

OBITUARIES

ATKINSON -Wesley B. Sr., 56, of Sweet Valley, died Saturday, January 5, 2008 at his home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on October 20, 1951, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was employed by Metropolitan Wire Inc., Wilkes-Barre, and Hillside Manufacturing, Dallas. He was a member of the former Trucksville Free Methodist Church.

Surviving are his mother, Jean Wesley Atkinson, of Edwardsville; sons, Wesley B. Jr., of Noxen; and Nicholas; daughters, Danielle Rondinella, of Noxen; and Christina, of Edwardsville; brothers, Charles, of Pittston; and Sam, of Dorrance; sister, Eleanore Cool, of Wilkes-Barre; six grandchildren.

BALUH - Francis M., 78, of Dallas, died Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Larksville on June 17, 1929, he had graduated from Larksville High School. Prior to his retirement, he had been employed by Procter & Gamble. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, the former Helen Drangnis; daughters, Susan, of Dallas; and Lynn, of Virginia; brother, Edward, of Shavertown; sister, Dorothy Thomas, of Plymouth; nieces and nephews.

BURNELL - Edwin S., 90, of Harveys Lake, died Monday, December 31, 2007 at his home.

Born in Highland Falls, N.Y. on June 8, 1917, he graduated from Highland Falls High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor and participated in the invasion of several South Pacific islands.

He was employed as a maintenance supervisor at the West Point Military Academy, N.Y.

He was a member of the Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas; the Harveys Lake American Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, the former Ione (Pony) Sorber; nieces and nephews.

DEBOER - Alice, 98, of Tunkhannock, died Monday, January 7, 2008 at the Golden Living Center, Tunkhannock.

Born in Friesland, Netherlands on June 27, 1909, she worked at the Bergen

Pines Hospital as a nurse's aide before moving to Tunkhannock in 1990. She attended the Tunkhannock Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Surviving are a son, Sidney, of Tunkhannock; three grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren.

DOWD - Laura Faythe (Dunham), 85, of Tunkhannock, died Monday, December 31, 2007 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock, after an illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a graduate of James M. Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Tunkhannock.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Pelka, of Tunkhannock; and Judith Aupperlee, of Stroudsburg; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 366 Main St., Taylor, PA 18517.

FAUX - Sandra, 26, a former resident of Hunlock Creek, died Sunday, December 30, 2007 at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre. She was born July 8, 1981 in Danville.

Surviving are her father, Jack Faux; her children, Skylar Vanderhoff and Co-by Vanderhoff, of Glen Lyon; and Sean Bohinski and Summer Bohinski, of Hunlock Creek; sister, Cheryl Faux, of Ashley; brothers, Jack Faux, of Nanticoke, and Norman Faux, of Hunlock Creek.

GOBLE - Phyllis Joan (Howell), 73, of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, January 6, 2008 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Born in Tunkhannock on September 30, 1934, she was a 1952 graduate of Tunkhannock Area High School. She had worked at Endicott Johnson Shoe Factory, Tunkhannock, and was a custodian at Tunkhannock Area School District.

She was a member and board member of the Bowman's Creek Free Methodist Church, where she was the treasurer.

Surviving are her husband, Donald E., with whom she celebrated her 52nd wedding anniversary in June 2007; two sisters, Nancy Watson, of Tunkhannock; and Sally Labar, of Vestal; a brother, Harold Howell, of Scranton; a son, David, of Kingsley; a daughter, Lisa Goble, of Lovelton; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

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KEMPINSKI - Joseph G., 56, of Hunlock Creek, died Sunday, December 30, 2007 at his home.

Born June 20, 1951 in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of Nanticoke High School and had been employed by No. 1 Construction Company and by Linde Construction. He was a member of the United Steel Workers of America.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Frank (Deborah) Wolfe; two grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Bernard (Mary) Hudak, Diane Krieger and Mrs. Michael (Christine) Mioldazis; brother, Anthony; numerous nieces and nephews.

KOUTNIK - James E. "Jim", 79, of Harveys Lake, died Friday, December 28, 2007 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born December 2, 1928 in Marshfield, Wis., he received his education in California and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

He was employed by Offset Paperback Inc. in Dallas, retiring in 1994. After retiring, he bartended at the Fernbrook Inn.

He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown; American Legion Post 672, Dallas; VFW Post 283, Kingston; and the Wilkes-Barre Coin Club.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years, the former Annette Shalata; son, Carl J. III, of California; daughter, Dea Lynn Meadows, of Arizona; stepsons, Ernest Daily, of Coatesville; and Edward Daily, of Honey Brook; stepdaughter Janeen Daily, of Harveys Lake; six grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, 190 Welles St., Forty Fort, PA 18704.

KUTZ - Victoria Rose, 91, of Kutz Road, Sweet Valley, died Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at Hospice Care of the Visiting Nurse Association at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born December 23, 1916 in Larksville, she was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, and was a graduate of Lehman High School. She was employed for many years at Karen Dress Manufacturing, Sweet Valley.

Surviving are a son, Frank A., of Hunlock Creek; daughter, Patricia, of Sweet Valley; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Leona Wujcik, of Plymouth.

Memorial donations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2011 State

Route 29, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

NEY - Harold J., 89, of Harveys Lake, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, died Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on August 16, 1918, he was a graduate of James M. Coughlin High School, Class of 1938 and attended Wilkes College. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during World War II in the Pacific Theater.

He was a lifetime member of St. Nicholas Church in Wilkes-Barre, where he was a member of the Holy Name Society and the Ushers Club. He also served on the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Cemetery Committee at St. Nicholas Church. He was a past president and board member of the St. Nicholas/St. Boniface Federal Credit Union. He was a Gold Card life member of the St. Conrad's Society in Wilkes-Barre.

He attended and served as an usher at Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake and was a founder and secretary/treasurer of WPIA, Harveys Lake. He was a past commander and life member of the Parsons VFW Post 6227 and a life member of the Harveys Lake American Legion Post and the DAV Post 5, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are daughters, Judith Brokenshire, of Harveys Lake; Jane Aritz, of Swoyersville; and Lori Grablick, of Wyoming; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Ney Koneski, of Rochester, N.Y.; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the St. Nicholas Church Renovation Fund, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701, or to Southern Care Hospice, 851 Commerce Blvd., Dickson City, Pa. 18519.

SCALZO - Joseph, 55, of Mercerville, N.J., died January 4, 2008 at his home.

Born in Trenton, N.J., he was formerly of Dallas and Marietta, Ga.

He was employed as a manager at the Cioffi Importing/Exporting Company. He was previously the regional supervisor for 25 years for Fashion Bug Inc.

Surviving are two sons, Angelo and Andrew Scalzo; his former wife of 22 years, Karen Scalzo; two sisters, Carol Puca and Eva Piotroski; three nieces; a great-niece, a great-nephew.

Memorial contributions to the family, c/o Hartmann Memorial Home, 2830 Nottingham Way, Mercerville, NJ 08619.

ASAKI

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Kim Chan says Asaki has already seen customers from all over the Wyoming Valley and many of his Dallas customers from the Asian Café, which serves Chinese and Japanese food, have already been to Asaki.

The Chan brothers, who were born in Hong Kong and now both live in Kingston, have much experience in the restaurant industry. Their parents have owned over 30 Chinese restaurants in New Jersey and southern Pennsylvania and the brothers have always worked at least part-time in the restaurants.

"I believe the Wilkes-Barre area is a growing area," Kim Chan said. "It's good to be here."

Despite its fancy name, Bobby Chan says the name Asaki does not mean or stand for anything. It was simply a name the brothers liked and selected.

Although several factors help Asaki stand out from other Japanese restaurants, one is the establishment's hours. Unlike most Japanese restaurants, Asaki will not close its doors between lunch and dinner. The official hours for Asaki do leave a gap among the two, but the Chans say the restaurant will be open and accepting customers.

Not only is the food at Asaki different than any other served in the Back Mountain, four hibachi tables which seat eight to nine people each are set off the dining room. The hibachi chefs offer family-oriented entertainment. A hibachi children's menu is available.

"Kids love to see the hibachi show," Bobby Chan said.

Asaki's liquor license is still pending but the Chans hope for approval within the next two to four weeks. In the meantime, customers are invited to bring their own bottle. Asaki is completely non-smoking. Reservations for the hibachi area during dinner time are highly recommended.

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