

RUTH H. BLAINE

Worked at Sheldon's Lunch for 33 years

Ruth H. Blaine, 78, of Sweet Valley, died Thursday, June 15, 2006, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Mrs. Blaine was born in Sweet Valley, June 19, 1927, and was a daughter of the late Berton and Edna M. (Cragle) Brink. She resided in Sweet Valley all of her life. She was employed by Sheldon's Lunch, Pikes Creek, for the last 33 years. Her husband, William O. Blaine, died in 1989; and her son, Gary L.

Blaine, passed away just a few hours after her death. She was also preceded in death by a son, William; a grandson Michael; brothers Gerald and Bert; and sisters, Jean, Annette and Janet. She is survived by sons Joseph B. Sr. and his wife, Karen Benscoter Blaine, West Nanticoke; Richard O. Sr. and his wife Debbie, Harveys Lake; Kenneth J. and his wife, Mary Alice, New Columbus; daughter, Janet E. Brucher

and her husband, Michael, Sweet Valley; daughter-in-law, Lydia Blaine, Sweet Valley; brothers, Thomas Brink, Vernon; James Brink, Sweet Valley; sister, Priscilla Fraley, Sweet Valley; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Interment, Lateer Cemetery, Sweet Valley. The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Sweet Valley Fire Co. or the Sweet Valley Ambulance Assoc. PO Box 207, Sweet Valley, PA 18656.

GARY L. BLAINE

Vietnam vet, Sweet Valley volunteer fireman

Gary L. Blaine, 57 of, Sweet Valley, passed away Thursday, June 15, 2006, at home. He was born in Nanticoke, Sept. 14, 1948, and was a son of the late William O. and Ruth H. (Brink) Blaine. His mother, Ruth, passed away only hours before him. He graduated from Lake-Lehman High School, Class of 1968, and served during the Vietnam War in the U.S. Army. He also retired from the U.S. National

Guard, Battery B, 109th Field Artillery, after 22 years of service. He was employed by Trade Eastern, Inc., Wilkes-Barre, for 10 years. He was a member of the Sweet Valley Vol. Fire Co., Sweet Valley Fire Police, and was an EMT for the Sweet Valley Ambulance Assoc. Gary was also an avid hunter and fisherman. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, the former Lydia Morgan Blaine; brothers, Joseph B. Sr. and his wife, Karen Benscoter Blaine, West Nanticoke; Richard O. Sr. and his

wife, Debbie, Harveys Lake; Kenneth J. and his wife, Mary Alice, New Columbus; sister, Janet E. Brucher and her husband, Michael, Sweet Valley; numerous nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and -nephews. Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas Township. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sweet Valley Fire Co. or the Sweet Valley Ambulance Association, PO Box 207, Sweet Valley, PA 18656.

KIMBERLY B. EDWARDS-LEWIS

Lake-Lehman graduate, podiatrist

Kimberly B. Edwards-Lewis, 41, of Oak Drive, Sinking Spring, Pa, died on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at Reading Hospital, Reading, following an illness. Kimberly was born in Lehman Township on July 4, 1964, and was a daughter of the late David and Charlene Belles Edwards. She graduated from Lake-Lehman High School and Wilkes College, and also the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Med-

icine. She was a podiatrist and was employed by Wernersville State Hospital and earlier, Harrisburg Hospital. She had resided in Sinking Spring for the past 10 years. She was a loving mother and active with the mother's club in the neighborhood. She belonged to the Pennsylvania Physician Association Union and served as the treasurer. Surviving are her husband,

David B. Lewis; son, Haydon Edwards-Lewis; and a daughter, Morgan Edwards-Lewis; sister, Dwaine Edwards Mattei, Forty Fort; one niece and two nephews. Interment, in Hanover Green Cemetery, Hanover Twp. Memorial contributions, if desired, can be made to the Kimberly B. Edwards-Lewis Memorial Children's Education Fund, c/o M & T Bank, 800 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, Pa., 18704.

MARY LOU DOWNEND

Worked four decades at Commonwealth Telephone Co.

Mary Lou Downend, 74, of Dallas, died Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Clarks Summit, Aug. 31, 1931, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Lula (Johnson) Smith and had attended Clarks Summit schools. Mary Lou had been employed for over 40 years with Commonwealth Telephone Co. She was a member of Parents of Murdered Children.

She was preceded in death by her son Ralph in 2003; sisters Eleanor Bachman, Toots Dakey, Jean Mangan, Ruth Weekly; brothers J.R. Smith, Thomas Smith. Surviving are daughters Sharon Hawke and her husband, Tim, Tunkhannock; Faye Kirkpatrick and her husband, Joe, Kingston; Diane Kohli and her husband, Greg, Dallas; grandchildren Carson and Laurie Hawke, Gerrid and Sara Kohli, Brittany and Jenna

Downend; nieces and nephews. Mary Lou's strong will and great sense of humor will always be with us. Interment, Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton. Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the American Heart Association, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701; or the Parents of Murdered Children, 136 Farrell St., Plains, PA 18705.

ISABEL FAY MILLER

Loving wife, mother

Loving wife and mother who cared more for others, Isabel Fay Miller, Washington t., Dallas, passed away Saturday, June 17, 2006. Born in Forty Fort, she attended Forty Fort and Kingston High School. She was a daughter of the late William and Isabel Thomas Segear. She was preceded in death by her three children Lola, Robert and Dale Miller; sisters Janice Allen and Darlene Paity.

Isabel is survived by her husband of 37 years, Robert F.; sons David Miller, Harveys Lake; Michael Miller, Shavertown; Brad Miller, Shavertown; Scott Miller, Dallas; brother Donald Segear, Wilkes-Barre; grandchildren Matthew, Sarah, Joshua, Tylar, Hailey and Austin. Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

ROSE COMMORATTA MILLER

Worked at Rexall Drug for 31 years

Rose Commoratta Miller, 95, of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, June 18, 2006, at her daughter's residence. Born in Luzerne on December 8, 1910, she was a daughter of Jasper and Gaetana Montalbano Commoratta. She retired as a sales clerk from Rexall Drug store after 31 years.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Mary Santoro, Josephine Falcone and Lucy Gagliotti; brothers Andrew Commoratta, Peno Commoratta and Joseph Commoratta. She is survived by her daughter, Jean Sick, of Tunkhannock; a

sister, Anna Gentile, of Chicago, Ill.; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Tunkhannock Public Library, 220 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock, PA or the Dietrich Theater.

THEODORE L. "TED" PARKS

Lehman High School graduate

Theodore L. "Ted" Parks, 81, died Wednesday, June 14, 2006 in Albion, Mich., under hospice care in the home of his brother, Garner Parks. He was born Aug. 13, 1924, in Wilkes-Barre to William and Bertha (Lutz) Parks. Ted was a longtime resident of the Philadelphia area. He graduated from Lehman High School in 1942 and served in the U.S. Army, playing trombone in the Army

band in Germany in 1946-47. He graduated from Progressive School of Photography in Connecticut and attended the Philadelphia School of the Bible. He worked in the field of photography as a photographer and photo engraver for the Aeroservice Company of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Bulletin newspaper. Ted was a devout Christian and served his Lord faithfully.

Ted is survived by a sister, Lenora LeCours of Peach Tree City, Ga.; brothers Charles Parks of Marshall, Mich.; and Garner (Mary Ann) Parks of Albion, Mich.; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Nancy. Interment, Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

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