

OBITUARIES

ATKINSON - Florence E., 79, formerly of Franklin Township, died Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at Highland Manor Nursing and Convalescent Center.

Born in Wyoming, she was a graduate of Dallas High School. Mrs. Atkinson was one of the founding members of the Slocum Chapel of Exeter where she was a Sunday School teacher and piano teacher for the church.

Surviving are sons, Duane, Wyoming; Donald, Falls; Dale, Harding; seven grandchildren; brothers, Rev. Arthur Redmond, Orange; Joseph, Harding; Woodring and Robert, both of Orange; sisters, Joy Daubert and Linda Scott, both of Orange; several nieces and nephews.

BARNARD - Margaret A., 88, of Mechanicsburg, formerly of Dallas, died Sunday, May 5, 2008 at Harrisburg Hospital.

Born in Boston, Mass., she graduated from the Catholic schools in Boston and was a graduate of Staley College of the Spoken Word, Boston. Before retiring in 1977, she was employed as a social worker in Public Health Hospital, Boston. During World War II, she served with the Marines as a recruiter and public affairs officer.

She was a member of St. Colomkill's Church, Boston, and Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are her daughter, Linda Sabulski, Mechanicsburg; sisters, Marie White, Sciate, Mass.; Josephine Ryan, South Weymouth, Mass.; brother, Law-

rence, Deerfield Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

CUSHNER - Lt. Col William, USAF retired, 90, of Shavertown, died Saturday, May 3, 2008 at home.

Born and raised in Kingston, he graduated from Kingston High School in 1936 and received his associate's degree from Bucknell Junior College.

He served a total of 28 years active Air Reserve duty, retiring in 1978. He was trained as a civilian pilot. While training with the U.S. Air Force, Maxwell Field, he was one of 15 cadets selected from a class to train with the RAF (Royal Air Force). He was awarded best flying cadet in class and at graduation received his RAF wings from a British general.

He received his USAF wings and was trained and qualified to fly combat planes. He was also trained by the Navy to fly PBV (flying boats) and earned his Navy Wings. He was stationed in the Pacific where he served Air Sea Rescue. He was known as "Three Wing Willie" because he has the distinction of being one of a select few WWII men to have earned three sets of wings, the RAF, USAF and Navy Wings.

He retired from the Redevelopment Authority of Wilkes-Barre. He was a member of the PBV Association, Masonic Lodge #763 F & AM, Keystone Consistory, Scranton, and Irem Temple Shrine, AANOMS, Dallas. He received a Keystone gold medal for skiing. He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and an usher for

the Irem Temple Circus. He was a member of the Prince of Peace Church.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly Atwell Cushner; daughter, Teresa Cushner Hunt; stepdaughter, Linda Shrader; four grandsons; four great-grandchildren, brother, Stephen; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Prince of Peace Church, 420 Main St., Dallas, PA 18612, the William Cushner Memorial Fund or Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

ESTUS - David, 66, of Muhlenburg, died Monday at Hospice Community Care, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Dallas, he attended Westmoreland High School. Before retiring, he was employed as a truck driver for Callex, Pittston. He served with the U.S. Army in South Korea.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Titus Estus; a son, David III; a daughter, Donna Estus, all of Wilkes-Barre; stepsons, Robert Stolarick, Dallas; Douglas Stolarick, Wilkes-Barre; stepdaughter, Deborah Evans, Sharpsburg, Ga.; brothers, John, San Antonio, Texas; Thomas, Muhlenburg; Robert, Boulder Springs, Colo.; Paul, Westerly, R.I.; sister, Mary Ellen Gomes, Westerly, R.I.; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

GRABENSTETTER - Adolph Max "Whitey," Dallas, died Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He worked in sales and, after

an early retirement, joined his wife, Nancy, in their business, Hill the Florist.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Denise Miller, of Chester Springs; a son, Walter, of Santa Barbara, Calif.; four grandchildren; and a sister, Louise Conn, of Virginia Beach, Va.

Memorial donations to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Rd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

GREGORY - Donald W., 79, of Shavertown, died Friday, May 2, 2008 at home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a 1947 graduate of EL Meyers High School and earned an Associates Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University. After graduation, he served his country in the U.S. Air Force as a radio repairman from 1947 to 1950. He worked with General Electric in Binghamton, N.Y. and Aetna Insurance as the Superintendent of Engineering, Philadelphia.

He returned home to the Wyoming Valley after 20 years and later retired from the credit and collections department of the former Ertley Motors, Kingston.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; daughters, Donell Maggetti, Laguna Hills, Calif.; and Maureen Denion, San Diego, Calif.; son, Donald W Jr., Yonkers, N.Y.; six grandchildren; sister, June Fry, Shavertown; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the American Heart Association of

Northeastern PA, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

HOLDREDGE - Richard, 83, of Shavertown, died Thursday, May 1, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Trucksville, he attended Kingston Township High School. Before retiring, he was employed as a machine operator by Procter and Gamble, Mehoopany. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Naomi Rood Holdredge; son, Donald R., Dallas; three grandsons; five great-grandchildren; and brother, John, Dallas.

ROGERS - Walter "Red", 72, of Shavertown, died Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

SESSLER - Victoria, 87, of Dallas, died Friday, May 2, 2008 at home.

Born in Philadelphia, she lived in New Jersey where she and her husband owned and operated the River View Hotel in Hoboken for many years. She retired to the Dallas area.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Joseph's Center, 2010 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509.

SMITH - William N., 85, of Orange, died on Sunday, May 4, 2008.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as a radar technician on the U.S.S. Princeton

when it was attacked and sunk in the Philippines Sea. He attended school in Reading and then worked for Dymond Manufacturing in Wyoming and, prior to his retirement, was employed by Air Products and Chemicals, Hanover Township, for 28 years. He served as shop steward for many years and was plant superintendent when he retired.

He was a member of the Orange United Methodist Church. He was an Irem Temple Shriner A.A.O.N.M.S., of Dallas, and served as president of the Provost Guard. He was also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Lodge Council Chapter Consistory in Bloomsburg and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Grand and Glorious Order of Hill-billy Degree. Mr. Smith was also a member of the George M. Dallas Lodge #531 and the DAV Commanders Club and the Tiger Rag USS Princeton (cvt-23) Association.

Surviving are his wife, Gloria (Bette) Neff; daughter, Sharon Hartshorne, Dallas; son, James E. III, Dallas; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, James E. Smith Jr., West Wyoming; sister, Mary Ellsworth, Kingston; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Orange United Methodist Church, 1633 W. 8th St., Wyoming PA 18644 or the Shriners Burn Hospital, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

STOBBS - Mary, 92, of Dallas, died Sunday, April 27, 2008 at home.

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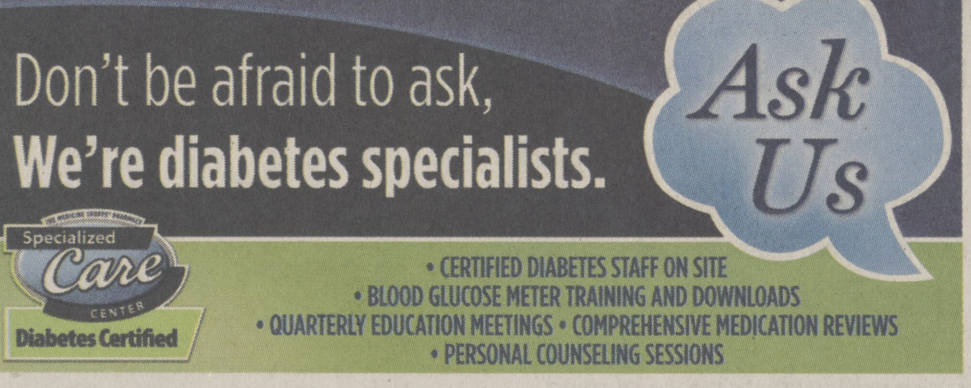
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