

**OBITS**

**JOSEPH SHURMAITIS**

U.S. Army veteran of World War II  
Joseph G. Shurmaitis, 81, of RD 1, Harveys Lake, formerly of Toms River, N.J., died Monday at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Nursing Home, Plains Township.

Born in Stamford, Conn., he was the son of the late Joseph and Madel (Gripowitch) Shurmaitis. He worked for 30 years at the Ciba Geigy Chemical Corp., Toms River. He owned and operated Hilltop Inn, until retiring.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the African and European Theater. He toured with the Searchlight Corps with the USO War Show. He was a volunteer with the Pine Beach Fire Co., Toms River, for over 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Stella Bartkus. Surviving are his daughters, Mary Ann Nicosia, Bordentown, N.J.; Linda, at home; and Dawn, New York City; son, Joseph P., Bear Creek; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and sister, Isabel, Cromwell, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hospice of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1111 E. End Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, 18711. Arrangements are by the Metcalfe & Shaver Funeral Home Inc., Wyoming.

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**ROBERT RUGGERE**

U.S. Army Veteran who received the Purple Heart  
Robert J. Ruggere, 53, of Carpenter Road, Dallas Township, died Wednesday at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Luzerne, he was a son of the late Anthony and Veronica (Mullish) Ruggere. He attended the Luzerne schools. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and received the Purple Heart.

He was a member of George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F & AM, Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, Shekinah Royal Arch Chapter, De Le Veut Commandry, Mt. Horeb Council, Wilkes-Barre, Irem Temple and its Legion of Honor, Wilkes-Barre.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Jean Marie Saya. Surviving are his wife, the former Joyce Jones; sons, Robert A., Pullman, Wash.; David Ruggere Jones, Luzerne; two grandchildren; brothers, Eugene, Court-dale; John, Alexandria, Va.; Samuel, East Hampton, N.J.; Howard Fox, Swoyersville; and Anthony, Dallas; and sisters, Rose Mary Yunkonis and Clara Casterline, both of Kingston; Antoinette Weiss, Trucksville, Kingston Township; and Christine Leary, Sarasota, Fla.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice St. John, Pittston; or to Shriners Children's Hospital, c/o Irem Temple, P.O. Box 307, Dallas, 18612.

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**Bowling for Big Brothers/Big Sisters**

LCCC Nursing Forum participated in the annual Bowl for Kids' Sake Bowlathon at Stanton Lanes in W-B. The Bowlathon supported Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bridge.

First row from left; Melissa Wilcox, Dallas, secretary, LCCC Nursing Forum; Madison Luchi, Robin Salwoski, Ramon Salwoski, Derek Fronczkewicz, Samuel Matello, and Samantha Rinehimer, Shavertown.

Second row; Peggy Sosnak, Louisa Vandenberg, Harveys Lake; Sonya Luchi, Jennifer Lamoreaux, Douglas Bryan, Kelly Fronczkewicz, Bernard Fronczkewicz, Shavertown; Jennifer Wright, Erin Matello, and Michelle Rinehimer, Shavertown.



**Vacation Bible school planned**

Planning is underway for a Community Vacation Bible School sponsored by four Back Mt. churches; Shavertown United Methodist, St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince of Peace Episcopal, and Trinity Presbyterian.

The theme for the event is 'Jesus to the Rescue' and will be held August 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon at Trinity Presbyterian, Dallas. It is free and open to everyone ages three to adult. Register at any of the four sponsoring churches, or call Bonnie Ziegler at 675-3616. First row from left; Jean Parrs, Joan Laiman, Jean Grube, Betty Ann Duffy, and Bonnie Ziegler. Second row; Rev. Dr. Brolin Parker, Faythe Roberts, Mari Johnson, Teresa Dennis and Father Robert Nagy.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse the week of April 27-May 3, 2001.

Carl R. Franquet, et ux to David D. Rogers et ux, see deed, Dallas Twp., \$125,900. Fairway Consumer Discount Co. to Walter Yankowski, Lot 15 Fernbrook Terrace, Dallas Twp., \$28,000. Bank of New York trustee to Rickard Morgan et ux, Culverhill Rd., Franklin Twp., \$105,000. David D. Rogers et ux to Institute for Human Services, 1442 Hillside Road, Jackson Twp., \$127,000. Rolling Meadows Development Corp. to R & R Quality Homes, Inc., Lot 1 Rolling Meadows, Jackson Twp., \$33,600. Michael S. Melnick et ux to Michael Al Miller, Lot 7 Still's Farm, Kingston Twp., \$82,500. Lee J. Turner et al to Stephen J. Flannery, 275 Center St., Kingston Twp., \$316,925. W.H. Conyngham & Company, Inc., to Lee J. Turner et ux, Lot 3 Hayfield Farms, Lehman Twp., \$60,850. US Dept. of Housing & Urban Devlpt. to Shawn M. Daney/Jaime R. Pall, 49 Jackson Drive, Dallas Borough, \$71,500. Michale Zabresky et ux to Richard K. Hass et al; 1.24 acres, Harveys Lake Bor., \$900,000. Richard K. Hass et al to Michael Zabresky et ux; Ochreiter Sub., Harveys Lake Bor., \$450,000. John F. McGuire et ux to Michael A. Kovackick et ux, Lot 194 Orchard View Terr., Dallas Twp., \$300,000. Helen B. Javer estate to David A. Davis, 1.25 acres, Dallas Twp., \$2,000. James A. Woods et ux to John C. Thomas et ux, 5A Hillside Condominium, Dallas Twp., \$117,500. William J. Brassington et ux to Michael S. Zablocky et ux, Lot 1 Clover Hills Meadows, Franklin Twp., \$248,500. Jo Anne Piro to Michael Confer et ux, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$80,000. Edith L. Birth estate to James J. Blinn, Lot 46 Cool & Miles Plot, Kingston Twp., \$89,000. Louis J. Pisaneschi et ux to Laura M. Fowler, 0.716 acres, Lehman Twp., \$90,000.

**Farewell Maestro Keelan**

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**Celebrate Heritage Sunday in Trucksville**

The Trucksville United Methodist Church will celebrate Heritage Sunday on May 20 at 11 a.m. Rev. Wesley Crompton will join Rev. Charles Naugle in the service and preach the sermon. Rev. Crompton represents the third generation of his family to return to the church for a special celebratory service.

Each year 50-year members are honored by the church. This year's class of inductees include Dr. William Bradbury, Alma Brown, Rebecca Grey, Ray Metzgar Sr., Betty June Mathers, Nancy McDonald and Elsa Orchard. They join the more than 60 members who have kept their membership in the church for more than 50 years.

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