

OBITUARIES

BARTELT - Jeremiah H., 73, of Dallas, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2008. Born September 2, 1935 in Baltimore, Md., he was a graduate of Iowa State University, where he had played football. He had been employed as a retail executive by Sears Roebuck Co., of Wilkes-Barre, for many years.

Surviving is a daughter, Stephanie Bartelt, of Portland, Ore.; sons, Garret, of Rincon, Puerto Rico; and Christopher, of Columbia, S.C.

CIGARSKI - Bernard C., 86, of Jackson Township, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2008.

Born on January 15, 1922 on the family farm in Chase, he spent most of his life farming. He was one of the original farmers for the Farmers Market on Public Square, Wilkes-Barre and the Pittston Farmers Market. He was also a staple at the Pittston Tomato Festival.

He was a graduate of Rome School in Jackson Township and a member of IBEW Local, 1319 Electrical Union. He was a former member of the Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas.

Surviving are his daughters, Charlotte Sims, Larksville; Theresa Chambers, Lake Worth Fla.; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

FLETCHER - Sandra E., 71, of Carpenter Road, Harveys Lake, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2008.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on December 6, 1936, she graduated from Kingston High School and attended Wilkes Business College. After college, she was employed by Bergman's Department Store.

Sandra had resided at Harveys Lake since 1990. Previously, she had resided in Easton for 29 years and had been employed as a teacher's aide for the Easton Area School District. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Easton, the Mothers Club and a former Sunday school teacher.

Surviving are her mother, Elizabeth Littleton Miles, Kingston; husband, John R. (Jack); sons, William and Thomas Connor, both of Easton; daughters, Beth Giovarelli, Bethlehem; Melissa Kresge, Nazareth; stepson, John Fletcher, Wilkes-Barre; step-

daughter, Jill Ann Scroggs, Chalfont, Pa.; Jackie Brozena, West Pittston; brothers, J. Herbert Jr. Miles, Whiting, N.J.; and Bruce Miles, Stamford, Conn.; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Hospice Care of the VNA, 468 Northampton St., Edwardsville, PA 18704.

JOHNSON - Beverly Baird, 70, of Carverton Road., Trucksville, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008.

Born February 28, 1938 in Kingston, she was a 1956 graduate of Kingston High School. She was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Robert W.; children, Barbara Swingle, of Montclair, Va.; Brian, of Trucksville; Brenda Saxe, of Bellevue, Neb.; five grandchildren; brother, Robert "Bobby" Baird, of Trucksville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville, PA., 18708; Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department, 11 Carverton Rd, Trucksville, PA 18708; Kingston Township Ambulance Association, 200 E. Center St., Shavertown, PA. 18708.

ONEY - Dale H., 87, of Beaumont, formerly of Harveys Lake, died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008.

Born in Lake Township, he was employed by the former Commonwealth Telephone Co., Dallas, and retired from the former Bethlehem Steel Corp., approximately 25 years ago.

He was a member of the Tunkhannock Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are daughters, Nancy Reed, Bradenton, Fla.; and Carol Abbazia, Westminster, S.C.; stepchildren, Barry Kagan, Texas; Gail Thomas, South Carolina; and Alan Kagan, California; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the National Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania, Olde Liberty Square, 4813 Jonestown Rd., Suite 101, Harrisburg, PA 17109; or the American Diabetes Assoc., P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

RAJAGOPALAN - Chorinjeth (Menon), Ph.D., 73, of Shaver-

town, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008.

Born in Cherpu, Kerala India, on May 24, 1935, he obtained a bachelor's degree from Kerala University, India; a master's degree from Saugar University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, India; and a Doctorate in Microbiology from the University of Kansas.

He was employed as a professor at Luzerne County Community College since 1968, beginning the college's microbiology and nursing programs.

Surviving are his wife, Padmini; sons, Nandakumar Palisery, Dallas; Balendukumar, Shavertown; Shivakumar, Norman, Okla.; daughter, Meena Ravee, Hixon, Tenn.; four granddaughters; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Jackson Township Volunteer Fire and Ambulance.

SCHOONMAKER - Clark T., of Dallas, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2008.

Born in Kingston, he graduated from Kingston High School in 1941. He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the 3512th Medium Automotive Maintenance Company attached to the 1st Army Division. He had been self-employed for many years at Clark's Service Station on Division Street, Kingston, and later had been employed by the Roth American Corporation as a watchman and in production.

Surviving are his wife, the former Beatrice Roberts; daughters, Beatrice Ann Lowe, Georgia; Wendy E. Gwynn, Kingston; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

SHAVER - Lila H., 76, of Dallas, died Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008.

Born June 17, 1932 in Dallas, she was a member of the Living Word Baptist Church, Sweet Valley. She attended school in Dallas and was employed by Nedoff's Restaurant, Wilkes-Barre, for many years, Valley Crest Nursing Home, Cross Nursing Home and Sweet Valley Christian Academy before retiring.

Surviving are a sister, Norma Allabaugh, Dallas; aunts, nieces and nephews.

SHAW - Charles E., 75, of Ole Coach Lane, Tunkhannock, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2008.

Born in Tunkhannock, he was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal

Church, Tunkhannock, and had served on many of its boards. He was a retired teacher and coach from Tunkhannock Area High School. A 1951 graduate of Tunkhannock High School, he received his bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg University in 1955 and his master's degree from the University of Scranton in 1962. He served with the United States Marines.

During his high school years, he was an all scholastic in football, baseball and basketball and won the District 12 gold medal in the 440 and 880 in track. He also lettered with the Tiger volleyball team. He was a captain of the first undefeated, untied Tiger football team in 1950. While at East Stroudsburg University, he lettered in football, wrestling and baseball.

He served TAHS for 40 years as a physical education teacher and athletic director. He coached football for 20 years, baseball for 15 years, wrestling for seven years and swimming for five years.

He coached baseball teams to five district championships and is the No. 2 football coach with the most wins in school history. He served as PIAA official and played softball, baseball and basketball in many amateur leagues.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dorothy Wise; sons, Randy, Mike, Hunter, Robert and Frederick; daughters, Marsha, Susan and Ericka; sisters, Ruth Davis, Mary Tripp and Jean Loomis; a brother, Edward; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 Tioga West Plaza, Route 6 West, Tunkhannock, PA.

SIMONS - John J., 52, of Killingworth, Conn., died Nov. 7, 2008.

Born July 17, 1956 in Kingston and raised in Dallas, he was a graduate of Dallas High School, Class of 1974, and attended Penn State University. He graduated from Wilkes University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering.

He began his career at Commonwealth Telephone Company, later moving to Connecticut to Times Fiber Communications where he was awarded the Merit

of Excellence in National Accounts Sales. He was currently employed by Motorola as an account director.

Surviving is his father, John Sr., Ocala, Fla.; his wife, JoEllen; daughters, Madison and Rylee, at home; Connecticut; sisters, Susan Simons-Williams, Forty Fort; Gail Wyberski, Dallas; an aunt, one niece, two nephews, a great nephew and numerous cousins.

Memorial donations to a college fund for his daughters in care of JoEllen Simons at Liberty Bank, East Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413.

SMITH - William E., 81, of Hunlock Creek, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2008.

Born in Breslau on June 7, 1927, he graduated from Lehman High School in 1945. He served in the Army from August 17, 1945 until his honorable discharge on January 28, 1947. He was a T-4 Sergeant in the Western Bay Section, Staff Message Control, SCHAEF Division. He was stationed in Paris, France - Broken Chain of Communication. His basic training took place at Camp Blanding, Florida, and his discharge location was Fort Dix, N.J.

Until his retirement in 1989, he was employed at Russ Major's Sales and Service as a mechanic for 27 years.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; a daughter, Wendy Moore, of Red Rock; brothers, Robert and Darwin, both of Sweet Valley; and one grandson.

SNARSKI - Jennifer Marie, of Sweet Valley, died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008.

Born July 6, 1987 in Kingston, she was a 2005 graduate of Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre, and was in her fourth year at Bloomsburg University studying marketing and management.

Surviving are her parents, James P. Snarski, Wilkes-Barre; and Diane Trentowski Snarski, Sweet Valley; a brother, James, Plains; maternal grandmother, Angela Trentowski, Plains; paternal grandparents, Joseph and Joan Snarski, Parsons.

STANTON - Marilla M., 84, of Roushey Street, Dallas, died Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a graduate of Dallas Township

High School. Mrs. Stanton was employed as the bookkeeper for her late husband's business, Stanton TV. She was a member of the former East Dallas Methodist Church and its quilting club. Mrs. Stanton was also a member of the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church quilting club.

Surviving are sons, Carl, Dallas; Robert, Sweet Valley; five grandchildren; sisters, Peggy Bloomer, Dallas; Pricilla Coolbaugh, Larksville; nieces; and nephews.

TALCOTT - Aldona Ruth, of West Street, Tunkhannock, died Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008.

Born in Scranton on April 21, 1925, she worked for more than 30 years at the Endicott Johnson Shoe Company. She also worked for the Tunkhannock School District.

Surviving are her daughters, Diana deFreitas, Scranton; Nancy Warner Loyd, Meshoppen; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Helen Mitchell, Elizabeth Krachum, Anna August, Margaret Russo; and brothers, Joseph Palutis, William Palutis, Andrew Yessul, Peter Yessul and Paul Yessul.

THOMAS - Nancy Davis, 62, a resident of Valley Crest, died Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was formerly employed at Trails End Restaurant, Sweet Valley, as a cook and waitress.

Surviving are sons, Gary P. Jr., Larksville; Glenn, Mayock, N.C.; Brad, Charlotte, N.C.; daughter, Gail Gebhardt, Beach Haven; sister, Carol Caravaggio, Wilkes-Barre; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

WHITE - Debra Muchler, 53, of Huntington Creek Road, Sweet Valley, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a member of the 1973 graduating class at Meyers High School and had resided in Sweet Valley since 1982. She had been employed as a dental assistant for several years.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas; sons, Eric, at home; and Zachary, California; daughter, Robin White, Luzerne; a brother, Gary Muchler; and a sister, Janice Bullock.

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