

GEORGE J. URBANIS

Owner/operator of
Johnnie's Bar by
George

George J. Urbanis, 82, of Tunkhannock, died April 7, 2007 after a lengthy illness.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific Theater, where he earned many decorations. Following his military service, he attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he played center on the varsity Badgers football team. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in dairy science in 1949.

During his career in the agricultural chemicals industry, he held a variety of executive positions, including vice president of marketing for Occidental Petroleum Co., New York City. He also worked for Gulf & Western, New Jersey Zinc Co. and International Minerals and Chemicals Corp.

Later, he owned and operated Keystone Harvestore Systems Inc. and Johnnie's Bar by George, both in Tunkhannock. He retired from the American General Insurance Co., Plains Township.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ramona Burke, to whom he was married for 23 years; two daughters, Mary Baldwin, Honesdale; and Nancy Urbanis and husband Stephen Fairchild, Sugar Run; son, Terrance P. Urbanis, Warrenton, Ore.; four grandchildren; four stepdaughters, Pamela Yarasavage, Tunkhannock; Denise and husband, David Lohmann, Harveys Lake; Romana (Liz) Tyler, Tunkhannock; and Colleen and husband Tim Frantz, Tunkhannock; stepson, Thomas and wife, Sandy Hill, Tunkhannock; 22 step-grandchildren.

EARL LABAR

Was AV technician at
Tunkhannock High
School

Earl LaBar, 83, of Tunkhannock, died April 6, 2007 at the Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock.

He was an AV technician at Tunkhannock Area High School and a car salesman at Sherwood Chevrolet and Horace J. Sick and Son Buick prior to his retirement.

Surviving are his wife, the former Grace Miner; son and daughter-in-law, William and Donna LaBarre; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Larry Twordusky, all of Tunkhannock; three granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions to Tunkhannock Public Library, 220 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

ROMAYNE EVANS

Was driving force
behind family
restaurant businesses

Romayne C. Evans, 77, of Dallas, Lehman Township, died April 5, 2007 at Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown.

She was a member of the Luzerne United Methodist Church. Prior to her marriage, she was employed by Leslie Fay. Later, she was the driving force behind the family businesses, the Red Rooster Restaurant and Mel Roe's Family Restaurant, which was named in her honor.

She is survived by sons, Ernest Evans, Sweet Valley; Gary Evans, Dallas; Gregg Evans and his wife, Mary, Dallas; daughters, Tammy Evans, Dallas; Debbie Evans, Dallas; Colleen Evans-Nice and her husband, Scott, of Sweet Valley; Melissa Evans-Shaver and her husband, Hall, Kingston Township; sister, Betty Price, Dallas; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038.

THOMAS J. SOLENSKY SR.

Was graduate of Dallas
Township High School

Thomas J. Solensky, of Dallas, died April 6, 2007 at Riverstreet Manor, Wilkes-Barre. He was a graduate of Dallas Township High School.

Surviving are his wife, the former Barbara Wolfe; sons, Thomas J., Michael A. and wife, Cindy; grandson, Ty Thomas Solensky; uncle, Kenneth Moore, all of Dallas; several nieces and nephews.

RICHARD S. KAPSON

Dallas High School
graduate was master
tiler

Richard S. Kapson, formerly of Dallas, died March 31, 2007 in Port Orange, Fla. He was a graduate of Dallas High School and a former member of Dallas United Methodist Church.

Employed by Germick Brothers, Luzerne, he became a master tiler and a general contractor in New Smyrna, Fla.

Surviving are his wife, the former Rita Kelly; a son, Richard Kapson; a daughter, Julie Kapson, both of Dallas; his father, Stanley Kapson, Harvey's Lake; brothers, David, Pike's Creek; Jan, Towanda; Edward, Boulder, Colo.; sisters, Jennie Martin, Dallas; Ellen LaRusso, Syracuse, N.Y.; and Elaine Barber, North Hampton, PA.

Memorial donations to Hospice Care Center, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL 32129.

DR. PETER SCHNEEMAN

Spent 30 years teaching English at Penn State
University

Dr. Peter H. Schneeman, 69, of Dallas, died April 3, 2007 at Kindred Hospital after complications from a lengthy illness.

Dr. Schneeman earned his bachelor's, master's and doctor of philosophy degrees in English from the University of Minnesota.

He began teaching English at the University of Minnesota and then became an associate professor of rhetoric, English literature and fiction writing at Penn State University for more than 30 years before retiring.

He was awarded fellowships for residency at Yaddo in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. in 1973 and 1980. In 1978-79, he held a senior Fulbright lectureship in American literature at the University of Bucharest and in 1980 he received a fellowship for fiction writing from the Pennsylvania Council on the

Arts.

In 1985, he earned Penn State's Liberal Arts Outstanding Teaching Award.

He was the author of numerous published short stories and was a founding member of the Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association. He restored the Civil War-era Brockerhoff Mill in Bellefonte, Pa. in which he at one time resided.

He is survived by his wife, Kate Brennan; daughters, Kristin Schneeman, Washington, D.C.; Andrea Spooner, New York City; five grandchildren; stepdaughter, Blake Ann Sult, Santa Rosa, Calif.; stepson, Bruce Justin Nagle, Dallas; one step-grandson; two step-granddaughters.

Memorial donations to Talleyrand Park Committee, c/o BHCA, P.O. Box 141, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

CORA CAMPBELL

Operated concession
stand at Frances
Slocum

Cora Ellen Campbell, of Sweet Valley, died April 3, 2007 at Hospice Care of the VNA, Wilkes-Barre. She was the owner/operator of the Frances Slocum State Park Watercraft Concession for 15 years.

She attended St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran Church, then became a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church and the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek.

Surviving are her husband of 62 years, Dana Campbell; a son, Thomas Campbell, Muhlenburg; a daughter, Robyn Smith and her husband, Mark, Sweet Valley; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Sylvan Brace, Kunkle; William Space, Levittown; Bert Space, Noxen; Frank Space, Montrose and Florida; Lorraine Pramick, Hunlock Creek; nieces and nephews.

EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATED AT PRINCE OF PEACE

The Great Vigil of Easter was celebrated at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church beginning with an outdoor ceremony of lighting a new fire. The Paschal candle was lighted, followed by a procession into the church. The service continued with reading of the Scriptures, a renewal of baptismal vows, and a Holy Eucharist. Shown here participating in the ceremony, from left, are David Schooley, Rev Mary Lou Divis, deacon; The Rev Peter Harer, rector; Chris Sutton and Tara Gwilliam.

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