

OBITUARIES

CONSTANCE ANDREWS

Sweet Valley resident and member of Sweet Valley Church of Christ

Constance T. Andrews, 80, of Sweet Valley, Ross Township, died Saturday December 28, 2002 at Berwick Retirement Village.

Born March 26, 1922, in Scranton, she was a daughter of the late Dean and Blanche (Hutchings) Piper. She belonged to Sweet Valley Church of Christ and its Lydia Circle.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert R.; and brother, Edmund Piper.

Surviving are her sons, Robert K., Cambra; Mark R., Atlanta; sisters, Lavina Britt, Pikes Creek; Yvonne D'Alusio, Toms River, N.J.; Marjorie Shinder, Muncy; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

ROBERT WHITE

Self-employed truck driver

Robert E. "Popeye" White, 59, of Harveys Lake, died Wednesday at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Sept. 9, 1943, in Cincinnati, he was the son of the late Ward and Etta (Fields) White. He was self-employed as a truck driver for many years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Sandra Gramley; sons, Michael, at home; Phillip, Wilkes-Barre; daughters, Kimberly, at home; Lori Moller, Penny Phelps and Cindy Trombley, all of Watertown, N.Y.; nine grandchildren; sister, Wanda Kely, Cincinnati; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations would be greatly appreciated to help with the funeral costs.

GLORIA GRANT

Member of Prince of Peace Church

Gloria R. Grant, 76, of Richard Drive, Dallas, died Thursday January 2, 2003

at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Winthrop, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Maurice and Eva (Corkum) Nelson. She was a graduate of Winthrop High School and was a member of Prince of Peace Church, Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John B.; brother, Alfred; sisters, Beatrice Gossett, Charlene DeMartino, Doris Nelson, Edyth Connelly and Geraldine Moriarty.

Surviving are sons, Ronald B., Watertown; John N., Jersey Shore; daughters, Gloria Zimmerman, Lake Ariel; Susan Shepherd, Dallas; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

SISTER M. BASIL SMITH, RSM

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Sister M. Basil Smith, RSM, a member of the Dallas Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, died Friday December 27, 2002 at Mercy Center, Dallas.

The former Zita Marie Smith was born Oct. 10, 1904 in New Germany, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret (Long) Smith. She was a 1922 graduate of Mount Aloysius Academy, Cresson, and received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from College Misericordia. She entered the Sisters of Mercy Novitiate in Cresson on Sept. 8, 1929 and pronounces her vows as a Sister of Mercy on March 12, 1932. She ministered as an elementary school teacher in the dioceses of Altonna/Johnstown and Pittsburgh for many years. From 1969 to 1991, she was at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona as a teacher in pastoral ministry. In 1991, she retired to the prayer ministry at McAuley Hall, Cresson, and in 1995 continued this ministry at Mercy Center.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Vincent, Benno, Thomas, Clement, and Fr. Julian Smith, OSB; sisters, Mary Chirdon and Sister M. Matthew Smith, RSM.

Surviving are brother, Fr. Ermin Smith, OSB, Latrobe; sisters, Elizabeth Ryan, Summerhill and Palm City, Fla.; Helen Smith, Summerhill and arcadia, Fla.

Memorial donations may be made to Retirement fund, Sisters of Mercy, P.O. Box 369, Dallas.

JASPER ARNONE

Former Shavertown resident

Jasper A. Arnone, 89, formerly of Pittston and Shavertown, died Tuesday December 31, 2002 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born Feb. 11, 1913, in Pittston, he was a son of the late Jasper and Mary (Mule) Arnone. He was employed as a track-layer in Wyoming Valley coal mines and was a survivor of the Knox mine disaster. He was a member of the United Mine Workers Union.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose; sisters, Rose Reggie and Margaret Arnone; brother, Joseph; and granddaughter, Rochelle Staffieri.

Surviving are daughters, Marianne Pechal, Shavertown; and Rosalie Burtis, Doylestown; a grandson; great-grandchildren; brothers, John and Samuel, both of Pittston; and sisters Josephine Arnone, Pittston; and Mary DeMarco, Phoenix.

NELL COOPER

Member of Gate of Heaven Church

Nell Cooper, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., and formerly of Dallas, died Friday December 27, 2002 at Carolina House, Hilton Head, S.C.

Born Feb. 23, 1913, in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late Bernard Nevitt. She attended Wilkes-Barre schools. She belonged to Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. She was active with the Senior Citizens Association, Kingston, and the Senior Citizens Group at Carolina House, S.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank B.; and sisters, Helen Thomas, Frances Lawrence and Marie Leonard.

Surviving are her daughter, Janet Gunster, Harveys Lake; son, Frank (Bud), Hilton Head Island, S.C.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Ann Walsh, Florida; Peggy Romeo, Mountain Top; and Julie McCarthy, New Jersey; and Alberta Brislin, Wilkes-Barre.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Gate of Heaven Church.

LYLE MERITHEW

Carpenter for various army camps during WWII

Lyle L. Merithew Sr., 97, of Campground Road, Dallas, died Monday December 30, 2002 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Exeter, he was the son of the late Henry and Myrtle (Sickler) Merithew. He attended West Wyoming schools and the Huntington Mills Academy. He was employed as a carpenter by the government at the Carlisle Barracks during World War II, the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland and other army camps. He was later employed for the Sordoni and Masteranni Construction Companies. He retired as general field superintendent for the Murphy and Murphy Corp., New York. He was a member of the Carpenters Local 514 for many years.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ethel Knorr.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, the former Lillian Pietzak; son, Lyle Jr., Dallas; daughter, Dorothy Gay, Stroudsburg; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

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RONALD MILIUS

Employed at West Side Area Vo-Tech School

Ronald Milius, 51, of Huntsville Road, Dallas Township, died Sunday December 29, 2002 at his home.

Born in Kingston, he was the son of the late John and Lottie (Katchko) Milius. He graduated from Wyoming Valley West High School and Parsons College, Iowa. He worked for West Side Area Vocational and Technical School, Pringle as a physical education teacher. He was also former head coach of the football and baseball programs at the school. He belonged to Holy Name/St. Mary's Parish Community Church, Swoyersville and the PSEA.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Swaboski.

Surviving are his wife of 23 years, the former Donna Bertram; sister, Lorraine Talericco, Swoyersville; brother, John P., Swoyersville; and a niece and nephew.

JOHN KOZAK

U.S. Army veteran of the Korean war

John Kozak, of Dallas, died Thursday December 26, 2002 at home.

Born in Swoyersville, he was the son of the late John and Helen (Zim) Kozak. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was employed at Edwards Auto Body Shop, Swoyersville.

He was preceded in death by stepfather, Frank Zim; stepdaughter, Dawn Carr; and stepbrothers, John and Alvin Zim.

Surviving are his wife, the former Helen Bodnar; stepdaughter, Deborah Fabrini, New York; stepsons, John Carr III, New Jersey; Kenny Carr, Wilkes-Barre; Robert Carr, Sweet Valley; Glen Carr, Shickshinny; Donald Carr, Scranton; sister, Charlotte Kittel, Swoyersville; stepsisters, Alyce Gaskill, New Jersey; Shirley Broome, Maryland; and numerous grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Kunkle Ambulance Association.



Kiwanis inducts new member

At the November meeting, Dallas Kiwanis inducted new member Richard Reich of Dallas.

From left, standing is Lloyd Rhyman, sponsoring Richard for induction, Richard Reich, new member and Ken Leoni, Lt. Governor inducting Mr. Reich.

Arthritis self-help course

The Arthritis Foundation will conduct an Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Course (ASHC) beginning Thursday, January 9 at the Kirby Health Center Building located at 71 North Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre. The course will run through mid February, and consists of a two-hour class each week, from 2-4 p.m.

The ASHC course that was designed by the Stanford Arthritis Center and funded by the National Institutes of Health, will address all the necessary components needed to have a better quality of life while dealing with a chronic illness. Topics to be covered in the course will be diet, exercise, medications, alternative therapies, physiological aspects of living with a chronic illness, preventative measures to take for joint preservation, etc.

A \$25 donation is requested to help defray the cost of course materials. Financial Scholarships are available. To register, contact Barbara Debellis at 823-2888, or email the Arthritis Foundation at bdebellis@arthritisfoundation-epa.org

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HENRY SEITZ

U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War

Henry A. Seitz, 49, of Dallas, died Thursday January 2, 2003 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston, he was the son of the late Henry Seitz and Anna Karalunas. He was a 1971 graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School and was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as a

E-3 Lance Corporal. He was employed by Grimes Auto Glass, Kingston and as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

Surviving are daughters, Jaaneen, at home; Lee Ann, Harrisburg; a grandson; sisters, Rosemary Carey, Wilkes-Barre; and Margaret Ann Johnson, Nanticoke.

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