

GREGORY RUNNER

Was Eagle Boy Scout of Troop 233

Gregory A. Runner, 42, of Kingston, died Saturday, September 15, 2007, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Philadelphia, he attended Luzerne County Community College and earned a diploma in warehousing from the Hiram G. Andrews School, Johnstown, Pa. After completing his diploma, he went to work for Boscov's in downtown Wilkes-Barre. He worked in the customer service area and warehouse operations for almost 19 years.

He was a member of Boy Scout Troop #233, Shavertown and had attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1983. At Camp Aachela in Blakeslee, he was elected by his peers a member of the Order of the Arrow, a group within Scouting that honors the Scouts' spirit, camping ability and first class rank among his fellow Boy Scouts. He was a member of the Back Mountain Jaycees and the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his parents, William A. and Joanne Sides Runner; a brother, William A. Runner III, Lititz; two nieces; long-time girlfriend, Patsy Zurek, Wilkes-Barre; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial donations to the Shavertown United Methodist Church, American Cancer Society, 190 Welles Street, Forty Fort, PA 18704; or the American Red Cross, 29 New Commerce Boulevard, Hanover Township, PA 18706.

THELMA GELB

Was registered nurse since 1940

Thelma (Berlew) Gelb, of Kingston Township, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at Hospice Community Care, Geisinger South Wilkes Barre.

Born in West Pittston, she graduated from Factoryville High School in 1937 and Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, as a registered nurse in 1940.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Pittston, and the Irem Temple Directors Staff Ladies, serving as president from 1979 to 1980.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, Charles; three children, William C. Gelb, Harding; Charlotte Farley, Sweet Valley; and Dr. Ernest Gelb, Wyoming; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

JOSEPH REGAN

Served with Army in France and Germany

Joseph W. Regan, 92, of McAuley Drive, Dallas, died Friday, September 7, 2007, at Mercy Center Nursing Unit, Dallas.

Born in Bayonne, N.J., he served in the U.S. Army in France and Germany as a staff sergeant and radio chief for the 114th Infantry, 44th Division.

He lived most of his life in the Jersey Shore area, was involved in the restaurant business for several years and participated in the construction of the Driscoll Bridge of the Garden State Parkway. He then became a manager in the appliance department of Sears in Middletown, N.J., until his retirement.

He was an active member and participated in the restoration of St. Michael's Parish Church in Cherryfield. He was a member of the American Legion and several service organizations.

Surviving is a cousin, Jane Cochrane, of Staten Island, N.Y.; several nieces and nephews, including Sr. Jane F. Kennedy, RSM and Therese A. Kennedy, both of Dallas; many grand and great-grandnieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Retirement Fund, Sisters of Mercy, Mid Atlantic Community, P.O. Box 369, Dallas, or to H.O.M.E., P.O. Box 10, Orland, ME 04472.

LEGION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 recently inducted new members during a breakfast held at the Post home. The Post is actively seeking new members and encourages all to attend the Post meetings every second Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Post home. Shown here, from left, kneeling are Dr. Victor Labbate, Walt Galka and Christopher Ross. Standing, Clarence J. Michael, Commander; John J. Perillo Jr., James R. Stokes, Harold E. Arner Jr. and John Emil Sr., Senior Vice Commander

David Fitch named Lions president

The Dallas Lions Club recently held its installation dinner at the Castle Inn in Dallas. Elected for one-year terms were David Fitch, president; Joseph Dwinchick, first vice-president; Dr. David Spring, second vice-president; Gary Hozenpa, third vice-president; Robert Shaffer, secretary; Joseph Canfield, treasurer; Leo Karasinski, Tail Twister; Jack Wega, Lion Tamer; and Drew Fitch, membership director.

Outgoing president Drew Fitch also received the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to him by District Governor Joan Milligan. The award is given for outstanding leadership in Lionism.



Dallas Lions Club outgoing president Drew Fitch, right, passes the gavel to his brother, David Fitch, the new club president.

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