorial service marked by joy and warm remembrances

By JEAN HILLARD

Amber Nicely was an exceptional little girl whose faith and courage touched the hearts of friends and strangers as she fought her battle with cancer during the past 16 months.

The seven-year-old daughter of Ed and Pat Nicely, Sterling Avenue, Dallas, never complained about her illness or her pain, even after losing one leg to the disease. Instead, she would say, "Don't worry Mommy, I'll get better," or, to others in similar straits, "Don't think about the needles, they don't hurt so much." But last week, Amber said only, "Don't cry, Mommy."

Throughout her struggle, Amber's brother Adam, himself a child, was a source of strength for his little sister.

A memorial service held Sunday afternoon in the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church reflected the strong faith and courage that Amber, her parents and brother exhibited throughout their ordeal.

The church, filled to capacity with friends and loved ones, was decorated all around with pink streamers and white balloons, reaching to the ceiling. On either side of the balloons were flowers, a guitar and Amber's two pastors. Pastor Dwight Hodne had been by Amber's side daily the past 16 months - always there through every operation and in the ups and downs. Assistant Pastor John Butch had kept the daily routines running smoothly throughout.

At 2:00 sharp, a tape started to play "Lean on me", and the service began. The church was silent. The two pastors stood, and as the words to the song echoed through the church, Amber's strength and courage were felt by those present.



Amber Jo Nicely

As Amber's white casket, draped in pink roses, was wheeled down the center aisle. The Peacemakers, a group of children from Dallas under the direction of Mrs. Marilyn O'Connell, sang "Everywhere God is Near Me."

Kurt Beardsworth, father of Amber's best friend, read an essay composed by Debbie Tomedi after Amber died titled, "I watched." In the piece, "I" was God, as Debbie saw Him watching over Amber then and now.

A year ago, Pastor Hodne and Amber sang a song in church called "I am a promise." They sang it together when Amber was feeling a special love and wanted to express it with her pastor. Sunday, Pastor Hodne played his guitar and sang the song as he had before each operation during Amber's illness.

Except this time, he sang it alone.

Chuck Olson, a retired pastor and an elder of Amber's church, was a special friend to her. She called him "Grandpa", and they had a special bond of love. Chuck expressed his love for this special little girl who loved balloons. When she was in the hospital, Amber loved to receive balloons. When Chuch had back surgery recently, Amber walked to Chuck's room, gave him a balloon and told him she was praying for him to get better.

When Pastor Hodne opened the service for sharing of memories, an Episcopalian minister from Bethlehem spoke, saying he was present out of love to represent his church and express his gratitude for the hope they received from reading about Amber in newspaper articles. He said that Amber's picture hangs in his office, and his church had been praying for God's will in her battle with cancer. His congregation did not know Amber, but felt they drew a special strength from her.

As the 300 to 400 people present left the church, each was handed a balloon and asked to gather in the parking lot. As Pastor Hodne led the group in one of the family's favorite songs, the balloons were released, and the service ended with everyone "looking up" toward the heavens and the hundreds of balloons floating on a brisk wind over the Back Mountain.

Ed, Pat and Adam Nicely had wanted a service that Amber would have liked. It was a day of rejoicing for them, for Amber is out of her pain, out of her illness and has gone home to her Lord.

Amber Jo Nicely loses fight to cancer

Amber Jo Nicely was only eight years old but she shared more love and joy with others than most people share in a lifetime. A beautiful, dark-haired child she had a smile that lighted her face, hiding the suffering she felt from the cancer she fought bravely to overcome.

Those who knew her before 1987 remember Amber as a petite youngster, who enjoyed her family and playing with friends on the Nicely's big porch on Main Street, Dallas; a youngster who loved life and smiled and laughed a lot.

Amber never lost that love nor did she lose the love for her family - her mother, father, and brother, Adam. She had a special kind of love that brought out the best in the people around her, hundreds of them, who followed Amber's courageous struggle against cancer for 16 months.

She was the one who would turn to her mother and father and tell them not to worry, that she knew the surgery would make her better. It was Amber's courage and her faith that held the family so close together when she was suffering the most.

Edward and Pat Nicely are a devoted Christian family and during Amber's illness they turned their faith into a strong love for Amber to make her days as happy as possible.

On her seventh birthday, Amber's parents took her to the Dallas Elementary School where she joined her classmates in a birthday party and later with the other students was entertained by

clowns in the school gym. Sitting on her father's lap, she smiled brightly during the program and reached from time to time to hold her brother Adam's hand.

Amber's death last Thursday morning was a shock to residents throughout the Back Mountain, who never gave up hope for her recovery. They prayed with the Nicely family that the eight-year-old would win her fight against cancer. Ironically, Amber's death did not come as a result of the cancer but because her heart could no longer stand the strain of the chemotherapy and medicine she had received over the past 16 months. Amber died the way her parents prayed she would if it had to be, quickly and without too much pain.

The Nicely's had hope for their daughter until the end and they want people who have cancer to keep fighting and never give up. It's possible they might win.

Amber Jo Nicely, Sterling Avenue, Dallas, died Thursday, April

20, 1989, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

The daughter of Edwin O. and Patsy Day Nicely, Amber Jo was born Feb. 16, 1981, in Wilkes-Barre. She was a second grade student at Dallas Elementary School and was active with a Brownie troop and was a cheerleader with the Back Mountain Wrestling Club. Amber attended the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Dallas.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a brother, Adam E. Nicely, at home; maternal grandmother, Goldi Day, Glen Rock; paternal grandmother, Florence Nicely, Dallas.

Funeral services were Sunday, 2 p.m., in the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, Hildebrandt Road, Dallas. Interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be sent to the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, Hildebrandt Road, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

Road repairs scheduled

Matthew R. Collura, Luzerne County Maintenance manager, has announced the following work schedule for department forces for the week of April 24.

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Huntington Twps. Ditch Cleaning - SR 1059 in Lehman Twp.

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