

OBITUARIES

ALICE MOSS COLEMAN

Proof reader for U.S. Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C.

Alice J. Moss Coleman, 92, of Sweet Valley, died Sept. 26, 2002 at Marion County Hospice in Ocala, Fla.

Born Jan. 9, 1910, in Binghamton, N.Y., she was the daughter of the Rev. Benjamin and Jennie Rachel (Galbraith) Coleman. She was a 1933 graduate of Wheaton College in Illinois. She lived and taught in New York City and later worked for Publishers Printing. Before retiring in 1976, she was a proof reader for the U.S. Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C. She belonged to Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, and its Women's Club. She lived in Sweet Valley for 20 years before moving to Florida in 1996.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Steven W. Moss; second husband, George M. Coleman; and brothers, Donald, Elliot, Benjamin and Paul; and stepson, Donald Moss.

Surviving are her son, Allen P. Moss, Ocala, and David J. Moss, Shickshinny; four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and stepdaughter, Janette Grieves, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to Marion County Hospice Inc., P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, Fla., 34478-4860.

PAULINE ROPER

Brother and sister reside in the Back Mountain

Pauline R. Roper of Grove Street, Pringle, died Saturday October 12, 2002 at Hospice Community Care in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Luzerne, she was a daughter of the late Matthew and Otilia (Broder) Padavan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Seth; brothers, Frank and Joseph; and sisters, Josephine Shoppell, Ann Napierkowski, Mary Harchar and Margaret Amos.

Surviving are her sons, Thomas and Seth, both of Kingston; Paul, Sweet Valley section of Ross Township; and William, Pringle; daughter, Joell, Edwardsville; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Dolores Spencer, Lehman Township; and brothers, John, Courtdale; Louis, Hawaii; and William, Plains Township.

MILDRED KERN

Former LPN at Lakeside Nursing Center

Mildred "Midge" L. Kern, 69, of Dallas, died Wednesday Oct. 9, 2002 at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Born March 18, 1933, in Kingston, she was the daughter of Erma Weidner Culp and the late Robert J. Culp.

She was the co-owner for seven years of the former Jimi's Restaurant, Dallas. She worked as a private duty licensed practical nurse before working at the Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake. She traveled with her husband before moving to Dallas 30 years ago. She retired 18 months ago. She belonged to the Northmoreland Baptist Church, Centermoreland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert J. and son, Jimi.

Surviving are sons Richard J., Noxen; Todd W., Dallas; daughter, Mary M. Northrop, Burke, Va.; ten grandchildren; sisters, Charlotte Ashton, Jackson Township; Alice Ross, Lake Worth, Fla.; and Virginia Major, Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Northmoreland Baptist Church, P.O. Box 2020, Centermoreland, 18657.

JOSEPH DOYLE

U.S. Army veteran of World War II

Joseph P. Doyle, 82, of Harveys Lake, died Monday October 14, 2002 at home.

Born in Pittston, he was the son of the late Thomas F. and Catherine (Kearney) Doyle. He was a Pittston High School graduate. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Before retiring in 1985, he worked for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad. He belonged to St. Mary Help of Christians Church, Pittston. He lived for most of his life in Green Street, Pittston.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Vincent and Francis.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Zapko; son, Joseph, Clarks Summit; daughter, Barbara Ruda, with whom he resided; seven grandchildren; brother, Eugene, Tonawanda, N.Y.; sister, Mary Catherine Zapko, Pittston; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Community Care, Kingston.

CARL MILLER

Former Noxen resident and U. S. Marine Corps veteran

Carl T. Miller, 68, formerly of RD 1, Noxen, died Wednesday October 8, 2002 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Philadelphia.

Born Sept. 9, 1934, in Parsons, he was the son of the late Harry and Fannie Trevehan Miller. He was educated in local schools. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, receiving the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He worked as a mason finisher for Pagnotti Construction Co. for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Lillie Eleanor Marcy.

Surviving are his daughters, Tarie Williams, Mansfield, Texas; Carla Hayes, Bloomsburg; Kathleen Gunther, Richmond, Va.; Paulette Boydston, Lubbock, Texas; Tracy Kessler, Bloomsburg; sons, Frank D., Centermoreland; Clinton L., Noxen; 14 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; sister, Marlene Murphy, Wilkes-Barre; brothers, Robert L., Bloomsburg; Paul Miller, Buck Horn.

CHARLES JANKOVIK

U.S. Army veteran

Charles A. Jankovik of Forty Fort died Saturday Oct. 5, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late George and Anna (Potera) Jankovik. He was a 1957 Swoyersville High School graduate. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a selector at Circle Bolt & Nut Co., Inkerman section of Jenkins Township. He belonged to Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville. He lived in Forty Fort for the past 38 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Marie, and brother, Daniel.

Surviving are his sons, Charles E., Larksville, and Mark, at home; daughters, Michele Smith, Kingston, and Jo Anna Heath, Dallas Township; two grandchildren; brothers, James, Mountain Top, and Robert, Swoyersville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the church.

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JOHN SKORDINSKI

Worked for the U.S. Postal Service, Washington D.C.

John B. Skordinski, 83, of Blandesburg, Md., died Sept. 28, 2002

at Gladys Spellman Nursing Home, Cheverly, Md.

Born Oct. 10, 1918, in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Wasil and Mary (Buriak) Skordinski. He graduated from Coughlin High School. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps; the Department of Veterans Affairs, Wilkes-Barre; and the U.S. Postal Service, Washington D.C. He was a member of the Elks-Lodge 1778; the Parsons Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Wilkes-Barre; and Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Basil, and sisters Mary Gurdock and Eva Ridolfi.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, the former Marie Dzanis; daughter, Jean, Fairfax, Va.; Sandra Rosenberger, Clarksville, Md.; two grandchildren; brothers Michael, Daytona Beach, Fla., and Andrew, Mt. Pocono; sisters, Anna Hutz, Wilkes-Barre; Esther Fort, Parlin, N.J.; Kay Zaharchuck, Trenton, N.J.; and Helen Day, Dallas, Pa.; and many nieces and nephews.

THOMAS NEYHARD

World War II veteran and recipient of numerous military decorations

Thomas J. Neyhard, 82, of Dallas, died Wednesday October 9, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born April 7, 1920, in Plains Township, he was the son of the late Charles and Sara (Evans) Neyhard.

Prior to his retirement in 1984 he worked for 37 years as plant manager at Native Textiles, Dallas. He also worked for two years after retirement in construction. He was a World War II veteran and landed on Normandy Beach on D-Day with the 4th Infantry Division. During his enlistment he graduated from the Radio Communications School, Augusta, Ga., the U.S. Ranger School, Norfolk, Va. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge with Wreath and numerous other military decorations. He also served at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

He was a member of the East Dallas United Methodist Church and a life member of the Plains American Legion, Post 558, the Kingston Disabled American Veterans, Post 102, and the Kingston Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 283. He was also a member of the George M. Dallas Lodge, 531, the Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, the Irem Temple, AAOONS, the Irem Golf Association and the St. David Society. He was a former member of the Kiwanis Club of Dallas and the Presbyterian Church Retirement Group.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Lasher; and a brother, Frederick.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, the former Gertrude Thomas; daughters, Carol Novajosky, Centermoreland; and Linda Harrison, Endicott, N.Y.; three granddaughters, two great-granddaughters, a sister, Ruth Young, Shavertown, Kingston Township; several nieces and nephews.

THERESA YOKAVONIS

Formerly worked at Robert's Hair Fashions

Theresa L. Yokavonis, 58, of South Welles Street, Wilkes-Barre, died Sunday October 13, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born June 22, 1944, in the Lyndwood section of Hanover Township, she was a daughter of the late Daniel and Helen (Zajkowski) Yokavonis. She was a 1962 Hanover High School graduate and received a cosmetology license from Bradford Beauty School in Wilkes-Barre. She

worked for 14 years in Inter-Metro Corp.'s trafficking department in Wilkes-Barre and at Robert's Hair Fashions in Hanover Township. She belonged to St. Casimir's Church, Lyndwood.

Surviving are her sister, Josephine Kulikoski, Sweet Valley section of Ross Township; brother, Paul, with whom she resided; and a niece and a nephew.

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