

Obituaries

RICHARD BIGA

Richard J. Biga, 51, of Centermoreland, died June 6, 1992 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital shortly after admission.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Stanley and Anna Babchak Biga. He was a graduate of Edwardsville High School and had been a resident of Centermoreland for the past 20 years. He was employed as a gauge technician at Owens Illinois/NEG, of Yatesville. He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church, Centermoreland; treasurer and manager of Owens Illinois Employees Federal Credit Union and a board member of Wyoming Valley Chapter of Credit Unions.

Surviving are his wife, the former Barbara Maslar; daughter, Heather, at home; son, Bryan, at home; brothers, Jerome Swowersville; Robert, Maryville, Mo.; sisters, Eleanor Androsky and Dorothy Oliver, both of Kingston; Carol Bony, Edwardsville.

Interment, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

JOYCE BOBECK

Joyce Edwards Bobeck, 52 of Doran Ave., Somers Point, N.J. died May 29, 1992 at Shore Memorial Hospital, New Jersey.

She graduated from Westmoreland High School in 1957. She also graduated from Mays Landing College and worked as a therapist and nurses aide.

Surviving are her husband, Eugene Bobeck; son, Douglas; daughter, Lisa Forbes; her mother, Virginia and stepfather, Lester Schramm, Drums; sisters, Maureen Schramm, Sugarloaf; Cindy Mel, Levittown; brother, David Edwards, Brookline, Mass.; two grandchildren.

Interment, Resurrection Cemetery, Bensalem, Pa.

MILDRED LUTES

Mildred E. Lutes, formerly of Bowmans Creek, died June 6, 1992 in Star Hill Rest Home, Beaumont.

Born Jan. 24, 1899 in Kunkle, she was the daughter of the late Kiler and Anna Kunkle Richards. She graduated from Beaumont High School and attended Wyoming Seminary School of Business. She owned and operated a beauty parlor until 1969. She also owned and operated greenhouses from 1971 to 1976. She was a past matron of Dallas Chapter No. 396 O.E.S. She was past president of the Harveys Lake Woman's Club. She was a member of Shiremanstown United Methodist Church. She and her husband, Ralph, recently celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Arline Updyke; Marilla Felter; brothers, Paul and John Richards.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are son, Richard, Shiremanstown; one grandchild, Sara Knuff, Dallas; three great-grandchildren; brother, William, Harveys Lake; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Orcutt Cemetery, Noxen. Memorial donations may be made to the Kunkle Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Co., RR 1, Box 301 A, Dallas 18612.

MARVIN JACKSON

Marvin Jackson, 77, of Hillside St., Wilkes-Barre, died June 7, 1992 at home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Edward and Emma Morris Jackson.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Edward; sisters, Mrs. Madge Oram, Ora Beers and Mrs. Marguerite Johnson.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elizabeth M. Hughes; son, Ted, Shavertown; daughter, Polly Ann James, Lehman; sisters, Mrs. Walter Bayer, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. George Beilmen, Fort Meyers, Fla.; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday from Nat & Gawlas Funeral Home, Park Ave. and South St., Wilkes-Barre, with Rev. Kenneth George officiating.

Interment will be in Springbrook Cemetery, Springbrook Township. Friends may call 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

ALLEN MORROW

Allen C. Morrow, 67, of Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake, died June 8, 1992, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Reading, he was the son of the late Hal and Elva Moyer Morrow. He was a graduate of Reading public schools and was an attendant at Golden Gate College, Long Beach, Calif.; and Penn State University. He was the operator of several regional bookstores.

He was a member of Alderson United Methodist Church, Harveys Lake. He was an Army veteran of World War II, receiving the Purple Heart. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars; the American Legion and a life member of Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, the former Sarah Harris; sons, Mark, Tunkhannock; Eric, Trucksville; daughters, Sheila Gonzalez, Harveys Lake; Kathleen Willauer, Noxen; 10 grandchildren; stepmother, Mildred Morrow, Mountaintop.

Private funeral services will be held from Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Hwy., Dallas.

Entombment will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park Mausoleum, Dallas.

Donations may be made to Alderson United Methodist Church, Harveys Lake.

MICHAEL SAMPSON

Michael J. Sampson, 72, formerly of Gouge Street, Plains Township died June 2, 1992 at Coatesville Veterans Administration Center, Coatesville.

Born Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Michael and Anna Milinavitch Sampson.

Surviving are sisters, Mrs. Julia Casper, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Anna Dardis, Glendale, Calif.; Mrs. Albina Montville, Miners Mills; Mrs. Helen Kenny, Dallas; Mrs. Marcella Klack, Mountaintop; brothers, Charles, Warren, Mich.; Edward, Lancaster; several nieces and nephews.

Interment St. Francis Parish Cemetery, Plains Township.

ESTHER MURRAY

Esther A. Murray, 91, of Shady Hill Road, Chase, died June 7, 1992 at the Summit Health Care Center, Wilkes-Barre.

A life-resident of Jackson Township, she was the daughter of the late Wayman D. and Lydia Schuster Cease. She attended the Jackson Township School. She was a member of the Jackson United Methodist Church, Jackson Grange and the Jackson Township Fire Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Kingsbury Murray in 1974.

Surviving are son, Fred F., Chase; daughters, Elda Lomax, Lexington, NC; Naomi Bartolacci, Atlanta, Ga.; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas, with Rev. Thomas J. Morris, pastor of the Jackson United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment will be in the Ceasetown Cemetery, Lehman Township.

MARY PILGER

Mary Pilger, 93, of Beaumont, died June 2, 1992 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Martha Toole Coulter. She had resided in Beaumont since 1933, working in the Beaumont school cafeteria for 25 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church, Harveys Lake.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, in 1975; son, Walter Jr., in 1985; brother, James; sisters, Elizabeth and Martha.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary VanCampen, Rochester, NY; sons, Robert (Bob), Beaumont; Charles, Harold and Donald, all of Rochester, NY; 24 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

MARGARET WEISS

Margaret P. Weiss, 82, of Ryman Road, Dallas, died June 5, 1992, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Benton, she was the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Walker Parks. She was a graduate of Benton High School, attended Mansfield State Teachers College, Mansfield and was a graduate of Hoyt School of Nursing, Kingston. She was a member of East Dallas United Methodist Church and Ella Moore Memorial.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H. Weiss; sisters, Dora Hughey and Agnes Brownell.

Surviving are a son, Charles J. Wyomissing; daughters, Marian Edwards, San Jose, Calif.; Carol Kristan, Dallas; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Sara Young, Dallas.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Kingston Township.

Memorial contributions, if desired, can be made to the East Dallas United Methodist Church.

DAVID N. SCHOOLEY

David N. Schooley, 81, of Harris Hill Road, Shavertown, Kingston Township, died June 4, 1992 in Leader West Nursing Center, Kingston.

A lifelong resident of Kingston Township, he was the son of the late Joseph and Jane Nixon Schooley. He was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. He was associated with the former Fowler, Dick and Walker Store (The Boston Store), serving as secretary, treasurer and senior vice president during his career that started in 1931. He retired in 1981. He was a past master of the George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge 531, past potentate and former member of the Board of Governors of Irem Temple, and was a member of Caldwell Consistory.

He was a 33rd Degree Mason, and had received the Scottish Rite Gold Honor Award. In 1984, he received the Gold Book Award from the Shriners Hospitals. He was a former member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, where he formerly served as president, treasurer and member of its board of directors. In 1978, he received the Chamber's Presidents Award. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Retailers Association, and had served as its

chief executive officer, president, treasurer and on its board of directors. In 1979, he received the Association's Pennsylvania Retailer of the Year Award.

He was a former member of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary, the Pennsylvania Transportation Commission, and the administrative and financial committee of the United Way of Wyoming Valley. He had served on the advisory boards of Penn State University Wilkes-Barre Campus and the United Penn Bank, Dallas. He was a member of the board of trustees of Geisinger Medical Center. He was a member of the Westmoreland Club, Lehigh Valley Club, N.E.C.O.M.E.N. Society of North America, the Navy Club, the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Club. He was also a member of Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are sisters, Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Woolbert, Forty Fort; Mrs. Sheldon (Marian) Jones, Kingston; two nieces and one nephew.

Interment, Cedar Crest Cemetery, Trucksville.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Shriner's Hospital, c/o Irem Temple, 52 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre 18701; or to the Trucksville United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, Church Road, Trucksville, 18708.

FRANCINE SHEA

Francine Collura Shea, of West Caldwell, NJ, died June 7, 1982 at home. Born in Plains, she was the daughter of the late Philip and Frances Algozzini Collura.

Surviving are her husband, Aubrey; son, Philip, Ellicott City, Md.; two grandsons; brothers,

Sam, Plains; Matthew, Dallas, Philip, Carteret, NJ; sisters, Mrs. Mary Rizzo, Old Forge; Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Johnstown; Mrs. Joseph Ormando, Pittston; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Italian Independent Cemetery, West Wyoming.

RUTH UZDILLA

Ruth DeHaven Uzdilla, Sweet Valley, Lake Township, died June 8, 1992 at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, following an illness.

Born in Askam section of Nanticoke, she was the daughter of the late Tobias and Nora Smith DeHaven. She lived in Sweet Valley and Hanover Township for many years and was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Sweet Valley, and a former member of St. Aloysius Church, Wilkes-Barre.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vincent J., 1973; daughter, M. Lois Holland.

Surviving are sons, Joseph V., Sweet Valley; A. John Uzdilla, Swoyersville; daughter, A. Ruth Green, Lee Park, Hanover Township; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday from Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 420 Wyoming Ave., Kingston with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. Aloysius Church, Wilkes-Barre.

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

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

In the Service

MICHAEL HAGGERTY PROMOTED LANCE CPL.

Marine Lance Cpl. Michael J. Haggerty, son of Mary A. Cramton of 177 Oak St., Trucksville, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Me.

He joined the Marine Corps in October 1990.

CAPT. JAMES PALMER TAKES COMMAND OF THE 595TH MEDICAL COMPANY

Army Capt. James K. Palmer has assumed command of the 595th Medical Company at Fort Devens, Ayer, Mass.

He is the son of Harold G. and Mildred E. Palmer of 178 Cunningham Drive, Shavertown.

The captain is a 1976 graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, Kingston, and a 1985 graduate of Western New England College through the military extension at Fort Devens, Mass.

LANCE CPL. PETER WILLIAMS RECEIVES MERITORIOUS MAST

Marine Lance Cpl. Peter J. Williams, son of Walter T. and Carole A. Williams of Cedar Ave., Shavertown, recently received a Meritorious Mast.

Williams was cited for outstanding service while assigned with 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC.

A Meritorious Mast is an official recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance.

The 1989 graduate of Dallas Senior High School joined the Marine Corps in September 1989.

LT. KENNETH WILLIAMS AWARDED AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

First Lt. Kenneth A. Williams has been decorated with the Air Force Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to airmen for meritorious acts of courage or other outstanding accomplishments.

He is a staff nurse at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

Williams is the son of Harry T. and Nancy J. Williams, Shavertown.

The lieutenant is a 1984 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School.

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