

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Philip J. Santarelli, a Principal with Parente Randolph, has been named co-chairperson of the Great Valley Technology Alliance (GVTA).

The mission of the Great Valley Technology Alliance is the creation of a self-sustaining technology-based economy in northeastern Pennsylvania that will work to attract knowledge-based jobs of the future. The Alliance aims to stimulate the creation of the necessary infrastructure to support growth of such an economy.

The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, CAN-DO, Luzerne and Lackawanna counties and the Federal and PA State governments combined forces with a team of regional business leaders to form the Alliance. The group's purpose was to commission a study in an effort to formulate a strategic plan with a goal of retaining the region's population of college and post-college professionals and attracting technology-driven, higher-paying industries to the area.

In his position at Parente Randolph, Santarelli's primary focus is on servicing clients in manufacturing and technology-based businesses. He is the firm's Director of Assurance Services and a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

After receiving a bachelor of science degree in Accounting from King's College, Santarelli went on to earn a master of Business Administration degree from Wilkes University. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Pennsylvania and Florida.

Santarelli's professional affiliations include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a member of the Ben Franklin Technology Partnership board of directors, the King's College McGowan School of Business advisory council, the advisory board of the King's College Family Business Forum and the advisory board of the Innovation Center@Wilkes-Barre.

He resides in Huntsville with his wife, Marilyn.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded recently at the Luzerne County Courthouse.

Presidential Land Co. Inc. to Michael Murray and spouse, Overbrook Farms, Dallas Township, \$85,900.

Karl Walinkas and spouse to Bernard Simonovich and spouse, 9 Downing Drive, Dallas Township, \$208,000.

Joan A. Jones to Christopher Matus and spouse, Dallas Township, \$90,000.

Frederic Lamoreaux per attorney to John Lyback and spouse, Maple Wood Heights, Dallas Township, \$45,000.

Estate of Gwynvil Dale to Douglas J. Agnew, Worden Place, Harveys Lake, \$71,000.

Bernard A. Helfrich to Bernard J. Helfrich, Warden Place, Harveys Lake, \$76,000.

Edward Fielding to Mark MacDougall and spouse, Jackson Township, \$235,000.

Heritage Hill Estates Inc. to Todd Battista, Heritage Hills, Jackson Township, \$420,000.

Charles Gelso co partner to Carl Gross and spouse, Windsor Farms, Kingston Township, \$57,900.

Option One Mortgage Corporation to Michael Roper and spouse, 166 Hillcrest Drive, Kingston Township, \$99,500.

Aileen E. Dymond to Heather Pitcavage, Kingston Township, \$100,000.

Charles Butler and spouse to Gerard Geise and spouse, Midway Manor, Kingston Township, \$165,000.

David Dudick Sr. and spouse to Robert Hines, Lake View, Ross Township, \$65,000.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN OSTROSKI

Member of Gate of Heaven Church

John L. Ostroski, 82, of Edwardsville, died November 5, 2003 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born March 20, 1921 in Ashley, he was a son of the late Frank and Anna (Persel) Ostroski. He attended Edwardsville High School and graduated from Edwardsville Vocational School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II, where he received the Air Force Badge with the mechanic bar, the American Theater Ribbon, the World War II Victory Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal.

He worked for Kingston Juvenile Products; Gamins Shoe, Wilkes-Barre; Sordoni Construction Co., Forty Fort; and was a bartender for Dubbs Bar, Kingston. He was a member of Bethesda Congregational Church, Edwardsville; the Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas; American Legion Post 350, Larksville; Edwardsville Senior Citizens Association; and the Temple Prayer Group, Edwardsville.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, the former Alma Mae Heller; sons, John Leonard Jr.; Thomas; and Steven; daughter, Debbie Davis; and brother, George.

Surviving are daughters, Judy Newhart, Edwardsville; and Carol Carroll, Dallas; sons, George, Kingston; William, Edwardsville; Joseph, Lehman; and Michael, Tunkhannock; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Frank, Miners Mills; and Raymond, Edwardsville; sister, Anna Drust, Edwardsville; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas, with the Rev. Kevin Mulhern officiating, and the Gate of Heaven Choir singing.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bethesda Congregational Church, Edwardsville.

MARY OLENICK-TURNER

Son lives in Shavertown

Mary M. (Hirko) Olenick-Turner, 91, formerly of Avoca, died November 3, 2003 at Valley Crest Nursing Home, Plains Township.

Born April 1, 1912, in Throop, she was a daughter of the late John and Margaret Hirko. She graduated from Throop High School and worked at CMC Hospital, Scranton. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, Avoca.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John C. Olenick; second husband, Albert Turner; two brothers, and three sisters.

Surviving are sons, George Olenick, Shavertown; and John Olenick, Laurel, Md.; daughter, Mary Nessler, Mingo Junction, Ohio; eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow.

EDWARD LUKSA

Son lives in Dallas

Edward E. Luksa of Wyoming Avenue, Kingston and formerly of Sharpe Street, Kingston, died October 30, 2003 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston, he was a son of the late Adolph and Josephine (Tychowski) Luksa. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for General Cigar, Kingston. He was a member of VFW Anthracite Post 283, Kingston, and the Big Band Society of Northeast Pennsylvania. He also was a member of St. Ignatius Church, Kingston.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Eleanor E. Pugh; and sister, Genevieve.

Surviving are his daughters, Delores Taylor, Kingston; Debra Ostrum, Kingston; sons, Edward Jr., Dallas; Joseph, Luzerne; six grandchildren; sisters, Victoria Hopkins, Edwardsville; Clara Gareis, Pringle; brothers, Frank, Schenectady, N.Y.; Anthony Tisko, Springbrook Township; and nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Ignatius parish cemetery, Pringle.

HELEN FASULKA

Son lives in Trucksville

Helen A. Fasulka of Ashley, died October 16, 2003 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Ashley, she was a daughter of the late Gabriel and Anna (Zopotak) Balas. She attended Ashley schools. She worked for Burry Biscuit Co. and Park Plastics, New Jersey. She was a member of Holy Rosary Church, Ashley; St. Leo's Rosary Group, Ashley, and the Wilkes-Barre Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, John, Michael and Thomas; sisters, Dorothy Politz, Anna Riska and Marie VanderBosch.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years, William; son, Michael, Trucksville, Kingston Township; daughter, Theresa Tressa, Swoyersville; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; brothers, Gabriel, Ashley; Joseph, Union, N.J.; and nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Wilkes-Barre.

ROSE NEMIC-WALKER

Survived by four generations

Rose Nemic-Walker, 84, of Garden Village Apartments, West Pittston and formerly of West Wyoming, died October 23, 2003 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born March 21, 1919, in West Wyoming, she was a daughter of the late Stanley and Rose (Kuzma) Zelinsky. She attended West Wyoming schools. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, Pittston, and its Christian Mothers Society. She was also a member of the West Wyoming Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Nemic; brother, Stanley; sisters, Leona Timari and Helen Toth.

Surviving are her children, Rosemary Boyer, Landing, N.J.; Barbara Kitchen, West Wyoming; Joan Vrhel, Carverton; Marie Nicholas, Evans Falls; John Nemic, West Wyoming; Jean Jones, Easton; George Walker, Carverton; Donna Fontimayor, Georgia; Debra Carey, West Pittston; 23 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; brother, Joseph Zelinsky, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. John the Baptist parish cemetery, Exeter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. John the Baptist School Fund, Pittston.

BENJAMIN POPLASKI

Daughter lives in Dallas

Benjamin J. Poplaski, 89, of Courtdale, died October 24, 2003 in the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Plymouth, he was a son of the late Anthony and Julia (Zoldkowski) Poplaski. He served in the U.S. Navy as a gunner's mate during World War II. He was self-employed, operating a tailor shop in Edwardsville, and worked as a tailor for Racusin's Men's Shop, Edwardsville. He was a member of St. Hedwig's Church, Kingston and its Holy Name Society. He was also a member of American Legion Post 797, the CWV St. Joseph's Post 752, and AMVETS, all of Edwardsville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Helen D. Kwashnik; grandsons, John and Stephen Lewis; great-grandson, Wesley Lewis; brother, Raymond; sisters, Hedwig Shabelski and Florence Makowski.

Surviving are his daughters, Constance M. Lewis, Dallas; Rita Devaney, Hanover Township; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters, Irene Blaso, Kingston; Eleanor DiGiacomo, Swoyersville; brother Edward, Bethlehem; and nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. John's Cemetery, Dallas Township.

DOROTHY CEBRICK

Son lives in Dallas

Dorothy Cebreck, 80, of the Meadows Apartments, Dallas, formerly of Plymouth, died October 19, 2003 at the General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Plymouth, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Anna Victor Sobashinski. She graduated from Plymouth High School and the Empire Beauty School, Wilkes-Barre, and owned and operated a beauty salon. She was a member of St. Mary's Nativity Church, Plymouth; the Christian Mothers Society, Meadows Social Club and the Mercy Center Auxiliary, both of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; and brother, Frank.

Surviving are sons, Jack, Raleigh, N.C.; and David, Dallas; four grandchildren; brother, Dan Sobashinski, Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery, Plymouth Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntville Road, Dallas, or the Plymouth Public Library, 107 W. Main St., Plymouth.

HAZEL SHOEMAKER

Leaves 25 grandchildren

Hazel L. Shoemaker, 80, of Meshoppen, died October 17, 2003 at her son's home in Laceyville.

Born April 21, 1923, in Lynn, she was a daughter of the late Stanley and Mazie (Lench) Emmons. She was a homemaker and housewife.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo; daughters, Betty Wolfe, Sketter Shoemaker; brothers, Clifford and Austin Emmons; and sister, Pauline (Pinky) Harris.

Surviving are her sons, Carl, Tunkhannock; William, Mehoopany; Glen, with whom she resided, Laceyville; Donald, Laceyville; Ronald, Mehoopany; daughter, Mildred, Florida; 25 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; sister, Geraldine, Laceyville; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Overfield Cemetery, Meshoppen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hazel L. Shoemaker Memorial Fund, for her funeral expenses, through the Grange National Bank, c/o Mrs. Gerri Jayne, P.O. Box 56, Laceyville, PA 18623.

HELEN RAKOWSKI

Member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Helen Rakowski, 90, of Hunlock Creek, died October 22, 2003 at Summit Health Care Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in the Preston section of Ashley, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Caffrey) Cusick. She attended Hanover Township schools. She worked in the garment industry for Sans Souci Prox. She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth and the Rosary Makers Club of America.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley; brothers, Joseph, Michael, Patrick; sisters, Anna, Helen and Beatrice.

Surviving are her son, Patrick, Sweet Valley; and two granddaughters.

Interment, St. Mary's Byzantine Cemetery, Dallas Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

MINNIE MARCY

Born in Eaton Township

Minnie M. Marcy, of Tunkhannock, died October 25, 2003 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born Sept. 8, 1916, in Eaton Township, she was a daughter of the late John and Nellie (Yale) Sickler. She attended Eatonville Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Myron M.; brother, George Yale; and sister, Genevieve Stoss.

Surviving are daughters, Lois Kucirka, Beaumont; and Mary Williams, Springville; four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, brother, Raymond Stoss, Nanticoke; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, in Sunnyside Cemetery.

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

WILLARD GATES

Sister lives at Harveys Lake

Willard L. Gates Jr., 54, of the Hilldale Section of Plains Township, died October 19, 2003 at home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of Willard L. Sr., Edwardsville, and the late Dolores (Komsisky) Gates. He graduated from Wyoming Valley West High School and worked for Roadway Express, Tannersville.

Surviving, in addition to his father, are his wife, the former Carol A. Knappan; son, Keith James, Wilkes-Barre; a grandson, sisters, Barbara, Edwardsville; and Ruth Drust, Harvey's Lake; brother, David, Edwardsville; and nieces and nephews.

Interment, Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township.

ERMA SCHNELL

Born in Hunlock Creek

Erma R. Schnell, 89, formerly of Dallas, died October 26, 2003 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born Aug. 18, 1914, in Hunlock Creek, she was a daughter of the late Elmer and Bertha Naugle Rittenhouse. She graduated from Harter High School, West Nanticoke, and worked as a secretary for the Stegmeier Brewing Co.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar; brothers, Ferris, Harold and Albert; and sisters, Sarah Croop and Hazle Smith.

Surviving are sister, Zella Leach, Sweet Valley; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the convenience of the family.

RUTH BYTHEWAY

Graduate of Lehman High School

Ruth E. Bytheway, 91, of Hanover Township, died October 26, 2003 at Hampton House, Hanover Township.

Born in Fitch's Corners, Exeter Township, she was the daughter of the late Charles F. and Ann Franklin Kinsman. She was a graduate of Lehman High School, worked as a riveter for Republic Aviation, Farmingdale, N.Y., and later as a nurse's aide at St. Luke's Hospital, Long Island, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, and son, Charles.

Surviving are half-brother Allan Kinsman, Tunkhannock; and nephew Thomas G. Landon, Hanover Township.

Interment, Fitch's Corners Cemetery, Exeter Township.

DONALD SMITH

Past master of George M. Dallas Lodge

Donald E. Smith, 76, of Dallas, died November 2, 2003 at Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake.

Born in Kingston, he was the son of the late Raymond and Margaret Thomas Smith. He graduated from Kingston High School and worked as a driver examiner for the Pennsylvania State Police, Wyoming. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Edwardsville, where he served as deacon and trustee; past master of George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F&AM, Chapter, Commandary, and Council, Wilkes-Barre; Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, and its Stewards Unit; Back Mountain Little League Baseball; and Anthracite Post 283 V.E.W., Kingston.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, the former Helen Kaminski; daughters, Carol Margellina, Idetown; Ruth Kennedy, Shavertown; and Peggy Fry, Alamogordo, N.M.; sons, Donald E. Jr., Monument Springs, Colo.; and Ray A., Indianapolis, Ind.; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton, Kingston Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Community Care or Immanuel Baptist Church.

DONALD LOCKHART

Past Master of George M. Dallas Lodge

Donald C. Lockhart, 74, of Hamilton Road, Dallas, died October 20, 2003 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Pittsburgh, he was a son of the late James H. and Ruth E. (Grace) Lockhart. He graduated from Southfield High School. He worked as vice president of customer service for Offset Paperback Manufacturers, Dallas. He was a member of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas, where he was an elder. He was past master of the George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F&AM, Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre; past president of the Irem Clown Unit, and the Dallas Rotary Club.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, James, Claude and Earl.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, the former Audrey Hyde; daughters, Sarah Dodson, Kunkle; Donna Galletly, Alphretta, Ga.; Kim Miller, Wyoming; Virginia Richards, Allentown; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother, Kenneth, Pittsburgh.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas, with the Rev. Mark C. Harper officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Trinity United Presbyterian Church.

The Post publishes obituaries of Back Mountain residents and close family members without charge.

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