

## Obituaries

### FRANCIS AMBROSE

Francis L. (Red) Ambrose, 81, of Elmcrest Drive, Dallas, died March 22, 1991 at River Street Manor, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Mt. Carmel, he was the son of the late Bruce and Helen Starr Ambrose. He had resided in the Back Mountain area for most of his life. He attended Lehman Township schools and was a graduate of Coughlin High School. He was also a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, where he was a football player and a wrestler. He was one of the original inductees of the Wyoming Seminary Hall of Fame. He was graduated from Lafayette University, where he was also a football player and a wrestler. He received his masters degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was employed as school teacher in several Pennsylvania and New Jersey schools, where he served as football and wrestling coach. He later operated Sunset Park, Harveys Lake. He was a past president of the Dallas Rotary Club, where he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow. He was past president of the Dallas School Board, where he was instrumental in forming the Dallas School District jointure. He was a founder of the Dallas Rotary Fall Fair, now known as the Luzerne County Fall Fair.

He was elected Citizen of the Year in 1970 by the Joint Service Clubs of the Back Mountain.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Pritchard; daughters, Annabelle, Chestnut Hill, Mass.; Sandra Shem, Haymarket, Va.; brother, Bernard J., Harveys Lake; sisters, Edna Stogowski, Philadelphia; Eleanor Ambrose, Dallas; Jeanne Schollenberger, Schuylkill Haven; two granddaughters.

Funeral services were held from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dallas Rotary charities, care of the Dallas Rotary Club, Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

### FRANK BOWMAN

Frank E. Bowman, 74, of Academy Lane, Kingston, died March 22, 1991 in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manhattan, New York City, following a long illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Harry G. and Ruth Kintzer Bowman. He was a resident of Kingston, since 1972 and had previously resided in Plymouth. Prior to his retirement many years ago, he was employed by the former Harter's Dairy, Trucksville.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and was a member of VFW Post 283, Kingston and the Disabled American Veterans Post 102, Great West Side Area. He was also a member of Dorranceton United Methodist Church, Kingston.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Dolores Butler, in 1967.

Surviving are a son, Frank R. Litz; daughter, Mrs. John (Sharon Lee) Balliet, Nuangola; brothers, George A. Bowman, Kingston; Harry Delvin Bowman, Mountaintop; sisters, Miss Elizabeth Bowman, with whom he resided; Mrs. Arthur R. (Harriet) Miller, Dallas; Mrs. Martin M. (Anna Mary) Torbik, Swoyersville; seven grandchildren.

Interment was in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dorranceton United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, Wyoming Ave., Kingston, 18704.

### ROBERTA CRAGLE

Roberta W. Cragle, 66, of RR 3, Hunlock Creek, died March 22, 1991 at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Oakland, Calif., Feb. 23, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Julian and Thelma Maffett Watts. She attended Reyburn Bible Church.

Surviving are her husband, Daniel; daughters, Mrs. Sharon Hontz, Shickshinny; Mrs. Marji Kempinski, Hunlock Creek; sons, Gary, Sweet Valley; Daniel, Hunlock Creek; nine grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Barbara McCarthy and Mrs. Marjorie Richards, both of Calif.; brother, William Watts, Calif.

Interment was in Bloomingdale Cemetery, Bloomingdale.

### TEDFORD CRAIG

Tedford B. Craig, formerly of Presque Isle, Maine, died March 20, 1991, at the Valley Crest Nursing Center, Plains Township.

Born in Centerville, New Brunswick, Canada, he was the son of the late Roy and Ethel Craig. Prior to his retirement 20 years ago, he was employed as a farmer. He was also a member of the Wesleyan Church, Presque Isle.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Bertha Hoyt.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. James (Joyce) Miles, Dallas; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Fairmount Cemetery, Presque Isle.

### DOLORES CUREKA

Dolores Cureka, 61, of Monarch Road, Marion Terrace, Hanover Township, died March 22, 1991 at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Plymouth, Dec. 17, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Manuel and Stella Muroski Santayana. Before moving to Hanover Township, five years ago, she resided in Chase, Lehman Township and later in Manville, N.J. for 31 years. She attended Lehman Township schools and was a member of St. Mary's Nativity Church, Plymouth. She was last employed at a ceramic shop in Manville.

Surviving are her husband, Walter; sisters, Mrs. Rosalie DeRocco, Hanover Township; Shirley Santayana, Harveys Lake; Mrs. Bernadine Gieda, Lee Park; brothers, Manuel Santayana, Luzerne; Eugene Santayana, Somerset, N.J.; George Santayana, Whitehall.

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

### JESSIE DICKINSON

Jessie Dickinson, 100, formerly of Susquehanna Avenue, Wyoming, died March 23, 1991, at the River Street Manor Nursing Center, where she was a guest for the past four years.

Born in Exeter, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Clara Taylor Buckworth. She resided in West Pittston for several years, before moving to Wyoming in 1961. She was the oldest member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, West Pittston, and was a member of the Harmony Chapter 58, Order of the Eastern Star, Wyoming.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Perry; daughter, Dorothy Mitchell; son, Walter; sisters, Mrs. Fannie Stephenson and Mrs. Elizabeth Mills; and brothers, Charles and Fred Buckworth.

Surviving are a son, Robert G., Dallas; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Irene Lee, Lake Carey; Mrs. Lillian Weaver, North Wales.

Interment was in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Trinity Episcopal Church, 220 Montgomery Ave., West Pittston, 18643.

### JOHN DUNGEY

John A. (Jack) Dungey, 70, of the High Meadows Apartments, Memorial Highway, Dallas, died March 24, 1991, at home following an illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, May 20, 1920, he was the son of the late Arthur R. and Ruth Merial Dungey. He was a graduate of Dallas High School and was a resident of Dallas since 1922.

He was first employed as an electrical technician by the former Hazard-Okanite Corp., Wilkes-Barre. From 1957 to 1982 he was employed as an architectural draftsman and professional model builder by Lacy, Atherton and Davis Co. Architects and Engineers, Wilkes-Barre. Since 1985, he, along with his daughter, owned and operated the previews Co. which specializes in custom architectural models and prototypes. He received awards for his work as a miniaturist, and some of his projects are in the Queens Museum, New York City.

He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, and served as a deacon in the Presbyterian church and was also active in the choir of the church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dana Pace, daughter, Carol Devlin, Easton; sons, Robert C., Nanticoke; several cousins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas.

Interment will be in Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, 18612 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

### LEO EDWARDS

Leo A. Edwards, 38, of Carpenter Road, Harveys Lake, died March 19, 1991, after a traffic accident.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, April 16, 1952, he was the son of the late George and Ruth Frances Ryan Edwards. He was a lifelong area resident. He attended Franklin Street Elementary School and Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre. He was formerly employed as a construction worker by Local 408, Plains Township. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Plymouth, and American Legion Post 132, Wilkes-Barre. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Harveys Lake.

Surviving are his wife, the former Susan R. Mission, sons, Leo Daniel and John David, both at home; daughter, Rebecca Lynne, at home; sisters, Mrs. Joseph (Patricia) Yurick, Hazleton; Mrs. Eugene (Maureen) Paveletz, Nanticoke; brother James, Wilkes-Barre.

Interment was in Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Dallas.

### BERTHA JENKINS

Bertha M. Jenkins of Mountain-side Manor, Dallas, died March 21, 1991, in the Leader East Nursing Home, Kingston.

Born in Nanticoke, she was a daughter of the late Albert and Anna Kruger Herman.

She was a member of the First English Baptist Church, Nanticoke.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, in 1939.

Surviving are sons, William, West Nanticoke; Albert, Shavertown; Walter, West Palm Beach, Fla.; sister, Mrs. Anna Goodman, Nanticoke; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Edge Hill Cemetery, West Nanticoke.

### MINNIE LAMOREAUX

Minnie E. Lamoreaux, 77, of Vincent Heights Circle, Spring City, died March 20, 1991, at Phoenixville Hospital, Phoenixville, Chester County, following an illness.

Born in Huntsville, she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Eldora Smith Crispell. She attended Luzerne schools. She resided in the Phoenixville area for the past 20 years, and had earlier resided in New Brunswick, N.J., Pittsburgh and Forty Fort. Prior to her retirement in 1975, she was employed as a central service technician by St. Peter's Hospital, Phoenixville. She was also employed by the former Pennhurst Hospital, Phoenixville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis F., in 1976.

Surviving are sons, Frederick, Austin, Texas; Louis, Miami, Fla.; Alfred, Pittsburgh; Harry, West Pittston; Kenneth, Bethlehem; Frank, New Brunswick, N.J.; James, Jamesburg, N.J.; William, Phoenixville; Charles, Dayton, N.J.; Thomas, Spring City; daughters, Mrs. Marshall Taylor, Forty Fort; Peggy and Linda Lamoreaux, both of New Brunswick, Mrs. Richard Hartwig, Miltown, N.J.; Mrs. Douglas Caruso, New Brunswick; brother, Harry Crispell, Dallas; sister, Mrs. Edna Burgess, Forty Fort; 41 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Luzerne Avenue Baptist Church, 315 Luzerne Ave., W. Pittston, 18643.

### VERNA LOWE

Verna Tucker Lowe, 87, of Oak Street, Trucksville, formerly of the East End and North End sections of Wilkes-Barre, died March 25, 1991, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where she had been a patient for one day.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Frank L. and Emma Vivian Tucker. She attended Coughlin High school, Wilkes-Barre. She was associated with Coons Department Store, Wilkes-Barre, for several years. She had lived in the North and East End sections of Wilkes-Barre for most of her life. She had resided in the Back Mountain since 1983. She was a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre.

She and her husband, Stanley A., would have celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in April 1991.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Frank; sister, Mrs. Alice Tucker Burke.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Mrs. John (Phyllis) Lenahan, Dallas; one grandson; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. from the H. Merritt Hughes Funeral Home, 451 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, with Rev. Denise Beltzner, pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Interment will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

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

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Memorial Presbyterian Church, 29 W. North Street, Wilkes-Barre, 18702; or to the SPCA, Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, 18705.

### THOMAS MACK

Thomas F. Mack, 61, of Rhodes Terrace, Harveys Lake, died March 22, 1991, at home following an illness.

Born in Edwardsville, he was the son of the late Thomas F. and Ethel Lewis Mack. He attended Kingston schools, and was a resident of Harveys Lake, for the past 18 years. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a bus driver by the Luzerne County Transportation Authority. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elaine Murphy, sons, Thomas, Kingston; Kevin, Indianapolis, Ind.; daughters, Elizabeth and Shannon both at home; one granddaughter; sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, Allentown; half-brother Donald Mack, Kingston.

Interment was in Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

### ESTHER McDONALD

Esther R. McDonald, 74, of RR 5, Towanda, died March 20, 1991, in Bradford County Manor, Troy, where she had been a guest for three years.

Born in Idetown, she was the daughter of the late James and Lula Casterline Rogers. She was a graduate of Lehman High School. She had resided in Trenton, N.J. for 40 years, before moving to Towanda, 13 years ago. She was self-employed as a home companion nurse. She was a member of the Evangel Chapel, Somerville, N.J.

Surviving are a son, Jack, Raritan, N.J.; sister, Audrey Smith, Towanda; two grandchildren.

Interment was in Idetown Cemetery.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 71 N. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

### MARY O'BOYLE

Mary Grace (Mickey) Hoban O'Boyle, of Lambert St., Pittston, died March 20, 1991, at home after a lengthy illness.

A life resident of Hughestown and Pittston, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Genevieve Culklin Hoban. She was a graduate of Hughestown High School. She was employed by the American Party Favor Co. and the Pittston Area School District. She was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Hughestown, and its Altar and Rosary Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph J., in 1971; daughter, Kathleen; son, Joseph; brothers, James, John, Joseph and Michael.

Surviving are sons, Joseph Barry, Shavertown; Michael J., Pittston; Patrick J., Pittston Township; four grandsons; sister, Genevieve Paradis, Pittston; aunt, Grace Redding, New York City; several nieces, nephews and godchildren.

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

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Maryknoll, N.Y., 10545-0300.

### PAUL TITUS SR.

Paul Edward Titus Sr., 55, of Henderson, N.C., died March 10, 1991, in Pardee Hospital.

A native of Camptown, he had lived in Henderson, N.C., since 1989. He was the son of the late Parry and Amy Junk Titus. He retired from the Air Force after 22 years of service. He was a member of the Hedrick-Rhodes Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5206.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor M.; son, Paul E. Jr., Harveys Lake; daughters, Sandra Marie Titus, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Janet Leigh Titus, Dunmore; brother, George, Florida; sisters, Beverly D'Acille and Pauline Mead, both of Fla.

Funeral services were held in North Carolina.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### JESSIE WALLACE

Jessie M. Wallace, 88, of Page Street, Kingston, died March 21, 1991, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, after an illness.

Born May 30, 1902, in Parsons, she was the daughter of the late James and Elizabeth Stevenson Miller. A graduate of the local schools, she was a resident of Kingston for most of her life. She attended the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Edwardsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Wallace.; daughter, Marian Straigis; sons, John and James.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Nancy Doroskewicz, with whom she resided; Mrs. Betty Dymond, Philadelphia; Mrs. Anna Mae Scott, Dallas; Mrs. Janet Murgallis, Exeter; sons, Robert J., Kingston; Donald W., Philadelphia; 23 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Annabelle Shales, Parsons; brothers, David, Shickshinny; Harrison, Fairless Hills, N.J.

Interment was in Denison Cemetery, Swoyersville.

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## 'Red' Ambrose, an activist who made the Back Mountain a better place in which to live

The recent death of Francis L. Ambrose, 'Red' as he was known to most people in the Back Mountain, will leave a large void in the community.

Red Ambrose was one of those special individuals who would never say no to any request for help. His strength of character and willing participation came to the forefront when he was a young student at Wyoming Seminary where he was the original inductee into the preparatory school's Hall of Fame.

Red Ambrose spent most of his life as a resident of the Back Mountain where he attended Lehman Twp. schools before graduating from Coughlin High School. A great athlete himself, as a coach for several schools, he never lost interest in the young athletes in the Back Mountain schools and was a familiar face at school events, in his later years especially at the Dallas athletic contests.

His interest in education continued throughout his entire life and was a key supporter of the present Dallas School District which he helped form when the jointure came into being. Ambrose also served as president of the Dallas School Board and continuously waged a campaign for quality education.

As president of the Dallas Rotary Club he was respected by all members for his interest in the development of the club and was ever an advocate of programs for youth, particularly the Student Exchange Program. He was named as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Education and athletics were two of his favorite subjects in the local area but Francis Ambrose also believed in his community and its progress. He was one of the first members of the Dallas Rotary Fall Fair and worked hard year after year to make it a successful event. It was through his dedication and continuous efforts that the other service clubs in the Back Mountain became involved and developed it to the point where it was recognized by the state as a County Fair which today is known as the Luzerne County Fall Fair.

In 1970, Francis Ambrose was named Citizen of the Year by a committee of the joint service clubs of the Back Mountain.

Francis Ambrose was an outspoken individual, who always told it 'like it was' and was respected by his fellow citizens for his honesty, integrity and dedication to a cause. He was among the few individuals of his generation still residing in the Back Mountain and his death will have a strong impact on many. Despite his illness of the past several years, he was always ready to communicate with others through the cooperation of his wife, the former Ruth Pritchard.

Francis Ambrose with his dedication, volunteerism, enthusiasm and his support of community, education and progress will be missed by those who knew him so well. He was one of those individuals who pass this way but once but he will live forever in the memories of others.

By Charlot M. Denmon

## Masons to honor Robert Rogers at April 6 Dinner

Robert N. Rogers, Past Master of George M. Dallas Lodge #531, F&AM, will be honored at a testimonial dinner at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 6, at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas.

Rogers served as Worshipful Master in 1990. He is a member of Caldwell Consistory and Irem

Temple AAOONS.

He is a teacher in the Lake-Lehman School District. He resides in Lehman with his wife Robin. They have two sons, David and Christopher.

Music will be provided. For dinner reservations, contact Barry Fies at 825-9489.

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