

Obituaries

LOUIS BOBECK

Louis R. Bobeck, 67, of Davenport Street, Dallas, died Dec. 9, 1991, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Larksville, he was the son of the late John and Stella Chevitski Bobeck. He attended Larksville High School and had resided in Dallas for the past 37 years. Prior to 1973, he was a machine operator at Natona Mills, Dallas. Later, he was on the maintenance staff of the Dallas School District, retiring in 1986. He was a Coast Guard veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. He was also a member of the Back Mountain Land Association, Noxen.

He and his wife, the former Irene J. Warminski, planned to celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary on Jan. 21, 1992.

He was preceded in death by a son, Charles A., Dec. 8, 1984.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter, Mary Louise Franko, Dalton; brothers, Daniel, Edwardsville; Robert, Swyersville; sister, Joan Sromowski, Larksville; five grandchildren.

Interment, St. Anthony's Cemetery, Courtdale.

VIRGINIA DAVIS

Virginia L. Davis, 80, of Dallas Mobile Home Park, Dallas, died Dec. 15, 1991, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, shortly after admission.

Born in Beaumont, she was the daughter of the late William and Marilla May Martin. She attended the Dallas Township School and resided in Dallas, most of her life. Prior to retirement, she had been employed in the thread drawing department of Natona Mills, Dallas, for 25 years. She was a member of the East Dallas United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grier A. Davis.

Surviving are daughters, Joan Race, Dallas; Gloria Adams, Dallas, with whom she resided; Mary Lou Schramko, Loyallville; brother, Ziba Martin, Dallas; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Interment, Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

EDWARD T. EDWARDS

Edward T. Edwards, 84, Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, died Dec. 14, 1991, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient.

Born in Edwardsville, he was a son of the late Baldwin and Margaret Thomas Edwards.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Quinn Edwards, Kingston; daughter, Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Stone, Trucksville, with whom he had resided; son, Edward J. Edwards, Indiana, Pa.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Treiling, Ouhou, Hawai.

Interment, Forty Fort Cemetery.

ROSEMARY DILLON

Mrs. Rosemary Dillon, 130 Willow St., Plymouth, died Dec. 14, 1991, at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Plymouth, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Catherine O'Rourke Dvoroznak.

She is survived by her husband, Edmund A.; three sons, James, Plymouth; Edmund and Sean, both at home; daughters, Catherine Delaney, Dallas; Colleen, Plymouth; Karen Kratz, Wilkes-Barre; Sharon and Mary Alice, both in Allentown; Rosemary Kuscavage, Plymouth; Maureen, Patricia and Michelle, at home; nine grandchildren; sister, Carol Climchock, Plymouth; brtoehrs, Michael, Dale City, Va. and James, Toronto, Canada; nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Vincent de Paul parish cemetery, Larkesville.

MARIA DiGIUSEPPE

Maria G. DiGiuseppe, 82, RR 1, Hunlock Creek, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Macon, Rockville, Md., following an illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orazio; sister, Theresa Isabel Wolly.

Surviving in addition to her daughter, are sons, Rinaldo, Shavertown; Albert, Hunlock Creek; Anthony, Bloomsburg; John, Harrisburg; daughter, Mary, Rockville, Md.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Interment, Edge Hill Cemetery, Nanticoke.

DOROTHY GILLESPIE

Dorothy A. Gillespie, of Monument Avenue, Wyoming, died Dec. 9, 1991, at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, where she had been a guest for the past six weeks.

Born in Orange, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Maude Gay Brace. She had resided in Buffalo, NY for many years, moving to Wyoming in 1971.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; sister, Mrs. Marion VanAuker; brother, Harold.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Edith Harrison, Dellroy, Ohio; sons, Ronald, San Angelo, Texas; Jack, Kinsington, Md.; Richard, Fallon, Nev.; six grandchildren; sister, Edith Brace, Wyoming.

Interment, Mountainview Cemetery, Harding.

CAROLYN MELLMAN

Carolyn Elizabeth Mellman, 83, of North Aspen Place, Lewisburg, formerly of Dallas, died Dec. 15, 1991, in Lewisburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Robert A., January, 1991.

Surviving are sons, Robert A. Jr., Milton; David B. Robeson; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Interment, Mount Lebanon Cemetery.

CAROLINE E. ESSER

Mrs. Caroline E. Esser, 76, of RR 2, Follies Road, Huntsville, Dallas, died Dec. 14, 1991, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where she had been a patient for the past month.

Mrs. Esser was born in Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of the late Phylaeus and Anna Haas Binney. She had been employed as an assistant hostess for many years at the former Percy Brown's Restaurant. She had served as the vice president and president of the Jackson Township Ladies Auxiliary, and was a Sunday school teacher for

the former Old St. Paul's Church, now known as Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre where she had been a member for many years.

She and her husband have resided in Huntsville for the past 42 years. Mrs. Esser and her husband, Ralph, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary, Nov. 6, 1991.

Surviving are her husband, Ralph T. Esser; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

SUE VARNER

Sue A. Varner, 77, of RR 2; Dallas, Meeker, died Dec. 11, 1991, at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Lake Silkworth, April 11, 1914, she was the daughter of the late George Washington and Mary Lewis Hunter. She resided in Meeker for the last 56 years. She was employed by Natona Mills (Native Textile), Dallas, for 20 years, retiring 20 years ago.

She was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek.

She and her husband, Bruce A. Varner, celebrated her 56th wedding anniversary last June.

She was preceded in death by a half-brother, Elmer Kester.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are a son, Bruce W. Varner, Hunlock Creek; daughters, Lorraine Dennis, Duryea; Doris Stuart, Carverton; half-brother, Claude Kester, Mechanicsburg; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

BENJAMIN SPENCER

Benjamin F. Spencer, of Jackson Township, Shavertown, died Dec. 16, 1991, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Larksville, he was the son of the late Wesley and Dorothy Lozier Spencer. A lifelong resident of Larksville, he owned and operated a farm, orchards and cider press. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and Valley View Union Chapel, Larksville and was a former board member of the Huntsville Cemetery.

He and his wife, the former Margaret Kocher, celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary on June 7, 1991.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are a daughter, Lucille Smith, at home; sons, Benjamin J., Shavertown; Harden Lee, at home; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Louise Stelevich, Larksville.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday from the Williams Funeral Home, 114 w. Main Street, Plymouth, with the Rev. Ronald Cease officiating.

Interment, Huntsville Cemetery. Friends may call 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

PEGGY STROHL

Peggy Pellam Strohl, Harding, died Dec. 12, 1991 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Twp.

Born Nov. 6, 1949, in Beaumont, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Edith Krause Pellam.

Surviving are sisters, Barbara DeArmitt and Shirley Minckler, both of Exeter; Dorothy Gruver, Luzerne; Betty Green, Harding; Elizabeth Kline, Courtdale; Linda McDermott, Wilkes-Barre; brothers, Charles Pellam, Jr., Luzerne; Robert Pellam, Courtdale.

Interment, at the convenience of the family.

GEORGE SUTTON

George M. Sutton, 34, of Miller Street, Luzerne, died Dec. 12, 1991, at home, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Kingston, he was the son of George T. and Mary Elizabeth Jacoby, Sutton.

Surviving in addition to his parents are sisters, Mrs. Robert McDaniels, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Albert Forgach, Glen Lyon; Mrs. Andrew Klapal, Exeter; Mrs. Richard Hlyzinski, Wyoming; Mrs. Joseph Kanjorski, Glen Lyon; Mrs. Alan Baird, Plymouth; Mrs. Robert Farber, Centermoreland; brother, Kenneth and Mark, both of Wyoming; David, Kingston.

Interment, Carverton Cemetery.

THELMA MORGAN

Thelma L. Morgan, of South Landon Avenue, Kingston, died Dec. 11, 1991, at home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George.

Surviving are daughters, Janet Levae, Kingston; Mrs. Joseph Givens, Batavia, Ill.; Mrs. Jerry Morgan/Reeber, Hague, Netherlands; son, George E., Chase, four granddaughters, one great-granddaughter; sisters, Mrs. Emma Jones, Reading; Mrs. Elizabeth Novitsky, Plymouth.

Interment, Shawnee Cemetery, Plymouth.

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and T.L.C. Enterprises, listed as the owners, have prevented further court action. During this time the borough had difficulty ascertaining who actually owned the building and which persons were affiliated with T.L.C. Enterprises.

Owners of nearby structures have stated their concern to Dallas Borough Council that if the Hearstone Pub caught fire, it could take their buildings with it. Police Chief Jack Fowler had also reported evidence of illegal occupancy and possible drug activity in the boarded-up building.

Former Dallas Fire Chief Ted Wright said in August, 1990 that if a fire broke out in the Hearstone Pub, he would not allow his firefighters to enter the building due to its neglected condition. Wright indicated that all firefighting efforts would be concentrated on saving adjoining structures. Dallas Fire Chief Bob Besecker stated to a reporter December 14 that these orders are still in effect for Dallas firefighters.

While officials want to see the former pub torn down, Dallas Borough's budget doesn't contain funds that could be used to raze the dilapidated building.

"We simply can't use tax dollars allocated for police protection and other municipal services to demolish the Hearstone Pub," Krohn explained. "We estimate the demolition cost at between \$35,000 and \$50,000, and are seeking a county grant in that amount to cover it."

Krohn also indicated that he intends to advise the borough council to vigorously pursue the matter as soon as possible.

Krohn concluded, "For the owners to allow this building to exist in its present state exhibits a complete lack of responsibility to the community and the citizens and represents a prime example of bad citizenship."

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