

**PAUL E. SPANGENBERG SR.**

**Loving husband, father, great friend**

Paul E. Spangenberg Sr., 81, of Tunkhannock, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 at Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Flora Gardner Spangenberg.

Born June 30, 1925, in Tunkhannock, he was a son of the late George and Ruth Guerin Spangenberg. He was a 1941 graduate of the Tunkhannock High School. A Navy veteran of World War II, he served in the South Pacific for two years with the Navy Seabees. Prior to his retirement, he was the owner of Spangenberg Excavating

in Tunkhannock. He was a member of the Russell Hill United Methodist Church, a 50-year member and past Master of Temple Lodge No. 248 F&AM of Tunkhannock, and a member of many civic organizations. Paul was a loving husband, father and great friend. He enjoyed traveling out West and was an avid hunter and outdoorsman.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law Joan and Robert Belles of South Setauket, N.Y.; Nancy and David Gerstner of Canandaigua, N.Y.; Dr. Susan and

Robert McDonald of Kingston; son and daughter-in-law Paul Jr. and Norine Spangenberg of Tunkhannock; sister Naomi Dawson of Little Falls, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock. Memorial contributions may be made to the Russell Hill United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, c/o Peggy Ellesworth, 2 Lemon Creek Road, Meshoppen, PA 18630; or Tyler Memorial Hospital, 880 SR 6, West Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

**HELEN YURAK**

**Loved to knit and crochet**

Helen (Sikorski) Yurak, 89, of Dallas, formerly of Shickshinny, left this life she loved and entered into eternal peace on Saturday, October 14, 2006.

She was born September 29, 1917, in Edwardsville, to Polish immigrant parents, the late John and Frances (Charnetski) Sikorski. Helen attended St. Hedwig's School in Edwardsville and mastered both the Polish and English languages.

She was a member of St. Martha's Church, Fairmount Springs, and in her earlier years she was active in the Ladies Club of the church. Avid in the art of knitting and crocheting, she enjoyed making and donating afghans for the benefit of St. Martha's.

Helen enjoyed spending the winter months in Florida the last several years, and visiting with friends and family. During her lifetime she also enjoyed trips abroad visiting Poland, proud of her heritage, reveling in the rich tapestry of her ancestral homeland. She felt blessed to have been born an American, into a free democratic nation. Hard-working and industrious, she worked many years at the former Luzerne Outerwear, Shickshinny, and also became adept at running a farming household.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, John Yurak, in 1983; brothers Walter, Chester and Adam; son-in-law Anthony F. Brozowski; and her cherished pet poodle, Blondie.

Surviving are Helen's devoted daughters, Florence Brozowski, of Shickshinny; and Constance Bolcarovic and her husband, George, of Tunkhannock. Helen deeply loved and cherished her three grandchildren Christine (Bolcarovic) Rakauskas, Malabar, Fla.; Robert Bolcarovic, Tunkhannock; and Brenda (Brozowski) Meadocroft, Whitehouse Station, N.J.; and one great-grandson, Devin Schoenwetter-Bolcarovic.

Interment in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Martha's Church, 260 Bonnieville Road, Stillwater, PA 17878.

**PAUL E. HORLACHER**

**Valedictorian of class at Tunkhannock H.S.**

Paul E. Horlacher, 88, of Tunkhannock, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 after being suddenly stricken ill.

He was born in Noxen, Aug. 9, 1918, a son of the late Scott and Ethel (Craigle) Horlacher. He and his wife, the former Doris Shugars, celebrated their 61st anniversary Sept. 1. He was formerly employed at Allied-Bendix Corp. of South Montrose and California as an aeronautical engineer. He was a member of Tunkhannock United Methodist Church. He was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School, where he was valedictorian of his class and also captain of the baseball and basketball teams. He graduated from Penn State University with a degree in electrical engineering and also attended Harvard and MIT. He served with the Navy during World War II as a lieutenant. He and his wife operated By-Gones Antique Shoppe in Tunkhannock after retirement. He was an avid reader, enjoyed golfing and loved to travel, driving across the United States 53 times. He had a love for animals and often saved injured animals.

Surviving besides his wife are a daughter Lori Horlacher, Fontana, Calif.; a sister Jean Pownall and a niece Sally Pownall, all of Tunkhannock; several other nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

**JOHN P. ROSS**

**Worked for Dallas Twp. road department**

John P. Ross, 64, of Dallas Township, died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006 at Kingston Commons, Kingston. He was born in Kingston, a son of the late Ernest and Helen (Jachimowicz) Ross. He was employed by the Dallas Township Road Department. Surviving are brothers Bill Ross, George Brian Ferrelland; sister Christine Stubblebine. The funeral was held at the convenience of the family.

**WAYNE R. SCHMOLL**

**Member of Huntsville Christian Church**

Wayne R. Schmoll, 64, of Dallas, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006 at Hospice Care of the VNA Inpatient Unit at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Kingston, March 5, 1942, he was a son of the late Charles and Ella (Frantz) Schmoll. He was a graduate of Westmoreland High School and had attended Wilkes College. Mr. Schmoll had been employed by Keyco Distributors as manager of their distribution outlets. He was a member of the Huntsville Christian Church.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, the former Judy Wertman; son Mark and his wife, Alyssa, Dallas; granddaughter Gabriella.

Interment, Huntsville Cemetery, Huntsville. Memorial donations may be made to the Wayne Schmoll Memorial Scholarship, c/o Luzerne National Bank, 118 Main St., Luzerne, PA 18709.

**MARIETTA K. LETTIE**

**Secretary at Dallas Family Practice**

Marietta K. Lettie, 87, of Wyoming, passed away Saturday, October 14, 2006, at Lakeside Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born on October 25, 1918, in Jefferson County, PA, she was a daughter of Spencer and Dora Elkin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane E. Lettie. The couple was married on September 4, 1938.

She was employed as a secretary for the Dallas Family Practice, Dallas.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her two brothers, Steve and Raymond Elkin; and one sister, Lucille Elkin. Surviving are two sons, Larry Lettie and his wife, Sandra, of Wyoming; and Daryl Lettie and his wife, Patricia, of Copley; granddaughters Jennifer Chomo and Liza Romasky; grandson Larry Lettie Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Jessica and Justin Chomo.

Interment, Zion Cemetery.

**MARY E. PATRICK**

**Tunkhannock resident; longtime nurse**

Mary E. Patrick of Tunkhannock died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 at Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Russell Hill, Wyoming County, on May 20, 1924, a daughter of the late Alban Russell and Susan Kintner Carney. She was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School, Class of 1941, and the Scranton State General Hospital School of Nursing. Prior to her retirement in 1971, she was employed by the federal government at the Washington General Hospital in Wash-

ington, D.C. She was a member of the Scranton State General Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association, Mountain Grange 567 of Carverton and the Trinity Episcopal Church in West Pittston.

She was preceded in death by her husband Andrew Patrick; brother Alban Carney; sisters Catherine Carney and Emma Jean Miner. Surviving are nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and -nephews.

Interment, Carverton Cemetery, Carverton.

**HERMAN BAIZ**

**Played in bridge groups until age 96**

Herman Baiz, 97, of Dallas, died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006 at the Meadows Skilled Care Nursing Center, Dallas. Known as "Ham," he was born in Wilkes-Barre on Jan. 23, 1909, to parents Ida Meissner Baiz and John P. Baiz.

He attended Wilkes-Barre High School, Wyoming Seminary and Lafayette College, where he was captain of the freshman football team, president of his class and a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He worked for the Railroad Express and then was employed for many years at the Miners National Bank. He also continued to maintain his father's business, John P. Baiz Memorials. He was married to Elizabeth Ross in 1941 and then drafted into World War II and sent to England. He took part in the invasion of Normandy and in battles in Northern France. He and Betty were married 55 years and resided at 1816 Murray St. in Forty Fort. She predeceased him in 1996. They were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre. They were avid bridge players. Ham continued playing in his bridge groups until the age of 96, and was active in organizing his retired bankers luncheons. He was known for his fun and friendly personality and truly loved people. Always a gentleman, cheerful and fun, he was beloved by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his six siblings, Matilda Baiz Laffie, Christian F. Baiz, Victor Baiz, Harold Baiz, Rose Baiz Jones and the Rev. John Baiz.

Interment, Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville. Memorial donations may be made to Wyoming Seminary, 201 N. Sprague Ave., Kingston, PA 18704; the First Presbyterian Church, 97 Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701; or Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

**ROSALIE KEREKES**

**Former Dallas resident**

Rosalie Frances Kerekes, 79, of Scottsdale, Ariz., passed away on Oct. 7, 2006. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, to Paul and Appalonia Kuzma and moved to Arizona from Dallas, 17 years ago.

Rosalie was preceded in death by her brother, Paul Kuzma, of Cleveland, Ohio.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph M. Kerekes, of Scottsdale; daughter Carolyn J. Kwak of Tallahassee,

Fla.; son Robert G. Kerekes of Hillsdale, N.J.; and grandchildren Kaitlin, Kathryn, Kimberly and Victoria.

Interment, St. Francis Cemetery, Phoenix. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014.

Arrangements are by Messenger Indian School Mortuary, Scottsdale, Ariz.

**ANNA PRIVUZNAK**

**Retired food manager**

Anna Cecelia Privuznak, 97, of Tunkhannock, formerly of Coaldale, Pa. died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Mercy Nursing Home, Dallas. Born in Coaldale, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Marie (Suchon) Machala. Her spouse was the late John Privuznak. Before retiring, she was a food manager of the cafeteria at Presto Lock, Garfield, N.J.

Surviving are sons Michael Privuznak, Tunkhan-

nock; John Privuznak and his wife, Marie, Jensen Beach, Fla.; daughters Louise DeStories, Mesa, Ariz.; JoAnn, wife of John Lynch, Shickshinny; Marianne, wife of James O'Connell, Lenoir, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. She was the last member of her immediate family.

Interment, SS. Cyril & Methodius Cemetery, Nesquehoning.

**DONALD R. TRAVER**

**Avid hunter and outdoorsman**

Donald R. Traver, 73, of Harveys Lake, went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, October 14, 2006, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Mr. Traver was born in Luzerne, June 18, 1933, and was a son of the late Frank and Edith Pearn Traver.

He graduated from Luzerne High School in 1951 and was a member of the 967th Field Artillery, National Guard.

Donald was employed by Giant Floor and Wall Covering, Wilkes-Barre, retiring this

year. He attended the Emmanuel Assembly of God Church, Harveys Lake, and was a member of the Kingston Lodge No. 395, F&AM; was a 32nd Degree Master Mason at the Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; was a member of the Irem Temple Shrine; and was a past member of the Arab Patrol.

Mr. Traver was an avid hunter and outdoorsman and took great pleasure in his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, the former Helen

Stokes; daughters Linda Kazmierski and her husband, Mark, Shelby, NC; and Donna Gail Traver, Harveys Lake; sisters Audrey Wilke and her husband, William; and Ruth Bond and her husband, Harmon, all of Harveys Lake; grandchildren Dean Webster Kazmierski, Daniel Robert Kazmierski and Daria Jean Kazmierski; great-grandchildren Misha, Zachary and Alexis; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

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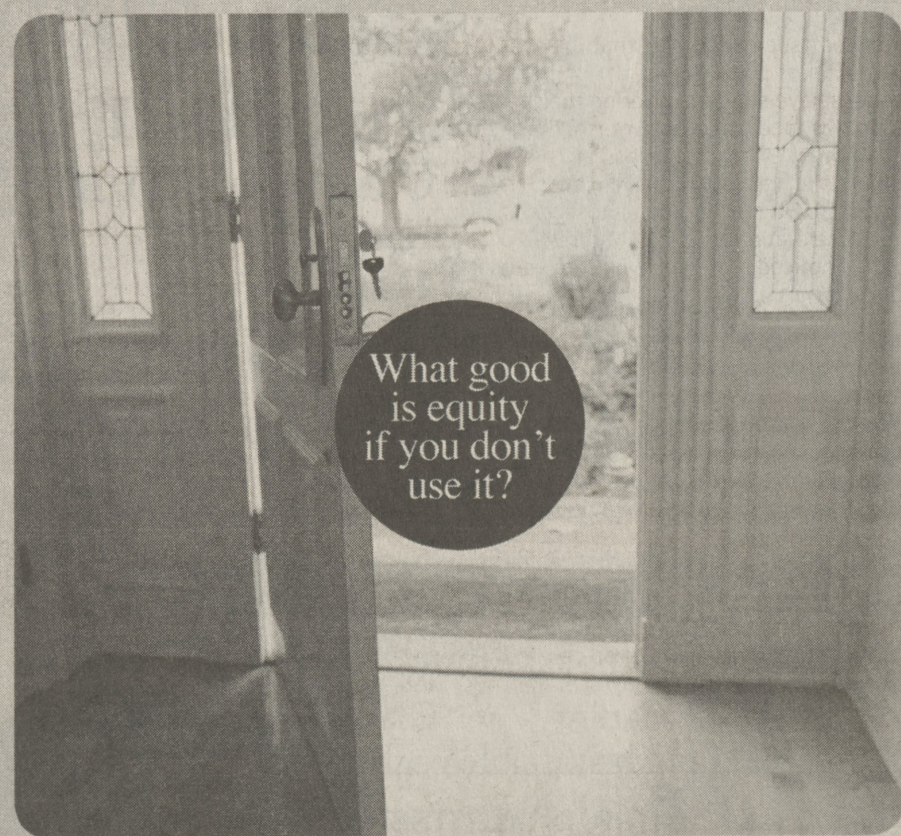
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