

ENGLEMAN - Edward L. Sr., 57, of Sorber Mountain Road, Noxen, died Friday, November 23, 2007 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Noxen on May 23, 1950, he was employed by the former Native Textiles of Dallas for 26 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ida Magee, of Laceyville; son, Edward L. Jr., at home; sister, Betty Shook, of Noxen; one grandson.

FRANQUET - Carl R., 81, of Dallas, died Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born September 22, 1926 in West Pittston, he formerly lived in San Francisco, Calif.; Huntsville, Ala.; and Burlington County, N.J. Mr. Franquet attended West Pittston public schools, Alabama State University and several business and technical schools.

He retired from the U.S. Army after having served 20 years with the 6th Ranger Battalion during World War II and is also a Korean War and Vietnam War veteran. He worked as a technical publications manager or an editor/technical writer for Siemens Corporation, Philco-Ford, General Electric and Bridgeport Machines. He wrote the first maintenance and repair manuals for the U.S. Air Force Sidewinder Missile System. He was also the maintenance manager for Phelps-Dodge Brass Co., Dayton, N.J.

He owned and operated an insurance investigation business in New Jersey. He retired in 1988 from Plasma-Therm Inc., Voorhees, N.J.

He was a life member of American Legion Post 672, Dallas; National Association for the Uniformed Services and a National Rifle Association and Gun Owners of America member.

Surviving are his wife, Shino; son, Carl; daughter, Barbara; one granddaughter; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the SPCA, Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 19701.

HARDING - John T., 83, of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born in Tunkhannock on February 14, 1924, he was a retired dairy farmer and had also operated Harding's Dairy Bar and Driving Range. He attended Russell Hill United Methodist Church.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific Theater. He was on the Sunnyside Cemetery Board and was active in the Republican Party.

Surviving are his wife, the former Angelique Prevost; his son, Edward, of Tunkhannock; two granddaughters; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Triton Hose Co., P.O. Box 765, Tunkhannock, PA 18627.

HUMMELL - Julda F. Irene, 70, of Harveys Lake, died on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Glen Robinson, Ohio, she was a member of the Huntsville Christian Church.

Surviving are her husband of 23 years, James R.; sons, Kerry McCarty, Mark Cross and Duane Cross, all of Columbus, IN; daughters, Rosalie (John) Decker, of North Carolina; and Janie Waltham, of Columbus, IN; brother, Charles Linko, of Parkersburg, WV; sisters, Mugs Kane, of Parkersburg, WV; Star Carlisle, of Thompson, NC; and Rosemary Littleton, of Denton, NC; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Huntsville Christian Church, 1160 Church Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

KRISPIN - Joseph J., 68, of

Chase Road, Shavertown, died on Sunday, November 25, 2007 at the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Kingston on September 14, 1939, he was a graduate of Swoyersville High School and Penn State Technical School. Prior to his illness, he was employed at Wegmans, Wilkes-Barre Township, and Wyoming Seminary. He formerly owned and operated Jimmy's Cleaners, Kingston.

He was an active member of St. Mary's Annunciation Church, Kingston, and was a past president of the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the Men of the Sacred Heart.

Surviving are his mother, Veronica Valenta Krispin, of West Wyoming; his wife of 35 years, the former Rosemary Lauer; daughter, Angela Ward, Forty Fort; and Elizabeth Bucholtz, Shavertown; three grandchildren; sisters, Frances Krispin, West Wyoming; and Victoria Kasztejna, Saylorsburg; nieces and nephews.

MATISKELLA - Paul D., 67, of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at his home.

Born in Scranton on March 9, 1940, he was a graduate of St. Mary's of the Assumption High School, Class of 1958, and a U.S. Air Force veteran of Vietnam. Prior to his retirement, he was employed at the Procter & Gamble Plant in Mehoopany as an electrician and electrical coordinator for 33 years.

He was a member of the Church of the Nativity BVM in Tunkhannock; the National Railroad Historical Society; and the P&G Retirees Association.

Surviving are his wife, the for-

mer Carol Budney, with whom he recently celebrated his 36th wedding anniversary; his children, Stephen and Stacy Ann, at home; brother, John, of Wallingford, Conn.; sisters, Joan Kaub, of Scranton; Jean Fawcett, of Nicholasville, Ky.; and Susan Kendal, of Florida.

MOSES - Marie A., 63, of Shavertown, died Monday, November 19, 2007 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born on June 30, 1944 in Kingston, she was a member of St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, Shavertown. She had been employed at, and recently retired from, the Jewish Community Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are her husband, Michael; son, Michael, of Swoyersville; daughter, Michelle, of Shavertown; one grandson; a sister, Ann (Wienckowski) Graff, of Scranton.

PARENTE - Mary (Lemardy) Parente, 89, of Centermoreland, died Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Rochester, N.Y. on March 22, 1918, she was a member of Holy Redeemer Church, Harding.

Surviving are a son, Alexander Parente, of Hattiesburg, Miss.; daughter, Jean Caruso, of Centermoreland; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

SOWA - James J. "Jim," 46, of

Swamp Road, Hunlock Creek, died Saturday, November 17, 2007 at his residence.

Born July 12, 1961, he was a 1979 graduate of GAR Memorial High School.

Surviving are his parents, James and Alice (Ross) Sowa, of Slocum; his wife of 22 years, the former Kathy Helmecki; son, Jesse, Courtdale; sisters, Susan Malkemes, Mountain Top; and Jill Bernetski, Slocum; four nieces; one nephew.

WHITNEY - Chester, of Tunkhannock, 83, died on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at home.

Born July 20, 1924 in Sanford, Maine, he lived most of his adult life in Edison, N.J., retired in Ringtown, Pa. and recently relocated to Tunkhannock.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Helen; five children, Stephen, of Tunkhannock; Thomas, of South Plainfield, N.J.; Timothy, of Edison, N.J.; Christine Whitney, of Rahway, N.J.; and Gail Gamez, of Bensalem, Pa. 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

WILSON - Martha Jean, 80, of Tunkhannock, formerly of Montrose and Rushville, died Monday, November 19, 2007 at the Golden Living Personal Care Home in Tunkhannock.

Born December 23, 1926 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, she is survived by her son, Robert Clyde, of Mehoopany; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

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another playing the piano or organ in between his other favorite activities of mowing the grass, using the leaf blower, the edger and trimmer, vacuuming the house and riding his bike.

The bike needs new brake pads and that would make a great Christmas present, Mark mentions.

Although he has tried most every sport, Mark doesn't find any of them enjoyable and has interest only in playing the organ.

The young musician aspires to be an organist and likes to play because, as he puts it, he feels close to God.

"I feel like he's (God) sitting next to me," he says of how he feels while playing the organ. So unfettered, unstructured and completely unselfconscious and composed, the young boy sits for an interview, folds his hands and straightens himself up. With great dignity, a bit of false maturity and comic undertones, he says, "So what is this about?" The interviewer replies, "We want to know why you want people to come to this concert."

"I want people to know that Christmas is coming," he reveals, happily. "I want them to feel a warm heart and the love and to hear beauty and joy. They can laugh and sometimes there might be tears, too."

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