

ROBERT G. ROBERTS

Graduate of Dallas Borough High School

Robert Graydon Roberts, of Bel Air, Maryland, formerly of Harveys Lake, passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at Bel Air Health and Rehabilitation Center, Bel Air, Maryland. He was 79.

Mr. Roberts was born August 27, 1927, in Harveys Lake. He was a son of the late Hervey D. and Florence Roberts (nee Kocher). He graduated from Dallas Borough High School. He was a resident of Bel Air for 44 years.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. He retired in 1984 after 25 years of service with Lever Brothers in their production department.

He enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Rose Ann Roberts (nee Sherinsky), of Bel Air, with whom he celebrated 54 years of marriage on October 4, 2006; daughters Donna Van Matre, of Abingdon, Md.; and Sheri R. Adams and her husband, James, of Bel Air, Md.; grandchildren Samuel and Benjamin Adams, of Bel Air, Md.; Kelly Little, of Edgewood, Md.; Cheryl Holt, of Florida; and Jason Ford, of Baltimore; great-grandchildren Ruby and Billie Little, of Edgewood, Md.; Sophia and Camden Holt, of Florida; brothers Bruce and Lowell Roberts, of Pennsylvania; and Harold Roberts, of Wisconsin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163. Condolences may be sent to www.evansfuneralchapel.com.

RITA A. CHACKO

Member of Gate of Heaven Church, volunteer for Easter Paralyzed Veterans events

Rita A. Chacko, 71, of Elizabeth Street, Dallas, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Burlington, Vt., she was the daughter of the late Harold and Ann (Therault) Roberts.

She attended the Burlington public schools. Before retiring she was employed by Offset Paperback Manufacturers, Dallas.

She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and its Altar and Rosary Society.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Clifford and Edward Roberts.

Rita was very active in volunteer work for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Plains Township, cooking for the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans dinners, and was in charge of its summer picnic.

She was a very giving woman who would give to friends and strangers alike.

Surviving are husband of 52 years, Andrew J.; son, Andrew J. Jr., Mountain Top; daughter, Linda Royer, Harveys Lake; brothers, Irwin Roberts, California; Harold Roberts, Plattsburg, N.Y.; sisters, Patricia Holup, Ballston Spa, N.Y.; Linda Patterson, Plattsburg, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

Interment, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association.

RAYMOND S. CRAGLE

Resident of Hunlock Creek

Raymond S. Cragle, 58, of Hollywood Drive, Hunlock Creek, passed away Friday, Jan. 19, 2007 at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

He was born April 27, 1948, in Nanticoke, a son of the late Claude and Emily Cragle. He worked as a security guard for United Pants.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Dorothy Wolfe and Harriet Fraley; and brother, Lewis Cragle. Surviving are his

wife, the former Gail Pierson; son, Raymond Cragle, Hunlock Creek; daughters, Debbie Edwards and her husband Nelson, Sweet Valley; Ray Anne Cragle, Hunlock Creek; grandchildren, Ryan and Dakota Cragle, Hunlock Creek; brother, John Olszewski, Hunlock Creek.

Raymond will be loved in memory and greatly missed by his family and friends.

LEILA WEST

Longtime supporter of Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction

Leila Mench West, 98, of Dallas and formerly of Berwick, passed away Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas. Born in Berwick on August 31, 1908, she was the daughter of the late Charles F. Mench and Lillian R. Creasy Mench Shulde.

Leila was a 1927 graduate of Berwick High School. She married Ambrose William West on July 11, 1940 and spent 50 years together, until his death in 1990.

Mrs. West was an office manager and accountant for the former Ertley MotorWorld. She retired from that position in 1974.

She was a longtime member of the Trinity Presbyterian

Church of Dallas. She enjoyed restoring antiques, sewing and making her own clothing, doing crafts, caring for her cats and other neighborhood animals and pets, supporting the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction and spending her winters in Fort Myers, Fla.

Leila is survived by her step-sister, Elizabeth Hamrick of Wilkes-Barre, and many other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Interment, Pine Grove Cemetery, Market Street in Berwick. Memorial contributions may be sent to the SPCA of Luzerne County, or to the Back Mountain Memorial Library, Huntsville Road in Dallas.

ROBERT E. GRAY SR.

Loving husband, father and grandfather

Robert E. Gray Sr., 63, of Hunlock Creek, passed away Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007 at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Gray was born in Wilkes-Barre on Feb. 28, 1943, and was the son of the late Lester and Dorothy Gray Sites. Robert was a loving and good husband, father and grandfather.

He was predeceased by grandchildren, Jacob and Alexandra Gray and brothers, Buddy and Joe Gray.

He is survived by his wife,

the former Shirley Uren; sons, Robert E., Jr. and his wife Stephanie of Hop Bottom; Gary E., Sr. and his wife Brenda of Shickshinny; Randy L., Sr. and his wife Theresa of Hunlock Creek; daughters, Connie Harvey and her husband Samuel of Hunlock Creek; Christina Hunter and her husband Douglas of Nanticoke; 11 grandchildren; sisters, Jean Gray, Connie Gray and Nancy Simone of New York and Lois Cadwalader of Harveys Lake.

JUDITH ANN PANAGAKOS

Active member of Gate of Heaven Church

Judith Ann Panagakos, 42, of Overbrook Estates, Dallas, passed away home Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

She was born in Hugeshtown on Jan. 3, 1965, a daughter of Newark and Judith (Kutchkus) Legg. She was a graduate of Pittston Area High School, Class of 1982. She attended Penn State and Luzerne County Community College. She was employed by various optometrists and was last employed as a dental assistant for her brother, Dr. Joseph Legg.

She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas; an as-

sistant instructor of CCD classes and a former member of the Bell Choir. She served as an adviser for the Back Mountain Youth Council and was a frequent volunteer at Wycallis Elementary School, Dallas Township, and for several years ran its Holiday House.

Surviving, in addition to her parents and husband, Gus, are son, Shane W., and daughter, Kallysta M., both at home; grandmother, Agnes Kutchkus, Hugeshtown; brother, Dr. Joseph Legg, and his wife, Kristen, Mountain Top; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Interment, Evergreen Cemetery, Shavertown.

E. CARL HUSTED

Worked as warehouse manager

E. Carl Husted, 94, of Highland Drive, Dallas, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born Feb. 18, 1912 in Trucks-

ville, he was the son of the late Edward and Daisy May Daley Husted. A graduate of Girard College, he was employed for many years by Ide Air, as a warehouse manager.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Frances An-

draws, in 1993; daughters, Carol and Grace; sisters, Inez Husted and Mildred Moore.

Surviving are his son, Edward D. Husted, with whom he resided; grandsons, Casey Husted, Tim Husted, Todd Vonderheid

and Colby Vonderheid.

A memorial service will be held in March on a date and time to be announced.

Memorial donations may be made to the NEPA Philharmonic.

BARBARA KULICK

Wonderful homemaker, avid sportswoman

Barbara Kulick, 73, of Tunkhannock, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock. Her husband of 53 years is Donald Kulick of Tunkhannock. She was born in Sept. 9, 1933 in Wilkes-Barre Township. She was the daughter of the late George and Stella Kroll. She was a graduate of Marymount High School, Wilkes-Barre.

She loved her family and was a wonderful homemaker throughout her life. She was an avid sportswoman, enjoying hunting and fishing.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Stanley Kroll. Surviving in addition to her husband, Donald, are sons Don and his wife, Kathy, Edwardsville; Brian and his wife, Wendy, Manassas, Va.; four lovely grandchildren, Kimmy, Joseph, Jack and Natalie.

Interment, St. John the Baptist Orthodox Cemetery, Pringle.

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