

OBITUARIES

GEORGE COOLBAUGH JR.

Worked for PennDOT

George Coolbaugh Jr., 74, of Tunkhannock, died March 10, 2004 at Carpenter Care Center, Tunkhannock.

Born April 5, 1929, in Auburn Township, he was a son of the late George and Viola Coolbaugh Sr. He was employed on the road crew of PennDOT.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Iva Weaver Coolbaugh; stepson, Thomas Welch; brother, Charles Coolbaugh.

Surviving are stepson, Clinton Welch, Tunkhannock; sister, Nanabelle Bordenco, Florida; three step-grandchildren; a step-great-grandchild.

Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

EMMA MALONEY

Native of Lehman

Emma B. Maloney, 95, formerly of Shavertown, died March 15, 2004 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Lehman, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Emma Chergosky Barto. She attended the Luzerne schools. Before retiring, she was employed by Endicott Johnson Shoes, Binghamton, N.Y. She was a member of the Huntsville United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Leon McCrilly; second husband, Edward Maloney.

Surviving are daughter, Marlene J. Boezi, Indianapolis, IN; brother, Donald Barto, Shavertown; sisters, Ann Kreiger, Shavertown; Irene Berg, Dallas; Josephine Caccia, Kingston; three grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

RUTH ORLOSKI

Long-time Lake Township tax collector

Ruth F. Orloski, age 80 of Loyalville, died March 12, 2004, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Len Romanowski, Dallas.

She was born in Avoca, January 24, 1924, and was the daughter of the late Raymond and Lillian Bidwell Davis.

She graduated from Coughlin High School, Class of 1943.

She was employed as a bookkeeper by the former Triangle Shoe Co., Edwardsville, for 32 years and served as a tax collector in Lake Township for 27 years, retiring in 2002.

She was a member of the Loyalville United Methodist Church and attended the Roaring Brook Baptist Church, Hunlock Creek.

Her first husband, Thomas Donsavage, died in 1968 and her second husband, Edward P. Orloski, Sr., died in 2001.

Surviving in addition to her daughter and son-in-law are: Daughter and son-in-law, Amy and John Butchko, Loyalville; stepson, Edward P. Orloski, Jr., Plymouth; step-daughter, Alice Laughlin, South Bend, Indiana; sister, Elaine Wivell, Wilkes-Barre; 5 grandchildren and 5 step-grandchildren.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

Memorial contributions be sent to the Medical Oncology Associates, Prescription Assistance Fund, 382 Pierce St., Kingston.

MORTON BLUM

Co-owner of Blum Brothers

Morton Blum, 90, of Machell Avenue, Dallas, died March 17, 2004 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, December 28, 1913, he was the son of the late Isidor and Sophia Kaufman Blum. He was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Dartmouth College, with the honor of Magna Cum Laude, and Yale Law School. Mr. Blum was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII, serving as a captain with the Air Transport Command. He was a co-owner of Blum Brothers, Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, which was founded by his father, Isidor, in 1911.

He was a member of Temple Israel, where he was a former board member, a member of the Jewish Community Center, B'nai B'rith Lodge, the Jewish War Veterans, Valley Tennis and Swim Club, the PA Bar Association, the Luzerne County Historical Society and the Westmoreland Club. He was also active in the United Way of Wyoming Valley and the United Jewish Appeal, where he was a former chairman, as well as various other religious and civic organizations.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Klein.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, the former Irene B. Baicker; daughter, Jill Sherman, Amherst, MA; son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Bonnie Blum, Shavertown; four grandchildren; Amy Sherman, Kim Sherman, Jennifer Blum, Noah Blum; sister, Bernice Sheft, Oak Park, Ill.; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Temple Israel Cemetery, Swoyersville.

Shiva will be observed at the family home, 200 Machell Avenue, Dallas, Sunday and Monday, 2-4 and 7-9.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Israel, 236 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, or the Jewish Community Center, 60 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

HARRY J. STEWART

Tunkhannock area carpenter

Harry J. Stewart of Meshoppen and Tunkhannock, died March 15, 2004, in Brandywine Hospital, Coatesville, Pa.

He was born in Germantown, Pa. on Dec. 19, 1948, son of Harry and Bernice "Bunny" (Merson) Stewart, Tunkhannock.

He was employed as a carpenter. In addition to his parents, he is survived by brothers, Mark and Ronald, Newton, N.C.; Robert, Meshoppen; sisters, Betty Stewart, Irvington, Ky.; Donna Bingaman, Fallcroft, Pa.; Theresa Stewart, Newton, N.C.

Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

ROBERT HEFFERS

25-year Army veteran

Robert J. Heffers, 80, formerly of Kingston Township, died March 13, 2004 in the Manor Care Health Services, Kingston.

Born in Swoyersville, he was a son of the late Richard and Maryann (Murray) Heffers. He was a graduate of the Wyoming Memorial High School. Mr. Heffers served in the U.S. Army for 25 years, achieving the rank of Sergeant. He served during World War II and did tours in Vietnam. After retiring from the military, he was employed by Independent Beef, Jenkins Township, for 10 years. Mr. Heffers was a member of the American Legion of Pittston Post # 477, the VFW of Dupont Post# 4909, and the Big Band Society.

Preceding him in death was his longtime companion, Nettie DeMark.

Surviving are his brothers, Leonard and Leo, both of N.J.; Anna Hayko, Philadelphia; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton section of Kingston Township.

RICHARD C. NEWHART

Native of Shavertown

Richard C. Newhart, 50, formerly of Shavertown, died at his home at Spring Branch Loop, Kyle, Texas, March 9, 2004. He was born in Kingston, son of the former Frances Pesetesi Newhart and the late Claude L. Newhart.

Surviving are his mother, Frances Newhart, Shavertown; daughter, Aprilie Newhart, Morristown, N.J.; brothers, Michael, Scranton, James, Shavertown, and Paul, West Pittston, and several nieces and nephews.

CARL DERHAMMER

Born in Beaumont

Carl Derhammer, 75, formerly of Dallas, died March 12, 2004 in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born December 28, 1928, in Beaumont, he was the son of the late James and Agnes Hoyt Krintz Derhammer. He attended the Beaumont High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Mr. Derhammer was a self-employed carpenter prior to his retirement.

Preceding him in death was his wife, the former Mary Niezgoda; sons, Carl Jr.; James; and brother, Harry.

Surviving are daughters, Mary Patton, Noxen; Martha Derhammer, Dallas; sons, Dwight, Nicholson; Donald, Dallas; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Dallas.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of Mar. 8-12. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

MONDAY: Beef Stroganoff over noodles, peas & carrots,

orange juice, chocolate pudding.

TUESDAY: Chicken Florentine, brown rice, cauliflower, banana.

WEDNESDAY: Liver & onions, whipped potatoes, minestrone soup, chilled peaches.

THURSDAY: Baked pork chop with bread stuffing and gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, chocolate chip cookie.

FRIDAY: Pierogi, pickled egg, green beans, tossed salad, orange.

Q: Where do you find the most Back Mountain news each week?

A: Only in The Post

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

RULER MIRAGE SAD TEE
OPERAS ARARAT PTE HAL
BOARDKICKDISHBURNSARM
END AIDE ERN WILE
ARNE APOLLO FRASER
AMES NERO IDIOM
LIGHTLARKCAPBLUEDIVE
LAY DEVILS REEF ILL
IMP SAONE WEARS CHAKA
NITA PIG GRAS PALED
NETDOBRUSHSPRAY
MELON WINE HUE SLAM
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OIL BOON SENECA BUG
CYCLEBOATJACKETSTYLE
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Puzzles appear on page 8

Rational Numbers answers

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4	5	1	6	9	
	3	0	1	4	1
9	7	1	1	5	
6	2	1	4	1	
5	1	1	6	1	5

King Crossword Answers

DNA UTAH JAPE
RAM NOME URAL
AIM SPIILTMILK
BRONC PUB
OREL GLOVE
BUTTERUP EKEED
ONE WINOS IRA
ADAM EGGCREAM
ROMAN SORE
DEW EDSEL
SAYCHEESE PST
AREA LYON UPN
LEAP LENS RYE

Remember When

We've been digging through our pile of old photos, and thought it would be fun to share some of them with you. Space allowing, we'll publish a scene from the Back Mountain's past each week on this page. Sometimes we'll be able to tell you about the event and the people in the frame, and sometimes we'll be clueless. That's when you can help — if you know names and details, please get them to us and we'll do our best to fill in the blanks for our readers. E-mail is the best communication method, so if you can, send info to: thepost@leader.net. Otherwise, send a fax to 675-6650, call 675-5211 or drop a note to: The Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18711.



Keep on truckin'

The year is 1953, and members of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company are posing proudly with their new truck. Well, maybe not brand new; a notation on the back of the photo indicates it might be a 1949 or 1950 model.

About that old mill ...

More than one reader called to correct our error in identifying the old mill pictured in Remember When last week. We repeated an error made several years ago by locating it in the area of the present Frances Slocum State Park dam. It was in fact the Truckville Feed Mill, which stood near the intersection of Route 309 and Harris Hill Road. The mill out on Carverton Road was Hefft's Sawmill.

OBITUARIES

MARTHA SMITH

Member of Irem Temple Ladies Auxiliary

Martha A. Smith, 89, of Dallas, formerly of Wyoming, died March 16, 2004 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born on June 13, 1914, in Wyoming, she was the daughter of the late Edgar and Myrtle Shafer Clark. She was a graduate of Wyoming High School. She was employed many years with Fowler, Dick and Walker, the Boston Store, Wilkes-Barre, as a training director of sales personnel and worked out of the personnel office. She last worked at the Bon-Ton store, York, as operations manager before retiring. She was a member of the Luzerne United Methodist Church and the Ladies Auxiliary of Irem Temple. She also taught Sunday School and the Wyoming United Methodist Church for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clinton D., December 28, 2003; brothers, Stewart, Edward Wilber and Elwood Clark.

Surviving are son, Robert H. Yetter, Dallas; granddaughters, Darcie Gudger, Denver, CO; and Tammie Rao, Philadelphia; two nephews.

Interment, Carverton Cemetery, Carverton.

CHARLES VOLACK

Served with CAC in North Africa during WWII

Charles Anthony Volack, of Dallas, died March 9, 2004, at Valley Crest, Wilkes-Barre.

Born May 22, 1919, in Swoyersville, son of the late Andrew and Antoinette Frystek Volack. He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church, Center Moreland and was a member of its Holy Name Society. After attending Drexel University, he spent two years in North Africa serving in the Civilian Air Corps during World War II. Prior to retiring, he was employed for 30 years by Bendix Corporation. In that time, he also built a nine hole golf course. Mr. Volack was a member of the Franklin Twp. Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife Helen Repak; son, Charles Jr.

Surviving are daughters, Kathleen Kane, New Bedford, Mass.; Christine Mission, Orange; sons, Gerard, California; Walter Stook, Swoyersville; eight grandchildren; sisters, Stella Bazozi, Allentown; Marie Rajchel, Plains; brothers, Bernard, Emmaus, Pa.; Robert, Arizona.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

MICHAELINE SKIBITSKI

Member of Church of the Nativity

Michaeline J. Skibitski, of Shupp Hill, Tunkhannock, died March 14, 2004 at the home of her granddaughter, Melissa Henn of Tunkhannock, surrounded by loving family members. She was born in New York Mills, New York, on July 22, 1915, daughter of the late Ignatius and Mary (Piekielek) Soter.

Prior to her retirement, she worked as a seamstress for the Rowker Dress Company in Tunkhannock and was a member of the Church of the Nativity BVM in Tunkhannock.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; daughter, Barbara Spillar; and a brother, Edward J. Soter.

Surviving is a son, Raymond, of Scranton; daughter, Michaeline Wiernusz, of Tunkhannock; brother, Stanley Z. Soter, of Albrightsville; seven grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Interment, Pieta Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Lackawanna County, 967 Griffin Pond Rd., Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

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