

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM BOLTZ

U.S. Air Force veteran William C. Boltz, 66, of Lake Silkworth, died Friday Jan. 25, 2002 at Hospice Community Care at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born April 7, 1935 in Nanticoke, he was a son of the late Charles and Emma (Davies) Boltz. He worked for Certain Teed Inc., Mountaintop, for 24 years, retiring 10 years ago. He served in the U.S. Air Force in 1952.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, the former Jean Yurewicz; sons, William, Sylvan Lake; Robert, Iowa City, Iowa; and Barry, Harding, Exeter Township; daughter, Brenda Barrall, Shavertown, Kingston Township; seven grandchildren; brother, David Hawley, Johnson City, N.Y.; nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, 18704; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

ABRAHAM CARVER

Brother lives in Sweet Valley

Abraham Carver, a resident of East Mountain Manor, Wilkes-Barre, died Sunday Jan. 13, 2002 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital.

Born June 28, 1920, in Plymouth Township, he was a son of the late Abraham and Mary (Rowe) Carver. He attended Plymouth Township schools, before moving to New Jersey. He worked for the Amspec Chemical Corp., Gloucester City, N.J., for many years before returning to Wyoming Valley. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Margaret Wolfe; grandson, Christopher Wolfe; and sister, Sarah Johnson.

Surviving are his sons, Abe, Jr., Hunlock Creek; and William, Phoenix; daughters, Fran Wolfe, Franklinville, N.J.; and Harriet Bates, Phoenix; stepson, James Wolfe, Williamstown, N.J.; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; brother, Harold, Sweet Valley; and sister, Harriet Kalena, Plymouth.

MARJORIE CASTERLIN

Resident of Dallas

Marjorie I. Casterlin, 91, of Dallas, formerly of Huntsville, died Wednesday Jan. 23, 2002 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. Born Feb. 22, 1910 in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late John W. and Minnie (Hessler) Ashelman. She was a 1928 graduate of Coughlin High School. She was formerly involved with the Wyoming Valley Art League and was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness Dallas Congregation. She was preceded in death by her husband, W. Sterling; and sister, Dorothy Veryl Nattras.

Surviving are daughter, Nancy Knight, Harlingen, Texas; two grandchildren, one niece and one nephew.

VICTORIA HUDZIK

Member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Victoria T. Hudzik, 95, of Hunlock Creek, died Tuesday Jan. 15, 2002 at the Hospice Community Care at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born March 30, 1906 in Larksville, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Zoinca) Biga. She lived at Hunlock Creek for the last 63 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley; brothers, Andrew, John, Stanley, Joseph and Frank; and sisters, Bridget Kiechen, Mary Kravitz, Ann, Louise and Helen.

Surviving are her son, Daniel S., Sweet Valley, Ross Township; daughter, Dolores Werhun, Hunlock Creek; three grandchildren, two great-grandsons; and sister, Stella Kozma, Kingston.

Memorial donations may be made to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Building Fund, 2011 state Route 29, Hunlock Creek, 18621-4303; or to the Sweet Valley Ambulance Association, PO Box 207, Sweet Valley, 18656.

FLORENCE CEASE

Member of Roaring Brook Baptist Church

Florence Cease, 90, of Sweet Valley, Ross Township, died Friday Jan. 25, 2002 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born October 28, 1911 in Sweet Valley, she was a daughter of the late Albert and Maude (Gregory) Morris. She resided in Sweet Valley all of her life. She worked for the former O'Malia Laundry, Luzerne, before retiring. She was a member of the Roaring Brook Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sheldon A.; brothers, Renold and Glenn; and sister, Mildred Updyke.

Surviving are her daughters, Alberta Hudzik and Fay Stroud, both of Sweet Valley; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; brother, Freece, Broadway; nieces and nephews. Memorial donations be made to the Roaring Brook Baptist Church Building Fund, 332 Prichard Road, Hunlock Creek, 18621.

AMELIA DONAHUE

Daughter lives in Sweet Valley

Amelia Mary Donahue, 74, of Nanticoke, died Tuesday Jan. 8, 2001 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Aug. 15, 1927 in Wapwallopen, she was a daughter of the late Claude and Amelia (Young) Reader. She lived in Nanticoke for the last 10 years. She worked for the former RCA Corp., Mountaintop, for 26 years, retiring 10 years ago.

Surviving are her son, Michael, York; Alan, South Bristol, Maine; and Philip, at home; daughters, Patricia McNeill and Sherry, both of Nanticoke; and Mary Jean Miller, Sweet Valley, Ross Township; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Donald, New York; Carl, Berwick; Philip and William, both of Hobbie; and sisters, Ruth Culp, Hobbie; and Alice Stein, Florida.

JUDY GRAMLEY

Member of Alderson United Methodist Church

Judy A. Gramley, 61, of Beaumont, died Sunday Jan. 27, 2002 at home.

Born March 3, 1940, she was a daughter of the late Norman and Sarah Jane (Zacharias) Shannon. She graduated from Dallas High School and served for many years on the Class of '58 Reunion Committee. She was a member of the Alderson United Methodist Church and was Sunday School superintendent, teacher and leader of the MYF. She was past matron of the Tunkhannock Chapter 74 Order of Eastern Star. She and her husband helped form the first Beaumont Little League and Boy Scout Troop 530. She received her scouting degree from Penn Mountain Council. She also formed and served as leader of Girl Scout Troop 217. She was a member of the Beaumont Lend-A-Hand Club. She was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Carson D., Jr.; son, Carson P.; and brother, Phillip M.

Surviving are her son, Carson D., III, North Carolina; daughters, Susan J. Harris, Kunkle; Sandra L. White, Harvey's Lake; and Caryn R., Beaumont; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson; sisters, Betty J. Swire, Tennessee; and Virginia R. Steinruck, Hunlock Creek; and several nieces and nephews.

VALERIAN SLEDZIEWSKI

Former Back Mountain resident

Valerian "Rian" Sledziewski, of Passaic, N.J., died Jan. 5, 2002, at home. He was the son of Louis and Cynthia M. Sledziewski. He attended Dallas Area High School and played the drums in the high school band. He was a member of St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Joseph Center Foundation, 210 Adams Ave., Scranton, 18509.

PHOEBE WEIGEL

Former Truckville resident

Phoebe E. Weigel, 94, formerly of Cliffside Avenue, Truckville section of Kingston Township, died Wednesday Jan. 2, 2002 in Sneedville, Tenn., at her daughter's home.

Born in Kingston, she was a daughter of the late William and Julia (Clapper) Fargo. She attended Kingston schools. She attended the Shavertown United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, William; and sisters, Sue O'Brien and Mary Fargo.

Surviving are her daughters, Peggy Poynton, Dallas; Mary Lou Painter, Sneedville; and Susan Henning, Augusta, W.Va.; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

FRANK HIRLEMAN

Volunteer Fire Co. member

Frank J. Hirleman, 58, of the Shavertown section of Kingston Township, died Friday Jan. 25, 2002 at Hospice Care of the VNA Inpatient Unit at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born Feb. 24, 1943 in Shavertown, he was a son of the late Budd C. and Catherine M. (Long) Hirleman. He was a 1962 graduate of Dallas High School and attended the Williamsport Technical Institute. He was a security officer at several local businesses. He was a member of Shavertown United Methodist Church, George M. Dallas Lodge, F&AM, the Irem Temple, AAONMS, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Bloomsburg, and the Donegal Society of Greater Wilkes-Barre, and life member of the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Co. Surviving are his sisters, Joyce Eckerd, Bethlehem; and Barbara Hann, Bridgewater, N.J.; nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, 18708; or to the Hospice Care of the VNA Inpatient Unit, 80 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701.

ROSEMARY ZURLA

Past president of the Business and Professional Women Organization

Rosemary Zurla, 75, of Exeter, died Monday Jan. 7, 2002 at the Mercy Center Nursing Unit, Dallas.

Born June 6, 1926 in Duryea, she was a daughter of the late Vito and Philomena (Noto) Deglilio. She was a graduate of Duryea High School and earned her nursing diploma from Pittston Hospital School of Nursing, bachelor of science degree in nursing education from College Misericordia and master's of science degree in education from the University of Scranton. She was director of the Pittston Hospital School of Nursing since 1967 and then Geisinger Wyoming Valley School of Nursing, until it closed in 1988. She was a member of the American Nurses Association, National League of Nursing and the Diploma Council of the American Hospital Association. She was a charter member of the Health Systems Agency of Northeast Pennsylvania and Nursing Education Consortium and executive board member of the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Diploma Council, past president of the Mental Health Association of Luzerne County, served on the professional advisory board of the Visiting Nurses Association and was past board member of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association. She was also a member and past president of the Business and Professional Women Organization. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis; brothers, Vincent, Nick, Alfred, George and Bill; and sisters, Esther and Romain. Surviving are her daughter, Lois Macri, Dallas; three grandchildren; sister, Eleanor D'Elia, Exeter; and brothers, Fred, Michigan; and John, New Jersey.

DOROTHY MACDONAGH

Former Truckville resident

Dorothy MacDonagh, 80, of Landsdale and North Wales, and formerly of Truckville, died Saturday Jan. 26, 2002 at home.

Born in Plains Township, she was a daughter of the late Cornelius and Catherine (Burke) Shovlin. She graduated from Plains Memorial High School and the Empire School of Cosmetology. She owned a salon in Wilkes-Barre and in the Miners Mills section of the city. She attended St. Rose of Lima Church, North Wales, and was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael; brothers, John, Leo, Joseph, Bernard, Cornelius, Patrick, Joe, and her twin brother, Gerald; and sisters, Marie, Catherine, Frances, Margaret and Eileen.

Surviving are her son, James, with whom she resided; daughter, Kate Arnold, Newark, Del.; five grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

NICHOLAS PERICCI

Treasurer for Sordoni Construction Company

Nicholas R. Pericci, 76, of Dallas, died Monday Jan. 14, 2002 at the Hospice Care of the VNA Inpatient Unit at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born May 28, 1925, in Scranton, a son of the late Joseph and Mary (Desiderio) Pericci. A 1943 graduate of Coughlin High School, he was also a graduate of the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, class of 1954. He was U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II and received the following commendations: the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theater Campaign Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Ribbon with four Bronze Stars and one Silver Star, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars. Mr. Pericci was employed as the treasurer for Sordoni Construction Company. He resided in the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre for many years and has resided in the Dallas area for the past 15 years. He was a member of St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown. He was the past commander of Parsons VFW Post 6227, a former member of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the Advisory Board of United Penn Bank, and a magistrate for the City of Wilkes-Barre. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Ann Polak; son, Robert Pericci; and brother, Anthony Pericci.

Surviving are his daughter, Patricia Pericci, Wilkes-Barre; daughter-in-law, Pat Pericci, Exeter; grandchildren, Chris and Michael Pericci and Kevin Holbert; sister, Mrs. Palma Stair, Arlington, Va.; brothers, John Pericci, New Jersey; and Joseph Pericci, Hanover Township; and nieces and nephews.

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