OBPTUARIES

RALPH SMITH DOWNEND II

Dallas resident and truck driver

Ralph Smith Downend II, 32, of Memorial Highway, Dallas, died Friday February 14, 2003 in Indianapolis.

Born in Scranton, he was a son of Nelson Downend, Thompson and Mary Lou Smith Downend, Dallas. He attended Dallas High School and was employed as a truck driver by USA Trucking of Arkansas.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are daughters, Brittany, Hudson, Fla.; Jenna, Pittston; sisters, Sharon Hawke, Vernon; Faye Kirkpatrick, Kingston; Diane Kohli, Dallas; Patricia Downend, Philadelphia; Susan Sorrells, Maryland; Nancy Ferguson, Athens, Ga.; brothers, James, Media; Nelson, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Nathan, Tallahassee, Fla.; paternal grandmother, Florence Downend, Thompson; stepmother, Jackie Downend, Thompson; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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HELEN POPLASKI

Daughter lives in Dallas

Helen D. Poplaski, 89, of Courtdale Avenue, Courtdale, died Saturday February 15, 2003 at home.

Born in Edwardsville, she was a daughter of the late Blase and Theodosia Kwashnik. She was employed as a seamstress by Larksville Fashions. She was a member of St. Hedwig's Church, Kingston.

She was preceded in death by grandsons, John and Stephen Lewis; stepmother, Eleanor Rutkowski Kwashnik; brothers, Joseph, Walter and Chester; sisters, Catherine and Wanda Kwashnik and Hedwig Tokar.

Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Benjamin J.; daughters, Constance M. Lewis, Dallas; Rita Devaney, Hanover Township: five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters, Helen Latone, Sally Markovitz and Susan Poplaski, all of Edwardsville; brothers, Henry and Stanley Kwasnik, both of Edwardsville; and nieces and nephews.

AGNES CLOTHIER

Member of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion

Agnes E. Clothier, 87, of brother, Michael; sisters, Mary Forty Fort, died Thursday Feb- Baiz; twin sister, Helen Jarrett ruary 13, 2003 at the Summit Nursing and Betty Hudock.

Home, Wilkes-Barre.

· Born in Swoyersville, she was a daughter of the late John and Ronald, Vestal, N.Y.; three Mary (Breha) Hovan and attended Swoyersville schools. She owned and operated a beauty salon in Forty Fort until retiring. She was a member of Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville, the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 644, Swoyersville and the Swoyersville Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by made to the charity of the her husband, Charles M.; donor's choice.

EDWARD DAVIES

Formerly worked for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad

Edward J. Davies 77, of Rice He was a member of St. There-Township, died Wednesday February 12, 2003 at Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born May 11, 1925, in the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late William and Maude (Dixon) Davies. He was employed as a supervisor for the mechanical department of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, for many years. He was a member of St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church and its Boy Scouts of America program, Wilkes-Barre.

se's Little League organization. He was preceded in death by brother, William.

and twin sisters, Ann Lisnak

Dallas; Glenn, St., Louis;

grandchildren; brother, Robert,

Swoversville; sisters, Josephine

Reggie and Bert Wawer, both of

Swoyersville; Irene Gorda,

Trucksville; Marguerite Krogul-

ski, Forty Fort; Joan Fannick,

Memorial donations may be

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Shavertown;

nephews; / and

Joseph Husovsky.

Surviving are sons, Charles,

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Joseph; son Edward J. II, Salt Lake City; two granddaughters; sisters, Mary Thomas, Mountain Top; Betty Martin, California; Gwen Dale, Harveys Lake; Honor Brader, Warsaw, Ind.; Ruth Davies, Wilkes-Barre; brothers, Jack, Medina, Ohio; David, Georgia.

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

Kingston Township 2003 county taxes

Kingston Township tax collector. Karen Rose, advises residents that the 2003 county tax bills were mailed February 14. If you are the owner of a home or property in Kingston Township and did not receive a tax bill, it is your responsibility to notify the tax collector at 696-3809. If you are a new owner of an established home and did not receive a tax bill, notify the tax collector so records can be changed accordingly. All payment must be postmarked on or before April 15 to be eligible for the rebate.

For information call 696-3809. Payments can also be dropped off anytime in the mail slot located in the vestibule of the township municipal building at 180 East. Center Street, in Shavertown.

Back Mountain Senior Citizens

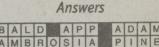
The Back Mountain Seniors will meet February 20 at 1 p.m. in St. Therese's church hall on Pioneer Ave. and Davis St. in Shavertown. Members are asked to bring valentine cards to exchange, home made are encouraged.

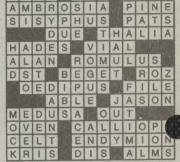
Officers for the new year will be finalized; installations will be March 6. Membership dues will be collected before the March 6 meeting.

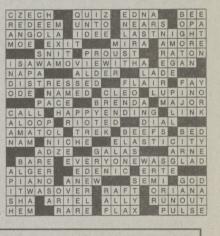
Back Mountain Senior Citizens is non-denominational. New members are welcome For information call 696-1828 or 696-3095.

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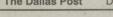








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