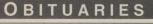
# SHARE support group meets June 25

SHARE of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the pregnancy and infant loss support group of Wyoming Valley Health Care System will meet Wed., June 25 at 7 p.m. in the Nesbitt Medical Arts Building, third floor lounge, 534 Wyoming Ave., Kingston.

SHARE is a community service of Wyoming Valley Health Care System and is available to parents and grandparents coping with the loss of a child through miscarriage, tubal pregnancy, stillbirth, SIDS or early infant death. This group provides valuable support and education about the grieving process.

SHARE is facilitated by Judith M. Nowak, R.N., coordinator, Clinical Support Services and a nationally certified bereavement facilitator/ counselor.

For more information, please call 552-8632 or 1-800-838-WELL.



#### **GERTRUDE COOLBAUGH**

Gertrude I. Coolbaugh, 91, of Dymond Hollow, died June 13, 1997 at the home of her son, Howard.

Born April 17, 1906 in Brooklyn, NY, she was the daughter of the late William Demming and Isabel Demming Flint.

She attended Scranton schools. She was an active member of the Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church; Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary of Orange; and Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur G.; a brother, William; sisters, Adeline and Isabel; and a great-granddaughter.

Surviving are sons, Ronald, William, Arthur and Howard, all of Dymond Hollow; daughters, Audrey Thompson, NJ; and Nancy Trojanowicz, Scranton; 30 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; brother, Emmit Flint, Bradenton, FL; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Fitch Cemetery, Centermoreland.

#### WILBUR GANTZ

Wilbur B. Gantz, 73, of Cummins Road, Orange, Franklin Township, died June 15, 1997 at his home.

Born in Mount Joy, he was the son of the late John and Alice Brubaker Gantz. He resided in Wayne before moving to Orange where he lived for the past 15 years.

He graduated from Mount Joy High School and Barnes Institute of Horticulture, Philadelphia.

Prior to his retirement in 1996, he owned Dallas Tree and Shrub Preservation.

He was a member of Centermoreland United Methodist Church and International Society of Arboraculturists.

Surviving are his wife, the former Claire Kohler; sons, Theodore, Albuquerque, NM; Timothy A., Boulder, CO; a HEATHER DelVECCHIO Heather Lee DelVecchio, 22, of Trucksville, Kingston Township, died June 12, 1997 at the Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of John J. DelVecchio of Scranton and Sandra Sult.

She graduated from Dallas High School and attended Luzerne County Community College.

She was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grand-parents.

Surviving in addition to her parents are a sister, Milena, at home; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Interment, Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

## WILLARD EVANS

Willard B. Evans, 92, formerly of Scranton, died June 15, 1997, at Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Blakely, he was the son of the late Richard and Marietta Davis Evans.

He attended Blakely schools and Johnson Technical School.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a supervisor by Scranton Transit Co.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Marion Volz.

Surviving are a daughter Mrs. Bruce F. (Nancy) Slocum, Dallas; a sister, Ruth Fetter, Fort Myers, FL; three grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas, with the Rev. Michael A. Bealla, pastor of Dallas United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment will be in Hickory Grove Cemetery, Waverly.

Friends may call from 1 p.m. until the time of services Saturday.

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brother, Arthur, Mount Joy; sisters, Ellen Espenshade, Manheim; Verna Espenshade, Lancaster; stepchildren Ginger Mark McCabe, Whitehouse Station, NJ; Craig Mark, Great Bend; Randall Mark, Dallas; 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be a 1 p.m. Friday in Centermoreland United Methodist Church, Centermoreland with the Rev. Hamilton G. Clemow officiating. Interment will be in Marsh Cem-

etery, Centermoreland.

Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Inc., 672 Memorial Hwy., Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Children's Bible Fund of Centermoreland United Methodist Church, RR 2, Tunkhannock, 18657.

### **GERTRUDE VAN HORN**

Gertrude Van Horn, formerly of Kingston, died June 13, 1997 at her daughter's home in Dallas.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Anthony and Louisa Krupp Lynn. She lived in Kingston for many years.

She was formerly employed by Keystone Garment Co., Edwardsville. She was a member of Gate of

Heaven Church, Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Van Horn; sisters, Esther Wright and Lillian Lynn; and brothers Bill, Tony, Carl, John and Stanley Lynn.

Surviving are daughters Nancy Rowlands, with whom she lived, Dallas; Shirley Norman, Campbell, CA; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Interment, Denison Cemetery, Swoyersville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gate of Heaven Building Fund, 10 Machell Ave., Dallas, 18612 or Hospice St. John, 665 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

Obituaries are published free of charge. Priority is given to residents of the Back Mountain Relatives of residents are published as space allows. The Dallas Post made to the activities department of Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Road, Dallas, 18612.

### **VIRGINIA NICHOLS**

Virginia B. Nichols, 71, of Trucksville, died June 11, 1997 at her son's home in Dallas.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late James F. and Emily Connors Besecker.

She graduated from Dallas Borough High School and resided in Trucksville for the past 44 years. Before retiring, she was employed as a teller by the former First Eastern Bank, Dallas branch.

She was member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church and was a volunteer in the hospitality shop of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

She served in the U.S. Navy WAVES during World War II.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Delmar N. Besecker.

Surviving are sons, George W. III, Dallas; David E., Unadilla, NY; brothers, James F. Besecker, Chester, NJ; Donald N. Besecker, Boynton Beach, FL; Robert L. Besecker, Dallas; a sister, Beverly Craig, Islin, NJ; four grandchildren.

Arrangements by the Richard H., Disque Funeral Home, Inc. 672 Memorial Hwy., Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, 18704.

### **DENISE WILKINS**

Denise (Josephine) Wilkens died June 14, 1997, at Mercy Center, Dallas, where she was a resident.

Born in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Catherine Burns Wilkins.

She graduated from St. Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre; earned a degree in English from College Misericordia, Dallas; master's degree in English from Fordham University. She also earned a doctorate in medieval English.

Early in her career, she taught in Harrisburg, Plymouth, Lancaster, Wilkes-Barre and College Misericordia.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton, Kingston Township.