

OBITUARIES

AGNES SWETTS

Agnes R. Swetts, 77, of Lehman Township, died April 22, 1999 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre.

Born Sept. 11, 1921, in Swoyersville, she was a daughter of the late Emory and Anna (Sodak) Yurko.

She attended Swoyersville High School and was a student pilot at Wyoming Aviation School in 1946.

She was a World War II veteran from 1943-1945, serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in the SHAEF Headquarters under Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's command.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at Lake Silkworth.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Barbara Cavuto and brothers, George and Emory.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, George W.; daughters, Charlotte Mathey, Dallas; and Ann Marie Swetts, Lehman Township; brother, Joseph, Harveys Lake; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery in the Carverton Section of Kingston Township.

THOMAS MANIK

Thomas D. Manik, 62, of Harveys Lake, died April 23, 1999, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingston.

Born Jan. 24, 1937, in Larksville, he was a son of the late John A. and Anna (Krankota) Manik. He was a graduate of Larksville High School.

He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church at Harveys Lake.

Before his retirement, he was employed as a mechanic for 30 years at Techneglas, Inc., in Jenkins Township. He was previously employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

He had served with the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his brother, John S. Manik.

Surviving are his wife, the former Patricia Zimmerman, with whom he would have celebrated 30 years of marriage June 21; brothers, Martin, Nanticoke; Joseph, Old Forge; sisters, Mildred Miko, MO; and Anna Zavislak, NJ; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Dallas.

JULE WILSON

Jule Wilson, 92, of Lower Demunds Road, died April 25, 1999, at Hospice Community Care, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she attended the Wilkes-Barre schools and resided in Dallas for 70 years.

She was a member of the East Dallas United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted.

Surviving are her son, Tex T., Dallas; daughter, Marilyn Morris, Dallas; sisters, Marie Peuroc, Eva Crawford and Patty Martinez, all of CA; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton, Kingston Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the East Dallas United Methodist Church, c/o Robert Eyet, 2812 Lower Demunds Road, Dallas, 18612.

KATHRYN TROUP

Kathryn Cunningham Troup, 62, of the Trucksville section of Kingston Township, a well known Back Mountain real estate agent, died April 19, 1999, in the Hospice Care of the VNA Inpatient Unit at Heritage House in Wilkes-Barre following an illness.

Born March 13, 1937, in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late William F. and Margaret (Shea) Cunningham. She was a 1954 graduate of E.L. Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre.

She had been associated with several Wyoming Valley real estate agencies. Most recently, she was Dallas office manager for the Coldwell Banker Howell & Jones Agency, operated by Edmund Podgy.

She was a member of St. Therese's Church in Shavertown. She was also a member of numerous social organizations.

Surviving are her husband, Clifford D., daughters, Erica Peterson, CA and Keira Siles, CT; three grandchildren; sisters, Ruth Clarke, Clarks Summit; and Margaret Kratz, Silver Spring, MD; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery in Hanover Township.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Therese's Church or the American Cancer Society.

HELEN MESSMER

Helen (Polifka) Messmer, 79, of Harris Hill Road, in Shavertown, died April 19, 1999 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born June 12, 1919, in the Buttonwood section of Hanover Township, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Christine Polifka.

She was a graduate of the former Hanover High School and resided in Kingston Township most of her life.

She was a member of St. Nicholas Church in Wilkes-Barre.

She was employed as a seamstress at various garment companies in the Wyoming Valley. She was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. She was preceded in death by her brothers, John and Michael; sisters, Irene Fetchik, Mary Kronick, Anna Polifka and Julie Dubick.

Surviving are her husband, John with whom she celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary last May 17; son, Allan, Trucksville, Kingston Township; daughter, Marleen Shaver, Orange; five grandchildren; sisters, Catherine Gerrick and Verna Gerrick, both of Michigan, nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery in the Carverton section of Kingston Township.

MARK WALKO

Mark J. Walko, 37, of Trabuco Canyon, CA, formerly of Dallas, died April 18, 1999 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile crash while on business in Puerto Rico.

Born Aug. 17, 1961 in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of Marilyn (Burke) Walko of Dallas, and the late Joseph J. Walko.

He had attended Dallas schools and was a 1979 graduate of West Side Area Vocational-Technical School in Pringle.

He had been employed for 11 years as a master mechanic and consultant in the electrical engineering department of Allergan Corp. in Irvine, CA. He had also owned and operated Silver Star Solutions Consulting in Trabuco Canyon since January.

He was an avid fisherman and a past member of Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas.

Surviving in addition to his mother, are his brother, John M. Walko, Dallas; sisters, Marilyn Pasqualchio, Wilkes-Barre and Joey Lynn Walko, Dallas; aunts, uncles, two nieces and one nephew.

Interment, St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Cemetery in Dallas.

HELEN JAMES

Helen F. James, of Shaver Avenue, Dallas died April 20, 1999 at her home.

Born in Larksville, she was a daughter of the late William and Theresa (Riley) Fisher. She resided in Dallas for the past 30 years.

She was a member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Wilkes-Barre. She was also a member of the Senior Citizens Share Program, the Bell Telephone Pioneers and the Railroad Auxiliary, and a past volunteer at the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre.

She was employed by Bell Telephone in Wilkes-Barre until her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, and brother William.

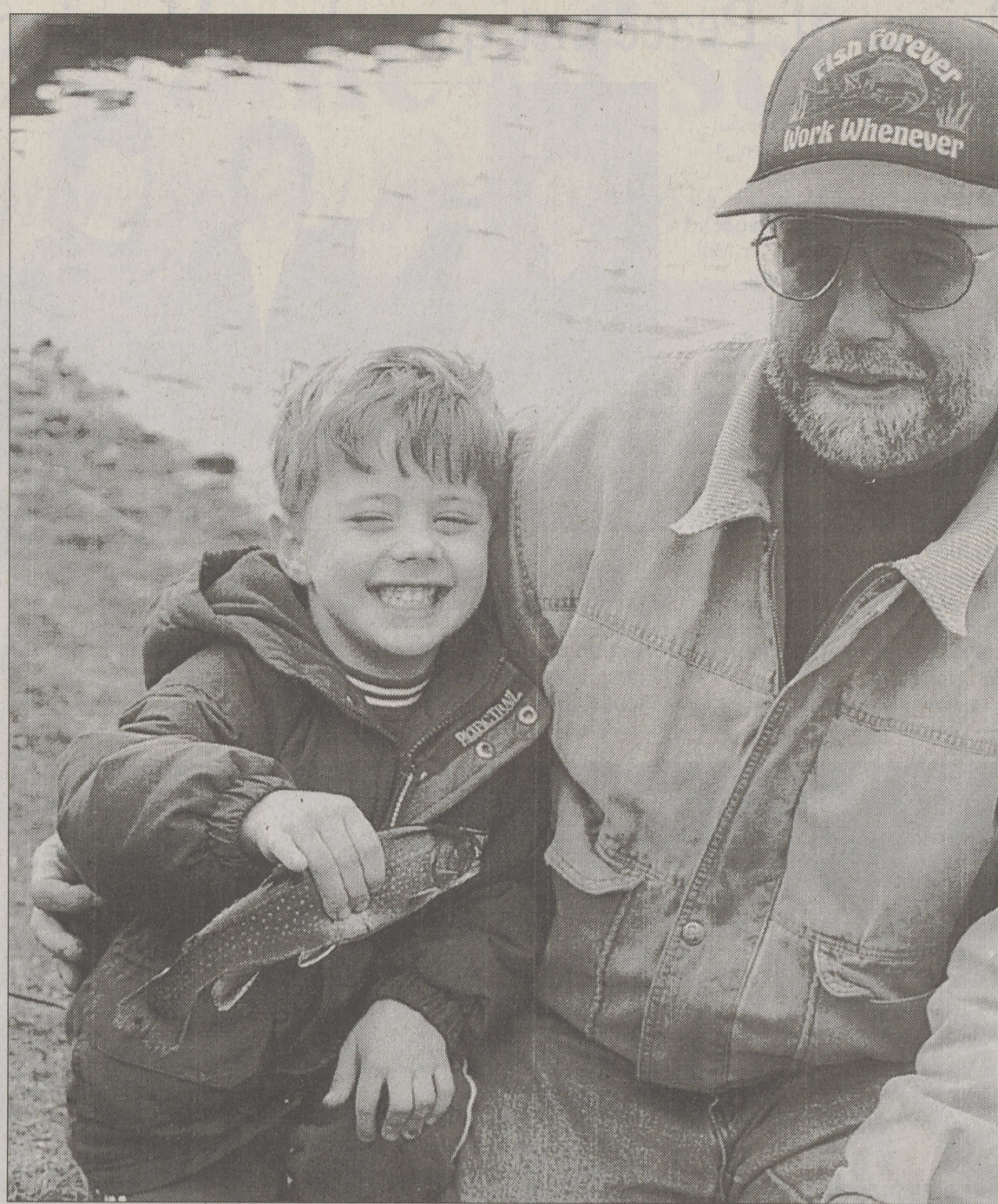
Surviving are her sons, Frank Old Bridge, NJ; Charles, Dallas; William, Harding, Exeter Township; and Joseph, Harveys Lake daughter, Helen Polifka Stevensville; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Charles, AZ; Thomas, Ardsley Joseph, Bethesda, MD; John Philadelphia; and James, Wilkes Barre; sisters, Theresa Gallagher Kingston; Joan Braum, Deer Park NY; Maureen Acqualino, Oyste Bay, NY; and Ann Fisher Bethesda, MD.

Entombment, St. Mary's Mausoleum in Hanover Township.

Memorial donations may be made to Northeast Health and Hospice Care Inc., Pittston.

MADD holding candlelight vigil

The Luzerne County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving invites you to our Tree Planting Ceremony and Candlelight Vigil at the Luzerne County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 30. Registration in the Courthouse Rotunda between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Candlelight Vigil will begin in the Courthouse Rotunda immediately following the tree planting and dedication ceremony. A reception will follow the vigil.



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How's this, grandma?

J.R. Hizny was justly proud of the trout he caught at Frances Slocum State Park last week. He went fishin' with his dad, John, who, judging by his hat, would just as soon spend every day with a rod and reel in his hand. They live in West Wyoming.

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St. Therese's Altar & Rosary will meet May 5

St. Therese's Altar & Rosary Society, Shavertown, will meet in the social room on Wednesday, May 5, following 7 p.m. Vespers in the Church. Msgr. Joseph Lasky will speak on the Blessed Mother followed by the regular monthly meeting presided over by Jane Wallace. Results of the recent bake sale will be given and members are reminded to please return all calling lists. Upcoming events will be discussed such as the annual Music Box Dinner-Theatre affair. Non-perishable goods are collected at every meeting for the distribution to the Back Mountain Food Bank. All women of the parish are invited to attend the meetings.

BIRTHS

- MERCY**
- JUDGE**, Thomas and Kim, Sweet Valley, a son, April 1.
 - ALDRICH**, Donald and Mindy, Sweet Valley, a son, April 2.
 - SINCAVAGE**, Leonard Jr. and Susan, Dallas, a daughter, April 15.
- NESBITT**
- LANDON**, Thomas and Kerry, Dallas, a daughter, April 2.
 - SYNIEWSKI**, Robert and Tara, Dallas, a son, April 5.
 - MANNELLO**, Richard and Bonny, Dallas, a son, April 6.
 - HUGHES**, Keith and Stephanie, Noxen, a son, Tuesday, April 13.
 - KHOUDARY**, Raymond and Malak, Dallas, a son, April 14.
 - KALINOWSKI**, John and Wendy, Sweet Valley, a daughter, April 15.
 - BARCLOCK**, Keith and Connie, Harveys Lake, a son, April 16.
 - CHAKON**, Nadine and Michael Jr., Trucksville, a daughter, April 16.
 - WEAVER**, Frank and Leeann, Dallas, a son, April 19.
 - KERKOWSKI**, Scott and Anita, Dallas, a daughter, April 19.
 - RUSONIS**, William and Christine, Harveys Lake, a daughter, April 20.