

**OBITUARIES**

**MARTHA STEVENS**

Leaves 28 great-grandchildren

Martha D. Stevens, 99, of Broadway, died February 24, 2001 at the Bonham Nursing Center, Huntington Township.

Born April 8, 1901, in Fairmount Township, she was the daughter of the late John and Grace Holmes Downing. She was a member of the former Broadway United Methodist Church. She was employed by Karen Manufacturing Sewing Factory, Sweet Valley, and the Harveyville Sewing Factory for 22 years, retiring in 1970.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Stevens; daughters, Marie Mailler and Ruth Barbacci.

Surviving are her son, Malcolm Stevens, Broadway; sister, Marian Diltz, Pleasant Valley; 13 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Interment: Bloomingdale Cemetery, Ross Township.

**GEORGIA PHILLIPS**

Certified Public Accountant, lived in Kingston Twp.

Georgia (Tomassetti) Phillips, of Penn Lake, formerly of Kingston Township, died Feb. 26, 2001 at her home.

Born in Plains Township, she was a daughter of the late Julius and Selma (Beunas) Tomassetti. She was a 1952 graduate of Coughlin High School and a 1956 graduate of Wilkes College. She earned her certified public accountant degree in 1991. She practiced as a CPA with David J. Roskos, CPA, Wilkes-Barre.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Priscilla Penatta.

Surviving are her husband, David George; children, Georgia, Dallas; David, Rutherford, N.J.; Ian, Harrisburg; Morgan, Raleigh, N.C.; and Elizabeth, Leadville, Colo.; three grandchildren; brother, Guiliacq Tomassetti, Trucksville section of Kingston Township; sister, Marianna Tomassetti Baldwin, Haverford.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St., Shavertown section of Kingston Township, with the Rev. Paul Gerosky officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Geisinger Cancer Center, 1000 E. Mountain Drive, Wilkes-Barre, 18711.

**JOHN SCOBLE**

PA State Trooper

John Thomas Scoble, 53, of Pine Drive, Kingston Township, died February 23, 2001 at his home.

Born May 7, 1947, in Pittston, he was the son of the late Harry K. and Ann Molloy Scoble. He was a graduate of Dallas High School, class of 1965, and the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in 1969. He was employed at the Wyoming Barracks as a state trooper and served in Warren, Towanda and Tunkhannock. He was a member of the Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club and St. Joseph's Church, Wyoming.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Paul F. Scoble.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ann Balent; daughter, Leslie, Wyoming; sons, Patrick John, Philadelphia; Steven T., Pittsburgh; brothers, William H., Temple Hills, Md.; Martin C., Wyoming; sisters, Kathryn N. Weed, West Wyoming; Geraldine M. Scoble, Falls; Ann M. Shinko, Factoryville; Patricia J. Murman, Exeter; several nieces and nephews; a great-grandniece and great-grandnephew.

Interment: Mount Olivet

**FRANCIS HOLLOCK**

Sister lives at Harveys Lake

Francis Hollock, 71, of Allentown, died Feb. 23, 2001 at his residence.

Born in Mountaintop, he was a son of the late Nicholas, Sr., and Catherine (Micklus) Hollock. He was a laborer for the Bethlehem Steel Corp. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allentown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty L. (Werner) Hollock.

Surviving are his son, Richard W., Allentown; daughter, Shirley Hart, Allentown; five grandchildren, one great-grandson; brothers, Nicholas, Jr. and Emil, both of Mountaintop; and Raymond, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; and sisters, Esther Mayka, Mountaintop; Helen Sherksnas, Harveys Lake; Mary Walko and Sophie Maurer, both of Allentown; Anne Blum, Stamford, Conn.; Catherine Mack, Terrell, N.C.; and Marjorie Brunner, Whitehall Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, Bethlehem.

**RUTH BYRNE**

Member of Sweet Valley Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary

Ruth Byrne, 90, of Pleasanton, Calif., formerly of the Sweet Valley section of Ross Township, died Feb. 18, 2001 at the Pleasanton Convalescent Home.

Born Dec. 27, 1910, in New York City, she was a daughter of the late James and Elizabeth (Taggart) Mullin. She worked for a pharmaceutical company on Long Island, before retiring. She was a member of the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin J.

Surviving are her sister, Margaret Moldovak, Pleasanton; nieces and nephews.

Interment: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Lake Silkworth.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Co., P.O. Box 207, Sweet Valley, 18656.

**VALERIE KARBOSKI**

Worked at Misericordia

Valerie F. Karboski, of Dallas, died Feb. 22, 2001 at her home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Chester and Frances (Pinkoski) Gasiewski. She worked for Metz & Associates at College Misericordia, Dallas Township, in The Cougars' Den.

Surviving are her son, Stanley, Jr., Jamestown, N.C.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the General Scholarship Fund of College Misericordia, 301 Lake St., Dallas, 18612.

**ROBERT E. PAYNE**

Born in Dallas in 1923

Robert E. "Jim" Payne, 77, of Export formerly of Greensburg, died Feb. 11, 2001, at his home. He was born July 25, 1923, in Dallas, a son of the late Herbert and Addie (Grover) Payne. Prior to retirement, he had been vice-president of the central district for the Alltel Corporation. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Export, a graduate of the Merchant Marine Academy at King Point and a graduate of the Dean School of Business. He was a director and president of the I.T.P.A.B.U.N.O.V.A. Club. He was president of the Keystone State Chapter I.T.P.A. and its director for eight years. He was president of the St. Vincent DePaul Society of the Church of St. Paul, Greensburg, and a member of its funeral choir. He was president of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Human Growth Foundation. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary E. (Garity) Payne. A son, William J. Payne, a daughter, Sara M. "Sally" Payne, three brothers, Clarence, Harold and Earl Payne; and a sister, Mary Alice Whitesell. He is survived by a son, Lawrence H. Payne of Encinitas, Calif.; two daughters, Molly, Zell, of Export and Jean Rogers, of Glen Burnie, Md.; four grandchildren, two sisters, Iris LaBarr of Shavertown and Mildred Delaney of Dunellon, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews. Interment will be at the Catholic Cemetery, Hempfield Township. Memorial contributions may be made to Clelian Heights, RD9, Box 607, Greensburg, PA. 15601, Mom's House, 401 Juniper St., Greensburg, PA. 15601, or a hospice of one's choice.

**WILMA ELSTON**

One of 14 charter members of Women of Kiwanis

Wilma Charlotte (Ayre) Elston, 94, of Kunkle, Dallas Township, formerly of Hollywood, Fla., died Feb. 21, 2001 at the Forest Park Health Care Center, Carlisle.

Born in the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late James and Helen (Lieby) Ayre. She was a graduate of the Calvin Parsons High School and attended Wyoming Seminary and art school at Bloomsburg State University. She was a Sunday school teacher at the Abbott Methodist Church, Parsons, and volunteer for activities sponsored by the Irem Temple, Dallas. She was one of the original 14 charter members of Women of Kiwanis and remained active in that organization for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter F.; brothers, Calvert and Durwood; and sister, Helen Nicholas.

Surviving are her brother, James T. Ayre, Carlisle; nieces and nephews.

Interment: Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**METRO SOPP JR.**

Sister lives in Dallas

Metro Sopp Jr., 73, of York died Feb. 16, 2001 at his residence.

Born in Larksville, he was a son of the late Metro, Sr., and Eva (Greshko) Sopp. He was an electrician for Carew Corp. for 28 years, retiring in 1980. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, York, American Legion Post 543 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5865.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Mary Jane (Gavin) Sopp; daughters, Debra Teal, Hanover; and Pamela Mears, Dover; son, Metro M., III, York; stepdaughter, Barbara Dixon, West Wyoming; six grandchildren, four step grandchildren; sisters, Julie Balberchak, Edwardsville; Eve Marchesini, West Wyoming; Mary Garbett, Highland, Ind.; Eleanor Webb, Dallas; and Ann Sopp, Philadelphia; and brothers, John, Kingston; and Steven, Cleveland.

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