

BARBARA ANN ADAMS**Longtime nurse in the Wyoming Valley**

Barbara Ann Adams, 71, of Dallas, passed away peacefully Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on July 19, 1935, in Wilkes-Barre, to the late Anthony and Jewel Ruddy. She graduated from Mercy Hospital's School of Nursing in 1955, and went on to work as a registered nurse at New York Bell Telephone Co.; Veterans Administration Medical Center, Plains Township; and Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

In 1964, she married Kenneth James Adams. Family was always the cornerstone of Barbara's life, as was witnessed by the four children she so lovingly raised. Barbara believed in giving her children "roots and wings." Her goal as a mother was to give her children a strong foundation of values from which they were encouraged to grow their talents and skills. Whether it was as coach of Little League softball, den mother to the Boy Scouts, or musical muse to her daughters who shared her interest in singing, Barbara supported and encouraged each of her children's interests by playing an active role as parent in their lives.

Professionally, she enjoyed much success working as a nurse at First Hospital Wyoming Valley. As anyone who knew Barbara would attest, she had a special talent in getting through to, and working with the adolescent patient population at First Hospital. In 2005, after 21 years of working full time at First Hospital, her professional commitment to excellence was recognized at a largely attended surprise retirement party held at Perugini's restaurant.

Barbara lived her life in a hopeful, faithful and loving way. Her outlook on life's challenges and hardships could best be summed up by one of Barbara's favorite sayings, "This too shall pass."

She is survived by her son, Ken Adams, and his wife, Patti, Winston-Salem, NC; daughters Julie Evangelista and her husband Allen, Riverside, CA; Beth Adams and her husband, Dave Tordai, Raleigh, NC; Trish Morgantini and her husband, John, Douglasville, PA; brothers Bill Ruddy and his wife, Marilyn, Barnegat, NJ; Don Ruddy and his wife, Mary Ann, Bear Creek, PA; six grandchildren; and 10 nieces and nephews.

HELEN E. BERTI**Member of St. Therese's Church in Shavertown**

Helen E. Berti, 91, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, and a longtime resident of Shavertown and Edwardsville passed away Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006 at her home following an illness.

She was born in Edwardsville, daughter of the late Andrew and Mary (Yatsko) Tomko. Mrs. Berti was a member of CWV St. Joseph's Post 752 Auxiliary, Edwardsville, and St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Her husband, Peter H. Berti, passed away Dec. 8, 1998, and she

RAYMOND J. MOCIUN
World War II veteran

Raymond J. "Champ" Mociun, Center Moreland, passed away Friday, Nov. 17, 2006 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Plains Township, on Dec. 6, 1917, he was a son of the late Charles and Maryanna Lutynski Mociun.

He graduated from Plains Memorial High School, Plains Township.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

After the service he ferried piper cubs from Lock Haven to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

He worked at various automobile dealerships in the Wyoming Valley as an auto mechanic, retiring from Chamberlain Manufacturing Company after numerous years of service.

He was a member of Joseph E. Conlon American Legion Post 558, Plains Township; life member of the Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Com-

pany; and member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Center Moreland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Ponganis Mociun; brothers the Rev. Casmir Mociun, Stanley Mociun and Thomas Mociun; and a sister, Alfreda Mociun.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond A. and Florence Mociun, Center Moreland; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Stephanie and Greg Petulla, Osceola Mills, Pa.; a brother, Ralph of Windsor, N.Y.; three sisters, Ann M. Harrity, Plains Township; Bernardine Travelstead, Centralia, Ill.; Florence Borkowski, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Northmoreland Fire Company, 305 School House Road, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

CHARLES J. NATITUS JR.**Westmoreland H.S. graduate; longtime police officer**

Charles J. Natitus Jr., 65, beloved husband of Carol (Soucie) Natitus of South Windsor, passed away Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006 at John Dempsey Hospital, Farmington, Conn.

Born in Plymouth on May 14, 1941, son of Anne (Ciak) Natitus of Shavertown, and the late Charles J. Natitus Sr., he lived in South Windsor for the last 32 years.

He was a 1959 graduate of Westmoreland High School.

Mr. Natitus was employed as a police officer for the Hartford Police Department, retiring after 31 years as a Lieutenant.

He served in the U.S. Navy, was a member of the Police Benevolent Association and was a member of the Reddington Rock Riding Club.

He was a communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Church, South Windsor, Conn., was an avid horse rider and enjoyed his new adventure of grinding stumps.

In addition to his wife and mother, he leaves a son, Charles J. "CJ" Natitus and his companion Linda Lachance of East Windsor; a daughter, Lisa C. Natitus of Bessemer City, N.C.; a brother, Frank and his wife, Debbie Natitus of Shavertown; two sisters, Ruth and her husband, James Altemus of Tunkhannock; and Joan and her hus-

band, Robert Pascolini of Exeter; and many nieces and nephews.

Interment, Wapping Cemetery, South Windsor.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 2550 US Highway One, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

For online condolences, visit the Web site www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

HILDEGARD W. GRIFED
Former Trucksville resident

Hildegard W. Grifed, 95, formerly of Trucksville and Luzerne, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Wiesbaden, Germany, she was daughter of the late Herrman and Henrietta (Gross) Burkart. She was a member of the Church of Christ Uniting, Kingston.

She worked at the Continental Inn, Luzerne, until it closed. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles "Pete," in 1969. She left this world and went to Heaven to begin her new life and meet her loved ones. We love you more than you know. It will never be the same without you. Surviving is sister, Maria Gersbach, Weisbaden, Germany.

There will be no calling hours. Interment, Denison Cemetery, Swoyersville.

ELLIS W. HOOVER
Enjoyed a zest for life

Ellis W. Hoover, 81, of Outlet section of Lake Township, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006 at ManorCare Health Services, Kingston.

Mr. Hoover was born in Harveys Lake on Dec. 11, 1924 and was the son of the late Russell and Elsie (Sorber) Hoover. He graduated from Lake Township High School, Class of 1944.

He was a member of the Outlet Free Methodist Church and served on the Lake-Lehman School Board for six years.

Mr. Hoover was employed by Royer Foundry, Kingston, and later at the Bloomsburg Mills, Dallas, retiring from Air Products Inc., Hanover, in 1986, after 29 and a half years.

Ellis was a man who had a zest for life and enjoyed being with people, taking a personal

interest in their lives.

His chief goal was to glorify God, enjoy His blessings and abide with Him forever.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Warren.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, the former Edith Smith; a daughter, Sandra Elderkin, her husband, Richard, Attleboro, MA; sisters Joyce Hoover, Faith Dinger, both of Outlet; grandsons Richard Ellis Elderkin and his wife, Laura; Russell Winerford Elderkin; great-grandson Caleb Richard Elderkin; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Idetown Cemetery, Lehman Township.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Outlet Free Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 531 Lehman-Outlet Road, Dallas, PA 18612.

Writing workshop offered at The Dietrich

The Dietrich Theater will host a one-day special workshop "Writing for the Hot Markets" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the theater in downtown Tunkhannock. The workshop is being held in collaboration with Pennwriters, Inc. and will show aspiring writers what markets are hot, and how to find, break into and write for them.

The instructors for the workshop will be published authors Eileen Berger, Ty Drago, and Charlee Ganny. Participants are invited to bring the first two pages of a work-in-progress for critique. The cost of the workshop is \$25, which includes lunch.

Berger is a multi-published author in the genres/markets of article, biography, children's, his-

torical, inspirational, Christian, literary, mainstream, poetry, romance, short story, women's fiction, and young adult. She will tell participants about writing and publishing in the inspirational/Christian markets.

Drago has published two novels: a historical mystery "The Franklin Affair" and "Phobos," a science/fiction mystery. He also has published numerous short stories, as well as many articles on the craft and business of writing. For the past eight years, Drago has served as the editor/publisher of Allegory, a tri-annual online magazine featuring science fiction, fantasy and horror from around the world.

Ganny is the author (writing as Savannah Russe) of the best-sell-

ing Darkwing Chronicles series for Signet Paperbacks: "Beyond the Pale," "Past Redemption" and "Beneath the Skin." Three additional novels in the series will appear during the next two years.

In addition to showing participants how to submit a proposal to a publisher, Ganny will give guidelines for a Harlequin-published novel and give participants a look at the daily e-zine Publishers Lunch and how it can help them get into print.

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