

OBITUARIES

GILBERT TOUGH

Former president of Blue Cross

Gilbert Diack Tough, 82, of Mill Street, Lehman, died November 18, 2003 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Lehman, he was a son of the late Alexander and Bella Jane (Stronach) Tough. He graduated from Lehman High School. He did post-graduate studies at Wyoming Seminary. He also graduated from Wilkes College, and attended post-graduate studies at the University of Michigan. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a certified administrative manager. He was president and chief executive officer of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He also worked for Glen Alden Coal Co. He was a member of Lehman United Methodist Church, where he served on the administrative council, was former Sunday School teacher and superintendent, was chairman of the Trustees and Finance Committee, was choir member, lay speaker, and lay leader to the Wyoming Annual Conference. He was a board member of the Lake-Lehman School District, West Side Vocational-Technical School, Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, Shriners Hospital, Philadelphia, United Way of Wyoming Valley, and Boy Scouts of America. He served as auditor for Lehman Township, was chairman of District Four Blue Cross and Blue Shield, was president of Lehman Township Volunteer Fire Co., and was chairman of the Lehman Horse Show. He was a 50-year member of the George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F&AM and, the Irem Temple, where he also served on its Board of Governors.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Edwin. Surviving are his wife of 51 years, the former Vera Whitesell; daughter, Linda Pinenio, Lehman; son, Gary D., Harrisburg; three grandchildren; and brother, Garwin, Lancaster.

Interment, Lehman Center Cemetery, Lehman Township.

HOWARD WHITSON

Lehman man

Howard G. Whitson, 95, of Lehman Township, died November 17, 2003 at Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Forty Fort, he was a son of the late Harry and Hannah Miller Whitson. He attended Forty Fort schools and was self-employed in general hauling.

Surviving are son, Howard G. Jr., Lehman Township; a granddaughter, two step-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and brother, Edward, Forty Fort.

Interment, Beaumont Cemetery, Beaumont.

THELMA BERGER

Was curator of Maslow Art Collection

Thelma Deane Berger, of Shavertown, died November 15, 2003 in the General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born July 8, 1921 in Nashville, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Harry and Lillian Blume Samuels. She graduated from Hunter College and Temple University. She worked as a teacher at Wyoming Seminary Day School; and was the curator of the Maslow Art Collection, Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of the congregation of Temple B'nai B'rith, Hadassah; the Jewish Community Center; and former President of Planned Parenthood of Wyoming Valley.

Surviving are her husband of 62 years, Louis; daughter, Hope Rubin, Concord, Mass.; son, Anthony Berger, Waccabuc, N.Y.; five grandchildren; and brother Martin Samuels, Montreal, Canada.

Interment, B'nai B'rith Cemetery.

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

SOPHIA WAGNER

Attended Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

Sophia D. Wagner, 94, formerly of Shavertown, died November 12, 2003 at Valley Crest Nursing Home, Wilkes-Barre.

Born May 15, 1909, in Nanticoke, she was a daughter of the late Alexander and Elizabeth (Stegura) Dombroski. She attended Nanticoke schools. She worked as a sales clerk for Bergman's Department Store. She attended Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Lear.

Surviving are her sisters, Ceil Cavallini and Ann Dombroski, Nanticoke; Alexa Seepol, California; Frances Weil, Macungie; and nieces and nephews.

DAVID POSATKO

Long-time public defender in two counties

David Peter Posatko, 56, of Dallas, died November 13, 2003 at home.

A native of Plains Township, he was born on October 23, 1947, and was the son of the late Dr. Peter C. Posatko, M.D. and Pauline Loignon Posatko. He was a 1969 graduate of King's College, Wilkes-Barre, and 1972 graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School. Attorney Posatko operated a private law practice in Tunkhannock and was the chief public defender of Wyoming and Sullivan counties for more than 28 years. He was a member of the Order of St. Thomas More, Notre Dame Club Inc.; the University Club of Notre Dame; Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association; and the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Beside his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Marcia.

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Dona M. Petrillo Posatko; daughters, Amber J., Brooke C., Paulina M. and Victoria G., all at home; sisters, Dr. Barbara Posatko, MD; Ann DiPietro; Michelle Petrillo; Linda Petrillo; Penny Petrillo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made to the King's College Scholarship Fund.

DOLORES MILLER

Dallas woman

Dolores M. (Dolly) Miller, 51, of Dallas and formerly of Harding, Swoyersville and Forty Fort, died November 17, 2003 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Oct. 24, 1952, in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late Edward J. and Grace Marie (Mack) Parry. She graduated from Wyoming Area High School. She worked as a teller for Wyoming National Bank. She also worked for Monty's, Luzerne; The Beer Deli, Forty Fort; Lowe's Restaurant, Wilkes-Barre; and Dugan's Pub, Luzerne.

Surviving are son, Brian, Kingston; daughter, Kelly, Wilkes-Barre; companion, Richard W. Snowdon, Dallas; brothers, Gerald J., Thomas E. and Donald E. Parry; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mountain View Cemetery, Harding.

Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA of Luzerne County, Plains Township.

LETTIE CULVER

Founding member of Women's Clubs

Lettie Lee Culver, 93, of West Chester and formerly of Dallas, died November 17, 2003.

Born Jan. 18, 1910, in Dallas, she was the daughter of the late Henry Lawrence and Guida Brotherhood Lee. She attended the Dallas Borough School and graduated from the Wilkes-Barre Institute. She owned and operated the OOSTAN-A-ALA Spring Water Co. She worked for the Dallas/Shavertown Water Co. She was a member of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas. She was instrumental in starting the Youth Women's Club of Dallas and was elected its first president. The club later became the Senior Women's Club and Junior Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Frederick Culver.

Surviving are her son, A. Lee, Dallas; daughter, Karen Culver Roen, West Chester, with whom she resided; four grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a nephew.

Memorial services will be held in December.

Memorial donations may be made to the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, the Delaware County Christian School, 462 Malin Road, Newtown Square, PA 19076, or to a local Hospice or Visiting Nurses Association.

CHARLES WITTER

Member of Legion Post 672

Charles M. Witter, 75, of Dallas, died November 13, 2003 at Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born April 5, 1928, in Jackson, he was a son of the late Morrison and Marion (Pickering) Witter. He worked as a custodian at Dallas Junior High School. He was a member of American Legion Post 672, Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rose Higgins; brothers, Sayers and Irving.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, the former Shirley Siglin; sons, Morrison, Edwardville; Raymond and Brian, Dallas; daughter, Allison, Hanover Township; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Interment, Lakeside Cemetery, Harveys Lake.

DANIEL CARICHNER

Operated Dan's Barber Shop

Daniel V. Carichner, of Tunkhannock, died November 17, 2003 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born Oct. 17, 1933, in Jackson Township, he was a son of the late Arthur and Minerva Wright Carichner. He graduated from Lehman High School and was the owner of Dan's Barber Shop, Dallas, and also worked at Procter & Gamble, Mehoopany. He was a veteran of the Navy and served during the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by sister, Nadine Good.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Sarah "Betty" Ayers; sons, David, Donald and Dean, all of Tunkhannock; six grandchildren, brother, Arthur, Trucksville; and sister, Mable Morrison, Flagler Beach, Fla.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Dallas.

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

JANET BEECH

Former manager of Shavertown bank branch

Janet I. Beech, 84, of Virginia Beach, Va. and formerly of Shavertown, died November 11, 2003 at Brighton Gardens Senior Living Center, Virginia Beach.

Born in Plains Township, she was a daughter of the late John H. and Anna (MacKnight) Ichter. She attended Ashley schools and graduated from Wyoming Seminary, Kingston. She worked for the Wyoming National Bank, Shavertown, where she was vice president and manager. She was a member of Shavertown United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles K. (Chuck).

Surviving are her son, Charles K. (Sandy), Virginia Beach, Va.; two grandsons; three great-grandchildren; a step-granddaughter; sisters, Sybil Pelton, Dallas; Margaret Snowdon, Scranton; a niece; and three nephews.

Private funeral services will be at the convenience of the family.

Private interment, Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

WILLIAM VANDUZER

Former owner of Prince Hotel

William H. VanDuzer Jr., 81, of Lake Carey, and Sarasota, Fla., died November 16, 2003 in Sarasota, Fla.

Born April 14, 1922, in Elmira, N.Y., he was the son of William H. and Marion (Allen) VanDuzer. He graduated from Cornell University and owned VanDuzer Service Station, and was a previous owner of the Prince Hotel. He was a veteran of the Army, serving during World War II. He was a member of Triton Hose Co., Shadowbrook Golf Course, Lake Carey Chapel and attended the Church of the Palms, Sarasota, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Ruth Stevens, and sister, Barbara Cohen.

Surviving are daughter, Betsy Vogel, Red Bank, N.J.; sons, William H. III, Pittsburgh; Stevens L., Lancaster; and Kurt A., Tunkhannock; five grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tunkhannock Public Library, 220 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock.

JEAN BRAY

Graduate of Westmoreland High School

Jean E. Bray, 85, of Bunker Hill Road, Kingston Township, died November 14, 2003 at Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Kingston, she was the daughter of the late Leonard and Lillian (Wilcox) Philo. She graduated from Westmoreland High School, Trucksville. She was a member of the Wyoming Avenue Christian Church, Kingston.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles R.; brothers, Marvel and Lee Philo.

Surviving are her son, Robert C., Carlisle; and a grandson.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

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Catapulting to the top

Troop 232, Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, won first place in a catapault competition held at the Mountain Trailblazer Fall Camporee at Camp Aachela. Each troop built a catapault of its own design, and Troop 232 achieved the furthest toss. Participants were, from left, front row: Christopher Taylor, Stephen Levandoski, Patrick Foley, Neil Bellanca, Sean Deats. Second row: Scoutmaster Patrick Deats and Ian Heron.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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

Denise Pilch to William Schechter, Elmcrest Woods, Dallas, \$270,000.

Deerfield by Hallmark Inc. to Keith Kleinman and spouse, Deer Meadow Estates, Dallas, \$381,856.

Glen Bynon and spouse to Joseph Wideman and spouse, Goss Manor, Dallas Township, \$100,000.

Ann Strucko per agent to Michael Konnick and spouse, Dallas Township, \$120,000.

Willard Bullock and spouse to Robert Klinetob and spouse, Tall Pines Estate, Franklin Township, \$32,000.

Joan P. Nusbaum to David Mariner and spouse, Jackson Township, \$358,000.

Dolores Rozanski to Christopher Hanley and spouse, Meadow Crest, Jackson Township, \$117,000.

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs to Beutsche Bank Trust Co., 276 Mathers Drive, Kingston Township, \$87,080.

Joseph Lombardo and spouse to Jason Wesolowski, Sleepy Hollow, Kingston Township, \$49,000.

Margaret Waskiewicz to Greg Fowler, Lake Township, \$23,000.

Richard Davis and spouse to John Oliver III, Lehman Township, \$177,000.

John Kupstas and others to Amy H. Stitzer, Lehman Township, \$43,000.

Gail Bockus and others to Robert I. Decent, Lehman Township, \$38,000.

Robert P. Wilson to Robert Romanczuk and spouse, Lehman Township, \$36,000.

Yesterday

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"approximately 45 percent of the septic systems tested between Chase Corners and Huntsville-Hillside Road are malfunctioning."

— Some items that could be purchased from ACME: Louelle Butter, 1 lb. for 69 cents; Empire Kosher Turkeys, 59 cents a pound; PEPSI soda, 8 10-oz. bottles for 99 cents.

20 Years Ago  
November 23, 1983

NO ARRESTS IN FATALITY

— No arrests have been made in connection with the fatal death of 56-year-old Betty Britt last Wednesday afternoon on route 309.

— Two hearings are scheduled for Allen Lord, 30 of 89 Parrish Street, Dallas, who is charged with attempting to hire a state police officer to blow up his former girlfriend's trailer.

— The Mercy Medical Center of Dallas is scheduled to open in January, 1984, and will bring full time hospital services to residents of the Back Mountain.

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