

# Obituaries

## ANTHONY BRAZITIS

Anthony J. Brazitis, 76, of East Main Street, Plymouth, died Sept. 3, 1991 at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Plymouth, he was the son of the late Adam and Mary Kiscunis Brazitis.

Surviving are his wife, the former Julia Gross; daughter, Mrs. Alan (Nancy) Valunas, Shavertown; sons, Neil J., Rosemont; Mark A., West Chester; eight grandchildren; brothers, Joseph, Baltimore, Md.; Peter and Leonard, both of Plymouth; sister, Mrs. Algird (Genevieve) Wilson, Plymouth; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Casimir's Cemetery, Muhlenburg.

## ISABEL BUTTS

Isabel J. Butts, of Susquehanna Ave., West Pittston, died Sept. 6, 1991, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Pittston, Nov. 8, 1911, she was the daughter of the late John E. and Edith Fritz Jones.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milet J., in Nov. 1974.

Surviving are a son, John E., Idetown; daughters, Edith Cencela, West Pittston; Mrs. Douglas Crowe, Woodbridge, Va.; brother, Donald J. Jones, Boca Raton, Fla.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson.

Interment, West Pittston Cemetery.

## HAROLD CORNELL

Harold (Bud) W. Cornell, 63, of RR2, Hunlock Creek, Meeker, died Sept. 9, 1991 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Meeker, June 15, 1928, he was the son of Willard Cornell of Dallas and the late Emma Naugle Cornell. He was a lifelong resident of Meeker. He was the owner of Cornell Excavating and Trucking Co., for the past 35 years. He was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek. He was an officer and past president of the Maple Grove Cemetery Association, a former member of the Lehman Township Planning Commission and a member of the Operating Engineer Union Local 542.

He and his wife, the former Kathleen Hunter, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last February.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Ralph and Kenneth.

Surviving in addition to his father and wife, are sons, Harold W. Jr., Sweet Valley; Eric A. Stillwater, daughters, Mrs. Roger (Jane) Geneval, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Michael (Gail) Rainone, Jeffersonville; Carol L. Cornell, at home; brother, Francis, Pikes Creek; sisters, Ruth Vallick, Meeker; Dorothy Antablin, Santa Ana, Calif.; Mrs. John (Janet) Beccaria, Los Angeles, Calif.; five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek, with the Rev. C. Earle Cowden, pastor officiating.

Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, cor. of Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek.

Memorial donations if desired, may be made to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, RR 3, Hunlock Creek 18621 or to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Coronary Care Unit, North River and Auburn Streets, Wilkes-Barre, 18764.

## MICHAEL NOVAJOSKY Sr.

Michael Novajosky Sr., 79, of Harveys Lake, died Sept. 6, 1991, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, June 9, 1910, he was the son of the late John and Katherine Spitko Novajosky. He was employed as a miner by several Wyoming Valley mines, as custodian of the Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, and as a school bus driver for the Emmanuel Bus Service.

He was a member of the Catholic Laymen's Retreat League and Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, where he served as an usher for many years.

He and his wife, the former Laura Jean Nulton, would have celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in October.

He was preceded in death by brothers, John, Joseph and George; and sister, Mary Sichler.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are sons, Michael Jr., Centermoreland; Francis and William, Noxen; John, Pittsburgh; daughters, Mrs. Michael (Mary) Slacktish, Mehoopany; Mrs. John (Ann) Patton, Beaumont; 10 grandchildren; brother, Andrew, Nicholson; sister, Mrs. Helen Parsons, Dallas.

Interment, was private. Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake or the Kunkle Fire Co., RD, Dallas.

## WILLIAM HICKS

William J. Hicks, of RR 1, Kunkle, died Sept. 6, 1991, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, May 31, 1927, he was the son of the late John and Elizabeth Kratz Hicks. He attended St. Nicholas High School and was an officer in the Merchant Marines. He was employed as chief inspector by Air Products, Hanover Township.

He was owner and operator of W.J. Hicks Painting Contractors and Village Variety Store, Wilkes-Barre. He was a member of St. Boniface Church, Wilkes-Barre.

He and his wife, the former Shirley Shaver, celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on April 1, 1991.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are sons, William D., Pennsdale; Barry and Kenneth, both of Wilkes-Barre; Keith, Tunkhannock; daughters, Judith Thompson, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Richard (Denise) Evans, Avoca; Mrs. Fred (Maureen) Searles, Dallas; 19 grandchildren; brother, Frank Kratz, Wilkes-Barre.

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

## HAZEL HISLOP

Hazel H. Hislop, 71, of Huntsville Road, Dallas, died Sept. 6, 1991 at the Leader East Nursing Home, Kingston, where she had been a patient for the past four months.

Born in Kingston, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Ethel A. Hazeltine Hughey. She resided in the Back Mountain area most of her life and was a graduate of Kingston Township High School. She was a member of the Huntsville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Robert K.; son Renard Carkuff, Dallas; daughter, Fern Miller, Sacramento, Calif.; stepsons, Robert W. Hislop, Trucksville; Conrad T. "Murph" Hislop, Harveys Lake; Harold S. Hislop, Erie; stepdaughter, Sandra Peralta, Albuquerque, N.M.; brothers, Lloyd Hughey, Harrisburg; Wallace Hughey, Oregon, Wisc.; Howard Hughey, Tabernacle, N.J.; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

## JOSEPH MAJEWSKI

Joseph R. Majewski, 35, of Hendrick Street, Ambler, died Sept. 7, 1991 at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia.

Born in Monterey, Calif., he was the son of Bertha Hall Majewski and the late Lawrence Majewski. He was a 1974 graduate of Dallas High School and a 1980 graduate of West Chester State College.

He was a member of the National Biathlon Team for three years. In June, 1974, he enlisted in the 109th Field Artillery, Battery C, and later enrolled in the officer's candidate school from which he graduated and was commissioned a second lieutenant on May 23, 1976. He was promoted to captain in September, 1985, and became the commander of Battery C., Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, the former Karen Raineri, Nanticoke; daughter, Kaeley Jo; stepdaughter, Erica; stepson, Ryan; brothers, John, Reading; James, Newtown; sister, Mrs. Larry (Laura) Kiwak, Sweet Valley; three nieces.

Interment will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

## THOMAS SPENCER

Thomas M. Spencer, of River-view Road, Phillipsburg, N.J., died Aug. 26, in Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg.

He was the son of the late Lorraine R. and Mary Martin Spencer.

Surviving are his wife, the former Etta Samuels, Kingston; son, Thomas M. Jr., Phillipsburg; daughter, Nancy Kline, Easton; brothers, L. Robert, Dallas; Philip W., Little Silver, N.J.; three grandchildren.

Interment, Easton Heights Cemetery, Easton.

## LEONARD JANICZEK

Leonard Janiczek, 64, of Pine Street, Oak Hill, Dallas, died suddenly Sept. 3, 1991, at home.

Born in Nanticoke, he was the son of the late Paul and Agnes Falasz Janiczek. He was a graduate of Nanticoke High School, receiving an associate's degree from Wilkes College. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a field service technician by N.C.R., Dupont. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Lake Silkworth.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elizabeth Dembitsky; son, David, at home; daughters, Marcia Diljak, Mahwah, N.J.; Pamela Takata, Newark, Calif.; sisters, Valeria Janiczek, Florence Mizdail and Pauline Baran, all of Nanticoke; Victoria Witos, Trenton, N.J.

## ELMER JONES

Elmer "Duke" Jones, of Dodson Lane, Wilkes-Barre, died Sept. 9, 1991 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Elmer and Della Knight Jones.

Surviving are his wife, the former Florence Urban; sons, John W., Lake Ariel; William, Sterling, Va.; Patrick, Shavertown; Arthur, Thomas, Joseph, James and Gerald, all of Wilkes-Barre; Anthony, Forty Fort; daughters, Mrs. David Davies, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. John Waltman, Langhorne; 25 grandchildren.

Interment, will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

## MARY KERR

Mary Zeller Kerr, 63, of South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre died Sept. 9, 1991, at home after an illness.

Born April 14, 1928, in New York City, she was the daughter of Joseph W. and Mary Rowe Zeller, of Wilkes-Barre.

She and her husband, Dr. Robert M. Kerr M.D. celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 28, 1991.

Surviving in addition to her parents and husband, are sons, Bruce, Dallas; Brian, Mountaintop; David, Wilkes-Barre; daughter, Mary Lee Carson, Botswana, Africa; sisters, Margaret Carlson, Hancock, N.H.; Elizabeth Rivers, Philadelphia; six grandchildren.

Interment, will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

## LORETTA MICHAEL

Loretta Michael, of the Meadows apartment complex, Dallas, died Sept. 3, 1991, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, after a brief illness.

Born in Plains Township, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Brownicz Jastremski. She attended Plains schools. She was employed by the General Cigar Corp., Forty Fort, retiring in 1958. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in Jan. 1979.

Surviving are sisters, Helen Jastremski, Parsons, Justine Koprevich, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Kathryn Kalkan, Plains Township; Leona Bishie, Wyoming; brothers, Anthony, Ashley; Frank, Plains; Joseph, Sugar Notch; John, Wyoming.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

## MARINO RUGGERE

Marino Ruggere, of Shellington, died Sept. 1, 1991 at home. He was the son of the late Eugene and Mary Abbott Ruggere.

Surviving are a son, James, California; sisters, Chris Klug, Dallas; Connie Ruggere, Luzerne; brothers, Anthony, Dallas; Samuel, Chase; James, Mountaintop; Gene, Newton Square; Orlando, Plains.

Interment, was at the convenience of the family.



## Showing off

Tara Naylor, 18, of Springville showed her Holstein in the Winter Calf category at last week's Luzerne County Fair. More photos on page 6. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

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