

**OBITUARIES**

**CINDY ADELSON**  
Resident of Dallas and member of Shavertown U.M. Church

Cindy L. Adelson, 42, of Idlewood Drive, Dallas, died Friday, September 14, 2001 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Kingston, she was a daughter of Donald and Carolyn (Shaffer) Purvin, of Shavertown, Kingston Township. She was a graduate of Dallas High School and Wilkes-Barre Vocational Technical School Nursing Program. At one time, she was a pharmacy technician at Harold's Pharmacy, Wilkes-Barre, and later at K-Mart, Edwardsville. She was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church. Surviving, in addition to her parents, are her husband, Sanford D.; daughters, Brooke and April, both at home; sister, Karen Arnaud, Dallas; and paternal grandmother, Pearl Purvin, Wilkes-Barre. Memorial donations may be made to the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, 18708.

**NOAH SCHREFFLER**  
Resident of Dallas

Noah Schreffler, infant son of Stacey Schreffler, of Dallas, died Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He was born Sept. 4, 2001 in Kingston. He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandparents, Elmer and Mabel Schreffler. Surviving, in addition to his mother; are his brother, Corey, at home; maternal grandparents, David and Donna Knorr Schreffler, Drums, Butler Township; maternal great-grandparents, Robert and Betty Knorr, Kingston; aunts, uncles and cousins. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia, 19104-4399.

**FRANKLIN CLARK**  
Resident of Beaumont and member of Union Gospel Church

Franklin Clark, 88, of Beaumont, died Monday, September 17, 2001 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born Aug. 21, 1913 in Beaumont, he was the son of the late George and Roxieq (Lutz) Clark. He owned and operated a farm in Beaumont for most of his life. He attended the Union Gospel Church, Beaumont. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Margaret Ann Rifenberg. Surviving are his sons, Gerald E., Lehman; George F., Bloomingdale; and Fred J., Beaumont; daughters, Nice Stone, St. Cloud, Fla.; Millie Cappucci, Mehoopany; and Jacklynq Muller, San Diego; 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the Community Bible Church of Sweet Valley, 5390 Main Road, Sweet Valley, 18656.

**JUNE GIERCZNSKI**  
Resident of Dallas

June E. Giercznski, 73, of Dallas, Jackson Township, died Friday, August 24, 2001 at the home of her daughter in Dallas. Born June 6, 1928, in Plymouth, she was a daughter of the late William and Helen (Owens) Kennedy. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School. She attended Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah Witnesses, Dallas Congregation, Hildebrand Street, Dallas. She was preceded in death by her daughters, Lynn Rae and Diane; brother, William; and sister, Catherine Morgan. Surviving are her husband, Stanley J.; daughter, Susie Mulhern, Dallas; two grandchildren; brothers, Lawrence, Dallas; and Evan, New Jersey; sisters, Roberta Balzano, Dorothy Beluscio and Audrey Mayo, all of New Jersey; nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of the VNA of Luzerne County, 667 N. River St., Wilkes-Barre, 18705.

**GRACE KOCHER**  
Resident of Beaumont

Grace M. Kocher, 94, of Beaumont, died Saturday, September 15, 2001 in Annapolis, Md. Born in Wisconsin, she was the daughter of the late John and Clare Robbins. She was a graduate of the Beaumont school. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Beaumont. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George Sayre; second husband, Nathan Strahle; third husband, Arthur Kocher; and son, Lauren Sayre. Surviving are her daughter, Angeline Miller, Edgewater, Md.; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the Blind Association.

**TERRY D. NEWELL**

Shavertown resident and member of Jackson Methodist Church

Terry D. Newell, 22, of Jackson Church Road, Shavertown, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, in an automobile accident on the Sweet Valley Road. Born May 6, 1979, in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of Sandy (Splitt) Morris, of Shavertown, and Terry Newell, of Kingston. He was also grandson of Holden and Beatrice Newell, of Dallas, and the late Durwood and Lucille Splitt, of Jackson. He was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, class of 1997. He was employed by the Asbestos Workers, Local 38, as an insulator. He was a trumpet soloist and section leader in the Lake-Lehman High School Band. He was in District Band, Regional Band and District Orchestra. He gave private trumpet lessons. He enjoyed riding dirt bikes and ATVs. He was a member of the Jackson Methodist Church. He was a wonderful son and a faithful friend who will be sadly missed by his parents, family and friends. Surviving, in addition to his parents and grandparents, are his stepfather, Thom Morris; stepmother, Diane Newell; great aunt, Helen Franklin; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

**GEORGE HOFFMAN JR.**  
Shavertown resident and member of St. Therese's Church

George N. Hoffman Jr., of Youngblood Avenue, Shavertown section of Kingston Township, died Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at the Hospice Community Care Unit of Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. Born June 7, 1938 in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late George N. and Kathryn (Malta) Hoffman. He was a 1956 graduate of Hanover High School. He was the parts manager for Community Buick, Kingston, for 38 years, retiring in 2001. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, American Legion, Dallas, the Wyoming Valley Historical Society, National Park Association and Feeder Watch for Cornell Laboratories. Surviving are his wife of 40 years, the former Mary Herold; sons, Robert G., Ijamsvilleq, Md.; and George J., Plainsboro, N.J.; one grandson; sisters, Judith Walent, Deer Park, Long Island, N.Y.; and Kathryn Joseph, Hunlock Creek; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston; or to the American Lung Association of Wyoming Valley, Kirby Health Center, North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

**CLIFFORD STROUD**  
Sweet Valley resident and U.S. Naval Air Corps veteran of WWII

Clifford W. Stroud, 79, of the Sweet Valley section of Ross Township, died Wednesday, September 12, 2001 at Manor-Care Health Services, Kingston. Born Jan. 16, 1922 in Sweet Valley, he was a son of the late Clifford and Anna (Wilkinson) Stroud. He was a 1939 graduate of Lehman High School, received a bachelor of science degree from Penn State University and later did graduate work at Penn State University, Lehigh University and Bucknell University. He taught high school in the Pleasant Valley School District, Monroe County, for 30 years, retiring in 1977. He was a U.S. Naval Air Corps and U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater. He was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek, and past president of the Western Pocono Lions Club, Brodheadsville. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert, Fred and Richard; and sisters, Mildred Wilson and Marian Franklin. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, the former Helen Lukavitch; son, John T., Suffolk, Va.; daughters, Annette Goodman, Wilkes-Barre; and Linda A. Victory, Mertztown; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and sister, Freda Kitchen, Harrisburg. Memorial donations may be made to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, RR 3, Hunlock Creek, 18621.

**BASIL THIER**  
World War II Veteran of U.S. Marine Corps

Basil Thier, 90, of Edwardsville and Lopez, died Sunday, September 2, 2001 at his home in Lopez. Born May 8, 1911, in Edwardsville, he was a son of the late Gregory and Anna (Gobush) Thier. He attended Edwardsville schools. He was a chauffeur, worked for Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre, and was a truck driver for American Stores. He retired from Nelson's Furniture Co., Wyoming. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II, serving with the rank of staff sergeant. He was a lifelong member of St. John's the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church, Edwardsville, where he was on its church council and was custodian for many years. He also sang in the church choir and was president of St. John's Choir Club and Russian Orthodox Anthracite Male Chorus. He was a member of St. Nicholas Lodge, Edwardsville, and the Russian Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aide Society, serving on its board. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose (Moran) Thier; brothers, Maxim "Moxie," Peter, Michael, John and Humphrey; and sister, Mary Petras. Surviving are his sons, Hieromonk Michael, pastor of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Church, Lopez; and Basil, Sweet Valley, Ross Township; nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Russian Orthodox Church; St. Vladimir's Orthodox Church; or to Guthry Hospice, Towanda.

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