

Obituaries

JOHN ALISHUSKY JR.

John C. Alishusky Jr., 49, formerly of South Meade St., Wilkes-Barre, died March 11, 1991, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in the Heights section of Wilkes-Barre, he resided there his entire life. He was the son of the late John C. and Ann C. Jez Alishusky. He was a member of Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre. He was active with United Cerebral Palsy of Luzerne County.

Surviving are brothers, Stanley, Wilkes-Barre; Ronald, Dallas; sisters, Mrs. William Wunner, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Ted Daveski, Kingston Twp.; Mrs. Robert Dellarte, Larksville; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 9 a.m. Thursday from the Nat & Gawlas Funeral Home, Park Ave. and South Street with a Funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church.

Interment will be in the parish cemetery, Bear Creek. Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the United Cerebral Palsy of Luzerne County, 159 Simpson St., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

ROBERT BALMER

Robert F. Balmer, of Poplar Street, Wilkes-Barre, died unexpectedly March 5, 1991, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after being admitted as a surgical patient.

Born in Ashley, he was the son of the late James and Margaret Fleming Balmer. He attended Ashley schools and was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre. Before his retirement, he was employed by the S&H Green Stamp stores in Kingston and Wyoming Valley Mall for 20 years. He was also employed by Leon Ferenbach Silk Mill, Wilkes-Barre for 27 years.

He and his wife, the former Helen Drevenak, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Aug. 24, 1990.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Andrew; brothers, James and John; sisters, Mrs. Rachael Kern and Mrs. Jenny Moore.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are son, Fred Balmer, Henderson, Nev.; daughters, Mrs. Joseph O'Donnell, Dallas; Mrs. Carol Sue Miller, Wilkes-Barre; brother, Gordon, Ashley; sister, Miss Anna Balmer, Wilkes-Barre; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township. Memorial donations may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Junior Choir, 190 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701.

FRANK CHARNEY

Frank J. Charney Sr., of Fairview Street, West Wyoming, died March 11, 1991 at home.

Born in West Wyoming, he was the son of the late Stephen and Anna Charney.

Before retiring, he was employed by the Lehigh Valley Coal Co.

Mr. Charney was a member of Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, in 1954.

Surviving are a son, Frank Jr., Exeter; daughter, Marie Kuharchik, at home; brothers, Edward, Carverton; Ralph, Dalton; Joseph, West Wyoming; George, Johnstown, NJ; sisters, Gertrude Gauzlis, Carverton; Ethel Klocko, Calif.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be 9 a.m. Thursday from the Bednarski Funeral Home, 168 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 in Holy Trinity Church.

Interment will be in the parish cemetery, Swoyersville.

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

ANTHONY SABBATINI

Anthony R. Sabbatini, 67, of Reston, Va.; formerly of Parsons, died March 6, 1991, after a short illness.

Born in Parsons, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Sabbatini.

He was a graduate of St. Mary's High School, Class of 1941.

He was a sergeant in the infantry division of the Army in World War II, serving in Europe, and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Sabbatini was employed as a field manager by Unysis, Austin, Texas, and as a computer technician for the Public Service Co. in New Mexico before he retired.

He was a member of St. Thomas A'Becket Church, Reston.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elizabeth Coniff, of Plymouth; son, Richard, Reston; brother, Ben, Fla.; sisters, Mrs. Joseph Carr, Ms. Norma Sabbatini, Parsons; Mrs. Joseph Tacchino, Philadelphia; Mrs. Joseph Yenason, Dallas; Mrs. Dan Gawlas, Fla.

Interment was in Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

ELMER HARRIS

Elmer L. Harris, 84, of Newhart Road, Chase, died March 6, 1991 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where he had been a patient.

Born in West Wyoming, he was the son of the late Miner F. and Harriet Lamoreaux Harris. He was educated in West Wyoming schools. He was employed as a miner, later working for Berkheimer Associates. He attended the Community Church of Dallas.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Wayne (Ellen) Hughes, Chase; brother, Merton, Brandon, Fla.; sisters, Lydia Wolkalis and Edith Martin, both of Tampa, Fla.; three grandchildren.

Interment was in Idetown Cemetery, Idetown.

JOSEPH KRAINZ

Joseph V. Krainz, Beaumont, died March 7, 1991, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born June 20, 1909, in Wilkes-Barre, son of the late Vincent and Martha Meier Krainz, he worked most of his life as a coal miner. He was also a lifetime Back Mountain resident.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Agnes Hoyt Derhammer, in 1986.

Surviving are stepson, Harry Derhammer, with whom he resided and Carl and Joseph Krainz, RD, Dallas.

Funeral will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Nulton Funeral Home, Rte. 309, Beaumont.

Interment will be in Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

LAWRENCE MAJEWSKI

Lawrence Majewski, 64, of Robert Street, Sheatown, died March 4, 1991, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Nanticoke, he was the son of the late Joseph and Laura Robachinski Majewski. He was lifelong resident of Nanticoke, and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Shawnee Chapter 32. He was past commander of American Legion Post 609, Hanover Township. He was a charter member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5267, Hanover Township, and a member of American Legion Post 350, Nanticoke.

He was employed by IGA of Exeter as a grocery manager. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, an Air Force veteran of the Korean War and an Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph, in 1987.

Surviving are his wife, the former Bertha Hall; sons, Joseph, Amble; John, Sinking Springs; James, Newtown; daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Kiwak, Sweet Valley; brothers, Jerome, Palmyra, NY; Norbert, Charleston, SC; sisters, Mrs. J. Jack Larow, Hornell, NY; Mrs. Terrence Neagle, Sheatown; three granddaughters; several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in St. Adalbert's Cemetery, Glen Lyon.

CHARLES MARHLESKI

Charles L. Marhleski, 74, of Franklin St., Old Forge, died March 7, 1991, at home.

Born in Old Forge, he was the son of the late Anthony and Mary Kowalchik Marhleski. He was a lifelong resident of Old Forge. He was employed as a miner for most of his life. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by the Chamberlain Corporation, Scranton. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was also a member of St. Stanislaus R.C. Church, Old Forge, VFW Post 4594, Old Forge and the American Legion Post 513, Old Forge. He was a trustee and past president of the Eagle-McClure Hose Co., Old Forge.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Stanley, Alexander and Walter.

Surviving are his wife, the former Regina Fret; sons, Charles, Trucksville; David, Old Forge; daughter, Paulette Kaneski, Old Forge; six grandchildren; sisters, Anna Sopack, Old Forge; Sophie Matsick, Hartboro; Ceil Decker, Charlotte, NC; brother, Joseph Berchinski, Harding; several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in the parish cemetery, Old Forge.

PAUL TRAVER

Paul E. Traver, of Luzerne, died March 5, 1991, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born Dec. 23, 1911, in Noxen, he was the son of the late Severn and Maggie Patton Traver. He attended Noxen schools and the Noxen United Methodist Church. He was an Army Infantry veteran of World War II. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Prior to his retirement 14 years ago, he was employed by Muskin Pools, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are sisters, Jean Denmon, Noxen; Myrtle White, Sweet Valley; two nephews.

Interment was at the convenience of the family.

ALTA PARSONS

Alta M. Parsons, of RD, Dallas, died March 8, 1991, at home.

Born Aug. 21, 1909, in Newton, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Mae Kircher Vosburg. She attended Newton schools, and was graduated from Bucknell University. She resided in the Dallas area for the past 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1984; son, Earnest, in 1985.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Confer, Beach Haven; Mrs. William Eckert, Valparaiso, Ind.; Mary S. Meade, Kingston; Pamela Parsons, Salmouth, Mass.; Mrs. Arthur Ondish, Dallas; son, David, Hawaii; 22 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held March 13, at 3 p.m. in the Huntsville Christian Church, with Pastor Cliff Jones officiating.

JAMES SMURL

James R. Smurl, of N. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, died March 6, 1991 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in the East End section of Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late William and Catherine O'Donnell Smurl.

He was employed by Hazard Wire Rope (Okonite), Wilkes-Barre, until moving to New Jersey. He was later employed by the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for 20 years before retiring.

Mr. Smurl was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

He and his wife, the former Clarie Eckrote, would have celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on April 11.

He was preceded in death by children, Rita, Mary and James; brothers, John and Joseph.

Surviving are daughters, Claire Billings, Mountaintop; Regina Furman, Kingston; Catherine Cummings, New Jersey; Shirley Furman, Noxen; sister, Mrs. Regina Koch, Wilkes-Barre; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

HELEN STOUT

Helen Stout, of Lake Street, Dallas, died March 11, 1991, in Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Pittston, Sept. 9, 1899, she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Gertrude Purcell Kern. She was educated in Pittston schools. She resided in West Pittston, moving to Dallas 10 years ago. Prior to her retirement, she was shipping supervisor at the EmKay Manufacturing, Wyoming. She was also a West Pittston crossing guard for many years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittston. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, West Pittston and the Thalia Rebekah Lodge Number 116, Pittston.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, in 1966; sister, Mrs. Alberta Meade; brothers, Harry and Albert.

Surviving are sons, Arthur, Atlanta, Ga.; Harold, Trucksville; sisters, Mrs. Edith Green, West Pittston; Mrs. Gertrude O'Dell, Sarasota, Fla.; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. from the Howell-Lussi Funeral Home, 509 Wyoming Ave., West Pittston.

Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery, Harding.

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

ALBERT TOMASURA

Albert Tomasura of Chase Road, Chase, died March 11, 1991, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Edwardsville, he was the son of the late Peter and Mary Tomasura. He resided in Chase for the past 30 years. He was a member of St. Hedwig's Church, Kingston. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was employed as an industrial engineer at the Duplin Corp., Kingston. He was a member of Larksville American Legion Post 655.

Surviving are his wife, the former Agnes Sileski; son, Albert J. Shavertown; daughter, Marietta Paternoster, Wilkes-Barre; brother, Richard, Edwardsville; sisters, Agnes Oncey, Forty Fort; Hermina Carvey, Dallas; Helen Wadas, Irene Tomasura and Patricia Michaels, all of Edwardsville; Alma Woydzik, Pringle; Bernadine Husband, Hershey; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be 9 a.m. Thursday, from the Andrew Strish Funeral Home, 11 Wilson St., Larksville, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in St. Hedwig's Church.

Interment will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery, Pringle.

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

MARY ZDANUK

Mrs. Mary Zdanuk, 87, of RR 4, Huntsville Road, Lehman Twp., died March 9, 1991, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born Nov. 13, 1903, in Dickson City, she was the daughter of the late John and Rosalie Klosowski Witek. She lived in Wilkes-Barre Township and Wilkes-Barre City before moving to Lehman 21 years ago. Mrs. Zdanuk attended Marymount Parochial School, Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of St. Mary's Nativity Church, Plymouth and was last employed at Planter's Peanuts, Wilkes-Barre, prior to that she was employed at various silk mills in the area. She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin, who died in 1951 and a son, Daniel, who died in 1988.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Michael (Rosalie) Bigus, Lehman; three grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Frances Chelsiek, Center Line, Mich.; Mrs. Helen Jasulewicz, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Sophie Delescavage, Wilkes-Barre Twp.

Interment was in the parish cemetery, Plymouth Township.



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Weis Markets is supporting the men and women in the Persian Gulf by distributing paper grocery bags bearing the picture of the American Flag and the copy "Come home safe, come home soon," and the tag line "We're proud to be an American Company." Above, Todd Adams, packs one of the bags for a customer at the market located in the Dallas Village Shopping Center. (Post Photo/C.M. Denmon)

Police report

DALLAS TOWNSHIP SERVICE STATION BROKEN INTO

Martin Noon of Harveys Lake on March 2 reported to Dallas Township police that someone while his station on Memorial Highway, Dallas, was closed, kicked in the window panel in the door and forced entry. Police investigation found that \$45 in cash and a Telemedia Cable Company box were taken. Later Noon reported that the cable box was found in the grass by U-Haul-It trucks.

TRUCK VANDALIZED

Officer Wayman Miers on March 4 investigated a case of vandalism reported by James Paul Benson of the Pretzman Electric Co., Wilkes-Barre. Benson told police that someone smashed the rear window of a slide in the utility box on his 1988 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck which was parked in the rear of the Back Mountain Book Store. The vandalism occurred while work was being done in the book store.

MAIL BAG FOUND IN WOODS

Bill Kingsbury, Overbrook Road, Dallas, reported a mail theft to Dallas Township police. Kingsbury told police that his son found a paper bag of mail about 100 yards from his house in the woods area. The mail was the property of the Regan family, Pioneer Avenue, Valenti family, RD 2, Dallas; and Rother, W. Overbrook Ave., Dallas. Investigating Officer Truman Brandt reported that all mail had been sorted and returned to the owners.

HARVEYS LAKE DUI CHARGED

Harveys Lake police have charged a Shavertown man with DUI. According to borough police, Stephen A. Horan was charged with DUI and speeding after being stopped by assistant chief Ronald Spock March 1.

DUI CHARGED

Two persons were cited by police after a traffic stop in the borough March 2. Police say that officer Spock stopped a car driven by Mario J. Paternoster, of Edwardsville, after the officer saw a passenger in the car throw a bottle onto the roadway.

Paternoster was charged with DUI while the passenger, David Goff of Kingston, was charged with scattering rubbish.

UNDERAGE DRINKING

A Wilkes-Barre woman was charged with underage drinking after a traffic stop at Harveys Lake March 5. Police say that 20-year-old Patricia Patrilla was stopped by officer Spock because her car had no tail lights working. When asked if she had been drinking, Patrilla requested that an alcohol test be given and police say that a breath test showed a reading of alcohol in her system.

SEVEN VEHICLES REPORTED MISSING

On March 5 Harveys Lake police responded to a report that seven vehicles were missing from a residence on Fairview Avenue in the borough.

Upon investigating, police say that James McMenamin stated that five cars, one truck and one trailer were missing from his residence. He also stated that he was going to repair the vehicles.

Police report that four of the vehicles were found at a junkyard in the Shickshinny area. Police say the junkyard's owner stated that he did not know that the person who sold him the vehicles did not have authorization to do so.

The investigation is continuing into the whereabouts of the other three vehicles.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP TWO CAR ACCIDENT

Officer Charles Rauschkolb investigated a two-car accident March 6 at the intersection of Route 309 and Carverton Road where he reported cars were damaged and had to be towed. Ruth Strange, West Wyoming, driving a 1982 Oldsmobile stopped at the traffic light and when it turned green she turned left and collided with a 1988 Oldsmobile driven by Peter M. Serratore, Jr., Pittston.

TWO CAR ACCIDENT

Officer Rauschkolb on March 5 was dispatched to a two car accident at Manor Drive and Howell Road where he reported a 1989 Nissan driven by Deborah Ann Maseychik was pulling out of the driveway and did not see the 1987 Chevrolet Blazer driven by John J. Manganello, Wyoming and struck the panel in the passenger's side door.

TWO CAR ACCIDENT

Sgt. J.J. Balavage was dispatched to a two car accident at the Back Mountain Shopping Center where he found that a 1983 Dodge driven by Wm. Clewell,

Shavertown, was stopped at the trafficway exit located at Merchants Bank parking lot, intending to cross Route 309 and proceed into the trafficway of the Back Mountain Shopping Center located on the opposite side of the highway. A 1984 Honda driven by Joy M. Purcell, Shavertown, was stopped at the trafficway exit located at Back Mountain Shopping Center intending to turn left and proceed north. Both cars collided in the left lane of Route 309.

CASH STOLEN FROM MCCRORY'S

An employee of McCrory's Store, Back Mountain Shopping Center, reported March 7, that someone had pried the padlock on a machine and removed the cash from it. The amount was unknown. Officer Michael Moravec investigated.

CITED FOR CONTEMPT

Anthony Baldo of Shavertown was cited March 8 by Officer Michael Moravec for indirect contempt of a Civil Order. Baldo was taken before District Magistrate Earl Gregory and released on his own recognizance.

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