

OBITUARIES

CRAWFORD - Roy G., 66, of Lehman, died Friday, May 30, 2008, at home.

Born September 6, 1941 in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of Lehman High School, class of 1960. He worked for Procter & Gamble of Mehoopany for 26 years, retiring in 1993.

After retiring, he went on to finish his degree in social work, graduating from College Misericordia in 1995 and receiving the Grace Andrews Award, dedicated to lifelong learning.

He served his country in the 365th Army Engineer Group.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Ann Alt; daughters, Deborah Gallagher and Catherine Crane, both of Lehman; brothers, Leonard, of Sweet Valley; and Gary, of Galetan; sister, Shirley Corbett, of Lehman; several nieces and nephews; and two grandchildren.

GINGHER - Carl E. Jr., 82, of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at Tyler Memorial Hospital.

Born in Scranton on September 8, 1925, he attended North Scranton High School and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942, serving on LSM 61 in the Pacific and landing at ports-of-call including Okinawa, Saipan and Japan.

A mechanical designer and toolmaker, he was instrumental in establishing Dutch Stoker Stoves, Gingher Manufacturing and Gingher Engineering. He was employed by General Electric and retired from RCA in Dunmore in 1985.

He was a member of Nativity BVM Church in Tunkhannock. He volunteered in the initial set-up and operations at the Wyoming County Fair until his health prevented him from doing so. He was also a member of American Legion Dennis Strong Post 457, the Endless Mountains Amateur Radio Club, the Emergency Management Association of Wyoming County and the Sampson World War II Navy Veterans Organization.

Surviving are his wife, Marge; two sons, Carl III and Rich, both of Tunkhannock; daughter, Patty, of Madison Township; three grandchildren; a step-sister, Carolyn Gingher Naumann; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the American Heart Association.

KEIL - Genevieve Jean, 83, of Dallas, died Wednesday, May 28, 2008 in the Geisinger of Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Miners Mills, she attended Wilkes-Barre schools and was employed by Bob-Ellen Sportsware, Wilkes-Barre, until her retirement. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre, and a retired member of the LL.G.W.U., Wilkes-Barre local.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Shepherd, Dallas; one granddaughter; sister, Theresa Olshreski, Wilkes-Barre; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 190 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

LORD - Emily V., 80, of Loyalville, died Sunday, June 1, 2008 at Laurels Assisted Living, Kingston.

Born in Dallas on February 19, 1928, she resided in Loyalville most of her life and was a member of the Loyalville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, David, of Wilkes-Barre; daughters, Linda Koprowski and Margaret Bush, both of Loyalville; Paulette Zerfoss, of Towanda; Joanne Weaver, of Lehman; Melissa Kirk, of Boyertown; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brothers, Albert Swire, of Swoyersville; Clarence Swire, of Norristown; sisters, Elva Hoffman, of Harding; Evangeline Eagan, of Luzerne.

MARTIN - Bernadine T., 85, of Trucksville, died on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at home.

Born in Wanamie on May 20, 1923, she was a graduate of Newport Township High School, class of 1941, and the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1945.

She worked with the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, serving as a nursing supervisor for more than 40 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of St Therese's Church, Shavertown, for 55 years and the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing

Alumni Association.

Surviving are her husband, John "Jack" Martin; daughters, Catherine Connolly, Towson, Md.; son, Jack J., Dallas; daughter, Lorraine Symons, Shavertown; seven grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St Therese's Church Building Fund, 65 Davis St., Shavertown, PA 18708 or the Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

MUNTZ - John George Jr., 68, of Benton, died May 30, 2008.

Born on July 3, 1939 in Sweet Valley, he was employed as an iron worker and for many years was self-employed in masonry work. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a bus driver for the Lake-Lehman School District.

He was past president of the United Sportsman's Club in Huntington Mills.

Surviving are his wife, the former Bette Price; daughters, Sherryl A. Evans, Benton; Bonnie S. DiRodricco, Nanticoke; sons, John J., Nanticoke; Robert, Shickshinny; Michael, Muhlenburg; Eugene C. Evans, Arkansas; sister, Larena Bloom, Hunklock Creek; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the John George Muntz Jr. Memorial Fund, c/o Wachovia Bank, 2 W. Union St., Shickshinny, PA

18655.

WATKINS - Emma Belle, 94, of Tunkhannock, died on June 1, 2008 at Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

Born in Hop Bottom on December 21, 1913, she worked for Kodak and Endicott Johnson Shoe Company in Binghamton, N.Y. prior to her retirement. She and her first husband, Hank, owned a real estate agency in New York until they moved to Pennsylvania and bought a farm in the Nicholson Hop Bottom Area. She also worked as a nurse's aide prior to her retirement.

Surviving are her daughter, Alberta Gozikowski, of Tunkhannock; one grandson, three great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren, and three step great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Skylar Saranchuk Scholarship Fund, c/o UFCW Federal Credit Union, PO Box 4258, Wyoming, PA 18644.

WITKO - Aaron J. Pringle, of Tunkhannock, died on Thursday, May 29, 2008.

Born in Tunkhannock on September 7, 1988, he was a 2007 graduate of Coughlin High School and was employed by Jil Cleaning Service of Mt. Pocono.

Surviving are his parents, Harry J. Witko and Deborah Pringle, of Tunkhannock; half-brother, Harry James Witko, of Olyphant; and a half-sister, Dawn Marie Witko, of Newton Lake.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Summer basketball camps open

The Rock Recreation Center, 340 Carverton Rd., is accepting registrations for its summer basketball camps open to boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth-grade.

Space is limited to 40 campers per week. Camp dates are: K through first-grade, June 16-20 and July 21-25; second and third-grade, July 7-11 and July 28-Aug. 1; fourth to sixth-grade, July 14-18 and August 4-8. Each camper receives a t-shirt, water bottle and basketball. For more information, call 696-2769 or log on to www.rockrec.org.

PSU Soccer Camp returns June 23-27

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Soccer Camp will be held June 23-27 where youngsters can learn essential techniques and challenge their skill level with Penn State NCAA Division I soccer coaches.

Recreation, travel and high school teams that sign up eight or more players receive a discount. A morning session will be held for players in grades 1-8 while an afternoon session will be geared toward high school students. Players are grouped according to ability and experience and all participants receive a free soccer ball and t-shirt. To register, call 675-9219.

BMT Senior Leaguers get three wins

BMT 18 Susquehanna Indians 2
Hunter Englehart got the win on the mound as the Back Mountain Senior League defeated the Susquehanna Indians, 18-2.

DJ Berly, TJ Stepanski and Konrad Kraszewski each had two hits. Steve Olshemski had four RBIs. Dave Drahus had a double in a losing cause.

BMT Braves 7 GWA Palletts 5

The Back Mountain Braves defeated the GWA Palletts, 7-5, behind the pitching of Carson Bak-

er. Konrad Kraszewski got the save from the mound. Mark Murphy took the loss.

Mark Malloy and Kyle Caffrey had two hits for BMT while Tom Romanoski had three hits in the losing cause.

BMT 6 Avoca/Dupont 3

Hunter Englehart was the winning pitcher in Back Mountain's 6-3 defeat over Avoca/Dupont. Matt Shaver had two RBIs and DJ Berly had a double.

Michael Hannon took the loss.

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