

OBITUARIES

**BALL** - Joseph "Bill," of Tunkhannock died Sunday, February 24, 2008 at the Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

Born in Tunkhannock on November 24, 1923, he was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School class of 1941. He was a Navy veteran and retired in 1970 from the United States Air Force after 27 years of service with the rank of Master Sergeant.

After his retirement, he worked for Horrace Sick & Sons. He also worked for the Procter & Gamble Company in Mehoopany, from where he retired after 20 years of service.

He served on the Tunkhannock Borough Council, the Tunkhannock Ambulance Association where he was a past president and was a member of the Tunkhannock Moose Lodge 1276, Temple Lodge 248 F&M and the Irem Temple Shriners.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth Hamblin Ball; sons, Pat, Boise, Idaho; Bill, Atlanta, Ga.; daughter, Alice, Tunkhannock; four grandchildren.

**BUYERS** - Elsie Parkhurst, 76, of Lafayette Hill and Benton, died Saturday, February 16, 2008.

Surviving are her daughters, Elsie Viehman, Rebeca Buyers-Basso and Jay Buyers-Russo; six grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Northern Columbia Community and Cultural Center, 42 Community Dr., Benton, PA 17814.

**CRAKE** - Henry F., 90, of Loyalville, died Sunday, February 17, 2008 in the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he moved to Loyalville while in high school and graduated from Harveys Lake High School. He and his brother, Phil, owned and operated a dairy farm for more than 40 years.

He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, and the Holy Name Society. He was also a member of the Teamsters Local Union 401.

Surviving are a sister, Leona Neiman of Dallas; numerous

nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Route 29, Lake Silkworth, PA.

**DWYER** - Ruth Irene, South Landon Street, Kingston, died Saturday, February 16, 2008 at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was educated in the Lake-Lehman schools.

Surviving are her husband of 37 years, Gary Lee; son Kenneth, Plains; daughter, Karen, Kingston; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters, Barbara Riegel, North Carolina; and Janet Kearney, Scranton.

**GUYETTE** - William L., died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008 in Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, S.C., after a short illness.

Born in Trucksville, he graduated from St. Mary's High School in Wilkes-Barre. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 on the destroyer U.S.S. Doyle. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, he founded Trucksville Radio in 1947. This was the beginning of his entrepreneurial spirit creating Guyette's TV, known today as Guyette Communications. He retired and passed the torch onto the second generation in 1992, but remained involved since that time.

He was a member and past president of the Dallas Kiwanis Club and was awarded the 50-year service pin before moving to Tunkhannock. After moving to Tunkhannock, he became a member of the Tunkhannock Kiwanis Club and the Church of Nativity BVM in Tunkhannock. He served on the board of directors at St. Michael's School for Boys in Hoban Heights. He was a founding member and past secretary/treasurer of the Sampson World War II Navy Veterans, an association dedicated to preserving the history and culture of the Naval Training Base located in Sampson, N.Y.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Stiles Guyette; sons, Bill, of Augusta, Ga.; and James, of Mehoopany; daughter, Mary Beth, of Tunkhannock; brothers, Ned, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Lee, of Lititz; and Bob, of Cambridge, Vt.; sisters, Joan Winters and Kathleen Nelson, both of Lititz; six grandchildren.

**HOFFMAN** - Lillian, 72, of Mount Zion Road, Exeter Township, died Thursday, February 21,

2008 at home.

Born in West Pittston, she was a graduate of West Pittston High School class of 1953. She was formerly employed at Star Stitch, Exeter, Party Favor of Duryea and, prior to her retirement, was a school student driver for the LIU.

Surviving are her mother, Lillian Chapman Pearn; a son, Robert Jr., Exeter Township; daughter, Barbara Lewis, Kingston; seven grandchildren; brother, David Pearn, Franklin Township; nieces and nephews.

**HOLTON** - Elizabeth L., of Woodcrest Drive, Tunkhannock, died Saturday, February 23, 2008 at Community Medical Center, Scranton.

Born in Nicholson on March 23, 1928, she was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School's class of 1946 and the Lackawanna Junior Business College.

She was a member of the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church and the Tunkhannock Business and Professional Women's Club. For over 25 years, she served as a Girl Scout leader and cookie chairman in Tunkhannock. She was an Avon representative for more than 35 years.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years, Richard; sons, Charles and Robert, both of Tunkhannock; daughters, Linda Evans, Wilkes-Barre; Beverly James, Dallas; Mary Alice Osterhout, Tunkhannock; Jennifer Very, Nicholson; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

**REED** - Gladys L., 75, of Range Road, Hunlock Creek, died Sunday, February, 24, 2008 at her home.

Born in Ruggles on January 14, 1933, she was employed as a waitress for the Holiday Inn and Denny's Restaurant, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Robert; sons, Robert and John, both at home; daughters, Donna Swire, Hunlock Creek; Patty Woole, Nanticoke; brother, George Anderson, at home; and sister, Rose Shiner, Boulder Breek, Calif.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Southern Care Hospice Inc., 851 Commerce Blvd., Dickson City, PA 18519.

**ROGERS** - Roberta Lee, 72, Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Dallas, died Sunday, February 3, 2008.

Surviving are a sister, Patricia

A. Troiano, of Sarasota, Fla.; brother, Edward Jorgensen, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the American Heart Association.

**SAWYER** - Paul Dean, 84, of Dallas, died on Sunday, February 24, 2008.

Born in Topeka, Kansas on September 25, 1923, he graduated from Topeka High School and enlisted in the Naval Air Corps during World War II, serving aboard the USS Shangri-La in the Pacific Theater as a naval fighter pilot.

After graduating from Washburn University, he went to work for Remington Rand for 25 years, retiring as regional manager of the Philadelphia office in 1969. He then became proprietor of Sawyer's Office Machines in Wilkes-Barre which he operated until 1982.

He was one of the founding members of the Northeast Genealogical Society and undertook the project of renovating the building that currently houses its library.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Margery Ann (Waite) Sawyer, Dallas; sons, Lawrence D., Turnersville, N.J.; Timothy L, Jim Thorpe; daughters, Joann Kostrobala, Dallas; Janet Baker, Dallas; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

**WITHERS** - Joel D., 28, of Tunkhannock, formerly of Dallas, died Saturday, February 23, 2008 in Eaton Township, Wyoming County, as a result of an automobile accident.

Born in Kingston, he was a 1998 graduate of Dallas High School and a 2000 Luzerne County Community College graduate as a paramedic. He was employed as a technician by AT&T, Tunkhannock.

He had served as a volunteer paramedic and firefighter with the Dallas Fire & Ambulance Inc.

Surviving are his parents, Jennifer Garris Withers Hughes, Mountain Top; and Steven D. Withers, Colorado; a sister, Amy, Dallas; maternal grandparents, Ralph and Peggy Garris, Vero Beach, Fla.; paternal grandparents, Claudette and James Withers, Raleigh, N.C.; stepfather, Jay Hughes, Mountain Top; aunts and uncles.

Memorial donations to the Luzerne County S.P.C.A. or Dallas United Methodist Church.

**YALETSKO** - Sue Ellen, of Campground Road, Exeter

Township, died Monday, February 18, 2008 in the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit of Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Kingston, she was a graduate of Elk Lake High School and Allied Medical School. She was employed by Encon Inc., formerly of Dallas.

Surviving are her husband of 25 years, Harry; son, Jason, at home; two grandsons; sisters, Alice Reed, Exeter; and Rebecca Atherholt, Dallas; brothers, Russell Jr. and Robert, California; and James; nieces and nephews.

**ZBIEG** - Pauline J., of Hun-

lock Creek (Jackson Township), died Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Hospice Care of the VNA Inpatient Unit, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Plymouth, she was raised on her family's dairy and relocated to Brooklyn, N.Y. She worked as a technician for RCA Corp. Harrison, N.J. for 27 years and Engler Instruments in Jersey City, N.J. for nine years, retiring in 1987.

Surviving are her sister, Hedy, with whom she resided; a brother, Anthony, Jackson Township; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

CHURCH BRIEFS

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated

Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 7, at Shavertown United Methodist Church. This year's program was written by the women of Guyana and Rev. M. Lynn Snyder will deliver the message.

Women from Shavertown UMC, Lehman-Idetown UMC, St. Theresa's Catholic, Trinity Presbyterian, St Paul's Lutheran and several other area churches will take part. A reception will follow the service.

For more information, call 696-2907

Loyalville church plans dinner and sale

A Ham and Cabbage Dinner and Bake Sale will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, at the Loyalville United Methodist Church. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age.

Takeouts are available and can be reserved by calling

477-3521 and leaving a message with your name, phone number, number of dinners requested and pickup time.

Soldiers of Christ plan benefit breakfast

The Center Moreland United Methodist Church youth group, Soldiers Of Christ, will have a benefit Green Eggs & Ham breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, at the church. A variety of homemade breakfast items will be served. The charge for the breakfast is a donation to the benefit.

The church is located on Creamery Road, Center Moreland. For information, call Chris Howell at 333-1056.

Teens plan rummage sale for March 18

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.

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