

OBITUARIES

ANDREW DERRICK

Rev. Andrew D. Derrick, 87, of Crescent City, FL, formerly of the Fernbrook section of Dallas Township, died July 2, 2000 in Palatka, FL.

He was born in Aldenville. He was the pastor of the former Glenview P.M. Church, Fernbrook, and was a Christian missionary alliance minister in De Land, FL. He was a World War II veteran, serving on the USS Chopper.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Doris L.

Surviving are his second wife, Suzie C.; sons, Andrew, Jr., Hallstead; and Carl, Great Bend; daughters, Audrey McHugh, Jacksonville, FL; and Barbara Rustic, Cheektowaga, NY.

Interment, Eden Cemetery Crescent City, FL.

EVELYN COHEN

Evelyn Cohen, 83, of Dallas, died July 14, 2000, at her home.

Born Nov. 25, 1916, in Newark, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Amelia (Schuhl) Steinbrunner. She and her late husband, Gilbert, owned the Candy Garden, Phillipsburg, NJ. She was a member of Temple Covenant of Peace, Easton.

Surviving are her son, Robert, Los Angeles; daughter, Judy Hertzberg, Dallas; and two grandchildren.

Interment, Easton Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 90127, Allentown; the Temple Covenant of Peace, Easton; or to the Hospice Care of the DNA of Luzerne County, Wilkes-Barre.

WILLIAM TOMASCH

William Tomasch, 82, of Dallas, died July 23, 2000 at his home after an illness.

Born in Metzenzeifen, Czechoslovakia, he was the son of the late Viktor and Mary (Goebel) Tomasch.

He was educated in Czechoslovakia and earned a master's degree in cabinetry. He immigrated to the United States in 1949.

He and his brother, owned and operated the Tomasch Brothers Lumber Co., East Stroudsburg.

He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

He was preceded in death by his brother Henry Tomasch and sisters Mary Gedeon and Margaret Turines.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, the former Magdalene Broestl; daughters, Elizabeth Bilbow, Forty Fort, Martha Baker, Princeton, NJ; and Christine Bak, Philadelphia; sons, Reinhard, Arlington, Va; and Edmund, Hainesport, NJ; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of the VNA, 667 N. River St., Wilkes-Barre, 18704 or to the American Cancer Society, 57N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701.

CHARLES BARNES

Charles L. Barnes, 75, of Fairfield Glade, TN, formerly of Indiana, Huntsville and Lehman Township, died July 7, 2000 at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, TN.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Ernest and Marie (Piatt) Barnes. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving with the B-17 Squadron in the Pacific and was a member of the International Union of Bricklayers.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Anna Sponseller; sons, James and John; daughter, Erva; brothers, Sterling and Robert.

Surviving are his wife, Erva Decker-Barnes; two granddaughters; two great-granddaughters; sisters, Janice Castellani, Trucksville; Esther Johnson, Live Oak, FL; nieces and nephews.

Entombment, Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN.

ANNA MAE KELLEY

Anna Mae Kelley, of Lynn Haven, Florida, died July 10, 2000 at her home.

She was a daughter of the late Ellen and Alvin A. Shaffer.

Surviving are her husband, Paul; son, Paul D., St. Louis; daughters, Cathy Ramirez, Phoenix; and Kim Cisek, Lancaster, California; six grandchildren, five great grandchildren; brothers, Al, Donald and William Shaffer, all of Dallas; Kenneth Shaffer, Virginia; and sister, Carrie Purvin, Shavertown.

Interment is in Woodlawn Cemetery, Dallas.

THEODORE FULLER

Theodore Harold Fuller, 85, of Lower Demunds Road, Dallas, died July 17, 2000 at the Valley Crest Nursing Home, Plains Township.

Born Jan. 19, 1915, in Noxen, he was the son of the late Fred and Elizabeth (White) Fuller. Before retiring, he was a truck driver.

Surviving are 13 children. Interment, Huntsville Cemetery, Huntsville section of Jackson Township.

RITA VAN WHY

Rita Van Why, 77, of Wilkes-Barre, died Saturday, July 22, 2000, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born July 5, 1923, in Ashley, she was a daughter of the late Eugene and Mary Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; sister, Mary Dunn and Eleanor Smith; and brother, Eugene Smith.

Surviving are her son, Harry, Harveys Lake; one grandson, one great-grandson; sisters, Catherine Warner, Hanover Township; and Mary Koch, Allentown; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Leo's Organ Fund, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley.

ROBERT AND JEAN DYMOND

Robert S. and Jean E. Dymond, of Roanoke, VA, formerly of West Pittston, died July 11, 2000.

Surviving are their children Leon R. Dymond, Everson, WA; Gail K. Dymond, Charlotte, NC; Leigh E. Dymond, Roanoke; three grandchildren, Frederick A. Coots II, Jennifer B. Coots and Bridget L. Lynch; cousins, Leon D. Emmanuel and wife Jean, West Pittston; William K. Emmanuel and wife, Martha, Elwyn.

Robert, son of Mary Kleintob and Ernest L. Dymond, is survived by a brother, Glenn F. Dymond, West Pittston. Bob was a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving in World War II; member of the Amityville Lodge #977 AF&AM; member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Rockville Center, Long Island, NY; a noble of the Kismet Shrine Temple, New Hyde Park, NY; and a retired carpenter with the Amityville School System, Long Island.

Jean, daughter of Arthur B. Emmanuel and Lenora Smith is survived by a sister, Marietta E. Gay, Dallas. She was a registered nurse who attended Nesbitt Memorial School of Nursing, Kingston and was a past Worthy Matron in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Bob and Jean Dymond were members of the Orange United Methodist Church, Orange.

The Rev. Jackson Cox will officiate a memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Orange United Methodist Church, West Eighth Street, Orange. Interment will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Orange United Methodist Church or to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

ROY BENNETT SR.

Roy R. Bennett, Sr., 74, of Wilkes-Barre, formerly of Dallas, died Sunday, July 23, 2000, at the Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born April 15, 1926, in Laffin, he was a son of the late Charles and Gwen (Thomas) Bennett. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater of Operations.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ruth; and brothers, Richard and Robert.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dorothy J. Wilcox; sons, Roy T., Jr., Forkstone; and Richard H., Wilkes-Barre; three grandchildren; brother, Ralph, Eureka, California; nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Shavertown.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre.

JOSEPH GESEK

Joseph A. Gesek, 70, of Plymouth, died Sunday, July 23, 2000 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Nov. 14, 1929, in Plymouth, he was the son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Gesek. He served in the U.S. Army for six and 1/2 years.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, the former Sui Enomoto; daughter, Jean Davies, Irmo, S.C.; son, Joseph, Plymouth; four grandchildren, one great-grandchild; brother, Jacob, Plymouth; sisters, Betty, Plymouth; Abbie Vought, Red Lion; and Jessie Meyer, Dallas; nieces and nephews.

ROBERT KEHLER SR.

Robert E. Kehler, Sr., 78, of Harveys Lake, died July 20, 2000 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Dec. 1, 1921, at Harveys Lake, he was the son of the late Frederick and Blanche (Gosart) Kehler. He worked for Sullivan Trail Manufacturing, Exeter and was a member of the United Mine Worker's Union.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, the former Gertrude Norton; sons, Robert, E., Jr., Larksville; Daniel, DeBary, FL; Thomas, Harveys Lake; and Timothy, Sweet Valley section of Ross Township; daughters, Trudi Steele, Sweet Valley; and Laurel Siglin, Exeter, 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Interment, Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Loyalville.

Memorial donations may be made to the Loyalville United Methodist Church.

HARRY KUHN

Harry M. Kuhn, 39, of Harveys Lake, formerly of Pensacola, FL, died July 21, 2000 at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born Nov. 6, 1960, in Portsmouth, VA, he was a son of Richard and Mildred (McMahon) Kuhn, of Harveys Lake. He attended Lake-Lehman High School and worked for the Pat Deats Masonry Co., Shavertown, section of Kingston Township.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Timothy.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his son, Kyle, Sweet Valley section of Ross Township; brother, Richard, Princeton, NJ; sister, Michelle Cross, Hunlock Creek; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N.W. McCall, Edgewater, FL; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Cedar Crest Cemetery, Trucksville section of Kingston Township.

HARRIET DRUGOTH

Harriet E. Wesley Drugoth, 77, a former resident of Pikes Creek and Forty Fort, died July 19, 2000 at ManorCare Health Services, Kingston.

Born Oct. 14, 1922, in Pikes Creek, Lake Township, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin F. and Laura J. Bronson Wesley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Drugoth; brothers, Bernard F. and Floyd E. Wesley.

Surviving are her nephew, Eugene and Katherine Wesley, Apalachin, NY; grand-niece, Meredith Wesley, Arlington, VA; several cousins and dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Post, Shickshinny; and Carol Davison, Kingston.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

VERNARD NEELY

Vernard Neely, 62, of Dallas, died July 23, 2000, at Mercy Special Care Hospital, Nanticoke.

Born June 24, 1938, in Plymouth, he was a son of the late Vernard and Leona (Young) Neely.

He was educated in Plymouth schools.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

He worked for Procter & Gamble, Mehoopany.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, the former Mary Ellen Lavin; son, Martin J., Topsham, ME; daughter, Sharon Fisk, Sweet Valley; three grandchildren; sisters, Ruth Watkins, Shickshinny; Janet Ravert, Hunlock Creek; and Hazel Lamoreaux, Alden; brother, Howard, Plymouth.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

MILDRED WAGNER

Mildred Wagner, Selma, CA, died July 18, 2000.

Born Sept. 26, 1908 in Huntsville, she was a graduate of Kingston High School. She was a resident of Lehman, and a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church. She moved to Selma, CA, in 1993 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Selma.

She was a housewife, seamstress, maker of drapes, slipcovers, etc., employed by Bolan's, Kingston.

Surviving is her husband Alden F. Wagner; children, Alden F. Wagner, Jr., Lancaster; Carole L. Sparkman, Selma; grandchildren, Paul A. Wagner, MA; Mark L. Wagner, CA; Leah J. Scheitrum, CA; Stuart C. Sparkman, OR; great-grandchildren, Carley and Laurie Scheitrum, Ruby and Zoe Wagner.

A Memorial Service will be held Aug. 27, 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Selma, CA with the Rev. Ray O'Neil officiating.

Remembrances may be set to First United Methodist Church, 1702 Cross Street, Selma, CA 93662.

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