

OBITUARIES

AUSTIN - Albert J., of Tunkhannock, a guest of Wesley Village of Jenkins Township, died on Monday, February 4, 2008 in the Wesley Village Nursing Center.

Born in Plymouth on February 19, 1914, he was a graduate of Pittston High School, class of 1931, and an Army veteran of World War II. Prior to his retirement, he was the owner of the Austin Manor in Tunkhannock.

He was a member of The Church of Nativity BVM in Tunkhannock and its Holy Name Society as well as the Frear Hill Beagle Club.

Surviving are nephews and several great-nieces and nephews.

BOOTH - Helen, of Trucks-ville, died Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at the Hospice Care of the VNA in Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a member of St. Mary's Church in Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Sr.; son, Robert, of Lauren Run; daughter, Cynthia Carlson, of Alaska; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

GLAUSH - Frank D. Jr., of Tunkhannock, died on Monday, February 4, 2008 at his home.

Born in Noxen on April 13, 1946, he was a graduate of the Larksville High School and an Army veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He was employed at the Procter & Gamble plant in Mehoopany for 30 years.

He was a member of the Triton Hose Company of Tunkhannock. He served as an assistant baseball coach for the tee ball and Squidget Leagues in the Tunkhannock Baseball Association for over 10 years.

Surviving are his mother, Mary Space Glaush, of Noxen; wife, Patricia Kloran Glaush; son, Frank D. III, of Avenel, N.J.; daughter, Becki Potsko, of Tunkhannock; sister, Mrs. Irene Harris, of Beaumont; three grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 38 N. Main St., Pittston, PA 18640, or Triton Hose Co. 765, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

LANE - Alice M., 91, of Noxen, died Saturday, February 2, 2008 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born in Scranton on July 2, 1916, she lived in Avenel, N.J. before returning home to Noxen in 1978.

She was an active member of the Noxen United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, "Classmates" Sunday school class and the Community Development Corporation of Noxen, Kunkle and Ruggles. She served as vice-president of the Noxen Historical Community Association and, with the help of Rev. Dr. Keith Benjamin and others, instituted the Schenck Memorial Library in the old Noxen schoolhouse.

Surviving are sons, Thomas, of Florida; James, of Noxen; and William, of Tunkhannock; daughters, Dorothy Pelican, of Idaho; Laura Nalbene, of Noxen; Majorie Cuthbertson and Jo Ann Rigsbee, both of North Carolina; sisters, Annabelle Macintosh, Helen Schwartz, Grace Nalbene and Mary Hopfer, all of Noxen; 28 grandchildren, 63 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

MAJOR - Anna, formerly of Luzerne, a guest at Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, died Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at the Meadows.

Born in Swyersville, she was a member of Holy Family Parish, Luzerne.

Surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

MOORE - Sister Marie Dolores, RSM, 78, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy, died Monday, February 4, 2008 at Mercy Center, Dallas.

Born March 9, 1929 in Jersey City, N.J., she was a 1945 graduate of St. Aloysius High School, Jersey City. She entered the Sisters of Mercy at Dallas in 1946 and made her profession of vows on March 12, 1947.

Sister Marie Dolores received a bachelor's degree in Music Education from College Misericordia (Misericordia University) in 1952, a master's degree in Voice and Music Education from DePaul University in 1959, a degree in music history from the Institute of Music at the University of Paris in 1965 and a Ph.D. from the Eastman School of Music in 1970. From 1949 to 1964, she ministered in elementary schools in New York and Pennsylvania.

She served at College Misericordia, Dallas, from 1970 to 1982 as faculty member and academic dean from 1980 to 1982. From 1983 to 1991, she worked with various educational agencies in Washington, D.C. and, from 1991 to 1993, served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Czech Republic. Retiring to Dallas in 1997, she became part of the ministry of prayer at Mercy Center in 2002.

Surviving are her brother, Charles Moore, Ormond Beach, Fla.; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and the Sisters of Mercy of the Mid-Atlantic Community.

Memorial donations to Retirement Fund, Sisters of Mercy, Mid-Atlantic Community, P.O. Box 369, Dallas, PA 18612.

O'BOYLE - Thomas Andrew, 49, died Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at Hospice Community Care.

Born on December 23, 1959 in Trenton, N.J., he resided with his sister, Florence, and brother-in-law, David Harris, of Harveys Lake.

Surviving are his mother, Sis O'Boyle; sisters, Barb O'Boyle, Flo Harris, Joanna Emel, Rita Quick and Rose Smetana; brother, Danny O'Boyle; daughters, Nina O'Boyle and Ann Marie O'Boyle; his longtime companion, Vicky Walters; 16 nieces and nephews; one great-nephew; two great-nieces.

ROBINSON - John M., of Tunkhannock, died Monday, February 4, 2008 at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

Born in Tunkhannock on July 14, 1944, he was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School, class of 1962, and was a U.S. Army veteran. Prior to his retirement, he worked for Wisco Supply Co. in Phoenix, Ariz.

Surviving are his wife, Susanne Case Robinson; son, James, and daughter, Jennifer Douthett, both of Tunkhannock; brothers, Albert Robinson, of Laceyville, Kevin Robinson, of Tunkhannock, and Rick Robinson, of Troy, Mo.; sisters, Theadora Davitt-Cornyn, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Sandra Stone, of Tunkhannock; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Arizona Humane Society, 9226 N. 13th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85021.

SHAFFER - Edward John Jr. (E.J.), 39, of Blacklick, Ohio, died Tuesday, February 5, 2008 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Columbus, Ohio.

Born on October 23, 1968 in Tunkhannock, he was a graduate of Tunkhannock Area Schools and received his master's degree from Penn State University. While attending the Penn State Lehman campus, he served as an intern in the Luzerne County office of Senator Charles Lemmond Jr. After moving to Ohio, he was the first CIO director of Project Management Services at Ohio State University, then worked at Wendy's as the manager of the Information Technology Department and, most recently, was employed as the project manager of the IT Department at Abercrombie and Fitch.

In his youth, he was "E.J. the D.J." at Shadowbrook and held the Tunkhannock Area High School diving record until a few years ago. He spent the year between high school and college as a Rotary exchange student in Denmark.

Surviving are his parents, Edward John and Janice Fenwick Shaffer, of Tunkhannock; his

wife, Siobhan; three daughters, Elizabeth, Adia and Malaika; a brother, John, and sisters, Cassandra (Catherine) Bell, Mary Lu Shaffer and Sara Shaffer-Greene, all of Tunkhannock; and Susan Shaffer, Mehoopany; many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Edward John Shaffer Jr. Scholarship Fund at Peoples National Bank.

SHUPP - Ryan M., 37, of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, February 3, 2008 at his residence after a long and courageous battle with ALS, or "Lou Gehrig's Disease."

Born on March 24, 1970, he was a 1988 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and attended Ithaca College and Penn State University. He was employed by Federal Express for three years.

He was a member of the Nativity BVM Church and the Tunkhannock Baseball Association. Surviving are his parents, Roger and Rita Unitis Shupp, of Tunkhannock; a son, Kyle, of Tunkhannock; brothers, Rory and Randy; sister, Robyn, all of Tunkhannock; seven nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Kyle Shupp Scholarship Fund, c/o Peoples National Bank, East Tioga Street, Tunkhannock.

SLATER - Beverly J., of Tunkhannock, died Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre.

Born in Scranton on February 27, 1949, she was a graduate of Scranton Central High School, class of 1967, and a member of the National Honor Society. She was employed in the Tunkhannock Area School District as a teacher's aide in the middle school and served on numerous school and scholarship committees. She and her husband were the owners of Tiger Country in Tunkhannock. She was a member of the Tunkhannock Business Association and the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce.

Surviving are her mother, Dorothy Cooper Strauch, of Lake Ariel; husband, William; sons, Scott, of Lake Ariel; Robert, of Lake Winola; and Kevin, of Tunkhannock; sister, Barbara Nelson, of Lake Ariel; two grandsons and several nephews.

Memorial donations to the Wyoming Cancer Society.

STITT - Theresa M., of Karin Drive, Tunkhannock, died Sunday, February 3, 2008 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born in Newark, N.J. on July 30, 1928, she was the owner of Terry's Outlet Store in Greenbrook, N.J. for 40 years prior to moving to Tunkhannock.

She served as past president of the Greenbrook Little League Association and was a crossing guard for the Greenbrook School District for several years.

She was a member of the Church of the Nativity BVM of Tunkhannock and a former Sunday School Vacation Bible School teacher. She was very active in the 4-H program, serving as leader for the Washington Park 4-H Club. For many years, she was in charge of the Arts and Crafts Department for the Wyoming County Fair in the 4-H exhibits.

Surviving are her sons, William Stitt, Middlesex, N.J.; Allan Stitt, York, Maine; sisters, Betty Ann Eglinton and Margaret Breslin, both of Florida; and six grandchildren.

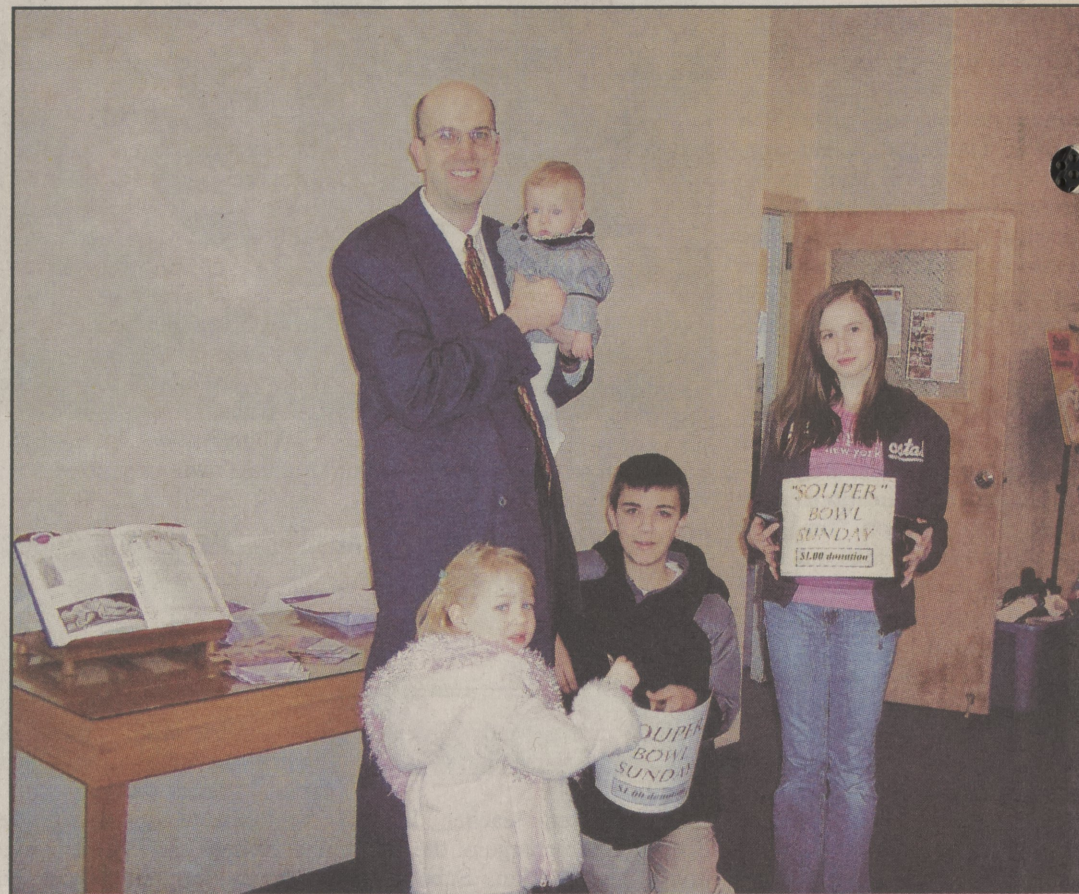
ZIKA - Erma, 89, of Main Road, Hunlock Creek, died Monday, February 4, 2008 in Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born September 22, 1918 in West Nanticoke, she owned and operated a beauty shop in Hunlock Creek for many years and was a graduate of the former Harter High School, West Nanticoke. She served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

She was a member of the Hunlock Creek Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the Shick Shawnee Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 190.

Surviving are her son, Richard, Montoursville; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Doris Royer, Hunlock Creek; many nieces and nephews.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING HELD AT GATE OF HEAVEN



Members of the Gate of Heaven eighth grade confirmation class conducted a Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, joining over 14,000 youth groups participating in this nationwide event. This grassroots movement has given local school groups an opportunity to generate awareness as they raise funds for their chosen charities. The \$759 in donations collected at Gate of Heaven Church after Super Bowl weekend masses will be distributed to Saint Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, Vision and Back Mountain Food Pantry. Participating in the event are, from left, Melene Selner, Craig Selner, Jillian Selner, Anthony Gialanella and Erin Muldoon.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Lenten soup and haluski sale slated

St. Frances Cabrini Church, 585 Mount Olivet Rd., Wyoming, will hold a Lenten soup and haluski sale from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22.

Homemade Manhattan clam chowder is available for \$7 per quart and haluski is priced at \$5 per quart. Fresh-baked bread will also be sold for \$3. Deadline for orders is Thursday, Feb. 21.

To place orders, call 675-1860 or 333-4193.

Coffee and Conversation session

"Chicken Soup for Relationships" will be the subject of the second Coffee and Conversation session sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of St. Therese's Church in Shavertown at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, in the Father Sammons Hall in the lower level of the church.

A team of trained mediators from the Father James J. Doyle, C.S.C. Community Mediation Institute will present the program. A free will offering will be taken to benefit The Peace and Justice Center. Refreshments will be served and Fair Trade products will be on sale.

For more information, call

Patrick McCormick of the Peace and Justice Center at 823-9977.

Contra dance planned

A New England Contra dance sponsored by the Chicory House and the Folklore Society featuring music by "Un-bowed" with caller Katy Heine will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at the Church of Christ Uniting, Sprague Avenue, Kingston.

No partner or previous experience is necessary. Admission to the dance is \$8 for adults and \$20 for families. For more information, call 333-4007 or log onto folkloresociety.org.

Teens plan rummage sale

The Noxen Bible Baptist Church teens will host a rummage sale on Saturday, March 18, to benefit their summer mission trip to Newfoundland, Canada.

Donations are now being accepted. To make a donation, please contact Pastor Mark Wandel at 298-2030 or Sandy Traver at 298-2001.

Quilting held every Thursday

Quilting is held from 6 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at the Cross Creek Community Church Youth House, 370 C. erton Rd., Trucks-ville.

Anyone wishing to attend is asked to call Gladys at 639-5554.

Grief Support Group meets every month

A Grief Support Group led by Rev. Peggy Sue Pfeffer of Hospice St. John is held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 118, Dallas at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Anyone experiencing grief at the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. There is no charge, but reservations are requested and can be made by calling 675-3859.

New grief support group forms

The new Grief Relief group that was formed recently will meet at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at the Center Moreland United Methodist Church, Creamery Road, Center Moreland.

The group is open to the public. For information, call Pastor Drew Cottle at 333-4354.

Dates for the next several months are March 2, April 6 and May 4.

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