# OBITUARIES

## **DOROTHY EDWARDS**

# Harveys Lake resident

Dorothy W. Edwards, 83, of Harveys Lake, formerly of Northumberland, died Tuesday August 6, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born on June 25, 1919, in Luzerne, she was a daughter of the late William B. and Ella Rebecca (Benner) Weidner. She graduated from Swoyersville High School in 1937 and the Eye, Ear and Nose School of Nursing, New Jersey. Prior to her retirement, she lived in Maryland, where she worked as a nurse in several hospitals and nursing homes. She was a former member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Northumberland. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; and several brothers and sisters.

Surviving are her son, Harry Jr., Willards, Md.; daughter, Carol Gray, Hillsboro, Ore.; two grandchildren; sisters, Edith Gorka, Harveys Lake, Charlotte Anderson, Bear Creek, and Evelyn Price, Mystic, Conn.; and several nieces and nephews.

## **R. ARTHUR BROWN**

#### Self-employed contractor, and member of Shavertown U.M. Church

Arthur Brown, 94, of Dallas, died Friday August 9, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born on Feb. 27, 1908, in Whales, he was a son of the late William and Ellen (Jones) Brown. He had been employed as the director of Diamond Trade Schools, Pottsville. He also was self-employed as a contractor and was the developer of Brown Manor. He was a former member of the Carverton Methodist Church, where he was a member of its bowling league. He was a current member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church, where he was a member of the 20/30 Club.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joey; brother, William T.; and great-grandson, Wesley Lewis.

Surviving, in addition to his wife of 71 years, the former Anna Budnaitis, are his daughters, Beverly Atherholt, Dallas, and Barbara Brandt, Shavertown; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

## **BEATRICE SAXE**

#### Former housekeeper in the Back Mountain

Beatrice A. Saxe, 91, of Shavertown, Kingston Township, died Wednesday August 7, 2002 at Hospice Community Care, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. Born in Buckwheat Hollow, Monroe Township, she was a daughter of the late Daniel and Jessie (Brown) Traver. She lived in Shavertown for most of her life. She worked as a cook for the former Percy Brown's Restaurant, Wilkes-Barre for 15 years, and the former O'Malia Laundry, Luzerne, for five years. She also was a housekeeper for various families in the Back Mountain. She was preceded in death by a son, Herbert L.; brothers, John. Nelson. Michael, Robert and Samuel; and sisters, Hattie Derhammer. Ella Dimmick, Melvina, Isabelle White, Rachael, and Leona.

Surviving are her brother, Bruce. Friendsville: foster sister Pauline Varner, with whom she lived; and nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, 18704.

## **BEVERLY POLITZ**

### Former Girl Scouts of America troop leader

Beverly J. Politz of Penn Avenue, Exeter, and formerly of Knox Street. Lee Park section of Hanover Township, died Saturday Aug. 10, 2002 at home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late Griffith and Grace Williams. She belonged to Christ United Presbyterian Church, Lee Park. She volunteered with Lee Park Little League and for 20 yeas with the Society for the Blind in Wilkes-Barre. She was a Girl Scouts of America troop leader of the former Douglas Presbyterian Troop at Christ United Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas, and brothers, John and Richard.

Surviving are her daughters, Karen Sims and Susan Letukas, both of Hanover Township; Nancy McNeil, Exeter; and Lorraine Zakurakas, Nanticoke: six grandchildren; sisters, Shirley Gavlick and Barbara Kolbicka, Ashley; brothers, Griffith, Ex-William, Wilkes-Barre: eter: Robert, Lehman Township; and Watkin, Bakersville, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

## **BRENDAN WALSH**

#### U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict

Brendan B. Walsh, 66, of The Villages, Florida, died Tuesday August 6, 2002

Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Thomas and Teresa (Gallagher) Walsh. He moved to Florida from Dallas. For 45 years, he was an area service manager for Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Corp. He was a member of St. Timothy Catholic Church, Lady Lake, Fla. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion post #347, Lady Lake, Fla., the Irish Ameri-

years, the former Anna H. Swinty, he is survived by his sons, James T., Longwood, Fla., and Brendan B. Jr., Lawrenceville, Ga.; daughters, Kathleen Flatley, Berwyn, and Denise Gramps, Dallas; 11 grandchildren; and sister, Teresa Cassidy, Walnut Creek, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 237 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL 32803.

#### **ANDREW CHOPYAK**

#### Member of St. Therese's Church

Andrew J. Chopyak, 56, of Gates Road, Jackson Township, died ThursdayAugust 8, 2002 while vacationing in Diamond Beach, N.J.

Born in Troy, N.Y., he was the son of Josephine (Zalinski) Chopyak, Dallas, and the late Andrew Chopyak. He graduated from Northeast High School, Dupont, Bethel College, and the University of Scranton. He was the director of Mental Health Services for Northeast Counseling Services, Nanticoke. He was member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, Dupont Polish American Club, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, and various other groups.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife of 25 years, the former Ellen Dudascik; sons, Michael and Mark, both at home; and sister, Josephine.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northeast Counseling Services, 130 W. Washington St., Nanticoke, 18634.

## **GERALD LEEHAN**

### U.S. Navy veteran of World War II

Gerald Leehan of Newberry Estates, Dallas, died Saturday Aug. 10, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Pittston, he was a son of the late Eugene and Regina (Schrank) Leehan. He graduated from Pittston High School and attended Wilkes College. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Before retiring in 1988, he was senior vice president of Pearle Vision Retail in Dallas, Texas, and vice president of Optical Inc. and Rogers/Berman Optical Co. Retail, both in Wilkes-Barre. He belonged to St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 283, Kingston; Fox Hill Country Club, Exeter; the Forty Fort Lions Club; the Forty Fort Businessmen's Association; Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Wilkes-Barre; the Donegal Society, Wilkes-Barre; the Arts of Havfield at Penn State's Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township. He was a life-member of Knights of Columbus Council 372, Pittston. He was on the advisory board of the Area Agency of Aging in Wilkes-Barre.He was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, the former Dolores Carter; daughter, Michele Meyer, Lancaster; sons, G. Charles and Gene, both of Dallas, Texas; four grandchildren; sister, Joan Diana, Pittston; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## **MARGARET MITCHELL**

#### Member of Sweet Valley Fire Auxiliary

Road, Sweet Valley, died Aug. 10, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Jan. 26, 1947, in New York City, she was a daughter of Sweet Valley; five grandchildren; the late Felix and Angela (Serini) Forino. She worked at Pump-N-Pantry Inc., Pikes Creek. She belonged to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth section of Lehman Township. She was a

Margaret Mitchell, 55, of Main member of Sweet Valley Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary. Surviving are her husband,

Eric; daughter, Ann Marie Baglivo, Brooklyn, N.Y.; son, Eric, sisters, Rose, Brooklyn, and Marie Sarno, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Wilkes-Barre.

## **HERMAN MORCKEL**

### Air Force veteran of WWII

Aug. 11, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre lain Corp., Scranton. General Hospital.

was a son of the late John and Dorothy (Georgie) Morckel. He attended Philadelphia public schools. From 1942 to 1945 during World War II, he served in Europe with the 378th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group and sisters, Dorothy Shapiro of the U.S. Army Air Corps. His and Charlotte, both of Philadelunit received the Distinguished Unit Badge and six battle stars.

Herman J. Morckel, 81, of Before retiring, he was plant Lewis Avenue, Trucksville, died electrical engineer for Chamber-

He was preceded in death by Born in Springfield, Ohio, he his son, Norman; brother, Fred; and sister, Catherine Formica.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, the former Leila Wilson; daughter, Elaine Sands. Tunkhannock; son, Brian, Charlotte, N.C.; a granddaughter; phia.

# **MARGUERITE PAVLICK**

#### Worked at the Pentagon

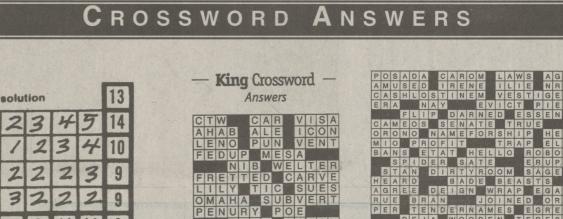
Marguerite "Sis" Pavlick of previously for the U.S. Departdied Aug. 10, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

daughter of the late Joseph and Marguerite (Lewis) Kapitula. She was a 1967 Kingston High the Tobyhanna Army Depot and of Shavertown.

Hazeltine Street, Shavertown, ment of Navy at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Surviving are her husband,

Born in Kingston, she was the Richard J.; children, Valerie Babinetz and Edward Suda Jr., both of Texas; two grandchildren; and brothers, Mark, Dal-School graduate. She worked at las, and David and Joseph, bothb

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# can Club and the Glenbrook Club, both of The Villages, Fla. In addition to his wife of 44

