

## JOHANNA ADAMITZ

## Long-time resident of Back Mountain

Johanna R. Adamitz, a long-time resident of the Back Mountain, died Thursday, October 11, 2007, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in West Pittston, she is survived by her brother, Edward Novitsky; cousin, Irene Socash; nieces, nephews and cousins.

## CARL MONTROSS

## Served in Army during World War II

Carl E. Montross, Sr., 86, of Lake Township, died on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born December 12, 1920, in Buckwheat Hollow, he honorably served his country as a sergeant in the Army during WW II in Korea. In his early years, he was employed by the Ford Garage in Luzerne and then was employed as a machinist for the Kanaar Corp., Wilkes-Barre, for 22 years and retired from Native Textiles, Dallas.

After retirement, he was a bus driver for the Lake-Lehman School District for five years.

He was a former member of the Emmanuel Assembly of God Church, Harveys Lake, where he served as treasurer and board member. He attended the Bowman's Creek Free Methodist Church. He was honored by the Red Cross with a plaque for donating over eight gallons of blood throughout his life.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mona Deater, with whom he celebrated his 67th wedding anniversary on October 6; a son, Carl E. Jr., Rio Rancho, NM; daughters, Rebecca Baker, Cindy Krum and Ray Gitschlag, all of Lake Township; brother, George C. Montross, Noxen; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Deater Foundation, P.O. Box 255, White Deer, PA 17887; or the Bowman's Creek Free Methodist Church, 10 SR 309S, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

## JAMES BARRALL

## Served in U.S. Navy Reserves

James H. Barrall, 69, of Lehman Township, died Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, after being stricken ill while hunting in Jackson Township.

Born in Jackson Township, he was a graduate of Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School, class of 1956. He was employed by American Asphalt, Wagner Construction Co., Central Penn Construction and Air Products. He retired from the State Correctional Institution at Dallas as a tradesman/welder in 2001.

He served in the U.S. Navy Reserves and was a member of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church and the National Rifle Association.

Surviving are his wife of 49 and a half years, the former Jeanne Casterline; daughter, Sandra Davis, of Catawissa; sons, James C., of Harveys Lake; William H., of Lehman Township; four grandchildren; sisters, Grace Lord, Shavertown; Margaret Berlew, Orange; stepmother, Thelma Barrall, Florida; stepsisters, Beverly Schmaizigan, Port Orange, Fla.; and Marilyn Coles, Shawnee On The Delaware.

## ISABELLE GROMNIAK

## Moved to Hunlock Creek in 1984

Isabelle K. Gromniak, 97, of Hunlock Creek, died Sunday, October 21, 2007, at Hospice Community Care, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Nanticoke on September 4, 1910, she resided in Nanticoke for most of her life, moving to Hunlock Creek in 1984.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth.

Surviving are her sons, Joseph, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; and George Jr., with whom she resided; a daughter, Joan Stuber, Warwick, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

## GERARD HARRIS

## Was avid horseshoe pitcher

Gerard H. Harris, of Idetown, died Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at his hunting cabin in Lycoming County.

Born in Luzerne, he was a graduate of Luzerne High School. He served his country as a Marine in the South Pacific during World War II. Following his military service, he was employed in the coal mines. Later, he started his own company, G.H. Harris Associates Inc., which celebrated its 50th anniversary in September, of which he was president until his death.

He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake; Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post 672, Dallas; the National Rifle Association; and the Yellow Jacket Hunting Camp, Lycoming County. He was the 1981 Pennsylvania State Horseshoe Champion.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, the former Viola Stogoski; children, Joseph J., New York, NY; James P., Mechanicsburg; Patti Adamshick, Harveys Lake; Richard G., Boca Raton, FL; four grandchildren; and sister, Geraldine Petroskas, Harveys Lake.

## NELLIE SCOUTON

## Was former Scout leader

Nellie J. Scouton, 86, of Noxen, died Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at the Star Hill Rest Home, Beaumont.

Born in Dallas Township on March 24, 1921, she graduated from Dallas High School in 1939.

She was a member of the Noxen United Methodist Church and was a leader in the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and was a den mother for the Cub Scouts.

Surviving are her daughter, Nancy E. Bilby, Shickshinny; sons, Theodore, Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Thomas G., Noxen; 10 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the International Eye Foundation, 10801 Connecticut Ave., Kensington, MD 10895.

## DANA CAMPBELL

## Constructed Luzerne County Fall Fair

Dana S. Campbell, 88, of Sweet Valley, died Monday, October 15, 2007, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Hellertown, he was instrumental in locating and constructing the Luzerne County Fall Fair to its current site and oversaw the horse barn show ring, the judge's stand, the pavilion stand and parking lot. He was an active Luzerne County 4-H leader for eight years.

He was employed by the former Mountain Springs Ice Houses for five years and then served in the U.S. Army during World War II for three years. He worked in construction for his uncle, Dana Sickler. He was also superintendent for Culp Brothers Construction, Warden, Lowry and Campbell Construction, Lowry Construction and Dugan and Marcon Construction.

He also was the former owner of Frances Slocum Boat Rentals for 15 years and owned and operated Benton Roller Mills for 19 years, retiring at the age of 86.

Surviving are his son, Thomas, Hunlock Creek; daughter, Robyn Smith, Sweet Valley; brother, Lyle, Huntsville; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Sweet Valley Ambulance Assoc., P.O. Box 207, Sweet Valley, PA 18656.

## ELEANOR RICKARD

## Graduate of WBGH School of Nursing

Eleanor (Horst) Rickard, 88, of Dallas, died Monday, October 15, 2007, at the Lakeside Nursing Home, Harveys Lake.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a graduate of GAR Memorial High School and the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing.

Surviving are her sister, Dorothy Davis, Kingston; nieces and nephews.

## E. ROBERT CONDON

## Retired from Reese Excavating

E. Robert Condon, of Beaumont, died Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Beaumont on January 28, 1938, he attended Beaumont schools. In his earlier years, he was employed by IBEW Local 1319 and retired from Reese Excavating in Orange.

He was a member of the George M. Dallas Lodge and the Larksville American Legion. He was also a member of The Bloomsburg Consistory and the Irem Shriners of Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, the former Alice Jane (AJ) Patton; children, Roberta J. Daniels, Buckwheat Hollow; and Robert D., Sweet Valley; five grandchildren; sister, Clarice Fegley.

Memorial donations to The Old Beaumont School Restoration Fund, c/o Mary Patton, RR 1 Noxen, PA 18636; or the North Branch Land Trust, 11 Carverton Road Trucksville, PA 18708.

## ALICE DESOYE

## Graduate of Pittston High School

Alice (Morrow) Dessoye, of Pittston and the Commons, Dallas, died Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born May 23, 1927, in Pittston, she was a graduate of Pittston High School. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Pittston Lumber.

She was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Help of Christians R.C. Church and its Altar and Rosary Society.

Surviving are her daughter, Judi Newhart, Dallas; two grandsons; sisters, Emily Bradigan and Joan Egan, both of Pittston; several nieces and nephews.

ELSIE MOORE-WATLACK  
Moved to Dallas area from England

Elsie M. Moore-Watlack, 67, of Dallas, died Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

Born in Whitehaven, Cumberland, England, she finished business school in England and worked in the jewelry trade until she started a family. She moved from England with her family to the Dallas area.

Until her retirement, she worked as a legal secretary with the Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald Law Firm.

Surviving are her husband, Robert A.; daughter, Elizabeth Moore; sons, James and Stephen Moore; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sister, Ann Borrowdale.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 100 William St., Dunmore, PA 18512.

## RUTH POST

## Volunteered for WBGH Auxiliary

Ruth Newell Wood Post, of Center Hill Road, Dallas, died Friday, October 19, 2007, at Hospice Community Care, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born April 14, 1926, in Kingston, she was raised in Kingston and graduated from Wyoming Seminary and Knox School for Girls in Cooperstown, N.Y.

She volunteered her time with the American Red Cross and General Hospital Pink Ladies, volunteering over 30 years to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; children, Robert Jr., Deborah Stevens and Cynthia Post Mitchell.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, the Frank and Dortha Henry Cancer Center or the American Cancer Society.

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