

OBITUARIES

HAROLD ROSE

Bank executive

Harold J. Rose, Jr., 68, of Lake Township, died May 2, 2004 at Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Kingston, Nov. 20, 1935, he was a son of the late Harold J. Sr. and Verna Mary (Jenkins) Rose. He was a 1953 graduate of Westmoreland High School, where he served as class president and was captain of the football team. He attended Wilkes College from 1958 to 1962. He had served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1957. Mr. Rose began a distinguished career in banking at The Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. From 1958 to 1970, he served in the positions of assistant cashier, cashier and vice president. In 1970, he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer and served in that capacity until 1985. Following a merger with Merchants Bancorp, Inc., he served from 1985 to 1989 as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Merchants Bank (North) and as President and Chief Operating Officer of Merchants Bancorp, Inc., Allentown. From 1989 to 1990 he served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Merchants Bank, N.A., Allentown; and Merchants Bank (North), Wilkes-Barre. From 1990 to 1994, he served as a partner in RK Associates, a management consultant, real estate and investment firm. He was a member of the North East Advisory Board of Wachovia Bank. He had also served on the boards of The Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre; First Fidelity Bank, Wilkes-Barre; Merchants Bank, N.A., Allentown; Merchants Bancorp, Inc., Allentown; Fidelity Bank, Philadelphia; Fidelity Bank, Philadelphia; Fidelity Bank Delaware; Pennsylvania Millers Mutual Insurance Company, Wilkes-Barre; American Millers Insurance Company, Wilkes-Barre; Chenango Mutual Insurance Company, Norwich, N.Y.; and Mercrom, Inc., Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Rose was a founding member of the Board of Directors of Earth Conservancy and had served as the interim CEO from May 1993 to April 1994. He was a past trustee of Wilkes University, was past chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth, Inc., and past board member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership, Inc. and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. In 1976 he served as Chairman of the United Way Campaign and as President of the Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Senior Group who spearheaded Fund Raising Committee for Economic Growth. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

HAROLD SAFFIAN

Dallas man

Harold Saffian, of Dallas, died April 30, 2004, at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, the former Gertrude Saper, at home; son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Amanda, Mill Valley, Calif.; son, Robert, Media; two grandsons, Myles and Gavin; and brother, Marvin, New York City.

Surviving are his wife, the former Barbara E. Williams; children, Harold J. Rose III, St. Simons, Ga.; Kevin Lee Rose, Trucksville; Mary Rose Foltz, Mountain Top; Robert E. Rose, serving with the U.S. Navy in Germany; eight grandchildren; stepmother, Laura Rose, Forty Fort; sisters, Penny Lutz, Florida; Janice Durbin, Michigan; five nieces and two nephews.

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

Memorial donations may be made to United Way of Wyoming Valley, 450 Citizens Bank Center, 8 W. Market St., Wilkes-Barre; St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre, or to the SPCA of Luzerne County, Fox Hill Road, Plains.

LORETTA E. REESE

Sunday School teacher

Loretta E. Reese, 65, of Dallas died April 29, 2004, at home.

She was born in Nanticoke, Dec. 2, 1938, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Eleanor (Oshefski) Mendrzycki. She was a 1956 graduate of Nanticoke High School.

Loretta was a member of the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, Dallas, where she served as a Sunday School teacher, and was also a member of the quilting group.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Norman Mendrzycki.

Surviving are her husband of 43 years, James Reese; daughters, Laura Slocum, Shavertown; Kim Jacobs, Dallas; Tracey Reese, Shavertown; and Jennifer Paczewski, Dallas. She has four grandchildren, Drew and Alex Slocum, Shavertown; Kelly and Lindsey Jacobs, Dallas.

Interment, Denison Cemetery, Forty Fort.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mercy Hospice, 746 Jefferson Ave., Scranton, PA, 18501; or Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, 45 Hilderbrandt Road, Dallas, PA 18612.

ALVIN SCOTT

Native of Kunkle

Alvin H. Scott Sr., age 78, of Kunkle, died May 5, 2004, at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

He was born in Kunkle and was the son of the late Alvin L. and Lily Kyttle Scott. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was employed by General Cigar Co., Kingston, for 10 years and Procter and Gamble paper products, Mehoopany, for 17 years, retiring 15 years ago.

He was preceded in death by brothers, David C. and Glenn; sisters, Beatrice Lapallo, Viola White and Marie Scott.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, the former Annamae Wallace; sons, Alvin H. Scott Jr., Kunkle; Alan M. Scott, Beaumont; Arthur C. Scott, Evans Falls; Anthony D. Scott, Hunlock Creek; daughters, Ann Weslowski, Moscow; and Audrey Krispin, Center Moreland; brothers, Allen P. Scott, Edwardsville; Corey E. Scott, Beaumont; Gene R. Scott, Noxen; sisters, Della Dymond, Beaumont; Catherine Wilson, Mehoopany; 12 grandchildren.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

WILLARD GAREY

Native of Idetown was seabee in WWII

Willard L. Garey, 96, formerly of Lehman, died April 29, 2004 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Idetown, November 16, 1907, he was a son of the late Hale and Audrey (Ide) Garey. He was a graduate of the Shavertown High School. He had served with the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II, in Guadalcanal and Okinawa.

Prior to his retirement, he owned and operated Willard L. Garey Construction Company. Throughout his career as a custom builder he had built new and remodeled numerous retail properties. Mr. Garey was the eldest member of the Lehman United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Irem Temple, AAOONS, the George M. Dallas Lodge, F. & A.M. and was a life member of the American Legion, Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda Staub Garey in 1984; and by a brother, James Garey.

Surviving are daughter, Mary Beth Farrell and her husband, James, of Lehman; grandchildren, Erin Garey Brady and her husband, Jeffrey Day of Pennington, N.J.; and Sean M. Brady and his wife, Karen White of Portland, Ore.; great-grandchildren, Quinlan and Phoebe Brady Day; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Idetown Cemetery, Idetown.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704 or to the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Road, Dallas, PA 18612.

DERWOOD DAVIS

Army Air Corps veteran

Derwood Davis, 78, of Tunkhannock, died May 3, 2004 at the Carpenter Care Center, Tunkhannock.

Born Dec. 26, 1925, in Forty Fort, he was a son of the late Harold C. Davis and Rita Van Horn Davis. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Surviving are daughters, Rev. Susan Davis, Endicott, N.Y.; Mary Jo Warring, Albany, N.Y.; sons, Ted, Tunkhannock; and Marty, Stroudsburg; an aunt and uncle; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Lacey Street Cemetery, Laceyville.

DOUGLAS F. PERSING

Daughters live in Dallas

Douglas F. Persing, 76, of Auburndale, Fla., formerly of Dallas, died April 30, 2004 at his home.

Born in Olean, N.Y., June 24, 1927, he was the son of the late Leon A. and Minnie Mae Persing.

He was a graduate of Oliver High School, New York.

Prior to his retirement, he had been employed as a pipe insulator for a power company.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Susanne Persing in 1998; and by a brother, John; and sister, Lorraine Robins.

Surviving are: wife, Ruby Persing; daughters, Donna Persing, Shavertown; Mrs. Brian (Loretta) Brenner, Pittston; and Julie Persing, Dallas; stepsons, David Short, Michigan; Robert Short, Indiana; Paul Short, Indiana; and John Short, Indiana; three grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; brother, Gerald, Ceres, N.Y.; sister, Clair Bassett, Beaver Falls.

Private entombment at the convenience of the family in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial donations may be made to Life Path Hospice, 115 S. Missouri Ave., Suite 500, Lakeland, Fla.

LORAIN ANTAYA

Shavertown woman

Lorain Antaya, 75, of Shavertown, died April 29, 2004, at the Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 9, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Herman and Pearl (Livengood) Deppe. She was a graduate of E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre. Prior to her retirement in 1993, she had been employed for 20 years as a switchboard operator at the Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of the Back Mountain Baptist Church and was a former member of the VFW, Kingston.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Antaya in 1979.

Surviving are daughter, Mrs. Paul (Sherri) Carattini, Yonkers, N.Y.

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

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KENNETH COVERT SR.

Graduate of Laketon High School

Kenneth L. Covert Sr., 84, of Harveys Lake, died May 4, 2004 at home.

He was born in Lake Township, Sept. 6, 1919, and was the son of the late Clarence and Lydia (Hughes) Covert.

He graduated from Laketon High School, class of 1937.

He was employed by Somerset Construction Co., Somerville, N.J., retiring 22 years ago.

As an avid hunter and fisherman, he was a member of the Compass Point Hunting Club, Lake Township.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Jack, George, Charles; and a sister, Bertha Michaels.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, the former Mildred Lee; sons, Kenneth Covert, Jr., Harveys Lake; Donald Covert, Harveys Lake; Larry Covert, Shavertown; David Covert, at home; James Covert, Loyallville; daughter, Janet Carey, Noxen; sister, Thelma Stephens, Waterton; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to Northeast Health and Hospice Care, 38 N. Main St., Pittston, PA 18640.

EVELYN PARKINSON

Survived by four generations

Evelyn Parkinson, 80, of state Route 29, Harveys Lake, died May 4, 2004, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Jan. 30, 1924, in Nanticoke, she was the daughter of the late Elmer and Beatrice Goss Souder.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kirtland; and brother, Burton Souder.

Surviving are daughters, Jean Baker, Mount Holly Springs; Evelyn Goss, Harveys Lake; sister, Marjorie Cotterman, Harveyville; seven grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Interment, Bethel Hill Cemetery, Fairmount Township, Sweet Valley.

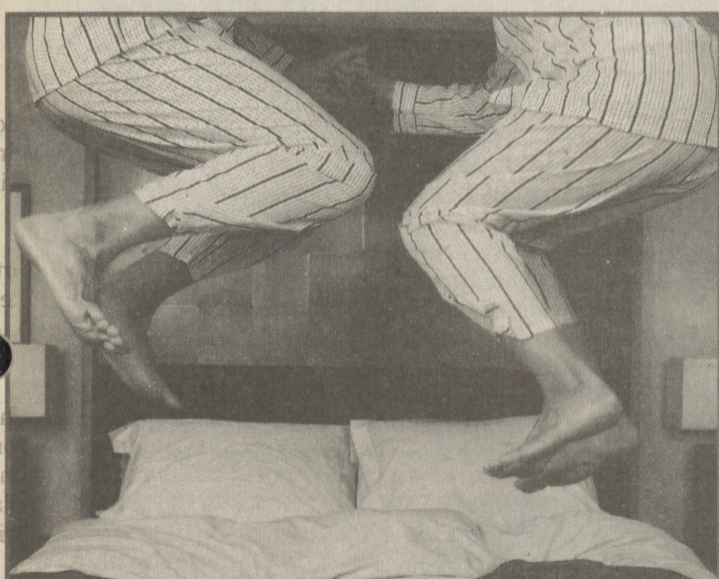
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