

**OBITUARIES**

**LILLIAN RASPEN**

Member of Victory Baptist Church

Lillian R. Raspen, 84, of Sweet Valley died Thursday August 22, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born on Jan. 7, 1918, in Clarks Summit, she was a daughter of the late Earl and Jennie (Slusser) White. She lived in Sweet Valley for most of her life. She was a member of the Victory Baptist Bible Church, Lehman Township.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Sr.; son, Hayden; grandsons, Mark and Jeremy; brother, Walter; and sisters, Edith, and Evelyn.

Surviving are her sons, Albert Jr., and Thomas W., both of Sweet Valley; daughter, Evelyn Taylor, Sweet Valley; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sisters, Charlotte Puterbaugh, Williamsport, and Celina Ball and Elsie Clark, both of Tunkhannock.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Victory Baptist Bible Church, P.O. Box 58, Lehman Township, 18627.

**CELIA POLACHECK**

Worked in the local garment industry for over 50 years

Celia (Kolessar) Polacheck, 74, of Sunrise Drive, North End section of Wilkes-Barre, died Saturday August 24, 2002 at the Hospice of the Visiting Nurses Association Inpatient Unit at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Plains Township, she was a daughter of the late John and Helen (Puk) Kolessar. She was educated in the Plains Township Schools, and had attended Saints Peter and Paul Parochial School and the former Plains High School. Until her retirement, she worked in the local garment industry for more than 50 years as a seamstress in several dress factories. She was a member of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Antoinette Sedor, and Isabelle Chilson.

Surviving, in addition to her husband of 51 years, William J., she is survived by a son, Dr. William J. Jr., Lemoyne; daughter, Diane O'Brien, Shavertown; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Osterhout Free Library, 71 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701, or Sacred Heart/Saint John's Parish Community, 601 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, 18705.

**MARY JENKINS**

Member of St. Therese's Church

Mary D. Jenkins, 83, of Shavertown, died Saturday August 24, 2002 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born on Feb. 17, 1919, in West Nanticoke, she was a daughter of the late John and Selina (Layau) Kane. She graduated from the former Harter High School, West Nanticoke, in 1937. Prior to her retirement, she worked in the manufactured food industry at George Ballet & Sons, West Nanticoke. She was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, where she was active with the Altar and Rosary Society and the Family Ministry.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Francis, James, John, and Edward; sister, Agnes Parry; and grandson, Scott Benza.

Surviving, in addition to her husband of 63 years, Albert T.; are her daughters, Marilyn Benza, and Kathy Hutchins, both of Shavertown; four grandsons; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Kathleen Kelly, Wilkes-Barre, and Emily Quinn, Lansdale; and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, 18612.

**CECELIA ANN BLASICK**

Former teacher at Huntington Mills Elementary School

Cecelia Ann Blasick, 54, of Skapura Road, Benton, died Thursday Aug. 22, 2002 at Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia, after a six-year battle with leukemia.

Born Feb. 10, 1948, in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of Celia (Jasler) Skapura of Lakeside Nursing Home, Harveys Lake, and the late John Skapura. She was a 1966 Northwest Area High School graduate and a 1971 Bloomsburg State Teachers College graduate. She taught at Huntington Mills Elementary School for three years before starting her family. She belonged to St. Martha's Church, Fairmount Springs section of Fairmount Township, and its choir.

Surviving are her husband, Michael L.; sons, Michael Ryan, Newfield, N.J., and Brian Lee, at home; daughter, Ann Marie, Atlanta; and sister, Helen Bogdon, Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia Society of America Inc., Philadelphia.

**LYNN MARIE SIRIANNI**

Former Red Cross worker

Lynn Marie Sirianni, 24, of Larksville, and formerly of Ashburn, Va., died Thursday Aug. 22, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Nov. 3, 1977, in Kingston, she was the daughter of Michael and Helen (Opet) Fugok of Larksville. She attended Wyoming Valley West schools and graduated from Bishop O'Reilly High School. She attended Luzerne County Community College. She was office coordinator of Perfectly Female, an obstetrician/gynecologist office, in Ashburn. She formerly worked for the American Red Cross. She belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Plymouth.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are her husband of three years, Jeffrey R., Ashburn; sister, Lori Ann Temarantz, Larksville; brother, Michael, Jr., Nanticoke; paternal grandmother, Eleanor Simonovich, Shavertown section of Kingston Township; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and a niece.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Catherine McAuley House, Plymouth.

**ELIZABETH WHITEHOUSE**

Daughters live in Back Mountain

Elizabeth E. Whitehouse, 82, formerly of Kingston Gardens Apartments, died Monday Aug. 26, 2002 at ManorCare Health Services, Kingston, where she had been a resident.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Marie (Wick) Bath. Before retiring, she worked at Kingston Indoor Tennis for many years. She was an active member many years ago of Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, and its choir, Christian Women's Fellowship, Mother's Club and Friendship Club. She lived at Kingston Gardens for 14 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom; sister, Gertrude; and brothers, John and Charles.

Surviving are her daughters, Barbara Watkins, Luzerne; Linda Labecki, Wilkes-Barre; and Karen Pentka, Shavertown section of Kingston Township; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and sister, Ruth Roman, Virginia.

Memorial donations may be made to Westmoor Church of Christ.

**WILLIAM MORGAN**

Former carpenter

William A. Morgan of Spokane, Wash., died Aug. 15, 2002 in Spokane.

Born Sept. 30, 1921, in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late George and Hetty (Myers) Morgan. He worked on several farms in the Muhlenburg section of Union Township before moving to Spokane 32 years ago. He worked as a carpenter there for many years and also did auto repair work at a Conoco station.

Surviving are his sons, William A., Jr., Dallas; George, Pittston; Jerald, Washington state; Leon, Hunlock Creek, James, Kingston; and Robert, Courtdale; and sisters, Lois Zerfoss, Dallas, and Marjorie Springer, Plymouth.

**ANTOINETTE DIMINO**

Trucksville resident

Antoinette T. Dimino, 78, of Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, Kingston Township, formerly of Swoyersville, died Thursday August 22, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston, she was a daughter of the late Giuseppe "Joseph" and Concetta (Favata) Drago. She last worked at the United Pants Factory, Plymouth. She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, West Wyoming.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; son, Joseph; sister, Mamie; and brother, John.

Surviving are her daughter, Antoinette Belles, Trucksville, with whom she lived; son, Michael, Swoyersville; five grandchildren; and brothers, Joseph, Bensalem, and Salvatore, Dallas.

**EDWARD RAKOWSKI**

Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Medical Corps

Edward P. "Iggy" Rakowski Sr., 80, of Freed Street, Sugar Notch, died Saturday Aug. 24, 2002 at home after an illness.

Born Aug. 7, 1922, he was a son of the late Ignatz and Maryanna Rakowski. He was a 1940 Sugar Notch High School graduate. During World War II, he was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He served in Europe with the 26th Division's 114th Medical Battalion. He participated in campaigns in northern France, the Rhineland and Ardennes Forest during the Battle of the Bulge. He received four Bronze Service stars, the American and the European-African-Middle Eastern campaign medals and the Victory and the Good Conduct medals.

Until retiring in 1985, he was a truck driver for Acme Markets. He belonged to Holy Family Parish. He was a member of the Local 401 of the Teamsters Union; American Legion Post 796; and the Sugar Notch Conservation Club. He lived in Sugar Notch his entire life.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 37 years, the former Anna T. "Nancy" Kane; brothers, Jan, Joseph and Ludwig; and sister, Bertha Kuklewicz.

Surviving are his sons, Edward, Jr., West Virginia; Thomas and Ronald, both of Sugar Notch; and Paul, Lyndwood section of Hanover Township; daughters, Virginia, Allentown; Carol, Sugar Notch; and Lu Ann Levitsky, Harveys Lake; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to a charity of the donor's choice.

**Kingston Twp. offers compost site**

Kingston Township reminds residents that Open Burning Permits are required for all open fires and that Township Ordinance states that only wood, paper, tree branches, tree leaves and yard trimmings may be burned. The ordinance further states that no hazardous or other objectionable condition will be created by such burning.

The Township encourages residents to utilize other methods of disposal of these items, such as the Township compost area at the Center Street Public Works Facility. Residents may haul leaves, branches, and yard trimmings to this site instead of burning.

The compost site hours are: April through November 30 of each year: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to dark; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m..

December 1 through March 30 of each year: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 a.m. to dark; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents with questions about open burning or the compost site may call the Township Administrative Office at 696-3809, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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