

OBITUARIES

**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.

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 Forty Fort, died Thursday February 13, 2003

at the Summit Nursing Home, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Swoyersville, she was a daughter of the late John and Mary (Brehm) 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 her husband, Charles M.;

brother, Michael; sisters, Mary Baiz; twin sister, Helen Jarrett and twin sisters, Ann Lisnak and Betty Hudock.

Surviving are sons, Charles, Dallas; Glenn, St. Louis; Ronald, Vestal, N.Y.; three grandchildren; brother, Robert, Swoyersville; sisters, Josephine Reggie and Bert Wawer, both of Swoyersville; Irene Gorda, Trucksville; Marguerite Krogulski, Forty Fort; Joan Fannick, Shavertown; nieces and nephews; and companion, Joseph Husovsky.

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

EDWARD DAVIES

Formerly worked for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad

Edward J. Davies 77, of Rice 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.

He was a member of St. Therese's Little League organization.

He was preceded in death by brother, William.

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.

**CROSSWORD
ANSWER**

**Rational
Numbers**
answers

4	6	9		3	5	1
5		7	2	3		3
	1	2	3		4	4
3	1		4	1	7	
7		5	5	5		8
2	1	7		3	6	9

King Crossword
Answers

BALD	APP	ADAM
AMBROSIA	PTINE	
SISYPHUS	PATS	
	DUE	THALIA
HADES	VIAL	
ALAN	ROMULUS	
DST	BEGET	ROZ
OEDIPUS	FILE	
	ABLE	JASON
MEDUSA	OUT	
OVEN	CALLIOP	
CELT	ENDYMION	
KRIS	DIS	ALMS

CZECH	QUIZ	EDNA	BEE
REDEEM	UNTO	NEARS	OPA
ANGOLA	IDEE	LASTNIGHT	
MOE	EXIT	MIRA	AMORE
	SNIT	PROUST	RATON
ISAWAMOVIE	WITHA	EGAN	
NAPA	ALDER	LADE	
DISTRESSED	FLAIR	FAY	
ODE	NAMED	CLEO	LUPINO
	PAGE	BRENDA	MAJOR
CALL	HAPPYENDING	LINK	
ALOOP	RIOTED	DIAL	
AMATOL	TREK	BEEFS	BED
NAM	NICHE	ELASTICITY	
ADZE	GALAS	ARNE	
BARE	EVERYONE	WASGLAD	
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