

OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY BOWERS

Registered nurse

Shirley P. Bowers, of Tioga Street, Tunkhannock, died May 22, 2004, in Mid Valley Hospital, Hospice Preferred Choice Unit, Peckville.

Born Nov. 16, 1926, in Easton, she was the daughter of the late Wilson T. and Elsie Piatt. She was employed as a registered nurse and served as director of purchasing for Tyler Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church and was a deacon of the church. She was a graduate of Wilson High School, Easton, and the Easton Hospital School of Nursing. She was very active with the Wyoming Cancer Society, and was the past president of the Tunkhannock's Women's Club. She was named woman of the year by the Tunkhannock Business and Professional Women's Club. She served as judge of election for Tunkhannock Borough Ward 4 and was a honorary member of the Chaplaincy Committee at Tyler Memorial Hospital. She assisted as a nurse at Camp Lackawanna Campground and was a life member of the Presbyterian Women of Presbyterian Church of America. She enjoyed quilting, reading and watching old movies. She was a loving, caring mother and a wonderful role model for family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald R. Bowers, who died Dec. 17, 2003, after 54 years of marriage.

Surviving are her two sons, Wilson R., Jackson, Mich.; Mark, Liverpool; two daughters, Jane Wallis, Liverpool; Jei Anderson, Lebanon; brother Tim Piatt, Phoenix, Ariz.; sister, Madelyn Cuckworth, Stewartville, N.J.; sister-in-law, Betty Piatt Kunze, Belleville, Ill.; six grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. June 13, 2004, at the Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. John P. Shepard Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Tyler Memorial Hospital, or the Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church, or the Wyoming County Cancer Society.

STANLEY FERRIS

Vietnam War veteran and mechanic

Stanley A. Ferris, of Jenningsville, Wyoming County, died Friday at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Plains Township.

He was born in Orange, Luzerne County, in October 1941. He was a son of the late Frank and Edna (Sickler) Ferris. A 1957 graduate of Tunkhannock High School, he served in the Marine Corp. and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He worked as a heavy-machine mechanic in the gold mines of Utah.

He was preceded in death by brother, Frank.

Surviving are his brothers, David, Layton, Utah; William, Battle Mountain, Nev.; Howard, New Baden, Ill.; sisters, Bessie Robinson and Iathryn Dimon, both of Jenningsville; Frances Reeves, Wysox; Naomi Worth, Battle Mountain, Nev.; Eva Michew, Cadin, Nev.

Interment was in North Flat Cemetery, Laceyville.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mehoopany Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 182, Mehoopany, PA 18630.

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ARTHUR PLACE

Teacher, wrestling coach and mason

Arthur R. Place, 91, passed away at Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock on May 22, 2004, after lengthy illness.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Jan. 29, 1913, a son of the late Ethel and Leo Place. Some years later, the family moved to Vose (now Keiserville). Both the family farm and the one-room school he attended stand today.

With his .22 rifle, collie dog and a trout stream next to the barn, he often described his time there with great affection. In 1925 the family sold the farm and moved to Meshoppen, where his mother taught school and his father worked in the creamery. He attended Meshoppen schools, graduating in 1926. He worked a variety of jobs and at one point he and a friend began a trek to Florida in a Model A Ford. For several months they held a variety of jobs. They eventually ended their journey in Oklahoma in the oil fields, having used up three Model A's.

Arthur graduated from Mansfield State Teachers College in 1935 with a teaching degree in English and science. During his time in college, he served two terms with the National Guard as an ambulance driver in the 103rd Medical Regiment. After breaking both legs in a skiing accident, he became a coach for the college wrestling team.

On April 8, 1939, he married Agnes Heckman of Moosic. Upon the start of the war, they moved to Philadelphia, where he was a crane operator loading Liberty ships. After the war, he continued the rest of his life in the heavy-equipment and construction industry. They moved around, living in Meshoppen, Towanda, Hughestown and finally in 1949 to Tunkhannock at the current residence. He was employed by A.B. Cole and Son for nearly 40 years as operator, foreman and superintendent. He worked long, hard hours but always had time to take his three sons hunting and fishing. Arthur was known as "Hap" or "Happy" to his many friends.

He was a devoted Mason and a 50-year member of Temple Lodge #248 F&AM. He was also a member of Warren Royal Arch Chapter #180, Temple Council Royal and Select Masters #47, and Nazarene Commandery Knights Templar #99, all of Montrose.

He was predeceased by a son, James Arthur, killed in an auto accident in 1964, and a brother, John. Surviving is his wife, Agnes (Heckman) Place, with whom he just celebrated their 65th anniversary at the Carpenter Nursing Home, Tunkhannock.

Surviving are son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Helen, of Jericho, Vt.; their children, Kevin, Brian, Kimberly and husband Brad Faucher, and great-grandson Thomas; son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Ann of Wilmington, Del.; their children, Michael, Patrick, and Matthew; a sister, Marjorie, of Wildwood Crest, N.J.; several devoted nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

MARGARET "MARGE" KURAS

Shawanese woman

Margaret Kuras, 71, of Park Row Shawanese, and a former resident of South Wilkes-Barre, died May 20, 2004, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late John and Jule (Delaney) Schappert.

She was preceded in death by her former husband, Leo G.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Kuras, Tunkhannock; sons, Michael J., Mountain Top; Kenneth, Shawanese; sister, Bonnie Koslowsky, Newtown; brother, Jack, Kenosha, Wis.; one grandson; several nieces and nephews.

JULIA ARTHURHULTZ

Postal employee nearly four decades

Julia M. Arrowood Arthurhultz, of Second Street, Tunkhannock, died May 25, 2004 evening in Mercy Hospital Scranton.

She was born in Mehoopany on May 13, 1918, and was the daughter of the late Earle D. and Olive I. (Lewis) Goodwin.

She was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School, class of 1936. She was employed for 39 years in the post office at Mehoopany, serving as acting postmaster during the Johnson administration. She held dual memberships in the Mehoopany Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for over 23 years, and Grace Christian Church in Okeechobee, Fla.

She loved working in the kitchen, and will always be remembered for her baking.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bruce Arrowood; son, Lewis Willis-Ar-

rowood; and brother, Bernard Goodwin.

Surviving is her husband, Wayne L. Arthurhultz; sons, Bruce R. Arrowood, Sebring, Fla.; Lawrence J. Arrowood, of Mehoopany; Michael L. Arrowood, Laceyville; daughter, Marilyn A. Robinson, Mehoopany; brothers, Harold Goodwin, and twin brothers, Paul and Perle Goodwin, all of Forkston; stepson, Michael Arthurhultz, of Osceola, Tenn.; stepdaughters, Becky Shaffer, of Gainesville, Fla.; Karen Riefel, of Okeechobee, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

Interment, Forkston Cemetery, Forkston.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions to the Tyler Health Foundation, 880 SR 6 W., Tunkhannock, Pa. 18657.

SHAWN HUBBELL

Lehman High School graduate

Shawn D. Hubbell, 30, of Philadelphia, died May 22, 2004, at home.

Born June 16, 1973, in Tunkhannock, he was a son of Warren Hubbell, Noxen and the late Connie (Engler). He attended Lehman High School and Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Technical School. He was employed as a machinist.

Surviving, in addition to his father, are brothers, Keith Tomkins, Dallas; Scott Tomkins, Bear Creek; Benjamin Hubbell, Noxen; sisters, Tracy Kapitula, Dallas; Elizabeth, Rebekah and Grace Hubbell, all of Noxen; and four nephews.

Private interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas Township.

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MARION DEREMER

Demunds woman

Marion DeRemer, 66, of Brooksville, Fla., died on May 16, 2004.

She was born in Demunds, and resided in New Jersey before retiring to Florida in 1977.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories, her lifetime companion, John McGowan, of Brooksville, Fla.; her daughter, Colleen Gonzalez of West Palm Beach, Fla., her son, Dominick J. Bonomo of Highland Park, N.J.; granddaughters, Danielle Bonomo, and Mia Gonzalez; son-in-law, Faustino Gonzalez; sisters, Elizabeth Kubasti of Dallas; and Eleanor Smith of Wyoming; brothers, Robert DeRemer of Hunlock Creek; and Ronald DeRemer of Kingston.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth (Alling) DeRemer, father, Richard W. DeRemer and brother, Richard DeRemer.

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I know I have an Angel,  
I saw her just today.  
She smiled down upon me,  
In the most endearing way.  
---She whispered that she loved me,  
But really couldn't stay.  
I know that God has called her,  
For more than all it seems.  
I feel her all around me,  
And see her in my Dreams.  
God chose this Angel just for me,  
With a very special name,  
You'll see.  
I know I have an angel,  
I saw her again today.  
I told her "Mom, I Love You",  
And know we'll meet again someday.  
--- Colleen

HAZEL RENSTROM

Owned Reese Florist

Hazel Reese Renstrom of North Eaton Road, Tunkhannock, died May 26, 2004 in the VNA Hospice Unit at the CMC Hospital in Scranton. She was born in Evans Falls on Oct. 23, 1915 and was the daughter of the late Peter W. and Lizzie (Ennis) Traver.

She was a graduate of Beaumont High School, class of 1933. Prior to her retirement, she was the owner of Reese Florist in Tunkhannock. She was a member of the Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church for over 50 years. She served as a volunteer at Tyler Memorial Hospital and as a greeter at the Tunkhannock Wal-Mart. She was also a member of the Tunkhannock Women's Club and the Tunhannock Eastern Star, Chapter #74.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter D. Reese, and her second husband, Harmon L. Renstrom; brothers, Walter, Lambert, and Kenneth Traver.

Surviving is a son, Walter R. "Dick" Reese, of Tunkhannock; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church, 51 Putnam St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657, or to VNA Hospice, Community Medical Center, Mulberry St., Scranton, PA 18503.

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