

Deaf

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to keep him at the LIJ. "We appealed because we believe that Mark Dutton can best be served, and should be served by the LIJ," said Davis October 10. "The law requires us to mainstream that child. Those regulations that people fought for 20 years ago and got in place - preparing disabled children for the real world - was quite a battle." An initial decision in favor of

keeping Mark at the LIJ was overturned by a panel of two attorneys and an educator, who agreed with Mark's family that he should go to the Scranton State School for the Deaf. The school district is appealing that panel's decision to federal court. "It's rare that you see a school district sue parents of children with disabilities," said Marc Charmatz,

of the National Center for Deafness and the Law, a division of the National Association for the Deaf. "As a deaf child, you want to be with other deaf kids. You want to be able to communicate with your classmates," said Charmatz. "When you say we have this mainstreaming regulation, it's as appropriate, not a blanket requirement." According to Charmatz, the

National Association of the Deaf will be joining the complaint for the Duttons along with Antoinette Szarek, the attorney representing the Duttons. Charmatz said that a similar case was settled this year in Tennessee, and the school district lost and the child is now attending a state school for the deaf. "When a child strongly wants to be educated at the state school," said Charmatz, "I would hope that the school district would honor that." At the October 8 board meeting, Donald Rubel presented the board with a bill of \$66 for sign interpretation for three meetings - a service he said the school board is required by law to provide.

Davis disagrees. "Because it is a general purpose meeting, it is our contention that we don't have a legal requirement to provide that." Davis said that the district would provide an interpreter for any individual conference with a deaf parent or child, or if the meeting had anything on the agenda relating to the deaf. At the meeting, the school board also took the following action:

- Approved as teacher substitutes: Heather M. Pitcavage (elementary), Margaret A. Smith (handicapped or homebound), Paula Yezilski (elementary).
- Appointed Kim Barbacci and Ronda Hudzik as Junior High Girl's Basketball coaches.
- Accepted the resignation of

Traci Visneski as a part-time custodian at the Lake-Noxen School.

- Added the following people to the custodial substitute list: Dale Major, Alfred R. Myers, Denise M. Tomasura and David R. Griswold.
- Hired Kathleen A. Warner as secretary for the Federal Program, curriculum and instruction, and special education.
- Accepted the resignation of Rebecca Kupstas as a nurses clerk/aide.
- Approved Deborah Maskalis, Cindy June Parsons, Donna Kaye Swire, and Christine Sakowski as substitute nurses clerk/aides

Obituaries

MARY BOYER

Mary George Boyer, 76, of Carlisle Street, Wilkes-Barre, died Oct. 9, 1991, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township, after a brief illness. Born in Laurel Run, she was the daughter of the late Thomas M. and Diana Reese George. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick L., Dec. 15, 1986. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles J. Erickson, Wilkes-Barre; sister, Mrs. Margaret R. Kinser, Rochester, NY; brother, Arthur M., Dallas; two grandchildren. Interment, Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

FRANK GAYSON

Frank Gayson, 91, of Valley Crest Nursing Home, Wilkes-Barre, died Oct. 14, 1991 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Surviving are sisters, Mrs. Ann Hamilton, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Francis Miscavage, Angelicola Nursing Home, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Petronella (Casey) Kata, Sheatown. Interment, Newport Center Cemetery.

MARGARET McDERMOTT

Margaret R. McDermott, 72, of Monroe Avenue, Dallas, died Oct. 8, 1991, at the Thomas Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, where she had been a patient. Born in Hanover Township, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Anna Dalton Pape. She was a graduate of Hanover Township High School and Madam Fenwick Beauty School, Wilkes-Barre. Before retiring, she was a hairdresser and hair coloring instructor for Roux Laboratories, New York. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. She had served as judge of elections in Lauder. She was also a Democratic committee woman in Dallas.

KARL W. LANDMESSER

Karl W. Landmesser, 56, died Oct. 7, 1991, at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after suffering a heart attack.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 26, 1935, and was the son of Karl M. and Dorothy M. Shiber Landmesser of Dallas. He attended Wyoming Seminary and was a 1953 graduate of Dallas Township High School. He also was graduated from Lycoming College, Williamsport. Prior to moving to Fort Lauderdale in 1981, he had been employed by the Xerox Corp. as a marketing representative. He was a member of George M. Dallas Lodge 531, F&M; Caldwell Consistory and Irem Temple.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard F., June, 1972; brothers, Carl, Bernard, John and Frederick.

Surviving are her son, Bernard F., Fairmont Township; daughter, Linda McDermott, Shavertown; sisters, Mary L. Pape, Hanover Township; Lucille Pape, Louisville, Ky.; Elizabeth Patton, Elmira, NY; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

HELEN RAMAGE

Helen J. Ramage, 70, of Bennett Street, Luzerne, formerly of Harveys Lake, died Oct. 11, 1991, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Pittston, Aug. 2, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Stanley and Margaret Kazenski. She resided in Harveys Lake for most of her life, moving to Luzerne nine years ago. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Kingston; and Sacred Heart Church, Luzerne. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J., on Aug. 18, 1976.

Surviving are sons, Robert K. Jr., Falls; Ronald, Cresson; two grandchildren. Interment, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

MARILYN RUCK

Marilyn (Mickey) J. Ruck, of Park Avenue, Shavertown, died Oct. 8, 1991 at home.

Born in Nanticoke, she was the daughter of the late Ben R. and Mabel Delbright Jones. A graduate of Harter High School, West Nanticoke, she was employed as a receptionist by Dr. Walter Mokychic of Shavertown, until 1987. She formerly resided in Kingston, and has been a resident of Shavertown since 1976.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Morcom. Surviving are her husband, Robert W.; sons, Robert, Houston, Texas; William, Landenburg; daughter, Linda Ruck, Shavertown; brothers, Samuel, Nanticoke; Ben, Nanticoke; Edwin, NJ; sister, Anne Davis, NJ.

Interment was private at the convenience of the family.

ALVA TAYLOR

Alva K. Taylor, of Beaumont, died Oct. 14, 1991, in Carpenter Care Center, Tunkhannock, after a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 18, 1918, in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Alva E. and Dora Kirkham Taylor. He was employed as a truck driver for M&G Convoy, Delaware, until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Elmer, Herbert and Robert; sisters, Cecelia, Mae and Esther.

Surviving are his wife, Louise; daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Dora) Phares, Dallas; Diane Sickler, Berlin, Md.; Barbara Cooper, Utah; Linda Muskauski, Philadelphia; sons, Donald, Sweet Valley; Alan, Centerville; 12 grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Peter (Ida) Ioanna, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Robert (Evelyn) Smith, Beaumont; brothers, Frank and Clayton, both of Beaumont.

Arrangements by Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont.

JOHN BREWSTER III

John D. Brewster, III, 70, of Trumbull, Conn., died Sept. 24, 1991 in Bridgeport Hospital.

Born in Lowell, Mass., he was the son of the late John D. and Ethelin C. Brewster of Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Tarasovic; sons, John D. IV, Redding, Conn.; David C., Raleigh, N.C.; three grandchildren; brother, Edward C., Ossining, NY; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the Cyril F. Mullins Trumbull Funeral Home.

HILDAGARDE DAUPHIN

Hildagarde P. (Peipon) Dauphin, 84, of Union Street, Allentown, formerly of Shavertown, died Oct. 12, 1991, at Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Allentown.

Born in Carbondale, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Sophia Mahoski Peipon. She was an Army Nurse Corps veteran of World War II. She was employed as a registered nurse in the Veterans Administration, Hines, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George.

Surviving is her sister, Mrs. Nicholas (Elizabeth) Kaiser, Allentown.

Interment, St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

DAURICE JONES

Daurice J. Jones, 72, of Second Street, Bloomsburg, died Oct. 13, 1991, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Emergency Room. She had been in ill health for three months.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert W., 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Randy W. (Cheryl) Faux, RR 1, Dallas; sons, Jeffrey S., at home; Barry G., Austin, Texas; three grandchildren.

Funeral will be Thursday, from the Dean W. Kriner Inc. Funeral Home, 325 Market St. Bloomsburg. Interment, will be in Creveling Cemetery, Bloomsburg.

KATHERINE GALEONE

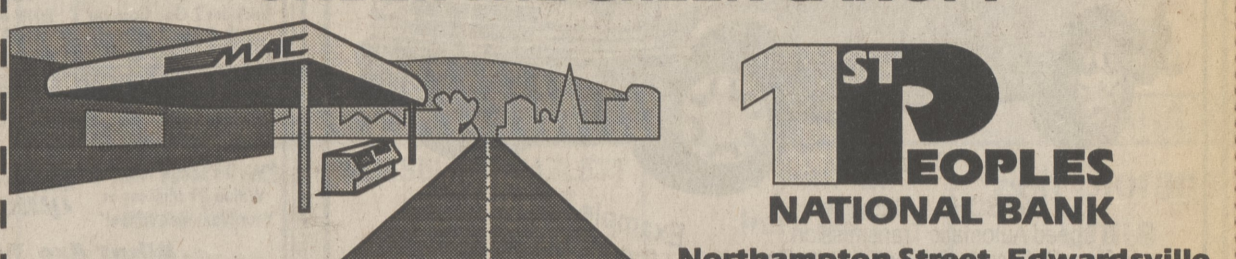
Katherine Galeone, formerly of Dan Flood Apartments, Kingston, died Oct. 10, 1991, at the Valley Crest Nursing Home, Plains Township.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Anthony and Carmella Petruccelli Gregg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; brothers, Michael, William, Joseph and Nicholas; sister, Angeline Chiloro. Surviving are a brother, John, Wilkes-Barre; sister, Mrs. Theresa Kinsel, Trucksville; several nieces and nephews.

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

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