

BITUARIES

EARL PARSONS

U.S. Navy veteran, he ran a produce stand

Earl Parsons, 69, of Dallas, died Nov. 16, 2004 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township, following a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Born in Kingston, March 15, 1935, he was the son of the late Earl and Ethel (Schenk) Parsons. He was a graduate of Kingston Township High School. Mr. Parsons served with the United States Navy aboard the USS Lexington from 1952 to 1960, during the Korean conflict. He was owner and operator of Parsons Produce Stand, which had been located for 20 years in Trucksville and for the past 10 years on the Tunkhannock Highway, Dallas. He was a member of the American Legion, Dallas.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Willard, Ralph, Howard and Donald; and by sister, Doris Stritzinger.

Surviving are wife, the former Rosalie (Kiwak) Brady, with whom he would have celebrated their 10th anniversary on Jan. 28; daughters, Cheryl Kreitzer, Nanticoke; Cindy Prestash, Nanticoke; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; stepchildren, George and Sandy Brady, Swoyersville; David and Cindy Brady, Austin, Texas; George and Mary Reble, Moscow; Eric and Catherine Wolfgang, Mountain Top. He was Pop Pop to the loves of his life, his grandchildren, Megan and Kayla Brady; Jeffrey, Sarah and Thomas Reble; Abby and William Wolfgang; sisters, Arlene Williams, Trucksville; Gladys Temerentz, Kingston.

Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery, Swoyersville.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

MICHAEL CHOPKO

World War II veteran was an avid bowler

Michael E. Chopko, 80, of Highland Drive, Dallas, passed away November 14, 2004 in the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township, following an illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Michael E. and Margaret (Miller) Chopko. He was educated in the city schools and was a 1942 graduate of Coughlin High School. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Roman Catholic Church, Machell Avenue, Dallas. Until his retirement, Mr. Chopko was employed by the Culbro Machine Systems, formerly General Cigar Co. of Kingston, as manager of machine design, where he was awarded several U.S. Patents for his designs. A veteran of the Second World War, Mr. Chopko served with the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He was a life member of the Joseph E. Conlon, Post 855 of the American Legion, Plains Twp.

An avid bowler, he bowled with various leagues in the Wyoming Valley.

Mr. Chopko was predeceased by his wife, the former Rose Ann Gavlick, who passed away on Oct. 26, 2002.

Surviving are a son, Attorney Mark Chopko of Alexandria, Va.; daughters Teresa Flynn of Larksville; and Alice Gordon of Hamilton, Va.; 10 grandchildren; sisters, Marie Jascur, Maplewood, N.J., and twin sister Florence Aniol of Dearborn, Mich.; several nieces and nephews.

Entombment, Mount Olivet R.C. Cemetery Mausoleum, Carverton section of Kingston Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gate of Heaven R.C. Church, 10 Machell Ave., Dallas, PA 18612.

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15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18711

GRACE WEBSTER

Active in charitable groups, she was 101

Grace H. Webster died November 15, 2004, after 6 days of loving care at the Hospice Community Care, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Born Grace Elizabeth Hemmett on August 11, 1903, in Crown Point, N.Y., to the late John C. and Bessie Andre Hemmett. She was educated in the local schools and was graduated from Albany Business College. She was married June 20, 1924, to Orlo S. Webster of Ticonderoga, N.Y. She resided in Albany, N.Y., Utica, N.Y., Clearwater, Fla., Tampa, Fla., and most recently at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Oak Hill, Dallas, Pa.

During her lifetime, she was active with various charitable organizations including the Utica Genetaska Club (women of Kiwanis), YWCA, St. Luke's Hospital Guild, Munson-Williams-Procter Institute in Utica, N.Y., as well as Union Street United Methodist Church, Clearwater, and Temple Terrace United Methodist Church in Tampa, The Eastern Order Star. She traveled extensively throughout the 50 United States enjoying and documenting visits to National Parks and other interesting sights. She also visited Mexico, Canada, Germany, Austria, Egypt, and The Holy Land.

She enjoyed tennis, bowling, golf, flower gardening, painting, photography, designing clothing, reading, bridge, canasta, and other social games as well.

In addition to her parents and beloved husband, Orlo, she was preceded in death by her sister, Laura Hemmett, son David H. Webster, and daughter Eleanor B. Gualillo. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Edward Straka; son-in-law Frank E. Gualillo; grandsons Frank D. Gualillo, Marengo, Ill.; Kevin E. Straka, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Shawn D. Straka, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; granddaughters Nancy L. Honey, Ill., and Diane L. Taylor, CA; and 10 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her devoted and loving caregiver of almost 9 years, Mrs. Rick (Judy) Blaine. After living a remarkable life for over 101 years, she was truly "Amazing Grace."

Memorial contributions can be made to Back Mountain Memorial Library, Dallas, PA 18612; or The Shavertown United Methodist Church, Shavertown, PA 18708.

CAROL DYMOND

Married 39 years

Carol A. Dymond of Oakwood Lake Village, Tunkhannock, died Nov. 11, 2004 at the Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock. She was born in Towanda on August 16, 1943, daughter of the late Malcolm and Rose M. (Reynolds) Barber Sr.

Surviving are her husband of 39 years, Glen R.; brother, Malcolm Barber, of Wilkes-Barre; sisters, Rose Lee Perry, of Wysox; Janice Donovan, Sandra Newman and Dawn Hoose, all of Sayre; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

MELISSA HOLGATE

Published poet

Melissa C. Holgate of Leshor Road, Tunkhannock, died on November 16, 2004 in the Geisinger Hospital in Danville. She was born in Tunkhannock on January 24, 1973, daughter of Mark and Dorothy (Christian) Holgate of Tunkhannock.

She was a graduate of Wyoming Area High School class of 1994. She had a great love for poetry. In 1995, she received an award from the Deutsch Institute Hall of Fame for her writings. That same year her poem "Autumn" was published by the National Library of Poetry in their book "Between the Rain Drops".

In addition to her parents she is survived by brother, Steven, of West Reading; sister, Amanda Holgate, of Kenmore, NY; paternal grandparents, Clifford and Rosemarie Holgate, of Dalton; maternal grandmother, Dorothy Rafferty, of Russell Hill.

Interment, Prevost Cemetery, Russell Hill.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions to Christian Overcomers, PO Box 2007, Garfield, NJ 07026, an organization which runs a summer camp for the handicapped.

JOHN GINGELL

Decorated World War II veteran

John William Gingell, 86, of Dallas, died Nov. 10, 2004 at Hospice Care of the VNA Inpatient Unit at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, November 23, 1917, he was the son of the late John William and Edna (Fregans) Gingell.

He was a 1935 graduate of Kingston High School. Mr. Gingell had served as a captain of the 324th field Artillery Battalion, serving in the European Theater in the United States Army during World War II, and had been awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He had also served during the Korean Conflict.

Prior to his retirement he had been employed for 36 years as a maintenance engineer with Atlantic Refining Company.

He was a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Irem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., the Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, and the Dallas Rotary Club.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Gingell and by sisters, Dortha Bonice and Marion Wolfe.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, the former Florence Millard; daughters, Deborah Krohn, Dallas; Susan Berdis, Shavertown; Pamela Webb, Mt. Holly, New Jersey; grandchildren, Mark E. Krohn, Kimberly Tabbitt, John D. Krohn, Ryan Webb, and Ashley Webb; sister, Jean Reilly, Kingston; brother, Robert Gingell, Forty Fort; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of the VNA Inpatient Unit, 80 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 63 N. Franklin St. Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

VICTORIA ZBIEG

Member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Victoria C. Zbieg of Ceasetown, Jackson Township, died Nov. 14, 2004, at the Birchwood Nursing Center, Nanticoke.

She was born in Plymouth and was a daughter of the late Peter and Kathryn (Mazur) Zbieg. She resided in Ceasetown all of her life. Prior to retirement, she was employed as a clerk for PG Energy, Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth.

She was preceded in death by brothers Louis, Joseph, Martin and John; a sister, Mary.

She is survived by brothers, Walter J. Zbieg, Warrior Run; Anthony Zbick, Ceasetown; sisters Pauline Zbieg, Ceasetown; Hedwig Zbick, Ceasetown; many nieces and nephews.

Interment, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Lake Silkworth.

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

MARY MCCAIN

Tunkhannock woman

Mary Jane McCain of Tunkhannock died Nov. 12, 2004, at home.

Born Dec. 16, 1926, in Montrose, she was a daughter of the late Horace and Mildred (Reynard) Tiffany.

Surviving are her husband, Mark; sons Lloyd, Tunkhannock; Phillip, Coco North, Fla.; a grandson; a granddaughter; a sister; three brothers, Donald, Robert and James Tiffany; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

Memorial donations may be made to Endless Mountain Christian Academy, 102 West St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

DOROTHY CAWLEY

Generous stitcher of needlework

Dorothy E. Cawley, 83, of Carverton Road, Trucksville, passed away October 28, 2004, in Richmond, Virginia. Dorothy was a graduate of Kingston Township High School and College Misericordia. She was employed for many years as a bank teller with United Penn Bank. She was a member of St. Therese's Church in Shavertown. Dorothy thoroughly enjoyed needlework and gifted many friends and families with her original creations. She was a founding member of "The Needlers" craft club and also volunteered at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Cawley, and her sister, Eleanor Staub.

She is survived by daughters, Cathy of Montpelier, Virginia, and Debbie Novroski of Ashland, Virginia; son, Barry of Richmond, Virginia; brother, Edward V. Straub of South Plainfield, New Jersey; four nieces and several grand-nieces and nephews in New Jersey.

Interment, St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Therese's Church.

JOAN WILLIAMS

Violinist, piano teacher and yachtswoman

Joan M. Williams, 85, of New Elizabeth Street, Wilkes-Barre, and also Harveys Lake for many years, died Nov. 10, 2004 at her home. She had been in declining health for the past three years.

Born on Nov. 16, 1918 in Philadelphia she was the only child of the late Dr. Joseph C. and Anna (Mulcahy) Keller. She was a graduate of Mount St. Joseph's Academy, Philadelphia, and the University of Pennsylvania, earning a bachelor's and master's degree in music.

Mrs. Williams was a violinist with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic and the Williamsport Philharmonic for 30 years. She also taught violin and piano lessons in her home for many years.

She was a member of St. Therese Church, Wilkes-Barre, where she was active with the music program and played for special occasions. She also attended Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, while maintaining a residence there. Joan loved sailing and was one of those who started the tradition at Harveys Lake in the early 1950s. She continued until very recently when her health no longer permitted. She was a member of the Harveys Lake Yacht Club, and the Musician's Union.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James Jennings, in 1957, and second husband, Frank Williams, in 1994.

Surviving are cousins. Interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Cheltenham Township.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the SPCA, 524 E. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

BONNIE REBA

Worked at P&G plant

Bonnie B. Reba of Tunkhannock died November 16, 2004 at the Geisinger Hospital in Danville.

She was born in Santa Monica, Calif., on September 2, 1948, daughter of the late Dean and Jean (Bedford) Lee. She was a 1966 graduate of Culver City High School, Culver City, Calif. She was employed as an administrative assistant for Parsons at the Procter & Gamble Plant in Mehoopany.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Surviving is her husband of 13 years, John M. Reba; sons James Brown, Joseph Brown, of Tunkhannock; Norman Brown, of Dalton; daughters Kellie Lockman of Beaumont; Janis Figueroa, of Tunkhannock; step-daughter Janene High, Ocee, Fla.; 11 grandchildren.

Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

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 Nov. 22-26. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

YESTERDAY

(continued from page 1) 30 Years Ago Nov. 21, 1974

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP CITIZENS NOTE BUS STOP HAZARDS

Kingston Township Board of Supervisors received a petition from the residents of Rose Village and Mt. Airy Road concerning the hazardous conditions at the corner of Mt. Airy Road and Pioneer Avenue. Township manager Michael Stanley was instructed the contact the chairman of the transportation committee at Dallas School District, Patricia Gregory, to ask if the bus stop couldn't be moved to a safer spot. He was also instructed to contact PennDOT to see if something could be done to help improve visibility at this corner.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is happy to announce the appointment of Noreen Gallagher as library assistant. She will replace Mrs. Edward Johnson who recently resigned. She is a 1974 graduate of College Misericordia and resides with her family in New Goss Manor, Dallas.

The "Harvest Square Dance" recently held by the Gate of Heaven Parent-Teachers Guild was a notable success, attended by hundreds. Mrs. John Luksic chaired the affair and everyone attending enjoyed a really "down-home" evening.

20 Years Ago Nov. 21, 1984

BARBACCI HIRED AT LAKE-LEHMAN

Lake-Lehman school directors finally hired Dwight Barbacci as a full-time physical education teacher at the regular school board meeting held last Tuesday. Barbacci was hired at an annual salary of \$13,400. The motion to appoint Thomas A. Williams, son of director Tom Williams, failed, however, for the fifth consecutive meeting. Williams is presently teaching as a substitute in the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

Three Back Mountain teachers have been recognized for their excellence in teaching by College Misericordia's education department. The teachers, alumni of the college, are Marietta Toole, first grade teacher, Lehman-Jackson Elementary School; Joann Drayer, learning disabilities teacher, Westmoreland Elementary School; and Maureen Whalen, English teacher, Dallas senior high school.

Three Dallas students have recently returned from the State Performance Festival which is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association. Keith McDonald, Susan Steinkirchner and Michele Lamoreux, all students of Michele Millington Drago of Dallas were awarded a certificate and ribbon for their piano performances.

MONDAY: Homemade beef stew, hot fruit compote, butter-nut squash, chocolate chip cookie.

TUESDAY: Sausage and peppers, oven brown potatoes, beets, chilled peaches.

WEDNESDAY: Baked fish with Creole sauce, parsley rice, green beans, chilled pears.

THURSDAY: Closed for Thanksgiving.

FRIDAY: Closed for Thanksgiving.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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King Crossword Answers

Grid of crossword answers with words like LOIN, IGOT, STRAW, BIGOT, TAGO, NOLO, AROMA, LORNE, SHOE, DIDYOU, EVERNOTICE, PURLOINS, STEEN, ABATE, AGT, WET, DAM, THAT, FOOD, ASOF, BEN, BAM, ROMA, AFWL, PACE, OHARA, AWAKE, FRED, ROT, LOREN, WIZEN, UKE, BOOM, STRONG, LEE, TAJ, RIFE, LEANTO, WITHHALF, THE, SNIPER, HIED, ADA, MAC, CANARY, ERSE, PAZ, SWEDE, ADANO, ADS, DOILY, HEROD, LINED, PACT, BEE, ACRE, ERE, EVE, HISS, CALORIES, EISS, DEE, CAP, BASIN, MAIDS, PATTY, PAN, COST, TWICE, AS, MUCH, EASE, ART, ALIST, ERIE, ARTE, LEONE, GESTE, GEAR, REID

Rational Numbers answers

Grid of rational numbers answers: 61, 295, 594, 39, 9, 87, 94, 24, 48, 0, 11, 165, 305, 43

Grid of King Crossword answers: BED, SIBS, ROSA, ALI, TRIO, EVER, DISTRICT, SUET, TEAS, JIMMY, STUMP, AGOG, HARP, CALENDAR, ORB, ARRAY, IPO, EASTWOOD, PSST, HAWN, HATES, STORY, TORI, PAGE, DISTANCE, AURA, ORAL, COY, STET, GARY, TOE