

Obituaries

SAM ABATE

Sam Abate of Searle Street, Pittston, died Dec. 4, 1991, in Martin Memorial Hospital, Stuart, Fla.

Born in Pittston, he was the son of the late Joseph and Caroline Amato Abate.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Yolanda Silver; brother, Joseph.

Surviving are a son, Joseph, Stuart, Fla.; brothers, Leonard, Reading, Charles, Lehman Twp.; Lewis, Schenectady, NY; sisters, Santa Abate, Pittston; Mrs. Anthony Corvine, Lakeland, Fla.; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Marcy Cemetery, Duryea.

NATHAL BARBER

Nathal M. Barber of East Grove Street, Pringle, died Dec. 3, 1991, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Surviving are her husband, William; mother, Faye Engler; sons, William Jr., stationed with the U.S. Army in Italy; Robert, Sweet Valley; Wayne, Georgia; Paul Simpson, Edwardsville; daughters, Theresa Barber, Pittsburgh; Clara Verosky, Ashley; Edith Halliday, Wilkes-Barre; Annette Simpson, Pringle; Donna Foot, Alice Simpson, Pauline Lynn and Evelyn Shaughnessy, all of Nanticoke; Anna Sams, Berwick; 23 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

ROBERT DALEY

Robert A. Daley, 32, of Main Street, Swoyersville, died Dec. 8, 1991 at home following an illness.

Born in Dallas, he was the son of Ruth Hufford Daley and the late Elmer Daley. He was a graduate of Dallas Senior High School and resided in Dallas for all of his life until moving to Swoyersville two years ago.

He was employed as a machine operator by Fortune Fabrics, Swoyersville.

Surviving besides his mother, are brothers, Albert, Tunkhannock; Elmer T., Dallas; sisters, Marha Decker, Mehoopany; Jane Miers, Dallas; Nancy Mulligan, Noxen; stepfather, Warren Daley, Dallas.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday from the Richard H. Lasque Funeral Home, Memorial Highway, Dallas, with the Rev. Robert J. Thomas, chaplain of Hospice St. John, officiating.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

Memorial donations if desired, may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

ETHEL GRACELEY

Ethel Ellen Graceley, of Machell Avenue, Dallas, died Dec. 5, 1991, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in the East End section of Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 24, 1906, she was the daughter of the late George and Ann Hughes Paul. She had resided on Henry Street until moving to Dallas in 1947. She and her husband founded the "Five Acres" riding academy, teaching English horsemanship skills and equine care to area residents.

She was active in organizing and encouraging camping and settlement of the Lake Wallenpaupack wilderness area in the 1920's and 30's. She was among a handful of campers at the opening of the Lake Wallenpaupack Dam. She was a member of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

She and her husband, Frederick L., celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on Aug. 25, 1991.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Alfred, Oswald, Elmer and Edward; sisters, Gladys Stephens, Ruth E. Mann, Myrtle Bradley, Leona Kingeter.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

STANLEY GARBUSH

Stanley J. Garbush, 19, of Garbush Hill, RR Sweet Valley, died Dec. 7, 1991, in an automobile crash at Salem Township.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 29, 1972, he was the son of Stanley and Jane O'Brien Garbush. He attended Lake-Lehman High School and was employed at Deluxe Homes Inc. of Berwick.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are a daughter, Samantha Rose Long, Sweet Valley; sisters, Mrs. Coleen Kane, Alden; Cathleen Garbush, at home; grandmother, Mrs. Edmund (Mildred) O'Brien, Harveys Lake.

Interment, Bethel Hill Cemetery, Bethel Hill, Sweet Valley.

DORIS HUGHES

Doris B. Hughes of East Seventh Street, Wyoming, died Dec. 3, 1991 at home.

Born in West Pittston, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Beatrice Tilley Shook. She was preceded in death by her husband, Irving, 1971; brothers, Charles and Myrddyn.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Josephine Sims, Dallas; brother, Lewis Shook, West Pittston; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

MARTHA JAMES

Martha T. James, of Main Street, Luzerne, died Dec. 7, 1991, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in the Honey Pot section of Nanticoke, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Victoria Brezinski Rishkofski.

Surviving are sons, Paul, Stroudsburg; Peter, Fort Knox, Ky.; Patrick, at home; Phillip, Noxen; six grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Lottie Dopko, Plymouth; Mrs. Helen Suhan, Greeley; Mrs. Eleanor Laser, Tucson, Ariz.; brothers, Henry Rishkofski, Mountaintop; Max Rishkofski, Dupont, Stanley Rishkofski, Manville, NJ; Edward Rishkofski, Fla.; Leonard Rishkofski, Buffalo, NY; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Mary's Czestochowa Church parish cemetery, Swoyersville.

FRANK KOONS

Frank E. Koons, of Catlin Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, died Dec. 2, 1991 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Wilkes-Barre he was the son of the late Francis and Catherine Fritz Koons.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Mary Garvin; brothers, Edgar and Paul; sisters, Dorothy, Mrs. Irma Hassler and Mrs. Elsie Conway.

Surviving are sons, Frank Jr., Charlotte, NC; Patrick, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Robert, Trucksville; Bill, State College; Hal, Wilkes-Barre; 12 grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Katherine Jones, Wilkes-Barre.

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

ELIZABETH ROMINSKI

Elizabeth A. Rominski, 83, formerly of East Union Street, Nanticoke, died Dec. 8, 1991, at St. Claire's Hospital, Denville, NJ, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Betty Lankowski.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley; and several brothers and sisters.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Joseph DeSena, Ocala, Fla.; Mrs. Adam Sarwinski, Nanticoke; Mrs. Clem Lankowski, Rockaway, NJ; Mrs. Michael Rudzicki and Mrs. Michael Loftus, both of Lake Silkworth; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

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

ROLAND KOEB

Roland E. Koeb, 73, of Sterling Ave., Dallas, died Dec. 5, 1991, at home.

Born in Tampa, Fla., he was the son of the late Otto and Emerald Browning Koeb. He was a graduate of Montrose High School and was a resident of Dallas since 1966.

He was employed by the Commonwealth Telephone Co., Dallas, for 45 years. He was a member and elder of the Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas. He was also a member of the Montrose Masonic Lodge and a former member of the Dallas Rotary Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ida Bajkowski; sons, Rodney, Montrose; Randolph, Rosemount, Minn.; daughters, Kay Stevens, Southlake, Texas; Patricia Koeb, Grandview, Mo.; brother, Ralph, Montrose; four grandchildren.

Interment, Rushville Cemetery, Montrose.

Memorial donations, if desired may be made to the Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 105 Island Road, Dallas, 18612 or to the American Cancer Society, c/o Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

JOHN MASKALIS SR.

John "Ben" Maskalis Sr., of Lake Township, died Dec. 8, 1991, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where he had been a patient for the past 11 days.

Born in Edwardsville, he was the son of the late John and Mary Mulolis Maskalis. He was a resident of Lake Township for the past 24 years and previously resided in Kingston for many years. Prior to his retirement in 1985, he was employed as a maintenance man by Offset Paperback Manufacturers, Dallas. He was also employed by Ed Roman Used Cars, Plains, as a mechanic for many years.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater on the destroyer USS Dyson. He was a member of St. Mary's Annunciation Church, Kingston.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Sorber; sons, John "Ben" Jr., Sweet Valley; Joseph, Lake Township; daughter, Ruth Casterline, Lake Township; six grandchildren; sisters, Ann Bonsignore, Levittown, NY; Frances Morgani, Babylon, NY; stepbrother, Ed Roman, Swoyersville; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday from the Karl E. Blight Funeral Home, 392 Wyoming Ave., Kingston with the Rev. Joseph Lasky officiating.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Dallas.

RUTH LETNER

Ruth J. Letner, 66, of Madison St., Wilkes-Barre, died Dec. 2, 1991 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Clara Jones Evans.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Darl Franklin, Sept. 1991.

Surviving are her husband, Aloysius B., Wilkes-Barre; son, Rev. Kenneth R. Miffintown; daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Susanne) Cooper, Chase; twin brother, Raymond Evans, Grass Valley, Calif.; six grandchildren.

Interment, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

DAVID VEITCH

David Wiley Veitch, 21, of Claude Street, Dallas, died Dec. 6, 1991, shortly after admission to Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, after he was stricken ill while working in Berwick.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of Emerson Wiley Veitch, of Dallas, and Dorothy Kolesar Veitch, of Wilkes-Barre. He resided in Dallas for most of his life and was a graduate of Dallas High School. He was employed as a laborer by ACS Cable, Dallas. He attended Dallas United Methodist Church.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are a sister, Susan, at home.

Interment, Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

MATTIE WEAVER

Mattie Casterline Weaver, of South Loveland Avenue, Kingston, died Dec. 6, 1991, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where she had been a patient.

Born in Ruggles, Aug. 30, 1902, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oney. She attended Outlet School, Harveys Lake. She resided in Larksville for many years.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, George Weaver, in 1981; daughter, Grace Casterline; sons, Larry, Donald, Richard, Harold, Nathaniel and Emil Casterline; grandsons, James Blaine and Carl Casterline Jr.; sister, Stella Honeywell; brothers, Marvin, Milo, Elswood, Jesse, Amos, Clarence and Norman.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Zimmerman, with whom she resided; Mrs. Dorothy Blaine, Sweet Valley; sons, Carl Casterline, Shavertown; Lewis Casterline, Edwardsville; 20 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; sisters, Susan Wickham, Bethlehem; Blanche Gallagher, Binghamton, NY.

Interment, Idetown Cemetery.

HL home destroyed by fire

A fire on Walnut Street, Harveys Lake, which left a family of four homeless early on the morning of December 6 was probably caused by an electrical malfunction, according to assistant fire chief Bill Davis Sr.

Firefighters arrived at the scene at about 3:50 a.m. and had the blaze out by about 7:30 a.m., Davis said.

The American Red Cross was lodging the family as of Monday, according to Dorothy Pechulis, disaster services coordinator.

Lori Danyel, 20, and her brother Joseph had to jump about a dozen feet from bedroom windows to escape the fire, while, Matt, 12, escaped through a door near his bedroom. The mother, Peggy Danyel, was not home at the time.

Davis said that the fire appeared to be coming from the ceiling, and there was no woodburner, gas, or other likely sources of the fire. While the walls of the home are still standing, Davis said that the roof was totally destroyed.

The Harveys Lake Fire Department was assisted by the Kunkle and Noxen fire companies.

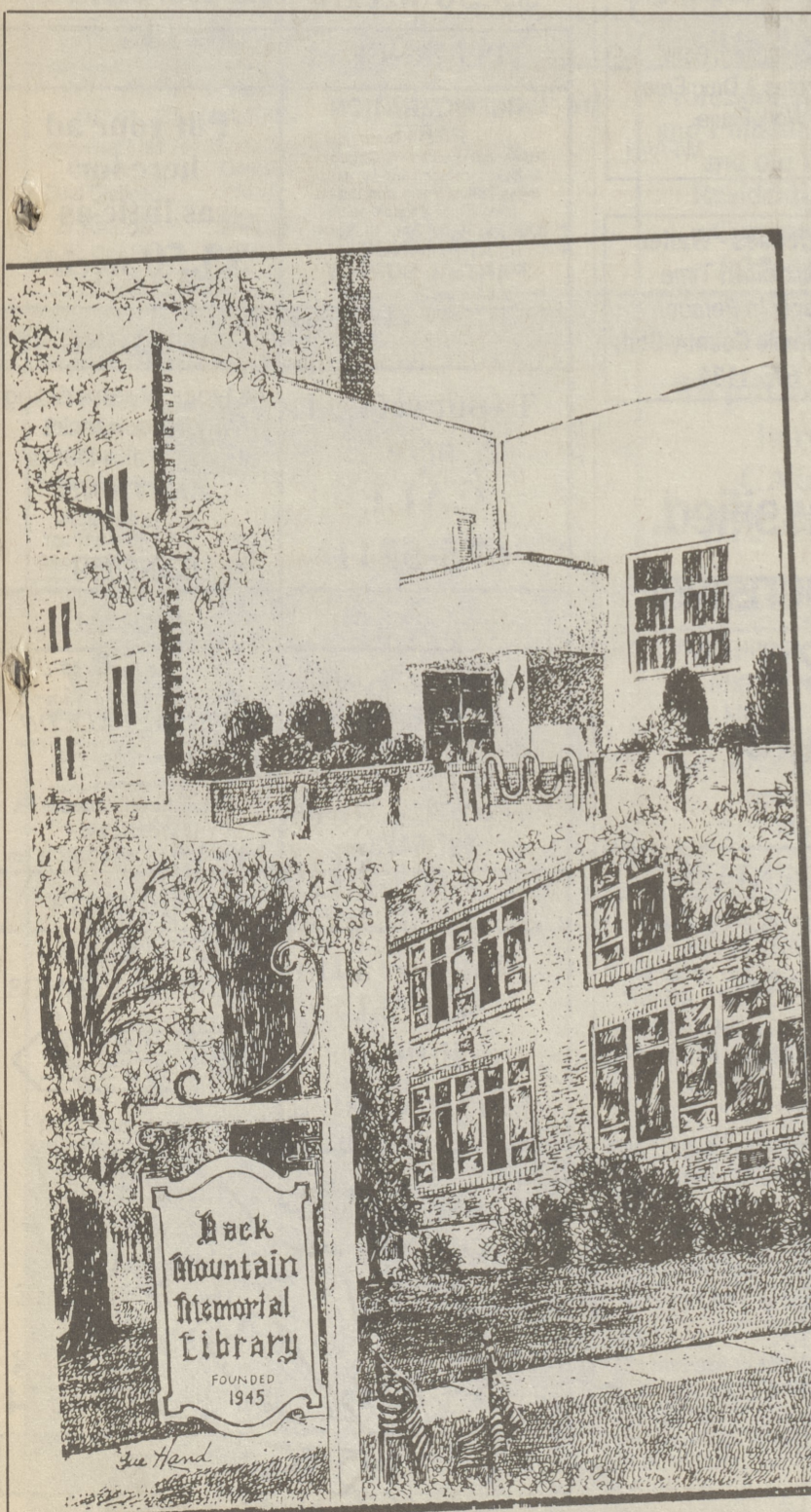
Overnight parkers will get tickets

At its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, December 3, the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors reminded residents that overnight parking on township streets is illegal. Stressing the importance of keeping all streets clear for snow removal equipment, the supervisors noted that the police will ticket any vehicles violating the ordinance. No warnings will be issued.

The supervisors also reminded residents that the open burning ban in residential areas is still in effect.

In other business, the supervisors accepted delivery of a 1991 GMC 3/4 ton four-wheel-drive snowplow truck from Isaacs GMC. Replacing the township's old 1983 truck, the new truck and plow cost \$15,388 with trade-in. The truck is also equipped with a used ash spreader.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, at 7 p.m. at the township building, when the supervisors expect to approve the 1992 budget. No increase in the six-mill tax is planned.



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