### OBITUARIES

### FRANK CUSCELA U.S. Navy veteran

Frank P. Cuscela, 68, of Shrine View, Dallas, died Thursday Jan. 10, 2002 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born March 3, 1933 in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Frank and Gilda (Marino) Cuscela. He attended local schools and earned a bachelor of science degree in economics from Wilkes University in 1957. He was a business executive in the Wyoming Valley and co-founder of Jewelcor Inc. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a trustee of Wilkes University and chairman of its Physical Facilities Committee, where the new student center dining room was named for his parents. He co-founded the First Collegiate Chapter of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the board of directors of First Union Bank-Northeastern Region and was active with numerous national and local civic, educational and charitable institutions. He a member of the Huntsville Golf Club, Old March Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and the Pine Tree Golf Club, Boynton Beach, Fla. He also was a member of the Westmoreland Club and former board member of the F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Lee Wilcox; daughters, Susan Carl son, Larchmont, N.Y.; and Kristin Siano, New York City; one granddaughter; sister, Agnes Hummel, Wilkes-Barre; and Wilkes-Robert, Barre; and Daniel, Old Forge; several nieces and nephews.Memorial donations may be made to St. Therese's Church. Pioneer Shavertown, 18708.

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JEANNE M. **GALLAGHER** Daughter lives in Dallas

Jeanne M. Gallagher, Dallas, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001 in Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Scranton, daughter of the late John and Mathilda Gerard Dawson. She had resided in Dunmore and was a graduate of Dunmore High School.

Mrs. Gallagher was a member of St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, Chestnut Street, Dunmore, and its Women's Guild. Before retiring, she was employed by Harper and Row Publishers. Dunmore. Her husband, Thomas J. Sr., died March 21, 1998.

Surviving are son, Thomas J. Jr., Dunmore; daughter; Patricia G. O'Neill, Dallas; six grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Dallas Fire and Ambulance Dallas, Pa., 18612.

**JAMES GORDON** Member of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department

James C. "Red" Gordon, Jr., 56, of the Trucksville section of Kingston Township, died Friday Jan. 11, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospi-

Born May 17, 1945, in Pueblo, Colo., he was the son of the late James and Madlyn (Nielson) Gordon. He worked at the Checkerboard Inn, Trucksville section Kingston Township, and at Hogan's, Dallas.

He was a member of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department and a former member of the Painters & Allied Trades Local 41. Wilkes-

Surviving are his wife, the former Stasia Newberry; daughters, Jane and Sherry, both of the Trucksville section of Kingston Township; and Donna L., Williston, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

JOHN HOWE Former athletics director at College Misericordia

John T. Howe, 54, of RR 3, Dallas, formerly of Harding, Exeter Township, and Groton, Conn., died Wednesday Jan. 2, 2002 at his home.

Born June 18, 1947 in Syracuse, N.Y., he was a son of Helen (Spahalski) Howe, Jenkins Township, and the late Philip Howe. He was a 1964 graduate of West Pittston High School and graduate of the Administration/Supervision Program at Southern Connecticut University, New Haven, Conn. He received a bachelor of arts degree in history from Wilkes College, and MAT degree from Connecticut College and was a Taft fellow of Taft Institute, Connecticut College, both of New London, Conn.

He was an adjunct instructor of American history and western civilization and government at Luzerne County Community College and College Misericordia. He also was an athletics director at College Misericordia. He was a middle school teacher of American history and geography in Tunkhannock and high school teacher of American history, American studies, European history and sociology and director of athletics at Fitch Senior High School, Groton. He was a member of Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, Center Moreland. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Anthony Padrazis.

Surviving are his son, John, at home; daughter, Jennifer, at home; brothers, Philip, Allentown; and Richard, Chase, Jackson Township; maternal grandmother, Mary Spahalski, Pittston; and several aunts and uncles.

Memorial donations may be made to Northeast Health & Hospice, Main Street, Pittston, 18640.

JOSEPH KRAVITZ U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II

Joseph D. Kravitz, 80, of Loyalville, died Thursday Jan. 10, 2002 at Dorrance Manor, Kingston.

Born in Larksville, he was a son of the late Joseph J. and Catherine (Blazik) Kravitz. He attended the Larksville schools. Before retiring, he was a dye and chemical mixer for the former Natona Mills, Dallas. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F & AM, Keystone Consistory, Scranton, Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, and its Oriental Band and also Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post 672, Dallas, where he was commander eight times. He also was past president of the Monday and Thursday Nights Bowling Leagues, Dallas, Local 1824 Textile Workers Union, and Keystone Joint Board Chapter of Unions, manager and treasurer of Natona Employees Federal Credit Union.

Surviving are his daughters, Rosemary, Dallas; and Carol Anne, Wilkes-Barre; and brothers, Albert E., Wilkes-Barre; Bernard W., Edwardsville; and Robert P., Hampton, Va.

#### **IONA HOLCOMB** Former Ross Township resident

Iona Holcomb, 95, of Mulberry Street, Berwick, died Wednesday Jan. 9, 2002 at the Berwick Retirement Village I, where she was a resident for the past two years.

Born March 8, 1906 in Ross Township, she was a daughter of the late Albert H. and Eva (Lewis) Holcomb.

She did domestic work in the Sweet Valley area. She was a member of the Berwick Christian Church. She was a resident of Berwick since 1981 and previously lived in Ross Township for 75 years in the same house. She was preceded in death by a brother, Cletus L.; and sisters, Catherine Culver and Eliza Varner.

Surviving are her sisters, Nell H. Cryder, with whom she resided; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Memorial Fund, Berwick Christian Church, 729 E. Fifth St., Berwick: or to the Berwick Public Library, 205 Chestnut St., Berwick, 18603.

CHRISTINE MCDONALD Worked for Humphrey's Apparel

Christine M. McDonald, 47, of Hillcrest Avenue, Shavertown section of Kingston Township, died Monday Dec. 31, 2001 at Mercy Hospice Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born Dec. 11, 1954 in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Bernice (Lavin) Tibus She was a 1972 graduate of Central Catholic High School. Before retiring, she worked for Triangle Shoes, Edwardsville, and Humphrey's Apparel, Dal-

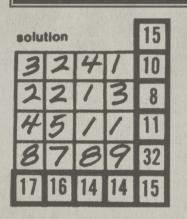
She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. Surviving are her husband, Lawrence J., Shavertown; sons, Daniel L. Nanticoke; and Brian F., Shavertown; one granddaughter; brother, Frank, Jr., Swoyersville; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton, Kingston Township. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mercy Hospice Commu nity Care, Wilkes-Barre.

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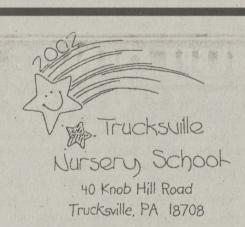
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