

**OBITUARIES**

**VIRGINIA DAVIS**

Virginia B. Davis, 64, of Valley View Park, Dallas, died April 21, 1997, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Mary Ann Jones Daniels.

She graduated from G.A.R. High School, Wilkes-Barre.

Prior to her retirement in 1983, she was employed as an office administrator for the Dallas-Shavertown Water Co.

She was a member of Dallas Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Frederick Daniels and sisters, Gwen Baggett and Nell Daniels.

Surviving are her husband, William C.; daughters, Carol Ann Whitehead; Linda Jane Kishbaugh; a son, Christopher W.; Vernon; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday from the Harold C. Snowden Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St. Shavertown, Kingston Township. The Rev. James Quinn, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Edwardsville will officiate.

Interment will be in Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

Friends may call from 7 p.m. until time of services Wednesday.

Memorial donations may be made to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Zerbey Ave., Edwardsville, 18704.

**CHARLES HILLARD**

Charles S. Hillard, 75, of Newberry Estate, Dallas, died April 19, 1997, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Plymouth, he was the son of the late Harry and Ethel Belcher Hillard.

He served as a Staff Sergeant with the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

Prior to his retirement in 1985, he was employed as an operating engineer by Raymond R. Hedden Construction Co., Dallas, for 38 years.

He was a member of Dallas Baptist Church and Operating Engineers Local 542. He was a former cub master of Pack 132, Dallas and a football coach for the Back Mountain Junior Football B Team.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Margaret Hillard and Edna Kowalski.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jean Farver; sons, Kenneth Paul, Reading; Keith Charles, Kingston; daughters, Loni Jean Hughes, Dallas; Lori Ann Bennett, Reisterstown, MD; four grandchildren; brothers, Louis and Harry Hillard, both of Plymouth; a sister, Ellen Saunders, Plymouth; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dallas Baptist Church, P.O. Box 5, Dallas, 18612 or Hospice Care of the VNA, 80 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701.

**JAMES REGAN**

James E. Regan, 72, of Elmcrest Drive, Dallas, died April 18, 1997, at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born in Roxborough, he was the son of the late William and Jeannette Knecht Regan.

He graduated from St. John's High, Manyunk. He attended Rutgers University.

He served in the U.S. Naval Air Corp, attached to the Royal Air Force in London, England during World War II.

He was an electrical contractor and owned Fischer Electric Co.

He served as past president of King's College Century Club; Gate of Heaven PTC; Aluminate Engineers Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He also served as a trustee of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He also was a board member of the Hemodialysis Unit of Northeast Region. He earned his fourth degree from the Knights of Columbus Council 302. He was a charter member of the Dallas Area Golf League. He was also a member of the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis; American Heart Association; Northeast Pennsylvania Antique Car Association; Elks Club; American Legion Post 132, Wilkes-Barre; St. Alphonsus Retreat League; Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, its choir and served as a Eucharist Minister.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marie McKay.

Surviving are his wife, the former Shirley Fischer; sons, James E. Jr. and Drew W., both of Dallas; a daughter, Mrs. Dennis (Nancy) Garvey, Dallas; eight grandchildren; a brother, William Regan, Douglasville; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton, Kingston Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gate of Heaven Building Fund, Machell Ave., Dallas, 18612 or Hemodialysis Center, Linden St., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

**LOUIS DUKAS**

Louis J. Dukas, 77, of Park Avenue, Shavertown, died April 17, 1997, at home.

Born in Edwardsville, he was the son of the late James and Susan Lasco Dukas.

He attended Kingston schools.

He and his family owned and operated the Grand Theater, Edwardsville for many years.

Before retiring, he was employed for 25 years at the State Correctional Institution, Dallas.

He was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Wilkes-Barre.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Alkie and Constantine; a sister, Pauline Roberts.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, the former Helen Cizeski; a son, James, Hermosa Beach, CA; daughters, Diane Coleman, Hunlock Creek; Dena Buckley, Wellington, CO; two grandsons; a brother, Poti, Edwardsville; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Denison Cemetery, Swoyersville.

**ROBERT HAZELTINE**

Robert Hazeltine, of Huntsville Road, Shavertown, died April 18, 1997, at home.

Born in Jackson Township, he was the son of the late William A. and Ellen Sherman Hazeltine.

He attended Jackson Township schools.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, taking part in the attack on Normandy, where he received a Purple Heart and the Korean Conflict.

Before retiring, he was employed by the Glen Alden Coal Co., Avondale Hill, and Acme Markets, Wilkes-Barre.

He also owned and operated the Hazeltine Gulf Service Station, Jackson Township for 37 years.

He was a member of the Valley View Union Chapel, Larksville.

He served as a supervisor in Jackson Township and was a member of the Luzerne County Planning Commission.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William and a sister, Dorothy.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, the former Eunice Cragle; daughters, Suzanne Bealla, Dallas; Mary Ellen Smith, Nanticoke; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Ford, Buffalo, NY; Kenneth, Jackson Township; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

**AUDREY BATES**

Audrey Bates of Noxen died April 6, 1997 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Noxen, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Ada Sickler McKenna.

She graduated from Noxen High School and Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Wilkes-Barre.

Before her retirement, she was employed by Clarks Summit State Hospital and Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William and a brother, Mickey McKenna.

Surviving are a son, David Bates, Loyalville; a daughter, Barbara Keiper, Harveys Lake; a sister, Midge Kocher, Noxen; three grandchildren; a companion, Tony Ciambro, Carbondale; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., corner of Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek. The Rev. Clifford Birdsall, a retired pastor, will officiate.

Interment will be in Orcutt's Grove Cemetery, Noxen.

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

**FREDERICK MERRILL**

Frederick A. Merrill, Jr., of Scranton, formerly of Harveys Lake, died March 31, 1997 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston, he was the son of Dorothy Jopling Merrill, of St. Louis, MO and the late Frederick A. Merrill Sr.

Before retiring, he was employed by the Topps Chewing Gum Co., Duryea, and was proprietor of Big Fred's Restaurant, Rehoboth Beach, Del.

He was former president of the Harveys Lake Borough Council.

He was a member of the Volunteer Firemen of Harveys Lake and the St. Francis Assisi Kitchen, Scranton.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Louise Capps.

Surviving are his wife, the former Rosemarie Hlavac; daughters, Brenda Jacobsen, Oakland, NJ; Jane Haver, Albuquerque, NM; sons, Dr. Frederick Merrill III, Evans, GA; Larry Merrill, Marblehead, MA; a sister, Kathy Cafolla, St. Louis, MO; eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, numerous aunts.

Interment, Cathedral Cemetery, Scranton.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, 500 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, 18509.

**STANLEY CIEPLECHOWICZ**

Stanley F. Cieplechowicz, 72, of Beaufort, and formerly of Wilkes-Barre died April 20, 1997, at his home.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, he was the son of the late Victor S. and Angeline Cieplechowicz.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Prior to his retirement he worked in the railroad industry. He also worked for the Salvation Army, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are sons, Joseph Mazur, Pittston; Darryl Cook, Beaumont; daughters, Patricia Ibarra, Lockport, IL; Dorothy Frey, Luzerne; Dawn Wisniewski, Beaumont; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday from the Nulton Funeral Home, Route 309, Beaumont, with Cpt. Michael Copeland officiating.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, emmorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1163, Wilkes-Barre, 18703.

**Retiring councilman imposes two-term limit on himself**

**DALLAS BOROUGH** - After serving the Dallas Borough community for eight years, Donald Cooper has decided not to run for council this year.

"It's been a great experience, but I think two terms is enough," explained Cooper. "I've enjoyed it; it's been a real education in civics."

Cooper was talked into running for his first term by two friends. "Initially it was supposed to be temporary. Subsequently, I ran again," he said with a smile. Cooper has lived in the borough for 20 years.

As he looks back over the past eight years, Cooper has many fond memories and is proud of what the council has accomplished over the years. One highlight for him was getting the building that once housed the Hearthstone Pub torn down. "It had been a real problem. With the help of Senator Lemmond, Ted Krohn and other members of the council, it was

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condemned," Cooper said. Cooper also considers getting traffic lights up on the highway a major accomplishment for the borough. "I'm very pleased we got the lights up at the American Legion and by Mark II," he said.

Over his two terms Cooper said he has worked with many wonderful people. "I'm thankful to the people of Dallas Borough for giving me the opportunity to serve. Also, the manager, solicitor, chief of police for great cooperation and assistance and the majority of council members," said Cooper of his colleagues.

*-by Kylie Shafferkoetter*



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**EARTH DAY PROJECT**

Students at Dallas Elementary School decorated hundreds of paper bags donated by Mr. Z's Market in Dallas as part of an Earth Day project. The bags were sent back to the store and were used for customers' groceries. Shown from left; Bruce Sobocinski; Constance Pierce, Harry Giacometti, Lyndsay Ellis.

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