

OBITUARIES

SHARON BOICE SERBEL
Resident of Lehman Township

Sharon Boice Serbel, 55, of Lehman Township, died Saturday April 20, 2002 at home.

Born March 1, 1947, in Binghamton, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Oliver and Marie (Reed) Boice.

She attended Tunkhannock High School and Empire Beauty Academy. She was a member of Holy Family Parish, Luzerne. She was also a member of the Lake Lehman Football Booster Club and a Cheerleader Mom.

Surviving are her husband, Steve; stepmother, Betty Boice; daughters, Crista Oeller, Florida, and Heidi Scholz, Dallas; son, John Scholz, Mehoopany; stepsons, Michael Serbel, Leighton, and Stephen Serbel, Vero Beach, Fla.; five grandchildren; sister, Diane Morrison, Jenningsville; brother Stephen Boice, Sugar Run; step-sisters, Amy Lott, Meshoppen; Toni Hutcheson, Georgia; and Susan Champion, Alabama; and nieces and nephews.

JOHN KONOPKA
Grandson resides in Shavertown

John J. Konopka, 66, of Warsaw Street, Swoyersville, died Tuesday April 2, 2002 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. A life resident of Swoyersville, he was the son of the late John and Mary (Rozmus) Konopka and attended Swoyersville schools. He was employed at United Pants, Swoyersville, Topps Chewing Gum, Duryea, and most recently at Bridon American, Exeter. He was a member of Holy Family Parish, Luzerne. Preceding him in death were his brother, Tony; and a sister, Josephine Cegelka.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, the former Pauline Brdaric; son, John, and his wife, Lisa, Swoyersville; daughter, Susan Deeble, and her husband, Bruce; granddaughter, Heather, and grandson, Bruce, Shavertown; brother, Philip Konopka, Swoyersville; sisters, Caroline Rakos, Mountaintop; Anna Stefanko, Mary Cebreck and Nellie Zannetti, all of Swoyersville; and Sophie Patterson, Va.; numerous nieces and nephews.

ELIZABETH BELINE
Member of St. Therese's Church

Elizabeth M. "Betty" Beline, 83, of the Trucksville section of Kingston Township, died Saturday April 13, 2002 at home.

Born Jan. 2, 1919, in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Jacob F. and Matilda E. (Schmidt) Beline. She graduated from Kingston Township High School and Wilkes-Barre Business College. She was a secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance and later for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, from which she retired. She was a lifetime member of St. Therese's Church, the Shavertown section of Kingston Township, where she was active in its Altar and Rosary Society, Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality, Renew small group, senior citizens group, and choir. She also was a volunteer candy stripper nurses aid for Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and helped with recreation for elderly sisters at College Misericordia, Dallas Township. She was preceded in death by her sister, Mildred B. Devlin; and brother, Frank. Surviving are her sister, Mary Helen Russell, Lehigh-ton; and three nieces: Ann Marie Poepperling, Carol Keen, and Cynthia Nashett, three grand nieces: Rachael and Rebecca Nashett, Jacqueline Devlin Perry, six nephews: James, John and Jerry Devlin, Robert, Michael and Gerry Russell. Eleven grand nephews: James, Louis and John Devlin, Bryon and Cody Poepperling, Robert, Neal, Christopher, Eric, Gregory and Mark Russell. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Therese's Church.

EUGENIA SWEITZER
Member of Idetown United Methodist Church

Eugenia "Jean" Sweitzer, 87, of Deer Park Road, Lehman Township, and formerly of Idetown, died Sunday April 21, 2002 at home.

Born in Plymouth, she was a daughter of the late Paul and Antonia (Babetski) Zielinski. She graduated from Hanover Township High School. She was a member of Idetown United Methodist Church and its Couples Club. She was also a member of the Lake Lehman Band Sponsors. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert H., Sr.; sisters, Mary Loughlin and Connie Johns; and brothers, John and Alphonso.

Surviving are her son Albert H., Jr., with whom she resided; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister Irene Baron, Plains Township. Memorial donations may be made to Idetown United Methodist Church, PO Box 1, Lehman, 18627.

ANN ZEKAS

Member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown

Ann M. Zekas, of Hemlock Street, Dallas, died Thursday April 18, 2002 at Kingston Commons.

Born and raised in Edwardsville, she was a daughter of the late Peter and Mary Matusavage Zekas. She lived in Kingston and Luzerne before moving to Dallas in 1942. She attended Edwardsville schools. She was a member of St. Therese's Church, the Shavertown section of Kingston Township. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; daughter, Patricia Zekas; grandson, Thomas J. Jr.; and great-grandson, Robert.

Surviving are her sons, Joseph, South Plainfield, N.J.; Thomas, Forty Fort; Lawrence, Dallas; Ronald, Shavertown; daughter, Mary Ann Swayze, Shavertown; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Florence Sakonis, Conn.; Elizabeth Cebreck, Edwardsville; Lillian Stankinas, Edwardsville; and Mary Mahoney, Buffalo, N.Y. Memorial donations may be made to the NE Pennsylvania chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Wilkes-Barre.

CHESTER ZOLTEWICZ
Past president of Harveys Lake Protective Association

Chester J. "Chuck" Zoltewicz, 66, of Wilkes-Barre and Harveys Lake, died Tuesday April 9, 2002 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born Feb. 21, 1936 in Nanticoke, he was the son of the late Joseph and Sarah (Nedwick) Zoltewicz. He was a 1954 graduate of Nanticoke High School and attended Wilkes College, the U.S. Army Management Engineering College, Rock Island, Ill., and the U.S. Army Logistics Management Center, Fort Lee, Va. Before retiring in 1993, he worked for the Tobyhanna Army Depot for 28 years, first in the Force Development Division as a management analyst and later as a MIS specialist for Darcom USSA Division. He was a member of Holy Trinity Church, Nanticoke, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Knights of Columbus, Third Degree Council

913, Nanticoke, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, Luzerne, Antique Auto Club of America, Northeast Pennsylvania Region, North Branch Land Trust, past president of Harveys Lake Protective Association, founding member of the Nanticoke Historical Society, Harveys Lake Beach Club and the Ashley Breaker Preservation Society. He was preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy Fosko. Surviving are his wife of 30 years, the former Anne Price; aunt, Sophie Nedwick, Nanticoke; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorial donations may be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, 18702; or to the Nanticoke Historical Society, c/o Julianne Zarycki, 229 E. Main St., Nanticoke, 18634.

THEODORE HUGHES
Member of American Legion Post 967, Harveys Lake

Theodore D. Hughes, 64, of Harveys Lake, died Saturday April 20, 2002 at home.

Born July 20, 1937, in New York City, he was the son of the late Theodore R. and Cora (Dierolf) Hughes. He was a 1955 graduate of Manhattan High School of Aviation Trade and attended Suffolk County Community College, Long Island, N.Y. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. For 34 years, he worked at Pan American Airlines at JFK International Airport, New York City, and then for six years at United Express Airlines, Newburg, N.Y. He retired two years ago. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church. He was also a member of the Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club and American Legion Post 967, Harveys Lake.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, the former Roberta Roberts; son, Theodore R., Setauket, N.Y.; daughters, Lisa Field, Blackwood, N.J.; Molly Company, Shavertown section of Kingston Township; and Megan, Mystic, Conn.; and six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Wilkes-Barre.

DOLORES BURKE
Member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown

Dolores A. Burke, 71, of Dallas, died Saturday April 20, 2002 at Mercy Center.

Born Oct. 23, 1930, in Syracuse, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Charles and Jesse (Flynn) Reynolds. She graduated from high school in Syracuse. She was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown section of Kingston Township. She was a Republican Committee woman and a member of the Tuesday Lunch Group. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward F.; son, Steven E.; and brother, Charles.

Surviving are her daughters, Beth Lavoie, Hopkinton, Mass., and Patty Gibson, Westfort, Conn.; sons, Michael, Kingston, and Christopher, New York City; five grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to Mercy Center.

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GAIL HOOPENGARDNER
Sweet Valley resident

Gail M. Hoopengardner, 38, of the Sweet Valley section of Ross Township, died Saturday April 20, 2002 at Mercy Hospital.

Born Aug. 1, 1963, in Wellsboro, she was the daughter of Shirley Merrick Bronkoski, Kingman, Ariz.; and the late Gerald Bronkoski. She was a 1981 graduate of Wellsboro High School. She worked at various dress factories in the Back Mountain.

Surviving in addition to her mother are her husband of 15 years, Ray E.; son, Cody J., at home; and brother, Todd, Galeton. Memorial donations may be sent to the Huntington Disease Society of America; 158 W. 29th St.; Seventh Floor; New York, N.Y. 10001-5300.

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