

## OBITUARIES

**CONYNGHAM** - George Guthrie, 84, of Shavertown, died Saturday, May 10, 2008 at home.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was educated at Wilkes-Barre Academy, Wyoming Seminary, and the Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn., from which he graduated in 1941. He received his bachelor's degree from Yale University, class of 1945. While attending Yale, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and entered active duty in 1943, serving on the island of Guam in World War II, before being honorably discharged in 1945. Thereafter, he remained in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and began his career at the family business, Eastern PA Supply Co.

In 1951, he was recalled to active duty and was then sent to Korea, where he took command of a platoon of Marines which had been previously led by his younger brother. In the fall 1951, he was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire during an action in the mountains of central Korea near the 38th parallel. After being evacuated through Tokyo, he spent a long period of recovery in the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. For his service to his country, he was awarded two Purple Hearts. He was honorably discharged as a 1st lieutenant.

He would continue to work at his family's business and be an active member of the community for the next 55 years. He was CEO of W. H. Conyngham & Co. Inc., whose principal businesses were Eastern PA Supply Co., a 10-location wholesale distributor of

plumbing, heating, electrical, and water systems equipment; Hillside Farms, a Holstein dairy farm managed by his brother, William; Hillside Greenhouse, managed by his brother Jack, who was also vice-president of sales at Eastern PA Supply Co.; and Hayfield Farms.

He served on many community boards as a board member, officer or chairman, often times for 30, 40, or even 50-plus years. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; also belonging to American Legion Post 132 and was a 32 degree Free and Accepted Mason through the Caldwell Consistory, and also a long-time member of Kiwanis International and others. He was a member of the Bear Lake Association, Thornhurst, Pa.

He was a lifelong member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Marquart Conyngham, Shavertown; brother, Jack, Dallas; son, Donald, Bear Creek; son, Malcolm, Noxen; daughter, Thamsin, Shavertown; son, George, Shavertown; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three stepchildren.

**ESTUS** - David II, 66, died Monday, May 5, 2008 in the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Dallas, he served five years in the United States Army with tours of duty in South Korea and Japan. Prior to his retirement, he worked as a truck driver for Calx, Pittston.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Titus Estus of Wilkes-Barre; children, Donna Estus; David Estus III, both of Wilkes-Barre; stepsons Robert Stolarick, Dallas; Douglas Stolarick, Wilkes-Barre; step-daughter, Deborah Evans, Sharpsburg, Ga.; brothers, John Estus, San Antonio, Texas; Thomas Estus, Hunlock Creek; Paul Estus, Westerly, R.I.; Robert Estus, Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister, Mary Ellen Gomes, Westerly, R.I.; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

**FLICK** - Dorothy, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Shavertown, died on April 20, 2008.

Surviving are children, Jack Flick, Alice Morin, Sally Flick, Mary Ann Whitaker and Katey Weinmeyer, all of Cincinnati; eight grandchildren; a great-grandchild; sisters, Alice Williams, Harveys Lake, Dianne Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Kathy Kazimer, Bryantown, Md.; sister-in-law, Ellen Dobinick, Oak Hill; nieces and nephews.

**MEAD** - Frederick S., 72, of Kunkle, died Monday, May 12, 2008 at home.

Born in Kingston, he was a graduate of Elk Lake High School, class of 1954. For many years, Mr. Mead was a truck driver for various companies and

farmed his land.

Surviving are his children, Linda Stephenson-Long, Philadelphia; James, David and Timothy Mead, Kunkle; Michele Carchner, Tunkhannock; Kevin Mead and his wife, Janine, Wilton, N.H.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

**ROWE** - Norma M., 86, of Tunkhannock, died Friday, May 9, 2008 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born in Tunkhannock, she was formerly employed at Biley Electric, Erie, but spent most of her life as a homemaker. She was a member of the Osterhout Bible Church, Tunkhannock. She was a graduate of Class of 1940, Tunkhannock High School.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond "Joe" Rowe; a son, Warren, of Tunkhannock; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**SANDS** - Thomas E., of Dallas, died Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at the Allied Skilled Unit in Clarks Summit.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on February 10, 1964, he was a 1982 graduate of Dallas High School and was employed by Carbon Sales in Wilkes-Barre as a filter media technician.

Surviving are his parents, Rob-

ert and Dorothy Keithline Sands, Dallas; a son, Adam, Centermoreland; a special friend, Sharon Everts, Dallas; brothers, David and Stanley, both of Falls; Ronnie, Dallas; Robert, Laceyville; sisters, Rosemary Hallock, Tunkhannock; Alice Barrett, West Wyoming; Bonnie Sands, Connecticut; Diane Sands, Mount Pleasant; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Thomas E. Sands Memorial Fund, c/o M&T Bank, 501 Tunkhannock Hwy., Dallas, PA 18612.

**WARD** - Mary H., of Dallas, died Sunday, May 11, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

**WIEZAVICH** - Bonnie Vaskas, 87, of Tunkhannock, died Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at home.

Born in Scranton, she was a member of the Nativity of Blessed Mary Church, Tunkhannock.

Surviving are daughters, Susann Barzilowski, Tunkhannock; and Rose Marie Baret, New Jersey; one grandson; a sister, Helen Leoni, Wilkes Barre; several step-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Tunkhannock Ambulance Association.

## May blood drives in Back Mtn.

The American Red Cross will conduct two blood drives in the Back Mountain during the month of May.

The first drive will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday May 18, at Our Lady of Victory Church in Harveys Lake. The second drive will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, at the Trucksville United Methodist Church, Church Road.

The double red unit will be at both drives. The ladies of both churches will serve homemade goodies to all who donate.

The Red Cross requests that all donors bring identification and their Red Cross Blood card. First-time donors will receive a card after their first donation. Anyone 17 years of age, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health is eligible to donate.

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