

OBITUARIES

ARITZ - Dominick J., of 18702. Trucksville, has died.

Born August 14, 1942 in Swoyersville, he was raised in Swoyersville and was a graduate of Swoyersville High School. A United States Army veteran, he served in Maryland and Germany. He was employed by Bisconti and Acme warehouses as a tractor-trailer driver.

He was a member of St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown, and the Teamsters Union 401.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jean Kalla; daughter, Michele Henry, State College; son, Frank A., Arizona; brother, Frank; and sister, Margaret Sieminski, both of Swoyersville; two grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Luzerne County SPCA, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA

DERBY - Ralph Robert Sr., 74, of Edwardsville, died Sunday, August 17, 2008 at Hospice Care of the VNA Wilkes-Barre.

Born December 19, 1933 in Sorber Mountain, Lake Township, he attended Luzerne High School.

Prior to his retirement in 2006, he was an independent truck driver. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, Larksville.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marie Gimble; daughter, Gloriann Rinus, of Kingston; son, Ralph, of Edwardsville; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Bernard, Luzerne; Frank, Wyoming; Norma Frazier, Larksville; Ted, Wyoming; Leona Shepanski, Nanticoke; and Martha Casaldi, Dallas.

Memorial donations to the National MS Society, 2040 Linglestown Rd., Suite 104, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

GORDON - Dorothea A. (Pudgie), 66, of Pikes Creek, died Monday, August 18, 2008 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Harveys Lake on August 31, 1941, she resided at Pikes Creek for most of her life.

She graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1959 and was employed as a secretary for the Charles W. Gordon Insurance Agency, Shavertown.

She was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek; Harmony Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, Wyoming, was a faithful supporter of the Lake-Lehman Band Parents Association and was an Irem Transportation Unit Lady.

Surviving are her husband of 39 years, Charles W. Jr.; daughter, Terri Bynon, of Dallas; son, Charles W. III, of Beaumont; five grandchildren; brothers, William Noth-

off, of Tucson, Ariz.; James Nothoff, of Centermoreland; Donald Nothoff, of Harding; sisters, Marie Kern, of Dallas; Jeanette Nothoff, of Wilkes-Barre; numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial donations to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 5876 Main Rd., Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

PEROPAT - Michael Andrew, 52, of Broadway Road, Ross Township, died Tuesday, August 19, 2008 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born August 14, 1956 in New London, Conn., he was employed as a control electrician for Penn State Mechanical Contractors, New London, Conn.

Surviving are his mother, Janet Scott Goss Peropat, Waterford, Conn.; his wife, the former Christine A. Cumberland; daughter, April A. Peropat, Mocanaqua; one nephew; aunts, uncles and

cousins.

SHATROUSKY - Anthony, of Tunkhannock, formerly of Falls, died Wednesday, August 20, 2008, in Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

He was born in Luzerne County on September 28, 1937.

Surviving is a sister, Joan Williams; nieces and nephews.

SORBER - Marjorie L., 81, of Dallas, formerly of Noxen, died Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Forty Fort on December 16, 1926, she resided in Noxen most of her life. She was employed by the former Natona Mills in Dallas for many years and also worked at St. Michael's School for Boys, Falls. She retired from the Noxen Dress Factory in 1988.

Surviving are sons, Jack H., of Little Meadows; Chip and Ronald E., both of Loyalville; nine grand-

children; 14 great-grandchildren; sister, Virginia Gennetts, of Dallas.

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

YARNAL - Reba A. Yarnal, 60, of Shavertown, died Sunday, August 24, 2008 in Kindred Hospital Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a graduate of Wilkes College with a bachelor's degree in psychology and was formerly employed by Catholic Social Services as a social worker. She was a member of Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her mother, Marie Ontko Heidel; daughter, Jennifer, Edwardsville; sons, Adam, Cherry Hill, N.J.; and Jesse, Pittsburgh; three grandchildren; sisters, Donna Patton, Dallas; and Elaine Eck, Williamsport; and three nieces.

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to Harrington when he was a student in the sixth and seventh grades at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas. Now a senior at Holy Redeemer High School, Harrington fondly remembers his time with his favorite teacher.

"The thing I loved about her class is it was interactive and we really absorbed the French culture," he said. The two still see each other as they both belong to Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas.

Harrington plans to use his half of the prize money for college application fees.

"Conor is an excellent role model for his peers and younger people," his former teacher said.

Finarelli married her high school sweetheart, Michael Finarelli, in June 2006. The couple was living in Annapolis, Md. where she taught Spanish at Central Middle School. She was seven months pregnant on the day of her stroke and had just

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