

**OBITUARIES**

**CHARLOTTE J. BESECKER**  
Former volunteer of the Red Cross

Charlotte M. Jeffery Besecker, 94, formerly of Bedford Street, Forty Fort, and Dallas, died Monday Oct. 22, 2001 at Mercy Center, Dallas.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Mary Frances (Johns) Markle. She attended the former Kingston High School and Wyoming Seminary Business School. She was a secretary for Conyngham Estates, Wilkes-Barre, before retiring. She was a member of Forty Fort United Methodist Church and past president of the former Widow to Widow Club. She was also a member of the former Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary and formerly volunteered at the American Red Cross. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George W. Jeffery; second husband, James F. Besecker; sisters, Ruth Ringstrom, Lorretta Prichard, Hazle Walker, Mabel Witt, Frances Stouch and Janet Markle; stepdaughters, Beverly Craig and Virginia Nichols; and stepson, Delmar Besecker.

Surviving are her son, Ronald Jeffery, Forty Fort, two grandsons, three great-grandchildren; stepsons, James, Donald and Robert Besecker. Memorial donations may be made to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Inc., New Jersey Chapter, 45 Wilson Ave., Manalapan, N.J., 07726; Sisters of Mercy Development Office, PO Box 369, Dallas, 18612; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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**NICHOLAS MERCURIO**  
Daughter lives in Sweet Valley

Nicholas Raymond Mercurio, of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday Oct. 24, 2001 at Carpenter Care Center, Tunkhannock. Born Dec. 30, 1935 in Newark, N.J., he was a son of the late Raphael and Mary Grace (DeLorenzo) Mercurio. He was a bartender at the Prince Hotel, Tunkhannock, for many years. He was awarded recognition for being in the 200, 300, and 500 Club for bowling. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Carmen and Ralph; and sisters, Esther and Eleanor Borgen and Antoinette Sierchio.

Surviving are his daughters, Denise Daloisio, Burlington, N.C.; Nicolette Maciejczak, Sweet Valley, Ross Township; MaryJo Miller and Melissa Baker, both of Tunkhannock; sons, John, Stroudsburg; and Michael, Tunkhannock; 15 grandchildren; and brothers, Salvatore, Joseph, Michael and Sam, all of New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701.

**ALDEN F. WAGNER**  
Former Huntsville resident

Alden F. Wagner, 94, of Goldridge St., Selma, CA, formerly of Huntsville and Lehman, PA, died Sunday October 21, 2001 in Fresno, CA. Born July 27, 1907, in Freeland, PA, he was the son of Lewis and Bertha Alden Wagner, former residents of Kingston, PA. He was a service manager of Power Engineering Corp., Wilkes-Barre, PA, for many years. He was also a former member of Huntsville and Trucksville United Methodist Church. Surviving are a son, Alden F. Wagner, Jr., of Lancaster, PA, and a daughter, Carole Sparkman of Selma, CA. Four grandchildren, four great-granddaughters, a sister, Elizabeth M. Sickler of Willow Street, PA, formerly of Forty Fort, PA. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

**ROBERT KITTLE**  
U.S. Army veteran of World War II

Robert E. Kittle, 78, of state Route 118, Sweet Valley section of Ross Township, died Friday Oct. 26, 2001 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Jan. 30, 1923 in Ross Township, he was a son of the late Fred and Elizabeth (Piatt) Kittle. He worked for Rave Nursery for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, the former Bertha Cragle; daughters, Karen L. Baltier, Wyoming; Sheila A. Lynchburg; Cheryl L. Kittle and Diane M. Hooker, both of Wilkes-Barre; sons, Kerryq L. and Kenneth J., both of Sweet Valley; one grandchild; sister, Freda Coolbaugh, Meshoppen; and brothers, Harold, Chase, Jackson Township; and Allen, Trucksville, Kingston Township.

**ISABEL MCLAUGHLIN**  
Brother lives in Lehman Twp.

Isabel (Bogdon) McLaughlin, 87, of Poplar Street, Plymouth, died Thursday Oct. 15, 2001 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born May 10, 1914 in Plymouth, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Anna (Petresavage) Bogdon. She attended Plymouth High School. She worked for the General Cigar Co., Kingston, before retiring. She was a member of St. Casimir's Church, Lyndwood, Hanover Township, its choir and Altar and Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Silver and Gold Club of St. Vincent's Church, Plymouth. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo; and brother, Sylvester.

Surviving are her sister, Constance Kragh, Lake Ariel; brother, Frank, Lehman Township; nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to St. Casimir's Church, Delaney Street, Lyndwood, Hanover Township.

**DAVID W. CASSELBERRY**  
Former resident of Dallas

David W. Casselberry, 43, native of Kingston, Pa., died at home in Bartlesville, Ok., on September 17, 2001. Funeral services were held on September 22 in the chapel of Oklahoma Wesleyan University with Rev. Rod MacIvaine, pastor of Grace Community Church officiating.

Born January 31, 1958, David grew up in Dallas and was a graduate of Dallas High School. He studied at the Colorado School of Mines, graduating in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mining engineering. He received a Master of Business Administration degree in 1984 from Southern Methodist University. He joined Phillips Petroleum in 1979 as an engineer. He was assistant treasurer and director of risk management; then senior vice-president, treasurer and chief financial officer of GPM Gas Corporation. In 1994 he was elected vice president and transferred to Houston, where he was responsible for the company's worldwide plastics operations. In 1999 he was named Phillips' chief economist. He was a member of Grace Community Church in Bartlesville, served on the Girl Scout Board, was chairman of the National Risk Management committee, and was a member of the finance and investment committee of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi fraternity.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Caroline, and four children at home, Rebekah, Ryan, Katherine, and Jonathan; his mother, Marjorie Lovett, Sun City Center, Fl; his father and stepmother, Robert L. and Jacquelyn Casselberry, Shillington, Pa.; two brothers, Bob Casselberry and wife Clare, Holland, Pa., Scott Casselberry, Chandler, Ariz., a sister, Lee Levato and husband Larry, Lancaster Pa., nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Jane Phillips Hospice, c/o Bluestem Regional Medical Development Foundation, 3500 SE Frank Phillips Blvd., Bartlesville, Ok 74006.

**AUDREY VAN ORDEN**  
Business office manager with Commonwealth Telephone Co.

Audrey J. Van Orden, 76, of Dallas, formerly of the East End section of Wilkes-Barre and Shavertown, Kingston Township, died Thursday Oct. 25, 2001 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township, where she was admitted earlier in the day.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Esther (Stephens) Clark. She was a graduate of Coughlin High School. She worked for the former Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co. and later for TV Guide, both at Wilkes-Barre, and before retiring, she was a business office manager for more than 20 years with Commonwealth Telephone Co., Dallas. She was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church and former member of the East End Primitive Methodist Church. She was also a Den Mother with Cub Scout Pack 98 at the former Christ Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre, for several years. She was preceded in death by her brother, Albert.

Surviving are her sons, Robert, San Diego; Clark, Luzerne; and Joseph, Dallas; 10 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Building Fund, Trucksville United Methodist Church, c/o 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, 18708.

**HELEN NICHOLS**  
Son lives in Jackson Township

Helen Nichols, 90, of Gardner Avenue, Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre, died Saturday Oct. 27, 2001 at Mercy Special Care Hospital, Nanticoke.

Born July 1, 1911 in the Providence section of Scranton, she was a daughter of the late Ernest and Emma (Patch) Telford. She was a 1930 graduate of Plains High School, where she was the valedictorian. She was a member of the Parsons Welsh Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Wineford J. Shaffer; and second husband, Joseph B. Nichols. Surviving are her son, James W. Shaffer, Chase, Jackson Township; stepdaughters, Hope D'Ambrosio, Deptford, N.J.; and Thelma Borowski Schiffhauer, Wilkes-Barre; stepson, Joseph W. Nichols, Forkston; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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