

**OBITUARIES**

**ALAN STRATTON MAJOR**

Former Justice of the Peace and Lehman resident

Alan Stratton Major, age 92, of Lehman, died Monday, Jan. 27, 2003 at Hospice Community Care, Wilkes-Barre.

Born Aug. 25, 1910, in Lehman, he was the son of the late Arthur and Marlon Young Major. Alan loved the farm and a good team of horses. He was educated in Lehman schools, Wyoming Seminary School of Business and Lehigh University. He served the public for 48 years as a Justice of the Peace and Lehman Township Supervisor. He was a member of the Lehman United Methodist Church, the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association, the Republican State Committee, Osage No. 712 IOOF, Lehman, the George M. Dallas Lodge, No. 531, F & AM and the Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention during the Richard M. Nixon administration. He served 15 years with the Luzerne County Planning Commission, 11 of which he served as chairman.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Dorothy Williams.

Surviving are his wife of 23 years, the former Helen Fermier; son, Arthur, Lehman; step-daughter, Amy Fermier; brothers, T. Bryce, Lehman; William, Malvern; sister, Dorothy Baker, Lehman; grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be sent to the Lehman United Methodist Church, Lehman, Pa., 18627.

**FRANCIS STOLARICK**

Founder and owner of Stolarick's Turf and Trail

Francis E. "Panky" Stolarick, 74, of Mountainview Drive, Lehman Township, died Saturday February 1, 2003 at home.

Born in Lehman, he was the son of the late Frank and Mary (Pastula) Stolarick. He graduated from Lehman High School. He was founder and owner of Stolarick's Turf and Trail. He also worked as a bus contractor with the Lake-Lehman School District. He had his own band and was a square dance caller. He was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, the former Susan Zurinski; daughter, Diane Stefanowicz, Lehman; son, Michael, Lehman; and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Wilkes-Barre.

**RUTH VALICK**

Lake Township secretary and treasurer

Ruth C. Valick, 77, of Pikes Creek, died Monday February 3, 2003 at Hospice Care of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born May 29, 1925, in Pikes Creek, she was the daughter of the late Willard and Emma (Naugle) Cornell. She graduated from Lehman High School and Penn State University. She taught in Mildred, Lake-Lehman, Lehigh and North-west Area school districts. She also worked at Rickets Glen concession stand and was the Lake Township secretary and treasurer. She was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek; the Willing Hands Quilters, the Pennsylvania Quilters; the Harveys Lake Women's Service Club; and the Noxen Chapter of TOPS.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel J. Valick; daughter, Julie Marie Valick; brothers, Harold, Ralph and Kenneth Cornell.

Surviving are her sons, Jan, Jeffrey, Hunlock Creek; Jason, Blandon; daughters, Judith Lucy, Issaquah, Wash.; Jennie, Dallas; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Willing Hands Quilters, c/o Matilda Krudener, Wapwallopen.

**NELL TRANSUE**

Dallas resident and member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Nell Transue, 81, of Dallas, died Friday January 31, 2003 at her son's home, in Kingston.

Born in Bartonville, she was the daughter of the late Carl V. and Hazel (Walter) Makinson. She was a 1939 graduate of Forty Fort High School and a graduate of Wyoming Seminary Dean School of Business. She was employed at the offices of Carl V. Makinson Plumbing and Heating, the West Side News, C.W. Schultz and Postupack Painting. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and its Young at Heart Club, Kingston, the Wyoming Valley Boy and Girl Scouts, DeMolay and the Rainbow Girls and supported her husband in the Northeastern China, Burma, India Chapter of the World War II veterans.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward C.

Surviving are a son, Edward C., Kingston; daughter, Margaret Williams, Gambriella, Md.; three grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Mercy Hospice Home Health, Scranton.

**HELENE STAFFORD**

Member of Trinity United Presbyterian Church

Helene B. Stafford, 101, a resident of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, died Wednesday January 29, 2003

Born Feb. 28, 1901, in Midway, she was a daughter of the late Charles Robert and Christina Ballard. She attended Midway schools and was a graduate of Burgettstown High School. She was employed in a bridal salon by Joseph Horne & Co., Pittsburgh. She was a member of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas and the Order of the Eastern Star, Burgettstown.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Warren Tope; second husband, Charles Warner Stafford; twin sister, Margaret Kraefer; daughter, Doris McCain; son, Donald R. Tope; grandson, Warren Tope; and stepdaughter, Nancy DiGioia.

Surviving are a son, Charles W. Tope, Aiken, S.C.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; 20 step-great-grandchildren; 13 step-great-great-grandchildren; stepson, John W. Stafford, Senatobia, Miss.; stepdaughters, Ruth J. Duesing, Yalaha, Fla.; Marion A. Springer, Inverness, Fla.; and Helen L. Holschuh, Hilton Head, S.C.

Memorial donations may be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Luzerne County, Wilkes-Barre, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

**EUGENE MENGES**

U.S. Army Air Corps veteran

Eugene A. "Gene" Menges, 79, of Dallas, Pa., died on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003.

Born and raised in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area, Gene was the son of the late Edward and Margaret (Klein) Menges. He graduated from Elder High School in Cincinnati and attended the University of Cincinnati prior to joining the service in 1943. Gene served in the United States Army Air Corps as a B-24 navigator in World War II, flying for the Fifteenth Air Force, 64th Bomb Group. Gene was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at age 19. He returned to serve his country in the Korean Conflict and retired as an Air Force captain.

Following a 45 year career with NCR Corporation, Gene retired in 1990. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Donna Keesey.

He is survived by wife, Eleanor (Connett); children, Gene, Tina, Mark, Dan and Steve; grandchildren, Matthew, Rebecca, Brent, Ryan, Kristi, Karin and Cynthia; sisters, Margie and Patsy; brothers, George and Bobby.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations, if desired, may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 18702, or to Gate of Heaven Church, Machell Avenue, Dallas, Pa., 18612.

**ELIZABETH HAMMERSLEY**

One of the founders of the S.P.C.A. in Wyoming County

Elizabeth M. Hammersley, 58, of Gumtree Drive, Tunkhannock, died Wednesday January 29, 2003 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born June 6, 1944, in Nuanogla Station, Rice Township, she was the daughter of the late Charles C. and Bertha (Hamm) Weismer. She was a graduate of Fairview High School. She was employed by Acme Markets, Dallas, as a bakery manager. She was one of the founders of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Wyoming County and was a member of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary Church, Tunkhannock.

She was preceded in death by grandson, Sawyer Hammersley; and sister, Charlotte Scott.

Surviving are her husband of 38 years, James S.; son, James S. Jr., Tunkhannock; daughter, Debra Sleboda, Wyoming; six grandchildren; sister, Dolores Amann, Hanover Township; brothers, Carl Weismer, Dallas; Joseph Tarutis, Deland, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Sawyer Bear Fund, 106 Baker Road, Tunkhannock.

**ROSE TAMBUR**

Resident at Meadows Nursing Home

Rose Tambur, a resident of Meadows Nursing Home, Dallas, died Monday January 27, 2003

She was the daughter of the late George and Rachel (Manus) Gentile.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur; and son, Daniel.

Surviving are daughter, Bever-

ly Messick, Fort Myers, Fla.; son, Arthur, El Paso, Texas; Robert, Shavertown; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister, Margaret Daloia, Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 802, Dallas.

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**Rational Numbers**  
answers

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**King Crossword**  
Answers

BAN	OUT	NAPE
ARAB	SHE	OVAL
ACME	SOL	TERM
SHEAF	HELM	
TUG	GEISHA	
JOGTROT	USUAL	
UTAH	TAG	SELA
MIMES	TOPAZES	
PSYCHE	BOB	
LYRE	PEARL	
HALO	RUB	ACHE
EPIC	ORE	TREE
MEEK	ROD	EAR

LOSS	BERET	PASHA	MICE
ARIA	ANISE	ALLOT	ENID
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BLEAT	STEEN	IDEA	PIT
NOG	EYE	ONES	CATCH
ACT	NORSE	ANN	STEW
BRAS	WOOL	DOM	ROSS
CORK	KNES	POP	FAT
SCOUR	APO	FRESH	ERA
NILE	SARA	TRAE	AIM
MAKE	SHORT	STORY	LONG
CAN	NITA	TECH	ASTO
RUT	TREND	NIA	EMOTE
ADAMS	SKI	TIME	FOR
BELA	SET	EDAM	HERR
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**Back Mountain Seniors to meet**

The Back Mountain Seniors will meet on February 6 at 1 p.m. in St. Therese's Church Hall on Davis St. and Pioneer Ave. in Shavertown.

Members are asked to please attend. The agenda includes the election of officers and collection of dues. Suggestions for the coming year's programs and activities will be welcome.

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