

# Obituaries

## JOHN BACZMARGA

John G. Baczmarga, 65, of Highland Drive, Hanover Hills, Lee Park section of Hanover Township, died Mar. 2, 1991, at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born July 16, 1925, in Plains Township, he was the son of the late John and Regina Cromonski Baczmarga. He resided in Hanover Township for most of his life. He attended Plains Township area schools. He was a member of St. Aloysius Church, Lee Park and was employed by the Robert Belles Construction Co., as a carpenter.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Jenny Kassler and Regina Baczmarga.

Surviving are his wife, the former Edna Degosky; a son, Leonard, at home; daughters, Imelda Rifenberg and Edna Mutatis, both of Dallas; Johniene Schiel, Kingston Township; five grandchildren; brother, Gregory, Plains Twp.; sister, Mrs. Margaret Rasmussen, Reading, Conn. several nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in SS Peter and Paul Cemetery, Plains Township.

## DURLAND DARON

Durland (Duke) Daron, 64, of RR, Hickory Hills, Dallas, died Feb. 28, 1991, at home after an illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Hulme S. and Mildred Edwards Daron. He was a 1944 graduate of Kingston Township High School. He served two years in the Army Air Force. He was president of the Daron Block Co., Inc. of Ashley, formerly of Luzerne. He was a member and elder of the Bennett Presbyterian Church, Luzerne. He was also a member of the George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F&AM; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; Irem Temple; the Wyoming Valley Pilots Assoc.; the Westmoreland Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Edith Anderson; son, Craig, Shavertown; daughter, Mrs. Jill Tomek, Dallas; sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Laughhead, Gladwyn; Mrs. Elinor Cragle, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Roxie Sanders, Dixon, Calif; five grandchildren.

Interment was in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton. Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to Hospice St. John, 665 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre, 18702 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

## JOHN GROBLEWSKI

Dr. John D. Groblewski of South Thomas Street, Edwardsville, died Feb. 28, 1991, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Plymouth, he was the son of the late Bernard and Anna (Walukiewicz) Groblewski. He attended area schools and was a veteran of both the Navy and Air Force. He received a bachelor of science degree from Bucknell University and a medical degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Medicine. He studied surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and the Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre. He practiced medicine in the Wyoming Valley for the past 40 years, and was associated in practice with his brother, Dr. E. A. (Tony) Groblewski. He was also a member of the staff at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Shirley Mott.

Surviving in addition to his brother are sons, the Rev. John Groblewski, pastor of the New Covenant Christian Community Church, Bethlehem; Daniel and Guy; five grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday from the Harold J. Snowdon Funeral Home, 64 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, with Rev. John Groblewski, officiating.

Interment was private and at the convenience of the family. Friends may call immediately after the service.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, Tenn., 38148-0552.

## ARTHUR HACKER

Arthur L. Hacker, 82, formerly of the Bailey Apartments, Nicholson, died Feb. 25, 1991, in the Meadows Nursing Home, Dallas, following an illness.

Born in Berwick, he was a son of the late Joseph and Josephine Baker Hacker.

He was an Army veteran serving in World War II.

He was formerly employed as a bus driver by the Greyhound Bus Co.

Mr. Hacker was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church; a member and past master of the Nicholson Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Dorothy Delaney, in 1986.

Surviving are a sister, Helen Hontz, Dallas; one nephew.

A graveside memorial service was held in the Nicholson Cemetery.

## JOSEPH HARABIN

Joseph Harabin, East Ridge Street, Shavertown, Kingston Township, died Mar. 2, 1991, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Larksville, he was the son of the late Matis and Xenia Voch Harabin. He was an Army veteran of World War II, during which he earned five Bronze Stars. He was also a member of American Legion Post 655, Larksville. He was formerly employed as a mason with the Bricklayer and Trowel Trades International Union. He was member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Kingston.

He is survived by sisters; Mrs. Mary Buynark, Edison, NJ; Mrs. Catherine Dudascik, Dallas; brother, Paul, Elmira, NY; several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in the parish cemetery, Edwardsville.

## LILLIAN HINKLE

Lillian Hinkle, 87, of Lincoln Drive, Shavertown, died Mar. 3, 1991, in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Frances Henwood Hablett. She was a former resident of Wilkes-Barre, residing in Shavertown for the past 55 years. She was a member of the Irem Temple Auxiliary and the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore, in 1976; brother, Edward F.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Ross (Jacqueline) Bartleson, Langhorne; Mrs. Fred (Sandra) Karl, Hanover Township; sons, Theodore, Sayre; Donald, Shavertown; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Henry Smith and Mrs. James Morris, both of Wilkes-Barre.

Funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, Shavertown, with the Rev. Harriet Santos, pastor of Shavertown United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment will be in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville. Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, 8400 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, 19152.

## IDA HUGHES

Ida S. Hughes, 85, of Birch Hill Lane, Dallas, died Mar. 3, 1991, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township, after an illness.

Born April 22, 1905, in Woonsocket, RI, she was the daughter of the late Frank T. and Minnie Hughes. She was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Beaver College. She was a field director with the American Red Cross for 40 years. Her service with the Red Cross included numerous tours in Japan, Germany, the Philippines, and Fort Jackson, Ky. She had resided in Dallas for the past 20 years, formerly residing in Forty Fort. She had been a guest at Wesley Village for the past few months.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Ralph S. and Frank T.; niece Ruth H. Bell.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Florence Crayton, Joplin, Mo.; one niece and one nephew; several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Private funeral services were held from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, Shavertown.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the American Red Cross, 156 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

## ELSIE JONES

Elsie K. Jones, 74, of RD Dallas (Kunkle) died Mar. 1, 1991, at home.

Born in Harveys Lake, Nov. 16, 1916, she was the daughter of the late George and Clara Sorber Higgins. She was a lifelong resident of Kunkle. She was a member of the Alderson United Methodist Church.

She and her husband, William, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary on December 25, 1990.

She was preceded in death by a son, William D., in December 1989.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are sons, Conrad Higgins, Harveys Lake; Jerome Jones, San Jose, Ca.; daughters, Mrs. Richard (Gladys) Searfoss, Harveys Lake; Heather Jones, at home; four grandchildren; brother, Percy Higgins, Harveys Lake; sister, Mrs. Caroline Kinsman, Tunkhannock.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday from the Nulton Funeral Home, Rt. 309, Beaumont with Rev. Lawrence Reed, pastor of Harveys Lake Assembly of God Church, officiating.

Interment will be in Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Dallas.

## PERRY KARNOFSKY

Perry J. Karnofsky, 68, of Stonehedge, Highland Boulevard, Dallas, died Feb. 27, 1991, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Albert and Pearl Bartikowsky Rosensweig Karnofsky.

For many years, he operated the Bartikowsky Hotel and Restaurant Supply Co. on South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Karnofsky was a member of Temple B'nai B'rith, the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Dallas Rotary, Dallas American Legion and other organizations.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather Bernard Rosensweig.

Surviving are his wife, the former Joan Oleski; daughters, Mrs. Charles (Jillian) Glasser, Philadelphia; Robin, at home; Beth, Warrington.

Interment was in B'nai B'rith Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Memorial donations if desired, may be made to Temple B'nai B'rith or the charity of the donor's choice.

## JOHN MULHERN

John V. Mulhern, 81, of Spruce Street, Wilkes-Barre, died Feb. 26, 1991, at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Thomas F. and Sarah Kirk Mulhern. He was a graduate of St. Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre and attended Wilkes-Barre Business College. Before his retirement, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service, last serving as supervisor of the Ashley Branch Office. He was a member of St. Leo's Church, Ashley and its Holy Name Society.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Peter and Thomas.

Surviving are his wife, the former Julia throp; sons, John Jr., Huntington, Md.; Carl J. Newark, Del; Sarah Thomas, Massapequa, L.I., N.Y.; Gertrude Fealy, Old Bridge, NJ; Agnes Sobek, Dallas; 20 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters, Jule Hughes, Wilkes-Barre; Sarah Kelly, Queens, NY; several nieces and nephews.

Entombment was in St. Mary's Mausoleum, Hanover Township.

## LAMBERT SWINGLE

Lambert H. Swingle, 82, of Franklin Street, Dallas, died March 1, 1991 at home following an illness.

Born in Shavertown, he was the son of the late Ellis and Kate Holcomb Swingle. He was a resident of Dallas for the past 35 years. Prior to that he resided in Swoyersville and Kingston. Before his retirement in 1973, he was employed by the Sordoni Construction Company, Forty Fort for 50 years. He was a member of the Forty Fort United Methodist Church and a member of Wyoming Lodge 468 F&AM. He was also a member of the Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, the Irem Temple and the Antique Automobile Club of America.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Catherine Reese, in 1959.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Shirley R. Templin, Dallas; brother, Elwood Swingle, Shavertown; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Shavertown.

Memorial donations may be made to a church or charity of choice.

## GRACE RAU

Grace F. Rau, 85, of McLean Street, Wilkes-Barre, died Mar. 1, 1991, in Riverstreet Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Wilkes-Barre, where she had been a guest for the past 15 months.

Born in Freeland, Aug. 12, 1905, she was the daughter of the late George and Mary Jane Jones Seiwel. She resided in Wilkes-Barre for most of her life. She attended Wilkes-Barre area schools and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre. She was also a member of various women's organizations of the church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carl E., in July 1977; and brothers, Charles and Paul Seiwel.

Surviving are a son, Donald M., Berwick; daughter, Mrs. James (Carol R.) Williams, Shavertown.

Interment was in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

## JOHN TOKACH

John Tokach Sr., 69, of Robert Street, Plainsville, Plains Township, died Mar. 1, 1991, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born June 22, 1921, in Kunkle, he was the son of the late Michael and Susan Chrechico Tokach. He was a resident of Plains Township for most of his life, and was a graduate of Plains Memorial High School, class of 1941. He was a member of Hudson Methodist PM Church. Prior to his retirement in 1982, he was employed by the Wiedmann Division of Warner Swazey, King of Prussia.

Surviving are his wife, the former Alice Owen; son, John Jr., Ariz.; daughter, Donna Stephens, Plainsville; sisters, Margaret Shugar, Luzerne; Helen Hoey, Millmont; six grandchildren.

Interment was in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

## ESTHER VOSBURG

Esther Mae Vosburg, formerly of Wyoming, died Feb. 23, 1991, in the Harmony House Nursing Center in Bend, Ore., where she had been a guest for the past three years.

Born in Carverton, she was the daughter of the late Ralph D. and Clara Anderson Lewis.

She had lived most of her life in Wyoming before moving to Bend, Ore. Mrs. Vosburg was a member of the Wyoming United Methodist Church, and was past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Harmony Chapter 58.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Mae Milazzo, in 1991.

Surviving are sons, Wesley L. Vosburg, Santa Maria, Calif.; Ralph B., Lake Wallenpaupack; daughter, Mrs. Alma G. Bates, San Jose, Calif.; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

## Hasay rep will be at Harveys Lake

Representative George C. Hasay will have a field office at the Municipal Building, Harveys Lake, on March 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The purpose is to assist the constituents in the 117th Legislative District. State Rebate and PACE forms will be available.

## In appreciation

# Lambert Swingle, friend to all

Lambert Swingle's death last Friday is a great loss to the Back Mountain. A resident of Dallas for the past 35 years, many people did not know him by name but knew him for the kind and generous deeds he did throughout the years.

A quiet and unassuming person, Lambert was always there when needed whether it was to fix an engine or motor for someone, delve into the history of the Holy Land for the student writing a report, or visiting a shut-in friend to brighten the day.

He was never too busy to stop and chat with a friend of whom he had many. Lambert may have been 82 years of age but he was a special person who had great rapport with individuals of all ages whether child, young adult or senior citizen.

Following retirement from Sordoni Construction Company in 1973, he turned to travel and with various friends traveled to many areas of the world, one of his favor-

ite visits being to Jerusalem.

He loved people and enjoyed socializing whether showing his films to a group of friends, visiting church affairs with relatives, or enjoying fun card games in the company of a mixed group of his daughter and son-in-law's friends.

Lambert enjoyed his numerous grandchildren and nieces and nephews and looked forward to their visits to his home, whether they came for only a few minutes or for hours at a time.

The many ways in which he helped friends and residents of the area will never be known for Lambert never mentioned his generous deeds. They were a part of his private life. He lived a life of love, sentiment, and following the Golden Rule, and always looked for the good there is in everybody.

He was a conservative man but a man who stood out in a crowd because of his goodness and pleasant treatment of others.

By Charlot M. Denmon

## Suit

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not receive the same coverage as that offered to the physically ill and they believe the school district is discriminating because they purchase insurance that offers unequal insurance coverage.

"People don't realize it but on the average, one family in three has someone receiving mental health treatment for nervous disorders. The maximum in a lifetime paid under major-medical is \$250,000 for physical illnesses but for mental health only \$2,500," Borland concluded.

Atty. Benjamin Jones III, solicitor for the Dallas School District,

said Tuesday morning that although the suit was said to be filed in Federal Court he had not been served with any papers nor did he know anything about it.

District Superintendent Gerald Wycallis was out of town but Business Manager Charlotte Williams said the district had not been served any papers as of Noon Tuesday.

"All I know is that I received a request from Atty. Borland's office for information under the "Right to Know" act. Other than that all I know is what I read in the paper," Williams said.

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