

OBITUARIES

PHYLLIS WHITE

Resident of Dallas and member of Roaring Brook Baptist Church

Phyllis Ruby White, 80, of Meadows Apartments, Lake Street, Dallas, died Friday, August 24, 2001 at Hospice Care of the VNA Inpatient Unit of Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre. Born June 27, 1921, in Hunlock Creek, she was a daughter of the late Grover and Myrtle (Cragle) Nevel. She worked for many years at Rifkin Co., Hanover Township. She attended the Roaring Brook Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Yvoncq; sisters, Bernice Hamilton, Iva Cragle, Zelda Garnet and Grace Baer; and brother, Grover. Surviving are her daughters, Linda Esposito, Norwalk, Conn.; Karen White, Greenfield, Mass.; Lorraine DeWitt, Dallas; and Ann Ramos, North Carolina; sons, Vaughn, Bridgeport, Conn.; Robert, Nanticoke; and Alfred, Hunlock Creek; six grandchildren; and brother, Robert, Hunlock Creek.

SUSIE GULA

Shavertown resident and great-grandmother to 10

Susie Gula, 83, of North Memorial Highway, Shavertown section of Kingston Township, died Wednesday, August 22, 2001 at her home. Born in Elysburg, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Mary Blecker. She attended the Elysburg schools. She worked in the housekeeping department of Leader West Nursing Center, Kingston, before retiring. She was a member of Holy Family Parish, formerly St. John Nepomucene Church, Luzerne. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, John; daughter, Anna Mae Lorentz; sister, Rose Dupnock; and brothers, George and John. Surviving are her daughters, Rose Marie Medash, Bensalem; and Suzanne Giarratano, Pittston; son, John, Jr., Dallas; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and sister, Margaret Blecker, Elysburg.

PATRICIA THOMAS

Lake Twp. resident and custodian for Lake-Lehman School District

Patricia M. Thomas, 56, of Outlet Road, Lake Township, died Monday, August 20, 2001 at Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of Mary (Yakobitski) Vitkowski, Kingston, and the late Benjamin Vitkowski. She was a graduate of Larksville High School. She was a custodian for the Lake-Lehman School District at the high school building. Surviving are her son, Joncq A., Gaithersburg, Md.; daughters, Donna Sayre, Harveys Lake; and Kimberly Fox, Kingston; five grandchildren; brother, Benjamin, Plymouth; and sister, Marlene Roccograndi, Larksville.

CATHERINE PICKETT

Meadows Nursing Center resident

Catherine Pickett, 89, of Barry Street, Courtdale, formerly of Kingston, died Monday, August 20, 2001 at Meadows' Nursing Center, Dallas, where she was a resident.

Born in Luzerne, she was a daughter of the late Stanley and Agnes (Arbasaukas) Krischunas. She was a 1931 graduate of Kingston High School. She was a member of Courtdale United Methodist Church and Queen Esther Chapter 170 Order of the Eastern Star. She did volunteer work for Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alexander; brothers, John, Tony, Stanley and Christian; and sisters, Sally Bedro, Anna Nicholas and Florence Curtis. Surviving are her sisters, Veronica Bierly, Dallas Manor; and Amelia Solano, Courtdale; and many nieces and nephews.

A private funeral service will be at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Shavertown, Kingston Township. Arrangements are by the Hugh B. Hughes & Son Inc. Funeral Home, 1044 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. Memorial donations may be made to the Courtdale United Methodist Church, 255 Courtdale Ave., Courtdale.

ANTHONY T. RENDE

Former Dallas resident

Anthony T. Rende, 73, passed away at Raleigh Community Hospital on August 22, 2001, following a cancer related illness. Tony was born in Philadelphia, Pa. to the late Ralph Rende and Mary Quigg Rende. Upon graduation, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and following his discharge spent over thirty years of his business career with Lorillard Company. In his sales management role he had responsibility for their import operations, and in his last assignment managing their northeast region, residing in Dallas, Pa. Post Lorillard he worked for Lamar Advertising in Lakeland, Fl. His primary retirement years were spent in Somers Point, N.J. and most recently Fuquay Varina, N.C., enjoying his passions for fishing, gardening and cooking, along with his efforts in support of the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Eleanor Chadwick Rende; his daughter Geraldine, son-in-law Robert and grandchildren Ryan and Justin of Lancaster, Pa.; son Thomas, and fiance' Davida of Philadelphia, Pa.; and son Douglas, daughter-in-law Mary and grandchildren Chadwick, Jonathan and Elliot of Holly Springs, N.C. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Saint Bernadette's Church Building Fund.

DOROTHY R. JOHNSON

Resident of Trucksville

Dorothy R. Johnson, 69, of Carverton Road, Trucksville, passed away Sunday, August 19, 2001 at her home. Born in Shavertown, she was the daughter of the late Russell A. and Ruth (Morgan) Houser. She was a graduate of Kingston Township High School, Class of 1950. Before retiring, she was employed as a licensing agent for the Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission at Pocono Downs, Plains Township. She was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star, Dallas Chapter 396. She was preceded in death by her son, W. Dean Johnson; brother, Russell A. Houser Jr. Surviving are her son, Russell W., Hunlock Creek; daughters, Sandra Race, Franklin Township; Barbara Hughes, Port Matilda; brother, Jack Houser, Dallas; sister, Janice Brace, Franklin Township; grandchild, Amy Franchella, Kristyn Race, Jason Race, Michael Race, Megan Johnson, Margo Johnson, Erica Johnson, Rachel Koons, Becky Koons, Christopher Hughes. She was formerly married to Willis Dean Johnson, Dallas. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trucksville United Methodist Church Building Fund, 40 Knob Hill, Trucksville, Pa., 18704.

ROBIN PFEIFFER

Resident of Dallas

Robin C. Pfeiffer, 48, of Dallas, died Friday, August 10, 2001 at the VNA Hospice, St. Luke's Center, Bethlehem.

Born Aug. 21, 1952, in Somerville, N.J., he was the son of Paul L. Pfeiffer, of Belfast, and the late Jane Creveling Pfeiffer. He resided in San Carlos, Calif., before moving to Dallas six years ago.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his sister, Povey Lynn Pfeiffer. Surviving, in addition to his father, are brothers, Kipp Pfeiffer, Vallejo, Calif.; Wesley Pfeiffer, Allentown; maternal grandmother, Dorothy Creveling, Lebanon Township, N.J.; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

JOSEPH KOWALEWSKI

Resident of Lakeside Nursing Center

Joseph "Niga" Kowalewski, of Zerby Avenue, Edwardsville, and resident of Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake, died Sunday, August 19, 2001 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born July 20, 1912, in Edwardsville, he was a son of the late Frank and Anna (Wytanis) Kowalewski and stepmother, the late Theresa (Shusta) Kowalewski.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Leo, Frankie and Eugene.

Surviving are his brothers, Edward, New Jersey; and Stanley, California; sisters, Helen Randzio, Connecticut; Anna Capp, Edwardsville; and Genevieve, Gudman, Vernon; nieces and nephews.



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