

OBITUARIES

THE REV. ANDREW PILLARELLA

Founding pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Andrew Pillarella, 85, died November 12, 2003 at home.

Born in Bronx, N.Y., he was a son of the late John and Mary Pillarella. He graduated from Port Richmond High School, Staten Island. He served in the U.S. Eighth Army Air Force during World War II, serving as staff sergeant with the military police in the European Theater. He graduated from Bloomfield College, New Jersey, and received a divinity degree from Bloomfield Theological Seminary. While in seminary, he was student pastor of the Italian Reformed Church, Hackensack, N.J. He was ordained by the Presbytery of the City of New York in 1954.

He was pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Pittston. He was called to establish a new congregation in the Back Mountain and was the founding pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, and its Christian Education wing and Miracle Building. After retiring from that church, he was interim pastor for Clarks Summit Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit; was stated supply pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church, Lee Park, Hanover Township. He also was stated supply pastor of the Wyoming Valley Area Presbyterian Ministry, including Inkerman Presbyterian Church, Jenkins Township; First Presbyterian Church, Pittston, and Memorial Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre, conducting three services each Sunday.

He served as moderator of the Presbytery of Lackawanna and was a delegate to the Presbyterian General Assembly and Synod meetings. He was involved with Camp Lackawanna since its inception and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Pittston YMCA, which sold their camp to the presbytery. He was camp moderator, member of the camp

committee and was involved in the daily activities of the camp. He was a former member of the Pittston Kiwanis Club; a member, past president and Paul Harris Fellow of the Dallas Rotary Club; served on the board of directors of Behavioral Health Services of Wyoming Valley; was member of Community Counseling; was past president of the Mental Health Association of Luzerne County and was a past president and board member of the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches.

He was a member of St. John's Lodge 233, Free and Accepted Masons, Pittston; the Scottish Rite Masonry; and was a member of Irem Temple AAONMS, Wilkes-Barre, where he served as chaplain. He also ministered to the survivors of the Knox Mine Disaster and those affected by the Agnes flood who were evacuated to Trinity Church, Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his infant brother and brothers, Anthony, Michael and Mario.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, the former Edith DeRogatis; daughters, Elizabeth Joy Faerber, Dallas; Juliette Caryl Sgarlat, Dallas; Mary Edith Martin, Slocum Township; five grandchildren; brothers, John, Louis and Rudolph and sister, Rose Moscato, all of Staten Island, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, with the Revs. Mark Harper, William McSwegin and Michael Shambora officiating. Other clergy are invited to be vested for the service.

The family will receive friends after the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rev. Andrew Pillarella Memorial Fund c/o Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas.

PETER DECKER

Trustee, board member of medical medical organizations

Peter G. Decker, M.D., 48, of Shavertown, died November 6, 2003 at General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born March 1, 1955, in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Peter G. and Sarah (Zengion) Decker. He graduated from Wyoming Valley West High School, King's College, and Penn State University of Medicine. He served his internship and residency with Scranton-Temple University Residency Program in Internal Medicine.

He was board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, and the American Board of Geriatrics. He was a staff member of Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, in the department of internal medicine and geriatrics, serving as the medical department chairman from 1995-1997. He also served as the medical staff president and executive committee chairman from 1997 to 2001, and as the Education Committee Chairman.

He was a courtesy staff member with Geisinger Health Systems since 1984, and Wyoming Valley Health Care System since 1994. A Fellow to the American College of Physicians, he served as a member of the Mercy Hospital Board of Directors, the Mercy Health Partners Board of Trustees and the Penn State College of Medicine Alumni Association Board of Directors.

He was appointed to the Governors Council of the American College of Physicians in Pennsylvania. He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown; and the Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ann Marie Palko; daughter, Rachel, at home; son, Peter, at home; sister, Deborah Kossa, Baldwinsville, N.Y.; brother, Christopher P., Forty Fort; and nephews and a niece.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton, Kingston Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Therese's Church Building Fund, the Hershey Medical Center Library Fund, or the American Red Cross.

ROBERT BORGESON

Worked for Tunkhannock School District

Robert N. Borgeson of Chestnut Street, Tunkhannock, died November 12, 2003 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born Dec. 18, 1936, in Towanda, he was a son of the late Alfred and Ella (Root) Borgeson. He graduated from Tunkhannock High School. He served in the U.S. Army Military Police as a first sergeant. He worked for Tunkhannock School District as the head custodial manager of the high school. He attended Mehoopany Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, the former Ardena Mosier; son, Jeffrey, Tunkhannock; three grandchildren; brothers, Alfred, Clover, S.C.; Wayne, Newburg, N.Y.; Jim, Tunkhannock; sister, Anna Johnson, Tunkhannock; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

Memorial donations may be made to the Triton Hose Co. Tunkhannock, P.O. Box 765, Tunkhannock, PA 18657, or to the Tunkhannock Community Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 322, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

MARGARET GREGORY

Born in Ceasetown

Margaret "Margie" Gregory, 92, of Chenango Bridge, N.Y., died November 4, 2003.

Born July 12, 1911, in Ceasetown, she was a 1931 graduate of the Bloomsburg State Teacher's College and was employed as a teacher. She was a member of the Port Dickinson Community Baptist Church, New York, where she was a Sunday school teacher, historian and member of the American Baptist Women. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution for many years.

She was preceded in death by infant son, John Elmer.

Surviving are her husband of 69 years, Jerry; daughter, Pat Winters, Chenango Bridge, N.Y.; three granddaughters; eight great-grandchildren.

Interment, the Chenango Valley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Port Dickinson Community Baptist Church, Chenango Street, Port Dickinson, N.Y.

Woods

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glimpse over my shoulder for men carrying badges and guns. I leap over fallen trees and rotting logs. I dodge around mud puddles leaving no trace that I was ever here. "No one will find me back here," I laugh to myself.

I eventually connect with an old overgrown country road bordered by moss-covered walls built of stone; I imagine that each fieldstone must weigh 300 pounds. I recall reading "Dallas Pennsylvania History And Prior History" by D.A. Waters. I learned that these "dry stone walls" served as fences and as a place to get rid of fieldstone. Each stone was moved and placed carefully by hand, one by one in intricate and unique architecture.

This old road was built before the reservoir existed; I stop before it plunges abruptly into the lake. I throw a stick for Oslo and pause long enough to peer out over the water. I kneel down, dip my fingers and let the water drip into my mouth. I feel alive.

I double back and make my way to a fork in the trail. I take the path toward an inlet. I skip over a trickling stream where a small dam and bridge once stood. Now all that remains are some old stone pillars. Oslo fords the stream straight on with a splash. I try to keep my feet dry.

My legs tire, so Oslo and I loop our way back to the Dirt Road. We take a final detour as we head for home.

We explore the old barn foundation behind my house.

Back in the day, the old owners of this farm, the Whipps and the Hunts, grew popcorn and raised dairy cattle. Now many fields have reverted to brushland, been abandoned or planted with trees for reforestation. This is a progress I see fit.

I find an old ceramic milk jug hidden in the brambles. I lift the handle and examine its history. Healthy green moss grows inside. I wonder what this place looked like long ago.

The natural and human history captures my imagination. The remaining beauty and wilds and tranquility keep me coming back.

Our area is a unique blend of natural and human times gone by; stacked stone upon stone this history still lines these old country roads.

But there is always paradox back here. Will these stone foundations and dirt roads stand the test of time? Will these natural works of humanity stand up to our structured progress? Do we tear down the old to rebuild the new?

For some of us, we are willing to brave the penalties of the law and the uncertainty of future "progress" and change for the chance to taste the inherent and intrinsic qualities this place holds. We begin to ponder these questions of time and to appreciate this world, content in what it is now, before time runs out.

Matt Lloyd grew up in a home on Machell Avenue. He is now an instructor at the National Outdoor Leadership School in Lander, Wyoming.

Harveys Lake group welcomes members

The Harveys Lake Protective Association extends an invitation to all residents of the lake to join the Association. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Grotto Pizzeria. Prospective members are invited to attend a meeting as a guest to observe before joining. The annual dues for individual membership are \$20 and for a family \$25. For more information or a membership application call President Mark Sobek at 639-5515 or Secretary/Treasurer Joan Foster at 639-1480.

OBITUARIES

IRMA WEAVER

Lifetime Noxen resident

Irma Dorothy Weaver, 93, of Noxen, died November 10, 2003 at Kindred Hospital of the Wyoming Valley Health Care System, Wilkes-Barre.

Born Jan. 14, 1910, in Noxen, she was a daughter of the late Elwood and Bertha (Rowe) Schenck. She worked as a housekeeper. She was a member of St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran Church, Noxen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer D.; son,

Cubby; sisters, Lena Shives and Mildred Randall; grandchildren, Elwood Weaver and Debra Doughton.

Surviving are her sons, Charles, Noxen; Robert, Ray City, Ga.; daughter, Gladys Goble, Noxen; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Interment, Orcutt's Grove Cemetery, Noxen.

MARGARET WOMELSDORF

Harveys Lake woman

Margaret D. Womelsdorf, 88, of Harveys Lake, died November 8, 2003 at Smith Health Care, Mountain Top.

Born Nov. 19, 1914, in Edwardsville, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Margaret (Thomas) Davis. She attended Nanticoke schools and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Nanticoke.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W. Ray.

Surviving are brother, George Davis, Dallas; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday from the Karl E. Blight Funeral Home, 392 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, with the Rev. Laura Lewis officiating. Interment, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Wilkes-Barre.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Nanticoke.

HERTHA YATSKO

Once lived in Trucksville

Bertha M. Yatsko, 82, of Chesterfield, Mo., and formerly of Trucksville, died November 9, 2003 at Friendship Village, Chesterfield, Mo.

Born Oct. 23, 1921, in Austria, she was the daughter of the late Englebert and Mathilde (Neukum) Stocker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph S.; and brother, Bert Stocker.

Surviving are her sons, Stephen, Texas; Joseph S. Molahan, Michigan; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Committal services and interment from the Mausoleum Chapel at St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Association or to the American Heart Association.

WILLIAM MCKENNA

Knights of Columbus member

William J. McKenna of Chestnut Street, Tunkhannock, died November 11, 2003 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born Jan. 2, 1927, in Savannah, Ga., he was a son of the late John T. and Cora (Stevens) McKenna. He worked as head of food service at St. Michael's School, Hoban Heights. He was a member of Church of the Nativity BVM, Tunkhannock and the Father Francis Perkosky Knights of Columbus, Tunkhannock.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Marilyn J. Soper; daughter, Kathleen Linton; brothers, John, James and Joseph; sisters, Katherine and Mary.

Surviving are his son, David Cole, Kingston; Donald Cole, Dalton; daughters, Patricia K. Horgan, Tunkhannock; four grandchildren; brother, Charles, Savannah, Ga.; sisters, Mildred Whitehead, Inverness, Fla.; Margaret Roades, Seattle, Wash.; Lucille, Colorado; Virginia Amerson, Savannah, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Pieta Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wyoming County Diabetes Association c/o Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock or to the Church of the Nativity BVM.

LORRAINE HARRISON

Nurse at Mercy Center

Lorraine Harrison, 54, of North Lehigh Street, Shavertown, died November 11, 2003 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of Mary (Zemanick) Mlodzinski, Wilkes-Barre, and the late Joseph Walter Mlodzinski. She was educated in Wilkes-Barre city schools, and was a graduate of Coughlin High School. She was also a graduate of the Wilkes-Barre Practical School of Nursing. She worked in the nursing profession for Little Flower Manor and Riverstreet Manor, both in Wilkes-Barre, and Mercy Center, Dallas. She was a member of Sacred Heart/St. John's Parish Community, Wilkes-Barre, where she was a former member of the parish youth group.

Surviving in addition to her mother, are her sisters, Marie, Washington, D.C.; Carol Carter, Wilkes-Barre Township; Nancy Mazzillo, Swoyersville; five nieces and nephews; two great-nieces and a great-nephew.

Interment, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cemetery, Plains Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Social Concerns Committee of Sacred Heart/Saint John's Parish Community.

MILDRED BRONSON

50-year member of Eastern Star

Mildred A. Bronson, 98, formerly of Sweet Valley and Dallas, died November 8, 2003 at the Riverstreet Manor, Wilkes-Barre.

Born April 21, 1905 in Nanticoke, she was a daughter of the late William and Elsie Nichols Richards. She graduated from Coughlin High School, and West Chester State University, and worked as a teacher at GAR Memorial High School. She obtained a degree in Mortuary Science from Eckel's College, Philadelphia, and she and her late husband, Alfred D., owned and operated the Bronson Funeral Home, Sweet Valley.

She was a member of the Shavertown Branch of the Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary; was past Matron and 50-year member of the Dallas Chapter 396, Order of the Eastern Star, and was a member of the Dallas Chapter Past Matrons and District 21A of Past Matrons of Luzerne County. She was also a member of area Bridge Clubs. She attended the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek and the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death, in addition to her husband, by sisters, Ruth Williams, Edyth Pregler, Gladys Eccleston and Ella Kytell.

Surviving are daughter, Janice Bronson-Bartlett, New York City; son, Dean, Washington, D.C.; and two grandchildren.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Co., or the Sweet Valley Ambulance Assoc., P.O. Box 207, Sweet Valley, or the Dallas Chapter 396, Order of the Eastern Star, 11 Foster St., Dallas.

HARRIET SHERMAN

Born in Orange

Harriet Sherman of Tunkhannock died November 10, 2003 at Beverly Health Care, Tunkhannock.

Born June 27, 1927, in Orange, she was a daughter of the late John and Goldie (Smith) Walter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin; brothers, Vanburen Headley, John Walter and Dorrance Headley.

Surviving are her children, Rosemary Corker, Tunkhannock; George Fox, Syracuse, N.Y.; Richard Fox, Jenningsville; Marvin Sherman, Sweet Valley; a grandchild; a great-grandchild; sister, Mary Gilpin, Lake Winola; Rose Watson, Clarks Summit; brother, Phil Headley, Center Moreland; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment at the convenience of the family.

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

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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

Chase Mortgage Company to US Dept. of HUD, 176 Parrish St., Dallas, \$27,225.

Robert Kotsull and spouse to John Thomas and spouse, Wedgewood Acres, Dallas Township, \$243,500.

Gerard Geise and spouse to Hugh J. Kelly, Dallas Township, \$127,500.

Vito Balice and spouse to Lisa M. Zabriski, Dallas Township, \$125,773.

Joseph R. Wideman and spouse to Lake Louise Properties LLC, Franklin Township, \$350,000.

John Halbing III and spouse to Liberato Petraglia and

spouse, Windsor Farms, Kingston Township, \$498,786.

Back Mountain Lumber & Coal Co. to JSD Realty LLC, Kingston Township, \$110,000.

Summit Enterprises to JSD Realty LLC, Kingston Township, \$440,000.

William Schechter and spouse to Wayne Brieling and spouse, Trucksville Gardens, Kingston Township, \$147,500.

Joseph Mackiewicz and spouse to Charles Buzalka and spouse, Lake Township, \$160,000.

Estate of Celia Ellsworth to Jonathan Pineno, Lehman Township, \$102,500.

Estate of Rober Elton Phillips Jr. to Joshua D. Longmore, Oak Hill, Lehman Township, \$82,000.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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 THANKSGIVINGDINNER  
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 ISTRULY ANT BADE TILE  
 NERO SOAP DESIRE BOA  
 GLENN UKE VERSA SKEWS  
 ELK ETNA HELGA PREEE  
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National Numbers answers

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King Crossword Answers

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| AVOW    | GNU     | OKRA   |
| MEDEA   | GREG    |        |
|         | ELF     | BLOTCH |
| CASTLES | MOOLA   |        |
| AREA    | ZIP     | GLUM   |
| LIENS   | TAMALES |        |
| LADDER  | LEI     |        |
|         | SEAM    | APPLE  |
| LOBO    | VIA     | ARIZ   |
| THOU    | ELY     | NAZI   |
| DOOR    | LEE     | MAT    |