

OBITUARIES

MARY JANE ASHBRIDGE

Mother of Dallas School Board president

Mary Jane Ashbridge, 94, formerly of Plymouth and Berwick, died Jan. 10, 2001 at Riverstreet Manor, Wilkes-Barre, where she was a resident for 10 years.

Born in White Haven, Cumberland, England, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Jane (Denwood) Knowles. She attended the St. James School for Girls, White Haven. She was a member of the Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas, and Order of the Eastern Star, Shickshinny, where she was a matron.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest.

Surviving are her son, Ernest, Jr., Shavertown section of Kingston Township; daughter, Mary Phillips, Levittown; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and sisters, Clara Conklin, Warrior Run; Mabel Piscotty, Berwick; and Martha Derolf, Pittsburgh.

Interment: Hanover Green Cemetery, Hanover Township.

EDWARD REED

Decorated veteran of Korea and Vietnam

Edward T. Reed, 65, of Harding, formerly of Kingston and Exeter, died Jan. 8, 2001 at his home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Edward and Margaret (Devlin) Reed. He was a graduate of St. Michael's High School. He was a safety manager for the Department of Public Welfare at the Clarks Summit State Hospital and was self-employed as a private investigator.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and served two tours during the Vietnam Era. He obtained the rank of major and was awarded the Purple Heart, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Distinguished Flying Cross, Combat Infantry Badge and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

He was a member of St. Cecilia's Church, Exeter, Retired Officers Association and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a member and president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, the former, Ann M. Harrison, Harding; daughter and son-in-law, Aine and John Thomas, Harding, with whom he resided; daughters, Lois Nye, Midland, Texas; and Earlene Fernandes, Exeter; son, Ronald, Plains Township; 13 grandchildren; sisters, Peg Searles, Kingston Township; brother, John, Montague, Calif.; and James, Santo, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kingston Township.

Memorial donations may be made to Northeast Hospice Unit, 38 N. Main St., Pittston, 18640.

HOWARD ZIMMERMAN

Former engineer on the Erie Lackawanna Railroad

Howard S. Zimmerman, 91, of Harveys Lake, died Jan. 9, 2001 at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Freeland, he was a son of the late Robert M. and Laura (Williams) Zimmerman. He attended the Kingston Township schools. He was a locomotive engineer for the Erie Lackawanna Railroad. He attended the Alderson United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cathryn (Shaw) Zimmerman; and son, Carl W.

Surviving are his brother, Robert, Levittown; one granddaughter and four great-grandchildren.

Interment: Lehman Center Cemetery, Lehman.

VON JAMES GLATZ

Infant son of Lehman couple

Infant Von James Glatz, of Lehman, died upon delivery, Jan. 9, 2001 at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his parents, Wayne and Keely (Favata) Glatz, Lehman; brother, Ryan, at home; sister, Domanique Glatz, at home; paternal grandparents, Charles and Eileen Headman, Lehman Township; maternal grandparents, Maurice Smith, Kingston; and Kay Reese, Sylvan Lake; paternal great-grandmother, Nettie Miers, Lehman Township; and maternal great-grandmother, Cora Cantrill, Stroudsburg.

A private graveside service will be held at the Lehman Center Cemetery, Lehman, at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., Pikes Creek.

LEE PHILO

U.S. Navy veteran of World War II

Lee Philo, 84, of Bunker Hill Road, Wyoming, died Jan. 13, 2001 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born July 28, 1916, in Loyalville, he was a son of the late Leonard and Lillian (Wilcox) Philo. He was a graduate of Kingston Township High School. He was a carpenter. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Marvel.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, the former Myrtle London; daughters, Dorothy Philo, Hunlock Creek; and Debra Fourlas, Aspers; son, Lee Michael, Bozeman, Mont.; three grandsons; sister, Jean Bray, Wyoming; and five nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St., Shavertown. The Rev. W. Charles Naugle will officiate.

Interment will be in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until the time of service Wednesday.

MARIAM WAGNER

Sweet Valley native

Mariam Wagner, 80, of Gilbert, Ariz., formerly of Bloomingdale, died Jan. 9, 2001 at Cooks Cottage, Gilbert.

Born Oct. 7, 1920, in the Sweet Valley section of Ross Township, she was a daughter of the late William A. and Virginia (Long) Farver. She was a member of the Bloomingdale United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James R.; sisters, Beula Benscoter, Edna Simmons, Leona Wolfe and Geraldine DeWald; and brothers, Irven, Harland, Joseph, Raymond, Paul and Otis.

Surviving are her daughter, Janis Dean, Gilbert; son, Robert, Lawrenceville; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Interment: Bloomingdale Cemetery, Bloomingdale.

STEPHANIA KOZAK

Son, daughter live in Back Mountain

Stephania (Petroski) Kozak, 85, of West Church Street, Nanticoke, formerly of Sugar Notch and the Buttonwood section of Hanover Township, died Jan. 12, 2001 at Mercy Special Care Hospital, Nanticoke.

Born in West Nanticoke, she was a daughter of the late Adam and Helen (Felix) Brodowicz Wisniewski. She attended Hanover Township schools. She worked for United Pants. She was a member of Holy Trinity Church, Nanticoke.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Petroski; second husband, Frank Kozak; brothers, Stanley, David and Leonard Wisniewski; and sister, Ethel Wisniewski.

Surviving are her son, Eugene Petroski, Trucksville section of Kingston Township; daughters, Bernice Youk, Chalfont; Carolyn Snyder, Dallas; and Patricia Pitts, Douglas, Ga.; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Ann Westbrook, Lillian Czepak, Violet Wisniewski and Rose Marie Witinski, all of Nanticoke; nieces and nephews.

Interment: Holy Trinity parish cemetery.

MARION COONEY

Leaves three brothers in Back Mountain

Marion L. Cooney, 58, of Alexandria, Va., died Dec. 31, 2000 at Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax, Va.

Born in Panama, she was a daughter of the late John P. and Barbara (Disque) Cooney. She was a medical secretary with Commonwealth Orthopedic and Rehabilitation, Reston, Va.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter.

Surviving are her brothers, James, Sweet Valley section of Ross Township; Joseph, Pikes Creek; Thomas, Trucksville section of Kingston Township; and Lewis, Springfield, Va.; sisters, Barbara A. Farr, Waldorf, Md.; Helen T. Cooney, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Mildred Cooney, Plains Township; and Kathryn Bailey, Dothan, Ala.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held by the family at a future date. Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton section of Kingston Township. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

WALTER BORDEN

Purple Heart recipient; daughter lives in Dallas

Walter Aloysius Borden, 85, formerly Brookside Street, Wilkes-Barre, and East Manor, died Jan. 10, 2001 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born Dec. 17, 1915, in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Joseph and Vladislova (Zdanczevic) Burden. He worked for the Henry Colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 95 Infantry Division in Europe and he was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen.

Surviving are his son, Walter J., Oley; daughter, Christine Nadzan Mihalick, Dallas; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Interment: St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Plains Township.



Back Mountain Ministerium service

The Back Mountain Ministerium's annual Christian Unity service will be held on Sat., Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Shavertown United Methodist Church. In conjunction with St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, the ministerium will feature a special guest speaker, Dr. Richard Carlson. Dr. Carlson will also be featured at a "Conversation With" presentation on "The Future of the Church" from 4-5 p.m. at the church, preceding the Unity Service. The presentation is free and open to all. Dr. Richard Carlson is an Associate Biblical Professor at the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Gettysburg, PA, where he teaches New Testament studies and Greek. Prior to joining the faculty at the Seminary, he served pastorates in his home state of Minnesota. Dr. Carlson has published material on the New Testament and its relationship to preaching, Jewish-Christian relationships, evangelism, and ministry in the 21st century. Shown in the photo above is the service's planning committee. Seated: Bonnie Ziegler. Standing, from left to right: Rev. Janet Clark, Jean Grube, Rev. Charles Grube, Rev. Cheryl Cavaleri.

Memorial and Honor Books at the Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Announces the Addition of New Memorial Books:
 In Memory of Mrs. Mary Hodgson, "The Life of Mendelssohn" by Peter Mercer-Taylor, presented by Michael and Nancy Tkatch.
 In Memory of Philip Baker, "Pearl Harbor" by Edwin Palmer Hoyt, presented by Patricia and John Graham.
 In Memory of Juliette Epstein, "Sisterhood of Spies: the women of OSS" by Elizabeth McIntosh, presented by Ann M. Coughlin.
 In Memory of Philip Baker, "The Coldest War: a memoir of Korea" by James Brady, presented by John and Elizabeth Lloyd.
 In Memory of Warren Stanton, "Family Honor" by Robert B. Parker, presented by Regina Stanton.
 In Memory of Jonathan Walski, "Gold & Honey Bible," presented by Grandma and Grandpa Walski.
 In Memory of Harriet Griffiths, "The Quiltmaker's Gift" by Jeff Brumbeau,

presented by Norbert Swithers.
 In Memory of Clyde Alton Taylor, "Upstream Fly-Fishing in the American West" by Charles Lindsay presented by Gary, Judy and Alex Rice.
 In Memory of Kyle David Denmore, "The Complete Encyclopedia of Soccer", presented by Herb and Jan Dreher.
 In Memory of Mary Nolan, "The Medical Advisor" 2nd edition, presented by Andrea and George Sordoni.

HONOR BOOKS
 In Honor of Marilyn Maslow, "Animal House" by Melissa Bay Mathis, presented by Ann Marie Mathis.
 In Honor of Local Artist Jean Fader, "The Oxford History of Western Art" edited by Martin Kemp, presented by Jim Lehman.
 In Honor of Hugh King, "The Last Steam Railroad" by O. Winston Link, presented by Carol King.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of January 5 - 11, 2001.

Rita A. Fitch to Roger G. Howell et ux, Lot 2, Whitehall Estates, Dallas Borough, \$150,000.

John Good et ux to Gary A. Stolarick et ux, 40,41 Dallas

Terrace #2, Dallas Borough, \$65,000.

William Schlosser per atty to William A. Schlosser et ux, 32.4 & 7.6 acres, Lehman Twp., \$29,400.

Stephen L. DeBarry to Bank of New York trustee, see deed, Lehman Twp., \$3,348.

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