

OBITUARIES

JOAN HOST

Teacher and fighter against cancer

Joan E. Host of Shadow Brook Drive, Tunkhannock, died April 22, 2005, at VNA Hospice in Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Pittsburgh on July 10, 1937, daughter of the late Lucien and Hilda Giehl Gout.

A graduate of Bridgeville High School, Bridgeville, Class of 1955, Joan loved to sing and competed successfully as a soprano for a place in the Pennsylvania State Chorus her junior and senior years. She continued expressing her love of music by participating in choirs and chorales throughout her life. After graduation, she attended Duquesne University, studying design. She had already designed and made all the gowns she wore to high school proms. She would later design and make her own wedding gown and, after that, many of the gowns worn by her daughters. Later, she began pursuing a degree in elementary education at Mt. Mercy College in Pittsburgh. As part of her education she chose to teach in an orphanage for abandoned children. She interrupted her education to marry and begin a family in 1959.

Joan and her husband of 47 years, Dr. William R. Host, moved to Laceyville, in 1965 to start a family medical practice. During their first year of living in the Laceyville area, she hired a teacher and purchased equipment for a kindergarten class that was held in her home. The following year, she was the driving force behind establishing kindergarten throughout the Wyalusing School District.

She and her family left the area so her husband could complete a surgical residency. After returning, her family established, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from College Misericordia in 1978 with a degree in elementary education. She then taught remedial math in the Tunkhannock Area School District until 1992. While living in Tunkhannock, Joan became a certified tumor registrar, created the American College of Surgeons certified cancer program at Tyler Memorial Hospital, and established the area's tumor registry.

During that time she started collecting information regarding the high rate of cancer in the Susquehanna River Basin area, especially Wyoming, Lackawanna, and Luzerne counties. Her data were reviewed by the National

Centers for Disease Control in Georgia and they agreed with her age-adjusted statistical findings. The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute now carries out research related to her earlier findings. She also personally drove thousands of miles taking patients for their chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

In 1992, she and her husband left Tunkhannock, moving first to New York City, then to Jersey City.

There, Joan became fluent in Spanish and completed a master's degree focused on English as a second language. In Jersey City, she volunteered as a remedial math teacher at the Kenmare High School for young women who had dropped out of school and needed a second chance. Using her knowledge regarding cancer, she became director of the Cancer Registry at Jersey City Medical Center, helped win American College of Surgeons certification of the cancer program at the medical center, and won statewide recognition for the quality of her annual reports and research studies. Additionally, she managed the food bank at St. Boniface Parish Center in Jersey City.

She was a member of the Church of the Nativity BVM in Tunkhannock, a determined supporter of the pro-life movement, a volunteer in the gift shop at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and a member of the Woman with Children Advisory Committee of College Misericordia.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Roberta Marie and Kirk Meloney of Lansdowne; son and daughter-in-law, William David and Kathleen Host of Montrose; daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie Jean and Ignacio Focillas of Manhattan, NY; son, Brian Douglas Host and Helen-Anne Baby of Boston, MA; sister, Amy Nowakowski of McDonald; and seven grandchildren (plus one in the making).

Interment, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Pittsburgh.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Tyler Memorial Foundation, 880 SR 6 West, Tunkhannock, PA, 18657, or Wyoming Valley Health Care System Foundation, 575 N. River St., Wilkes-Barre, PA, or Pro-Life Federation of Pennsylvania.

EVELYN ELEY

Member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Mrs. Evelyn L. Eley, of Jackson Hill Road, Sweet Valley, passed away on Monday at her daughter's home, surrounded by her family.

She was raised in Pringle and Roseville, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Josie (Loveland) Perye.

Mrs. Eley had resided in Luzerne for most of her life. Prior to her retirement from Carmens Dress Factory in Luzerne, she was employed by Alice Chopper, Kingston.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ernest Eley, and brothers, Sheldon and Quentin Perye.

She was a member of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas. She was also a member of TOPS.

Surviving are her daughters, Kara Winter and her husband, John of Sweet Valley; Kris Magni and her husband, Stephen, Jr. of Sweet Valley; brothers, Joseph Perye and his wife, Vera; Glen Perye and his wife, Marge; and Gene Perye, all of Michigan; sister-in-law, Rosemary Bigger, Dallas; and a sister-in-law, Jennie Perye, Michigan; three granddaughters, Kaitlin, Samantha, and Olivia; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

LEONARD KING

Outdoorsman, mechanic and craftsman

Leonard King, 39, of Meeker, died April 23, 2005, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Mr. King was born in Kingston, Sept. 27, 1965, and was a son of Lyle and Louise King of Meeker. He was a 1983 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and was employed by Procter & Gamble Paper Products, Mehoopany. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved snowmobiling and quad riding. He was a member of the South Mountain Land Association. Lenny was a caring and loving person who gave of himself to anyone that needed help. He was also a very talented mechanic and craftsman.

Surviving in addition to his parents are a son, Justin A., Meeker; brothers, Lyle, Jr., Harveys Lake and Michael, Dalton; sisters, Ellen Maccarone, Sweet Valley; Barbara Mikielski, Lake Township; Rosemary Weaver, Swoyersville; Susan Lazur, Lake Township; Elizabeth Phillips, Dallas; Beverly King, Hanover Township; former wife, the former Patricia Bonchek, Lake Township; brothers-in-law; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 5876 Main Road, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

GERTRUDE CRAGLE

Born in Fairmount Springs

Gertrude L. Cragle, age 94, of Sweet Valley, died Friday, April 22, 2005, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Mrs. Cragle was born August 13, 1910, in Fairmount Springs, and was the daughter of the late William E. and Mabel L. Davis Hess. She attended Lehman High School and was previously employed by Milco Industries, Benton.

She was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek.

Her husband, Lorence (L.T.) Cragle, died in 1988. She was also preceded in death by a son, Robert G. Cragle.

She is survived by a son, Elwyn L. Cragle and his wife, Barbara, Dallas; a daughter, Dolores Kittle, Sweet Valley; daughter-in-law, Jeanne Cragle, Sweet Valley; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a very loving cousin, Lois Perry, Carverton.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Living Word Baptist Church Pavedment Fund, 40 Hess Lane, Sweet Valley, PA, 18656 or the SPCA, 524 East Main St., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18702.

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JOHN JOSEPH NORRIS

Air Force veteran

John Joseph Norris, 71, of Harding, died April 24, 2005, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, December 17, 1933, son of the late Patrick Sr., and Mary Jane (McDonald) Norris.

He graduated from Bound Brook High School in 1952. He was an Air Force Veteran. Prior to his retirement in 1990, he was employed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. He attended Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Myrtle Sicker in 1985; sister, Alice Bogart.

He is survived by his daughter, Rita Thomas, with whom he resided; brother, Patrick Norris, Jr., Parkton, Maryland; sisters, Kathleen Vliet, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Eileen Bartok, Bridgewater, New Jersey; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Fitch Cemetery.

BENJAMIN M. KASMARK

Stained-glass craftsman

Benjamin M. Kasmark, 65, of Dallas, died April 24, 2005, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston, Oct. 31, 1939, he was a son of the late Benjamin W. and Janet Victoria (Yakaski) Kasmark. Mr. Kasmark had served in the U.S. Army Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a stained-glass craftsman with Kasmark & Marshall. He was a member of St. Francis Cabrini Church and the Dallas American Legion.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, the former Elizabeth Lawzano; son Benjamin J. Kasmark, Harding; daughters Sharon Heuer, Dallas; Elizabeth (Peggy) Kasmark, Stroudsburg; three grandchildren.

MARGARET D. WILLIAMS

Member of Shavertown United Methodist Church

Margaret D. Williams, 79, of Dallas, died Sunday evening at her home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 9, 1926, she was a daughter of the late William and Martha Davies. She had attended GAR Memorial High School, Wilkes-Barre, and was a 1944 graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Kingston. She was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church, and a former member of the First Welsh Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Russell H. Williams Jr., in November 2004, and a brother, M. Lloyd (Nay) Davies.

Surviving are sons Russell Williams III, Greensboro, N.C.; Gary Williams and his wife, Fran, Shavertown; grandchildren Chad, Noah, Erin and Evan.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708.

EMMETT MILBRODT

1981 graduate of Lehman High School

Emmett Roy Milbrodt, Jr., 42, of Dimmick Hill, Noxen, went home to be with the Lord on April 22, 2005, after a lengthy illness.

He was born Aug. 1, 1962, in Kingston, and was employed by Procter & Gamble Paper Products, Mehoopany, until becoming disabled in 1991. He most recently was employed by U.R.S. and Dale Meyers Antiques, Tunkhannock. He was a 1981 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and was an avid NASCAR fan of Dale Earnhardt, Sr. and Dale Earnhardt, Jr.

He was preceded in death by a son, Emmett Roy Milbrodt III in 1991.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Theresa; parents, Emmett and Violet Milbrodt, Sr., Noxen; brothers, John and Michael, Noxen; Christopher, Idetown; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Noxen Vol. Fire Co.

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 May 2-6. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

MONDAY: Open face roast

beef sandwich, whipped potatoes, vegetable medley, brownie.

TUESDAY: Hone mustard chicken, baked potato, broccoli, banana.

WEDNESDAY: Homemade beef stew, butternut squash, biscuit, chocolate chip cookie.

THURSDAY: Stuffed chicken breast, whipped potatoes, broccoli, fresh fruit salad, canoli cake.

FRIDAY: Egg salad sandwich, vegetable soup, low-fat yogurt, fruit mix.

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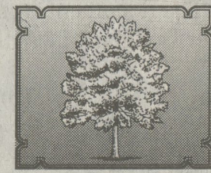
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