

**OBITUARIES**

**ANNE VERNON**

Anne G. Vernon, 71, of Highland Avenue, Trucksville, died Oct. 7, 1995, at home.

Born in Bellefonte, she was the daughter of the late Edwin and Margaret Bauer Grove.

She was a graduate of Bellefonte High School, Carnegie-Mellon University and received a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Before her retirement, she was employed as executive director of the Family Service Association and Pennsylvania Council of Family Agencies.

She was a former resident of Bradford and resided in Trucksville, since 1958.

She was a former member and first woman president of the Dallas Area School Board and was a board member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership and Committee for Economic Growth.

She served on legislative committees for the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and Wyoming Valley United Way.

She was a member of several legislative coalitions in Harrisburg, the Governor's Flood Task Force, the Red Cross National Disaster Team and the advisory board of Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus, Lehman.

She received the Athena Woman of the Year Award from the Greater Wilkes-Barre Cham-

ber of Commerce in 1985 and received citations for outstanding community service from the Senate of Pennsylvania, City of Wilkes-Barre and the Wyoming Valley United Way.

In 1986, she received the Pathfinder Award from the Wyoming Valley Women's Network. She was a charter member of the Back Mountain Citizens' Council and a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, where she served on its administrative board.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas.

Surviving are sons, David A., Dallas; Thomas E., Salem, Conn.; daughter, Kathryn Alber, Newburgh, NY; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Daniel Grove, Hong Kong; Edwin Grove, Orange County, Calif.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday from the Trucksville United Methodist Church, with the Rev. W. Charles Naugle, pastor, officiating.

Friends may call following the memorial service.

Memorial donations may be made to either Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville 18708 or Family Service Association, 31 W. Market St., Wilkes-Barre 18701.

**GEORGINE SHAMIS**

Georgine Petroskas Shamis, 39, of Morris Avenue, Trenton, NJ, died Oct. 9, 1995, at the home of her mother where she had resided for the past 11 months.

Born in Kingston, she was the daughter of Geraldine Harris Petroskas and the late Martin J. Petroskas.

She was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, Luzerne County Community College and Shippensburg University. She also attended College Misericordia.

She was employed as an employment administrator in Human Resources by Princeton University. Previously she was a teacher in St. Patrick's High School and the Scotland School for Veterans' Children both in Carlisle. She resided in Trenton for the past four years.

She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake; the Audubon Society of Northeastern Pa.; the Environmental Advisory Council, Harveys Lake and was associated with the Boy Scouts of America.

Surviving in addition to her mother, are her husband, Anthony J.; a sister, Mrs. Richard (Margaret) Cronin, Carlisle, one niece and one nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Victory Church.

Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18704 or Our Lady of Victory Church, RR 1, Box 309, Harveys Lake, 18618.

**EVELYN GRIFFITHS**

Evelyn Griffiths, 77, of Manor Drive, Midway Manor, Shavertown, died in the Hospice Care Inpatient Unit of the Visiting Nurse Association at the Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Westminster, Jenkins Township, she was the daughter of the late Theodore and Anna Ritho White.

She was a former resident of Flushing, NY and had resided in Shavertown the past 11 years.

She was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Dallas Congregation.

Surviving are her husband, Morgan; sisters, Mary Shaw, Dallas; Alice Ferdinand, Mount Bethel; Julia Soyryda, West Pittston; Irene Levin, Barbara Bolosky, Wilkes-Barre; brother, Frank White, Tunkhannock.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the Hospice Care of the Visiting Nurses Association at the Heritage House, 80 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701.

**THOMAS DICKINSON**

Thomas W. Dickinson, 69, of Ryman Road, Dallas, died Oct. 3, 1995, at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Hughestown, he was the son of the late Thomas W. and Jeanette Tompkins Dickinson.

He was a graduate of Dallas Township High School and was a lifelong resident of Dallas.

Before retiring, he was the assistant superintendent of maintenance for the Dallas School District.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of East Dallas United Methodist Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, the former Helen Tkatch; daughters, Jean Marie Mekeel, Dallas; and Susan Lynn Zerfoss, Shavertown; granddaughters, Ashley Marie and Sarah Ann Zerfoss.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, 18704 or the East Dallas United Methodist Church, c/o Robert Eyet, 2812 Demunds Road, 18612.

**WILLIAM STROHL**

William Kirk Strohl, 38, a former Back Mountain resident, died Sept. 12, 1995, at the home of his mother, the former Dorothy Snyder, Sarasota, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred, in 1991.

Surviving in addition to his mother, formerly of Catlin Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, are a brother, Scott, Bradenton, Fla.; sisters, Sally Moore, Sarasota; Lynn Peterson, Bradenton.

**Fair Board will meet October 18**

The Luzerne County Fair board will meet October 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the office building on the fairgrounds. A nominating committee for new officers for the 1996 fair will be discussed.

Winter storage will be starting soon. Anyone interested in Winter storage can contact the fairgrounds by calling 675-FAIR.

**MADLINE BAUR**

Retired Lt. Col. Madeline E. Baur, 70, of Split Rail Lane, Dallas, died Oct. 6, 1995, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late John and Madeline Kraft Baur.

She was a graduate of Kingston Township High School and College Misericordia.

She attended the University of Texas, El Paso.

She had served in the U.S. Army as a finance officer in Thailand, Japan and Germany.

She had resided in El Paso for 20 years before moving to Dallas five years ago.

She was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, and was a volunteer at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Surviving are her brother, John W., Shavertown; sisters, Joan E. Skopic, Dallas; Clare Dominik, Trucksville, Kingston Township.

Interment, St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

Memorial donations may be made to the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Road, Dallas, 18612, or to the American Cancer Society, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18704.

**DEP finds lead in water at area school**

The Department of Environmental Protection has notified the Lake-Lehman School District that the Middle Level Building exceeded acceptable levels of lead in several locations.

The areas in question are not used for drinking or cooking.

The DEP requires the Lake-Lehman School District to issue public notification and publication concerning lead testing, even though the water comes from lines or taps not used for students' drinking or cooking purposes.

**St. Paul's to host craft show Oct. 21**

The Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, will hold its Third Annual Holiday Craft Show on October 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church social rooms.

The event will feature many area crafters, along with crafts donated by Dorcas members. There will be a bake sale, including homemade relishes, candy, etc.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day including donuts and coffee, plus a luncheon menu. Chances will be available at the door or from any Dorcas member on items donated or selected by the craft committee.

Dorcas will apply for matching funds from Helping Hand Fund sponsored by the Aid Association for Lutherans - Branch 5630.

**HENRY STEFANOWICZ JR.**

Henry "Chuck" Stefanowicz Jr., 51, of Harveys Lake, died Oct. 9, 1995, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Corning, NY, he was the son of Susan Watlock Stefanowicz, Loyalville and the late Henry C. Stefanowicz, Sr.

He had resided in Loyalville for the past 12 years and was a 1962 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School.

He served in the U.S. Navy for 21 years retiring in 1983.

He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Viola Patricia Stefanowicz.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, the former Ruth Ellen Boxley, Norfolk, VA; daughters, Mrs. Gregory (Patricia) Vajdic, Harrisburg; Mrs. Joseph (Kimberly) Gould, Steelton; three grandchildren; brothers, Anthony S., and Adam G., both of Loyalville; sisters, Victoria Salansky, Loyalville; Valerie Warmouth, Meeker; Mary Martin, Wilkes-Barre; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, corner of Routes 29 & 118, Pikes Creek, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Interment will be in the parish cemetery Lake Silkworth.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

A Christian wake service will be held Wednesday evening at the convenience of the family.

**RUTH PICHERT**

Ruth C. Pichert, 71, of Midland Drive, Dallas, died Oct. 6, 1995, in the Hospice Unit of Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Scranton, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and May Jones Cule.

She was formerly employed by the International Salt Co., Scranton and in later years by the Internal Revenue Service, Wilkes-Barre.

She was a former resident of Scranton and had resided in Dallas since 1968.

She was a member of the Junior Welsh Club, Scranton, and the Trucksville United Methodist Church and its choir.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Gladys Slutter and Anne Cule; brothers, Thomas, Robert and John.

Surviving are her husband of 44 years, Walter J.; daughters, Nancy Moore, Pittsburgh; Barbara Psimoulis, Chicago, Ill.; son, James, Nashville, Tenn.; five grandchildren; sisters, Eleanor Adams, Arlington, Va.; Dorothy Spencer, San Diego, Calif.; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be sent to either the Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville, 18708 or to Trinity Congregational Church, 223 S. Main Ave., Scranton, 18504.

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