

## Obituaries

### DELBERT BONNING

Delbert R. Bonning, 77, of Lake Silkworth, died Jan. 22, 1993 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Plymouth, he was the son of the late Luther and Margaret Richards Bonning.

He was preceded in death by sister, Mildred Mailander; brother, William.

Surviving are his wife, the former Louise Geist; daughter, Mrs. Gail Bockus, Lake Silkworth; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Luther, Lyndwood; Marvin, Larksville; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Edge Hill Cemetery, West Nanticoke.

### HOWARD JOHNS

Howard M. Johns, 77, of Lehman Township, died Jan. 22, 1993 in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Avoca, he was the son of the late Arthur and Viola Smith Johns.

He lived in Dallas for 27 years, before moving to Lehman in 1973. He was employed by the Commonwealth Telephone Co., Dallas for 40 years, working as a cable installer and holding a management position, retiring 10 years ago.

He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Lehman United Methodist Chjurrch, the Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post 672, Dallas; the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association Inc., and was a life member of the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Jennie Major, in 1986; brother, Thelbert; sisters, Helen Briedenbach and Marion Quick.

Surviving are his daughter, Shirley Rittenhouse, Kingston; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 6, from the Lehman United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Thom J. Morris, pastor officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Company, Main Street, Dallas, Pa. 18612; the Diabetes Association of Wyoming Valley, c/o Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701; or the Lehman United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1, Lehman, Pa. 18627.

### IRENE MORAVEC

Irene D. Moravec, 61, of Marcy Street, Larksville, died Jan. 21, 1993 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

She was the daughter of Mary Bala Mazur, of Plymouth and the late Joseph Mazur.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband, Joseph, son, Michael, Trucksville; four grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Charlotte Thomas, Waverly, NY; several nieces and nephews.

Private funeral was held from the S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home.

### J. FRANKLIN PATTON

J. Franklin Patton, of Noxen, died Jan. 24, 1993, at home.

Born in Noxen on Feb. 11, 1910, he was a son the late Oscar and Ethel Brown Patton. He attended Beaumont schools.

He was a member of Noxen United Methodist Church, serving on the administrative board, as a trustee and as treasurer.

He worked on the family dairy farm until 1974. He was also employed by the Noxen Tannery for 32 years. He served on the former Noxen-Lehman school board for 22 years and also on the West Side Vo-Tech School Board.

He was president of the Noxen Local AFL-CIO for eight years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, on Jan. 17, 1990; brother Richard and grandson, John A. Kovalick.

Surviving are sons, Carlton, Elkton, Md.; Donald, Kittering, Ohio; Osbert, Mill City; Lowell, Sheshequin; Steven, Centermoreland; daughters, Ms. Julia Kovalick and Mrs. William (Sara) McGovern, both of Noxen; Mrs. Fred (Louisa) Clark, Beaumont; Mrs. Dale (Marlene) Belles, Mehoopany; 27 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; brother, Elbert, SC; sisters, Mrs. Grace Kelper and Mrs. Ruth Bennett, both of Noxen; and Mrs. Clara Wells, Boston, Mass.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday from Nulton Funeral Home, Route 309, Beaumont with the Rev. Michael Willis, pastor of Noxen United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment, will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noxen United Methodist Church.

### HARLEY MISSON JR.

Harley Misson, Jr., of Shavertown, died Jan. 20, 1993 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston, he was the son of the late Harley and Henrietta Lane Misson Sr. He attended Kingston Township High School.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was employed as a weaver by the American Silk Co., Plains.

He was preceded in death by a stepmother, the former Ellen Lowe.

Surviving are his wife, the former Helen Mishanski; sons, Harley, Lansdale; Robert, Colorado; William, Orange, Jeffrey, at home; daughters, Susan Edwards, Harveys Lake; Judith Harrison, Plains; Lori Nerozzi, Centermoreland; 15 grandchildren; brother, Harry, Dallas; sister, Elizabeth Misson, Centermoreland.

Interment was private. Memorial donations if desired, may be made to the Back Mountain Little League, P.O. Box 22, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

### KARL SEARCH

Karl B. Search, 68, of RR 1, Hunlock Creek, Muhlenburg, died Jan. 19, 1993 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was the son of the late Elmer and Mildred Bonham Search.

He was employed as supervisor of building and grounds for the Lake-Lehman School District for the last 18 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Betty Westervelt; brother, Robert P., Koonsville; stepbrother, Dr. John Meloy, Wilmington, Del. Interment, Bloomingdale Cemetery.

### ESTELLA WHISPELL

Estella F. Whispell, of RR 2, Tunkhannock, died Jan. 19, 1993 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Buckwheat Hollow Noxen she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Florence E. Patton Traver.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Seldon E. Sr.; sister, Mary Hopfer; brothers, James, Ashley, Richard and Alfred.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Betty Weaver, with whom she resided; son, Seldon E. Jr., St. Petersburg, Fla.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sister, Clara Traver, Evans Falls; brothers Ernra and Sylvester, both of Noxen.

Interment, Orcutt's Grove Cemetery, Noxen

### RACHEL ROWLANDS

Rchel R. Rowlands, 10, of RR 2, Harveys Lake, Centermoreland, died Jan. 23, 1993, at home.

Born in Kingston, Oct. 19, 1982, she was the daughter of Henry and Karen Golden Rowlands. She was a fourth grade student at the Summit Baptist Academy, Clarks Summit.

She was a member of the Northmoreland Baptist Church, Centermoreland, and its Sunday School and youth group.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Nancy J. Adair Rowlands.

Surviving in addition to her parents, are a brother, Timothy T., at home; sisters, Nancy J. and Amy L., both at home; paternal grandfather, Michael Rowlands, West Wyoming; maternal grandparent, Kenneth and Harriet Rought, Falls; maternal grandmother, Lottie Golden, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Interment, Fitch Cemetery, Fitch's Corners, Northmoreland Township.

### ENGELBERT STOCKER

Engelbert (Bert) E. Stocker, of Hemlock Street, Dallas, died Jan. 19, 1993 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Kollach, Austria, he was the son of the late Engelbert and Mathilda Nukam Stocker. He attended Meyers High School Wilkes-Barre.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Post 282 Kingston. He was also a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Prior to retiring, he was employed as a maintenance man for the Wyoming Valley Garment Co., Wilkes-Barre.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert.

He and his wife, the former Lillian Anderson, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in May 1992.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are a daughter, Mrs. John (Marie) Stofila, Palos Verdes, Calif.; son, Frank L., Fairfax, Va.; sister, Hertha Yatsko, Trucksville; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter, several nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

### IRENE REAKES

Irene S. Reakes, 81, died Jan. 20, 1993 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arlene Dadey, North Lake, RR, Sweet Valley, with whom she resided.

Born Dec. 7, 1911, in Jackson Township, she was the daughter of the late Lewis and Emma Smith Linsinbigler. She attended Jackson United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; sisters, Alberta Starr and Ruth Scally; brothers, Daniel and Lewis.

Surviving in addition to her daughter, are daughters, Mrs. Thelma Burkholder, RR3, Hunlock Creek; Mrs. Gladys Schneiderite, RR2, Hunlock Creek; sons, Frank, Shavertown; Willard, RR 2, Hunlock Creek; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Agnes Ebmierer, Allentown; Leona Roberts, Nanticoke; Emily Donner, Bethlehem.

Interment, Ceasetown Cemetery.

### GWENDOLYN WILLIAMS

Gwendolyn Parry Williams, 87, of Florham Park, NJ, formerly of Berkeley Heights, died in Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence, NJ after a short illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David P.

Surviving are sons, David P., Bridgewater; Richard C., Florham Park, NJ; brothers, Daniel Parry, Kingston; Roger Parry, St. Petersburg, Fla.; sisters, Ann Parry, Kingston; Margaret Jenkins, Roselle Park, NJ; Elizabeth Harrison, Dunedin, Fla.; Mary Lou Kemp, Raleigh, NC; Shirley Goode, Dallas; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Interment, Rosedale Cemetery, Linden, NJ.

### DR. ROBERT STRICKER

Dr. Robert S. Stricker, 82, of South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, died Jan. 23, 1993 at home, after a lengthy illness.

He was a 1938 graduate of Temple University Medical School and joined the staff of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he served as chief of staff of the obstetrical department.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Marther E. Arner.

Surviving are his wife, the former Olivett Witton; son, Robert B. Stricker, Shickshinny; daughter, Mrs. Martha Stanish, Wilkes-Barre; brother, William B. Stricker, Dallas; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Interment, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

### DOROTHY WALP

Dorothy W. Walp, 75, of Manor Drive, Kingston Township, died Jan. 22, 1993 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston, she was a daughter of the late Melvin and Jennie Gregory Schmoll.

She attended Kingston Township schools.

Mrs. Walp had resided in the Back Mountain for 47 years.

Before retiring, she had been employed as a seamstress at several Wyoming Valley garment manufacturers.

Surviving are her husband, William A.; daughter, Joan Yauchuczek, Newark, Del.; sister, Lillian Russo, Lakota, N.D.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

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