

BITUARIES

BARBARA O'DONNELL

An artist inspired by Van Gogh

Barbara E. O'Donnell, 61, of Dallas, passed away December 31, 2004 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born and raised in Swoyersville, she was a daughter of the late Nicholas A. Cavuto, Sr. and the late Barbara Yurko Cavuto. Barbara was a 1961 graduate of the former Swoyersville High School and also graduated from Empire Beauty School. A former beautician, floral designer and weaver, Barbara owned and operated the Courthouse Square Towers Newsstand. Barbara's true passion was her love of art that inspired many. She was a talented artist who, through her artwork, instilled hope and happiness in all that knew her. Twenty of her pieces were recently on display at a Meet-The-Artist event held at the Beer Deli in Forty Fort. Barbara's favorite art piece was her Sunflower, which, to her, paid homage to her idol, Vincent Van Gogh. In her own words, "To me, a sunflower is a sense of hope."

Barbara was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, and a member of the Wyoming Valley Art League. She had won several awards for her works and many of her art pieces can be found on Artprintcollection.com. In addition to her love for art, she also enjoyed working in her garden and spending time with her cats, Boo Boo, Omar, and Isaac.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tina O'Donnell.

Surviving are her daughters, Barbara A. Ostaszewski, Swoyersville; Diane L. O'Donnell, Swoyersville; and Kathy R. Kief, Ellsworth, Maine; sons, Richard O'Donnell, Shavertown; and Brian A. O'Donnell, Dallas; grandchildren, Michael Perrella; Nathan O'Donnell; Grace O'Donnell; Jessica Kief; Lauren Kief; and an expected granddaughter, Vegan Lynn O'Donnell; sisters, Dolores C. Gobbler, Dallas; and Christine D. Cotton, Ellsworth, Maine; and a brother, Nicholas M. Cavuto, Jr., West Wyoming; daughters-in-law, Susie O'Donnell and Jennifer Noon; sons-in-law, William Ostaszewski and Robert Kief; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made in Barbara's memory to the American Cancer Society, 71 N. Franklin Street, Kirby Health Center, Room No. 110, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or Wyoming Valley Art League, 239 Schuyler Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704.

ANNA SOLINSKY

Donated handmade lap robes to VA Hospital

Anna Solinsky, 91, of Tunkhannock, formerly of Lake Carey, died January 2, 2005, at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, after a brief illness. She was a widow of Frank J. Solinsky, who died Nov. 20, 1974.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre on Feb. 21, 1913, a daughter of the late Edward and Mary O'Hara Meehan and was a graduate of Coughlin High School, class of 1931. She retired from Allied-Bendix Corp., south Montrose, where she was employed for over 30 years, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the Church of the Nativity B.V.M., Tunkhannock, and was a member of the Lake Carey Cottagers Association. She also was a member of St. John's Senior Citizens, Wilkes-Barre, and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

She is survived by a sister, Elizabeth Joseph of Wilkes-Barre; a sister-in-law, Alice Terrasavage of Wilkes-Barre; several nieces and nephews.

She loved to quilt and crochet, and has donated hundreds of lap robes to the VA Hospital.

Interment, Pieta Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

VON JUNIOR MCGEE

Lived in Dallas

Von Junior McGee, 47, of Dallas, died suddenly January 2, 2005 in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Born in Charlotte, N.C., he was a son of the late Lee and Midge (Davis) McGee. Junior graduated from Spartanburg High School. He was employed by Valley Crest Nursing Facility and was a partner in ABF Lawncare. Prior to moving to the area he was employed at Davey Tree Service, Charlotte, N.C.

Surviving are his wife of 21 years, the former Helen A. Tregan; sons Andrew and Frankie, both at home; brother and sister-in-law Dan and Doris Shellingburg, Charlotte, N.C.; brother-in-law, Frank Tregan; brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Cassandra Tregan; mother and father-in-law, June and Andy Tregan; nieces and nephews, Chris, Sherri, Bailey, Dan and Wendy; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton section of Kingston Township.

THOMAS GAVEK

Founder of Moose Lodge

Thomas Gavek, 84, of Tunkhannock, died December 31, 2004, at Mercy Hospital, Scranton. Born Feb. 5, 1920, in Beaumont, Pa., he was a son of the late Ignatius and Mary Gavek.

He retired in 1984 from Precision Tools in Falls, Pa., where he worked as a tool and die maker. He was a founder of The Moose Lodge #1276, and a member of the Beaumont & Kunkle Rod & Gun Club. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie Kunkle Gavek; brothers Lawrence and Joseph Gavek; and sister Marcella Campbell.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law Donald and Nancy Gavek, and Ronald and Sharon Gavek, Tunkhannock; brother Ignatius Gavek, Tunkhannock; brother-in-law Lyle Campbell, Dallas; sister Catherine Charney, West Wyoming; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Orcutt Cemetery, Noxen.

Memorial contributions can be made to Tyler Memorial Hospital, 880 state Route 6, West Tunkhannock, PA 18667.

ARTHUR "BUD" KEMMERER

Graduate of Dallas Twp. High School

Arthur E. "Bud" Kemmerer, 81, of Main St., Luzerne, died December 27, 2004 at his home. He was born in Wilkes-Barre on July 2, 1923. He was the son of the late Robert and Lydia (Moyer) Kemmerer. He was a graduate of the Dallas Twp. High School. He was employed as a bus driver, truck driver, a bartender prior to his retirement. He was a member of the American Legion Post #558, Plains. He was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Sherin; a brother, Robert Kemmerer.

He is survived by a sister, Mary Lee of Swoyersville; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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 Jan. 10-14. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is

JACK M. GUILIANI

U.S. Army veteran

Jack Guiliani, 77, of Trucksville, passed away December 31, 2004, at home. Born August 23, 1927, in Bronx, N.Y., he was the son of the late Jack and Selma (Clausen) Guiliani. He attended New York City schools and was a U.S. Army veteran. Prior to retirement, he worked in the grocery business.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Sylvia Bellew.

Surviving are his sister, Barbara Conti, with whom he resided; brother Robert and his wife, Mary, Trucksville; nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in Fort Indiantown Gap at the convenience of the family.

PETER STRITZINGER

Active member of Salvation Army

Peter J. Stritzinger, Jr., 93, of Trucksville, died December 30, 2004, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, New York. Born in Kingston, March 27, 1911, he was the son of the late Peter J. Stritzinger, Sr., and the late Elizabeth Ann (Jones) Stritzinger. He had attended Kingston schools. Mr. Stritzinger had been employed by Quaker Lace Company, the American Tobacco Company, and by Hess and Goldsmith. He was an active member of the Salvation Army, Wilkes-Barre, where he was a former band member as well as a member of the songsters.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith D., in 1998; son, David; brothers, David, George and William; and sister, Elizabeth (Betty) Bartoo.

Surviving are his son, Major Peter H. Stritzinger, New City, New York; daughter, Marion Petruskas, Kingston; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment, Forty Fort Cemetery, Forty Fort.

HAZEL CRISPELL

Native of Beaumont

Hazel M. Crispell, 89, of Noxen, died December 30, 2004 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Beaumont, she was the daughter of the late Lorenzo and Anna (Root) Dymond. She attended Beaumont schools. Mrs. Crispell was employed at the Noxen Rural Health Clinic and Native Textiles. She was a member of the Bowmans Creek Free Methodist Church and the Womens Ministry and Bible Study Group.

Preceding her in death were; sons, Melvin and Ronald; and several brothers and a sister.

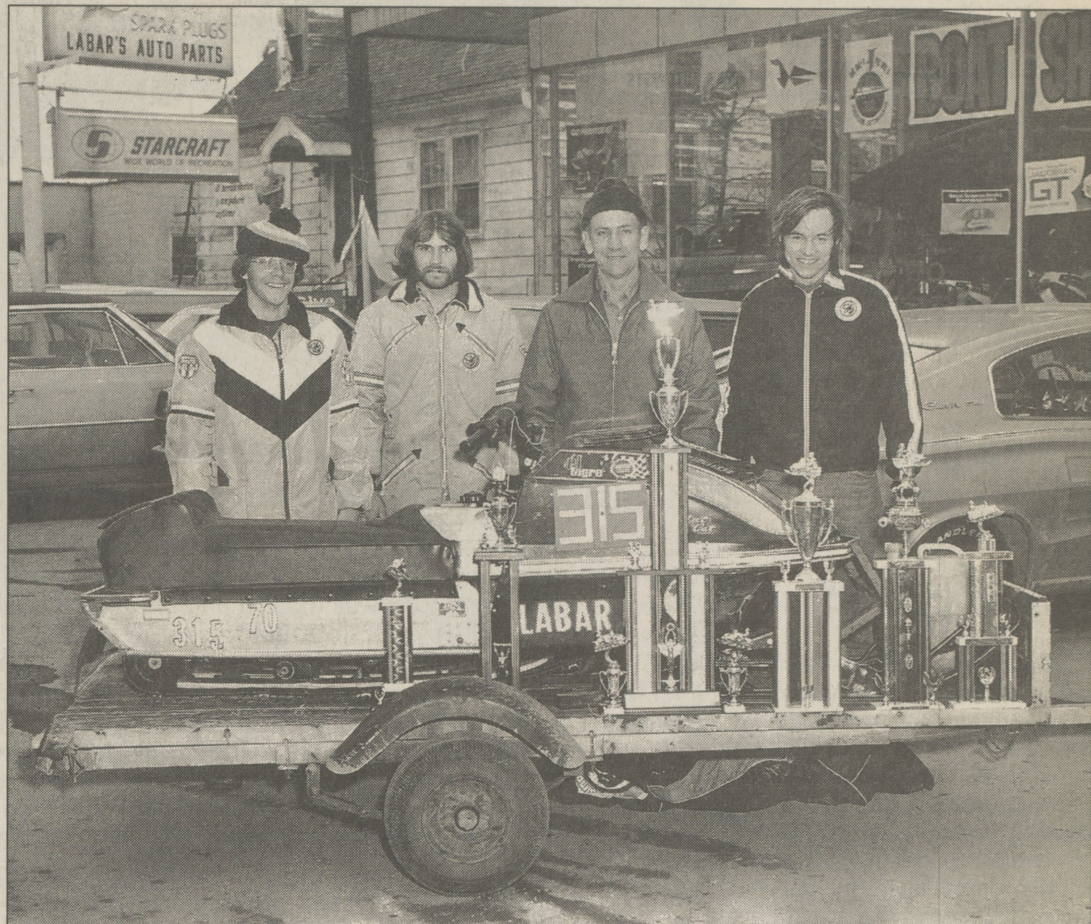
Surviving is her husband, of 73 years, Lester; sons, Larry, Carl and Rick, all of Buckwheat Hollow; daughters, Ruthann Crispell and Sandra Ball, both of Buckwheat Hollow; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; sisters, Irene Spaulding of Johnson City, NY; Minnie Truesdale of Pinellas Park, FL.

Interment, Orcutt Grove Cemetery, Noxen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bowmans Creek Free Methodist Church, 10 State Route 309 South, Tunkhannock, PA 18657-6319.

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 675-3650, call 675-5211 or drop a note to: The Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18711.



Ready for winter

This hardy group looked as if they had conquered winter as they posed with their snowmobile and trophies outside Caddie LaBar's. We're pretty sure this was snapped sometime in the 1970s, but haven't a clue who they are. Do you?

About that band, and the blacksmith, too

We received this letter with information about the band shown in our Dec. 26 issue, and a little more about the Bulford blacksmith shop from the prior week.

I am enjoying your Remember When photos. Although I wasn't around when this band played, I did find info about it in Dan Waters' Dallas History of 1967.

"About 1875, an eight piece cornet band was organized with Fred Williams of Kingston as leader. Later this was expanded to twelve pieces, with leaders Charles H. Cooke and Fred M. Gordon. In 1887 a full brass band was organized under various leaders, one being Prof.

Leonard of Tunkhannock. On July 4, 1889, in competition at Tunkhannock, the Dallas Band won a prize of \$75, a lot of money then. The band was disbanded around the turn of the century."

From this info I think the picture must be of the 12-piece band, although there are only 11 in the photo.

Regarding the Bulford blacksmith photo: In the photo are Thelma Bulford, James Stevens, Bob Bulford (father of recently deceased Don Bulford of Dallas) and Joe Bulford, the blacksmith, father of Thelma and Bob.

Nancy Schimmel, State College, PA.

OBITUARIES

DERRY R. VALENTINE

Was Wyoming County corrections officer

Derry Valentine, of Tunkhannock, died January 1, 2005, at her residence.

She was a daughter of Jeanne Sackette and the late Douglas Sackette. She was a corrections officer for 11 years at the Wyoming County Correctional Facility.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, David.

She is survived by sons and their wives, Bobby and Ali, Paul and Donna, Michael and Debbie; daughters, Kathleen and Michelle Boyd, all of Tunkhannock; six grandchildren, Robert, Ashley, Ryan, Steven Victor, Vincent and Siara; stepgrandchildren, Jonathan and Destiny; sisters, Mrs. Dawn Bender of Montrose; Mrs. Dale Bender of Florida.

The Post publishes obituaries of local residents, natives or those who have a long connection to the area.

Send obituaries to:

THE POST  
15 N. Main St.  
Wilkes-Barre PA 18711

ANNA ANDRUSKEVITCH

Member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Anna Andruskevitch, age 85, of Ceasetown, died December 30, 2004, at the Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. She was born in Hanover, July 22, 1919, and was the daughter of the late Harry and Anna Hawryshko. She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, who died in 1971; brothers John and Frank; and sisters Mary Petro and Marge Wojtas.

She is survived by a son, Richard Hawryshko, Audubon Heights, N.J.; daughters Mary Ann Flores, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Barbara Belles, Hanover Twp., Wilkes-Barre; sister Justine Kruczka, Nanticoke; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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

Harveys Lake Lions invite new members

The Harveys Lake Lions Club is accepting applications for new members. Meetings are held twice monthly. Applications can be obtained by calling J. Peter Farrell at 639-1235 or Jeff Smith at 696-5026.

Kingston Township winter parking ordinance in effect

Kingston Township Winter parking ordinance is effective through March 31, 2005. Under this ordinance, residents are prohibited from parking vehicles on streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily. Vehicles also are not permitted to be parked on streets during snowstorms, or for eight hours after the end of the storm. The ordinance is designed to keep streets open and clear so that snow removal measures can be effectively undertaken by the Public Works Department. Anyone with questions about the ordinance may call 696-1175.

Public swimming at Dallas MS pool

Dallas School District has announced the public aquatic programs for fall and winter 2004-2005 at the district natatorium in the Dallas Middle School.

Public swimming sessions are Wednesdays and Fridays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m.

The pool is open to the public for lap and recreational swimming during those times. No one under 18 will be admitted without a parent or guardian. Proof of residence and \$2 daily fee apply.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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