

## Obituaries

### JAMES BRACE

James F. Brace, of Washington Avenue, West Wyoming, died Dec. 21, 1993 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Dallas, he was the son of the late Bert and Gladys Dymond Brace. He was a graduate of Dallas Township schools.

He was employed by the Frank Martz Coach Co., Wilkes-Barre for 42 years, retiring in 1991.

He was a member of the Wyoming United Methodist Church, and was a past trustee.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was also a member of Wyoming Lodge 468, F&AM; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre; Irem Golf Association; Kingston Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 283; and American Legion Post 0558, Plains.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth, sister Beulah (Brace) Corey.

Surviving are his wife, the former Kathryn Hanagan; son, James B., Evanston, Wyo.; daughter, Judith A. at home; one granddaughter; brother, Elton, Dallas; sisters, Louise Hess, Dallas; Alice Brown, Lehman; Barbara Evans, Gettysburg.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association of Northeast Pa or the American Diabetes Association, both at Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre 18701.

### ELVA DRABICK

Elva A. Drabick, 92, of Old Route 115, Lehman, died Jan. 7, 1994 at Cross's Mountain View Guest Home, Sweet Valley.

Born in Luzerne, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Edna Kester Anderson.

She was formerly employed as store manager for the former Mullison Co., Kingston. She was a member of Victory Baptist Church, Lehman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William L.; son, Lawrence W.

Surviving are a daughter, Edna Johnson, Lehman; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Interment, Lehman Cemetery.

### EMILY STASH

Emily M. Stash, 74, of Kunkle, died Dec. 22, 1993, at home.

Born in Kunkle, she was the daughter of the late William and Florence Smith Nulton. She attended Beaumont schools.

She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Eloise; brothers, Claude and Clifford.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Emory, are a son, Allen, Sweet Valley; daughter, Mrs. Robert (Diane) Kerdesky, Luzerne; sisters, Alpha Titus, Idetown; Jean Novajosky, Harveys Lake; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

### CAROL CIGARSKI

Carol A. Cigarski, of South Grant Street, Wilkes-Barre, died unexpectedly at home, Jan. 7, 1994.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of Joseph and Joan Shea Cigarski, of Shavertown. Prior to moving to Wilkes-Barre, she was a resident of Chase Road, Jackson Township.

She was a 1979 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, graduating in the top 10 percent of her class; and in 1985 from Wilkes University, receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration.

She was employed as a bookkeeper for the Association for Retarded Children, Wilkes-Barre. She was a volunteer for Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre; the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center; and the Brownie Troop for Crippled Children, Dorrance.

She was a member of St. Therese Church, Shavertown.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph.

Surviving in addition to her parents, are sisters, Eileen, at home; Elaine Williams, New Cumberland; maternal grandmother, Mary Shea, Wilkes-Barre; niece Emily Williams; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Interment, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Dallas.

### BLANCHE SWANK

Blanche E. (Moore) Swank, 87, a native of Dallas, died January 6, 1994 in Hayward, Calif.

She was a member of Cambrian Park United Methodist Church; a member of O.E.S., Bright Star Chapter and White Shrine Rose Croix Chapter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence.

Surviving are children, Harold L. Swank, Chickasha, OK; and Eunice B. Ellsworth, San Jose, Calif.; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson.

Interment, Los Gatos Memorial Park, Los Gatos, Calif.

Memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 1701 19th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122 or to a favorite charity.

### MRS. ARCH RUTHERFORD

Mrs. Arch G. (Louise) Rutherford, 90, formerly of East Terrace St., Dallas, died Jan. 3, 1994, in the Leader East Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, Kingston.

Born in Clearfield County, she was the former Louise Hegarty, daughter of the late J. Clair and Augusta Strunk Hegarty.

Since residing in Dallas, she was a charter member and deacon of the Trinity United Presbyterian Church, and was active for many years assisting in the Back Mountain Library during its annual auction and a member of the Westmoreland Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arch.

Surviving are several cousins. Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.



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### Something new for the library

Head librarian Martha Wheeler and Bart Slocum, president of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association, show off the beginning of the Back Mountain Memorial Library's CD collection, made possible by a \$200 donation from the association. Classical music is featured on the new CD's. The library welcomes memorial donations for the new collection, Wheeler said.

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### GEORGE NICHOLS

George W. Nichols, 68, formerly of Wyoming Valley died Jan. 5, 1994 in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Born in Trucksville, he was the son of the late G. Wilbur and Ruth Ellsworth Nichols.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in Europe.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Sheldon E. Nichols.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemary; sons, George W. Nichols, Dallas; David Nichols, Unidella, NY; sisters, Marjorie Hall, Pittsfield, Mass.; Josephine Beisecker, Dallas; brother, F. Allan Nichols, Trucksville; two grandchildren; three stepchildren; three step-grandchildren.

### DIANNA MAY

Dianna L. (Dee) May, of Glenn Riddle Lane, Dallas, died Jan. 9, 1994 at her home. Born in East St. Louis, Ill., she was the daughter of Raymond L. and Dorothy Dorn Walker of Columbia, Ill. She was a graduate of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Ill.

Surviving in addition to her parents, are her husband, B. Stephen May; daughter, Rebecca W. May, at home; sister, Mrs. Patresacq Kish, Columbia, Ill.

Committal services will be Thursday in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

### ALFRED WEISENBACHER

Alfred H. Weisenbacher, 68, of Country Club Apartments, Dallas, died Jan. 10, 1994 at Veterans Administration Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Stuttgart, Germany, he was the son of the late Alfred and Frieda Ernhart Weisenbacher.

He had resided in Auburn Center, Wyoming County, for many years moving to Dallas nine months ago.

Before retiring he was the owner and operator of the former Eckerts Power Equipment, Dallas.

He was a member of Anthracite Post 283 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kingston; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 102, Kingston; and American Legion Post 510, Black Walnut.

Surviving are his wife, the former Rose Grablut; son, Kenneth, Dallas; sisters, Margaret Eisele, Westfield, NJ; Dr. Elizabeth Wilson, Cedar Grove, NJ; brother, Hugo, Union, NJ.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. Thursday from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Hwy., Dallas, with the Rev. John S. Prater, pastor of Prince of Peace Church, Dallas, officiating.

Interment will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

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

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### ANN McDONALD

Ann M. McDonald, 73, of Wellington Avenue, Dallas, died Jan. 4, 1994, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Larksville, she was the daughter of the late Dennis and Mary Curley Dwyer. She was a graduate of Larksville High School and was a resident of Dallas for the past 40 years.

Prior to her retirement, she was co-founder and operator of McDonald's News Stand, Nanticoke.

She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas and a past member of its Altar and Rosary Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond C; son, Neil; brothers, Neil Dwyer and Joseph Dwyer.

Surviving are sons, Raymond C., Dallas; Michael D., Apalachin, NY; Robert J. and James D., both of Kingston; sisters, Margaret McDonough, Larksville; Mildred Shelley, Plymouth; five grandchildren.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

### EDWARD RIBOTSKI

Edward F. Ribotski, 88, of Lincoln Drive, Shavertown, Kingston Township, died Jan. 9, 1994 at Mercy Health Care Center, Nanticoke.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Henry and Nellie Johnson Ribotski. He attended the Courtright Street School and was a resident of Shavertown for the past 58 years.

Prior to retirement, he was employed as a carpenter by American Asphalt.

He was a member of St. Luke's Church of Christ, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving as his wife, the former Lulu Phillips; several nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

### THEODORE SHONK

Theodore Shonk, of Shavertown, died Jan. 5, 1994, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Luzerne, he was the son of the late Michael and Loretta Rothery Shonk.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater.

He was a retired coal miner, and was last employed as a truck driver for Builders Supply, Wilkes-Barre.

He was a member of Teamster Local 401, Wilkes-Barre.

He was preceded in death by brothers, William and Francis (Bud).

Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Urban; daughter, Mrs. Patricia Stearn, Rhode Island; son, Theodore, Swoyersville; one grandchild; sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Banta, Idetown; Mrs. Doris Ruger, Dallas; brothers, George, Luzerne; Richard, Pomona, Calif.; Albert, Lake Hiawatha, NY; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

### IRENE WEST

Irene West, 82, died Jan. 6, 1994 at Fernwood Manor, Pikes Creek, where she had been a guest for three years.

Born in Plymouth, she was the daughter of the late Stanislaw and Anna Revinsky Mackiewicz.

She resided in Plymouth and Shavertown prior to moving to Florida where she resided for 12 years and then Pikes Creek for the past three years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard B.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Bradley West, East Lansing, MI; daughter, Bonnie West, Sweet Valley; three grandchildren.

Interment, Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Shavertown.

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