

OBITUARIES

BRANNING - Lewis E. Jr., of Tunkhannock, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born in Honesdale on July 17, 1948, he was a 1966 graduate of Tunkhannock Area High School. He retired from Clarks Summit State Hospital.

He was a member of Moose Lodge in Tunkhannock for many years.

Surviving are his mother, Thelma Beebe Branning, of Tunkhannock; sisters, Virginia Wilcox, of Tunkhannock; Linda Wilcox, of Tunkhannock; Betty Branning, of Tunkhannock; and Sandra Hunter, of Meshoppen; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Wyoming County American Cancer Society.

FULLER - Lillian, formerly of Dallas, died Thursday, April 3, 2008 at the Laurels Nursing Center in Kingston.

Surviving are daughters, Henrietta Fuller, Kingston; Pamela Hale, Mount Pocono; Dona Meza, Edwardsville; Charmain Bower, Kingston; Theodora Fuller, Dallas; son, Robert, Jim Thorpe; 19 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the American Heart Association.

HEFFT - Marie V., of Carverton Road, Kingston Township, died Friday April 4, 2008 at home.

Born in Gladbeck, Germany on June 17, 1915, she, with her mother and two siblings, endured a 16-day

trans-Atlantic crossing, landing in New York in 1924. She then traveled to Luzerne by train to rejoin her father who arrived in America two years earlier. Educated in local schools, she wed Sherman G. Hefft on July 16, 1938 and moved to the Hefft Family farm in Kingston Township where she and her husband enjoyed 58 years of marriage.

She worshipped as a member of the Carverton United Methodist Church in a building her husband's family helped build. A talented seamstress, she did custom tailoring in several area shops until her retirement in 1980.

For over 50 years, she served as the elected Inspector of Elections in Kingston Township.

Surviving are her children, Elfriede M. Turner, Shavertown; Gretchen L. Miller, Bowie, Md.; Lenchen H. Radle, Harrisburg; and Milton S., Lancaster; four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave, Kingston, PA 18704.

JONES - Donald F., 91, of Beaumont, died Monday, March 31, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Lenoxville, he was a milk delivery man for most of his life, delivering milk for various dairies in the area. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Dairylea Dairy.

He attended the Northmoreland Baptist Church.

Surviving are his five children, Donald Jr., Wilson, N.C.; Gladys Jones, Hamlet, N.C.; Joyce Washcosky, Shavertown; Gail Smith,

Holden, Maine; Diane Clancy, Harveys Lake; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; oneniece.

Memorial donations to the Northmoreland Baptist Church, 49 Ripple Brook Rd., Tunkhannock, Pa.

KEIPER - Grace E., 95, of Noxen, died Sunday, April 6, 2008 at Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake.

Born August 21, 1912 in South Run (Buckwheel Hollow), she graduated from the Monroe Township School District. She was a member of the Community Bible Church of Sweet Valley.

She was employed at the Noxen Manufacturing Co. for 18 years, served on the Republican Women's Committee for 12 years and as the Noxen Township tax collector for eight years.

Surviving are daughters, Anna Mae Smith, of Ruggles; Betty Williams, of Sweet Valley; Nancy Stredney Ide, of Harveys Lake; sons, Allen, of Leesburg, Va.; Thomas, of Mountain Top; step-daughters, Helen Payne, of Ga.; Laura Case, of Ravena, N.Y.; Audrey Patton, of Noxen; Florence Shelanski, of Spring Hill, Fla.; step-son Robert Keiper, of Stalwart, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; 17 step-grandchildren; 23 step-great-grandchildren; several step-great-great-grandchildren; sister, Clara Wells, of Boston, Mass.

MARTIN - Raymond Spencer, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on June 18, 1928, he graduated from E.L. Meyers High School in 1946 and re-

ceived a mechanical engineering degree from Bucknell University in 1950. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering fraternity, and received his professional engineer's license from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1958.

He worked for Brown Instrument Co. in Philadelphia and, in 1953, moved to Hartford, Conn. where he worked in the jet aircraft engine design laboratories of Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. In 1954, he joined the United States Navy and attended the Officers Candidate School in Newport, R.I. He was then transferred to the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas.

In 1960, he founded Martin and Fladd Consulting Engineers which, in 1983, merged with Kenneth N. Rogers Consulting Engineers to form Martin Rogers Associates.

Martin was chairman and one of the original members of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority for more than 35 years, a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Dallas, a Habitat for Humanity board member and volunteer and a driver for Meals on Wheels of Wyoming Valley. He was instrumental in the founding of the Dallas Area Fall Fair, now known as the Luzerne County Fair, where he was chairman of the grounds for over 20 years.

In recognition of his civic contributions, he was designated a Rotary Club of America Paul Harris Fellow for outstanding community service. In March of this year, he was the first Rotary Club of Dallas

member to be honored a second time as a Paul Harris Fellow. He was nominated in March as a candidate for the Jefferson Award for outstanding public service.

He was organist and choirmaster at St. John's Lutheran Church on River Street for over 30 years. In addition, he was a guest organist at many area churches and at Zion Lutheran Church in Barnegat Light, N.J., where the family maintains a summer home.

Surviving are his wife, Joan, and their children, Eric, Kimberly Koehl, of Trucksville; Jeff, of Dortmund, Germany; Craig, of Woodbury, Conn.; Kurt, of Westampton, N.J.; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Marion Frantz; brother, Leonard, both of Wilkes-Barre; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Habitat for Humanity of Wyoming Valley.

SODROSKY - Vincent P., 77, of Dallas, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a 1949 graduate of Coughlin High School. Before retiring, he was employed as a letter carrier in Wilkes-Barre and Kingston. He had also worked for B.F. Goodrich, Exeter, and as a security guard at Pocono Downs.

He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, Sophie Olszyk Sodrosky; sons, Vincent, Pittsburgh; Jeffrey, Kingston; brother, Theodore, Philadelphia; two grandsons; one niece.

Memorial donations to Gate of

Heaven Church.

TREMAYNE - Ronald, of Dallas, died Thursday, April 3, 2008 in Fort Myers, Florida.

Born in Nanticoke, he was a graduate of Nanticoke High School. He graduated from Wilkes University in 1958, after which he became associated with IBM Corp. where he worked as an executive in sales and marketing for nearly 30 years, retiring in 1987.

In recent years, he was highly active as a member of the board of trustees of Wilkes University and the university's alumni council. Wilkes honored him in 2006 for his many years of service and commitment.

He also served as chairman of the Crippled Children's Association in Scranton and as chairman of the Boy Scouts Explorers of Central New York.

He was active with the Irem Golf Association and the Irem Chanters, a men's choir. He was a member of the Firwood United Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre, and its choir. He was also a member of the Nanticoke Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce Pink Tremayne; daughters, Kathy Menzies, Wilkes-Barre; and Mrs. Karen Wright, Harleysville; four grandchildren; a brother, William H., Piscataway, N.J.; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Wilkes University Alumni Scholarship Fund, 84 W. South St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766; or Firwood United Methodist Church, Old River Road and Dagobert Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

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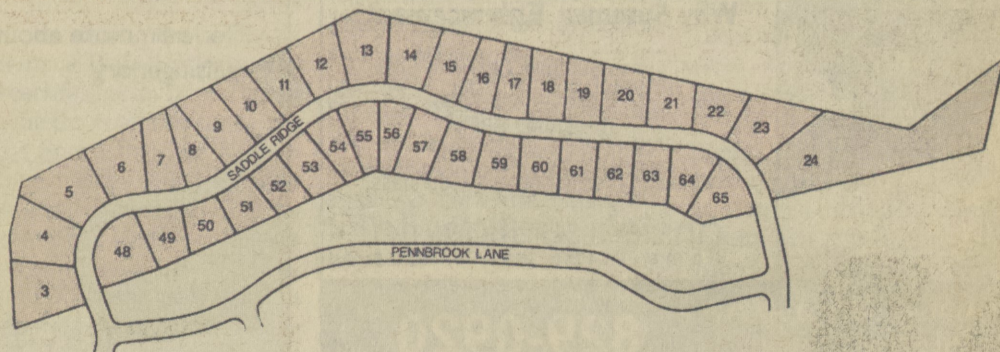
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