

# Obituaries

## GORDON DIETTERICK

Gordon S. Dietterick Jr., 72, of Machell Avenue, Dallas, and Sarasota, Fla., died Dec. 18, 1989, in the Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Fla.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Gordon and Josephine Allen Dietterick.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a former Republican state representative, serving the 120th District.

He was the founder of the Gordon S. Dietterick Insurance Agency, Inc., Kingston and acted as a consultant for the Dietterick-Vasil Insurance Agency Inc., Kingston.

A former resident of Kingston, he had lived in Dallas for the past 25 years with a winter home in Sarasota, Fla., for the past five years.

He was a member of the Kingston Masonic Lodge 395; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; Irem Temple; Irem Temple Golf Association; the Westmoreland Club; the Wyoming Valley Country Club; Bay Hill Country Club, Orlando, Fla.; and the Palm Aire Country Club, Sarasota, Fla.

He was a member of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, and the Church of the Nativity, Sarasota, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Jeter; son, state Rep. G. Scott Dietterick III, Kingston; daughter, Mrs. Holly DesVignes, Matteson, Ill.; stepchildren, James B. Davies III, Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Penny Steek, Boulder, Colo.; Col. Frank E. Parkherst IV, Bedford, N.Y.; five grandchildren; brother, Robert, Hendersonville, N.C.; sister, Mrs. Arlene Gunderson, Sewell, N.J.

Funeral will be in Sarasota, Fla. Memorial donations if desired, may be sent to the Mental Health Association of Luzerne County, Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701.

## WILLIAM JONES

William D. Jones, of West Union Street, Kingston, died Dec. 24, 1989 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born March 9, 1950, he was the son of William and Elsie Higgins Jones of Harveys Lake. He graduated from Dallas High School in 1968, and was employed by Hansen's Amusement Park, Harveys Lake and by Agway Feed and Mill, Dallas.

For the past 20 years, he was the owner and manager of the Country Memories Band. He was active in the C.B. Club in the Back Mountain, and his handle was "Uncle Willy."

He was a member of the Puritan Congregational Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his wife, Barbara Warman Jones, formerly of Plymouth; sisters, Heather Jones and Gladys Searfoss, both of Kunkle; brothers, Conrad Higgins, Dallas; Jerome Jones, San Hose, Calif.

Funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. from the Williams Funeral Home, 114 W. Main St., Plymouth.

Friends may call "Wednesday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

## AGNES NELSON FLACK

Dr. Agnes Nelson Flack, of 100 Silver Beach Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla., died Dec. 16, 1989, in the Claytt Memorial Center, following a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 4, 1897, in the Wyoming Valley, she was a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Ebenezer Flack of Dallas.

She was a graduate of Wilson College (Phi Beta Kappa), Chambersburg, Class of 1926 and attended the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia, now known as the Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Following an internship at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, she did post-graduate work at Columbia University and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Flack was in private practice from 1928-45 and was chief of pediatrics at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, as well as a staff member of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

In 1945, she became a staff physician at the Union Carbide Nuclear Corp., Oak Ridge, Tenn., performing medical research, and was instrumental in the development of the treatment of hydrofluoric acid burns.

In 1953 she became medical director at the Reformatory for Women, Clinton, N.J., and while there she worked with Dr. Albert Sabine and Dr. Hillery Koprovski in the testing of the Sabine polio vaccine.

She was instrumental in developing a treatment program to combat the polio epidemic in the Belgian Congo, now Zaire. While there, she administered oral vaccine to thousands of adults and children.

In 1968, Dr. Flack became medical director of the Hospital of St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands, retiring in 1974 to Sun City, Fla., moving to Daytona Beach in 1981.

Dr. Flack was a 50-year member of the American Medical Society, Alpha Epsilon Iota Society and the Women's National Society. In 1988, she was made a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow for her work in eradication of polio. She was a member of Who's Who in America and received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Wilson College in 1959.

She was preceded in death by a brother, state Sen. Harold E. Flack, of Dallas; sister, Henrietta, Sun City, Fla.

Surviving are brothers, Robert K., Walnut, Calif.; George, Daytona Beach; numerous nephews and nieces.

## ELIZABETH TERINKO

Elizabeth Terinko, of Lake Side Drive, Harveys Lake, died Dec. 22, 1989, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late John and Susan Kuchta Choplick.

She attended Wilkes-Barre schools and resided in the Newark, N.J. area for many years, moving to Harveys Lake 17 years ago.

She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

Surviving are her husband Michael; son, Michael J., Harveys Lake; sisters, Ann Lagvanec, Blakely; Helen Broody, Allentown.

Interment was in St. Mary's Byzantine Cemetery, Dallas.

## MARIAN PERRIN

Mrs. Marian Perrin, 88, of Holly Street, Trucksville, died Dec. 24, 1989 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where she had been admitted Saturday as a medical patient.

She was born in Kunkle, daughter of the late Corey and Amy Kunkle Miers, and was a graduate of Dallas Township High School. Mrs. Perrin attended Wyoming Seminary School of Music. Before retiring in 1966, she was employed by Natona Mills, Dallas. For many years, Mrs. Perrin served as Republican committeewoman in Kingston Township. She was a member of Trucksville United Methodist Church, the Women's Auxiliary of Trucksville Fire Co. and Daughters of the American Revolution, Dallas.

Her husband, Donald Wallace, died in 1963. She was also preceded in death by sons, Corey in 1943 and Howard in 1987, and daughter, Laura Jen Owen, in 1956.

Surviving are sons, Wallace, Abington; Wayne, Santa Barbara, Calif.; daughters, Jayne Montgomery, Trucksville; Louise Philbin, Westbury, Long Island, N.Y.; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be Friday at 11 a.m. from Hugh B. Hughes and Son Inc. Funeral Home, 1044 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, with Rev. H. James Shaillabeer, pastor, Trucksville U.M. Church officiating.

Interment will be in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund, Trucksville United Methodist Church, Church Road, Trucksville, Pa. 18708.

## LYDIA MAHONEY

Lydia Mahoney, 84, of Spring Street, Shavertown, died Dec. 22, 1989, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in West Wyoming, she was the daughter of the late Bruce and Daisy Halpin Pollock.

She was a graduate of Kingston Township High School, Bloomsburg State Teachers College and College Misericordia, where she received her bachelors of science degree.

She taught for many years in the West Wyoming schools and after retirement, taught in Mount Holly, N.J., and substituted in Dallas area and Gate of Heaven schools.

She resided in Carverton most of her life, moving to Shavertown 14 years ago.

She was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (P.S.E.A.) and the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

She was also a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church and its Ruth Circle, Ruth Shaver Sunday School Class and the Bible Study Group.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alex; sister, Alice Lewis; brother, Dave Pollock.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Jacqueline Kray, Nuangola; sister, Mrs. George (Edythe) Kromelbein, Carverton; several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Carverton Cemetery.

Memorial donations if desired, may be sent to the Shavertown United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, 18708.

## PAUL NULTON JR.

Paul Nulton Jr., funeral director of Beaumont, died Dec. 22, 1989, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Paul S. Nulton Sr. and Cora Gibson Nulton of the Methodist Manor, Tunkhannock.

He graduated from the Beaumont schools in 1942 and Eckells School of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps 339th Bomber Squadron in the European Theater.

In July 1944, he was shot down over Germany and served time as a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft 4.

For 26 years he was self-employed as a funeral director in Long Island, N.Y. He returned to Beaumont in 1976 after his father's death to carry on the business of the funeral home, which will celebrate its centennial next year. It will continue under the direction of his family.

Since 1977, he served as deputy coroner of Wyoming County. He was a member of the Noxen United Methodist Church, secretary of the Kunkle Volunteer Fire Company; belonged to the George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge #531 F.&A.M. and the Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg.

He was also a member of the Wyoming Valley #9 Disabled American Veterans. He sponsored the local Boy Scout Troop #530 of Beaumont, and was past president of the Bowmans Creek Lions Club.

Surviving in addition to his mother, are his wife, Lisa; daughter, Susanne Smorra, Levittown, N.Y.; son, Rev. Paul Nulton III, Newton, Iowa; Jeffrey, Milford; three grandchildren; brother, Rev. Donald Nulton, Wilkes-Barre; niece and nephew.

Interment will be in Beaumont Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to your volunteer fire company.

## HAROLD CROOM

Harold L. Croom, 78, of Carverton Road, Trucksville, died Dec. 18, 1989, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where he was a patient for the past week.

Born in Old Forge, he was the son of the late Edward and Elizabeth Richens Croom.

He attended Forty Fort High School.

Mr. Croom resided in Trucksville for the past 55 years.

He was employed as a sales manager by Royer Foundry, Kingston, prior to retiring.

He was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church and was a past president of its administrative board. He also served as a Sunday School teacher and was a member of numerous church committees.

He was past Noble Grand of Toby's Creek Lodge IOOF and past district deputy of the Western District of the IOOF. He was a member of the Kingston Lodge 395 F.&A.M., Caldwell Consistory of Bloomsburg and Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, the former Matilda Roushey; son, Edward, Geneva, Ill.; daughters, Mrs. Jeanne Thomas, Trucksville; Mrs. Linda Monelli, Mount Laurel, N.J.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Marcy Cemetery, Duryea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Trucksville United Methodist Church of the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital, Philadelphia.



## Newcomer's Club raffle

GFWC-PFWC Newcomers' Club of Wyoming Valley, a non-profit social and service organization, raffled a handmade Christmas tree skirt at its December meeting. The lucky winner was Shirley Snyder of Dallas. Shown in photo are some of the members who worked very hard on the tree skirt from left: Gail Gammage, Debby Kirkwood and Mary Gill. For more information on Newcomers' call Joan Wagner at 696-1669.

## A sampler of Back Mountain resolutions for the new year

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
Post Staff

Good-bye 1989; Hello 1990. This weekend marks the beginning of a new decade and people throughout the Back Mountain are forming their New Year resolutions. Many of the old standbys such as stopping smoking are finding their way into the new year, but some Back Mountain residents are creating new resolutions for the new decade.

Jeffrey Box, the manager of Kingston Township, said he thought about watching his weight, but decided against it. "I am sure you do not want the normal resolutions like losing weight," joked. "I guess my resolution will be to complete my Master's Degree Thesis." He admitted following through with his resolution would be a long shot, though.

Retired Dallas resident John Fowler said he decided to do something a little less ambitious than Box. "No submarine rides," he said. He said he is sure he can keep that one.

His son John Fowler III, Dallas Borough's Police Chief, decided to tread even safer ground than his father. "I'm not going to keep it anyway," he said abruptly. "I am not going to make one because I would not keep it anyway."

"I do not believe in making resolutions. Who keeps them anyway?" asked Shavertown resident James Davis, Jr. "If I need to, I guess buying a new tractor or something."

Some residents, although not sure if they will keep them, have decided to make some legitimate resolutions to ring in with the new year.

And Trucksville resident Emily Howell has a daring resolution for a lady of 86 years. "I am going to learn how to ride horses," she said matter-of-factly. "Then I will learn how to mend broken bones."

One New Jersey resident visiting her daughter in Dallas decided to make her first ever New Year resolution. "I never made one up before," said Agnes Johannessen while watching a soap opera on television. "But if I did, I would not eat as much."

Heidi Allen of Harveys Lake decided she would work a little harder in 1990. "My resolution is to do my lessons for class at more regular pace," she decided when placed on the spot. She did not expand on what lessons she was referring to.

With a wedding in her very near future, Laura Tracy made a simple resolution. "Try to stay married." Larry Licata, a pharmacist in Trucksville, was going to resolve not to smoke come the New Year, but decided that would be unfair since he quit smoking some time ago. His final resolution was to "do a little bit more travelling and a heck of a lot more fishing."

And finally, Walter "Skip" Davis, of the Kingston Township Police Department says he plans to be successful in his favorite sport. "I plan to have a good season at the (Mud) bogs."

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