

OBITUARIES

HOIRIGAN - Thomas M., 57, of Shavertown, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2008.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of Crestwood High School and attended King's College. He was the managing partner of Hourigan Brothers, Mountain Top, a mining supply company. He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce Hughes Hourigan; daughter, Sarah-Jayne Hourigan; step-daughter, Shelby Girard, Dallas; brother, Frank C., Glen Summit; nephews and one niece; and a stepmother, Geraldine Hourigan, Kingston.

Memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association.

MONSEY - Kathryn J. Monsey of Jenkins Road, Tunkhannock, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008.

Born on Russell Hill, Wyoming County, on July 30, 1934, she was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School, Class of 1952. Prior to her retirement, she was employed as a secretary.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph E.; daughter, Marci Kacyon, Whitehall; brothers, Earl, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Jack, Aurora, Ill.; Jerry, Tunkhannock; sisters, Jennie Bartron and Betty Monsey, both of Tunkhannock; Hazel Richardson, of Mesa, Ariz.; and two grandsons.

POLK - Theresa R., 90, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008.

Born September 15, 1918 in Plainsville, she was a member of the Plains United Methodist Church. She was actively involved in Eastern Star and the auxiliary at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She was the owner-operator of a Planter's Peanut store in Paterson, N.J.

Surviving are her daughters, Margaret Smith and Ruth, both of Orange; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

REDMOND - Arthur George, 24, of Shavertown, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2008.

Born in Kingston, he was a 2002 graduate of Dallas High School and a 2007 graduate of Wilkes University. He was recently employed by Thomas' Market of Shavertown while awaiting deployment to the Peace Corps in the summer of 2009.

He previously worked in an orphanage in Ecuador and at a child development community school in the Amazon Basin.

Surviving are his parents, Brian and Lois Redmond, of Shavertown; sisters, Maggie, of Franklin, Tenn.; and Abbey, of Wilkes-Barre; brother, Peter, of Tamaqua; one niece; paternal grandmother, Gladys Redmond, of Kingston; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial donations to The Back Mountain Trail Association, PO Box 212, Dallas, PA 18612.

TRAVER - Larry B., 68, of Old Berwick Rd., Bloomsburg, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008.

Born in Noxen on March 12, 1940, he resided in Lime Ridge for six years and formerly lived in Danville for 13 years. He was a truck driver for New Penn Motor Express, Milton, for 24½ years, retiring in May 2002. For the past year, he drove part-time for L&H Trucking, Bloomsburg. He was a member of the Teamsters Local, Milton.

Surviving are his mother, Geraldine (Shultz) Traver, Millville; his wife, the former Alicia J. Michael; 12 children, David, Pittston; Vicky Scudillo, Honesdale; Christopher, Dallas; Larry Jr., Jerry Lee, Tracy Traver, George Jr., Bloomsburg; Thomas, Coal Township; Genevieve Erlston, Washingtonville; Shirley Kachurka and James Benninger, both of Berwick; Matthew, Millville; numerous grandchildren; one great-grandson; five brothers, George, Millville; Donald, Falls; Thomas, Lightstreet; Mark, Warren Center; and Leonard, Mehoopany.

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other subjects to fifth and sixth graders.

"He really gained a tremendous amount of satisfaction out of his teaching there," Lois Redmond said of her son. "When he came back, he had to do his senior project and he did that over the summer and graduated in September, and he decided he wanted to go back to Ecuador. He was determined to find a job at which he could earn money to support himself working at a non-profit organization somewhere."

After college, Redmond sold almost all of his belongings to purchase a plane ticket back to Ecuador. He secured a volunteer position in the Amazon Basin at Instituto Nacional del Niño y la Familia (National Institute for Children and Families), or INNFA, an organization that provides education and day care to children so their older brothers and sisters don't have to quit school to care for them. Making no money, Redmond was allowed to stay in a two-room apartment belonging to someone who traveled extensively.

Lois Redmond says her son also worked as a counselor at Camp Lackawanna in Tunkhannock.

"I just loved how he interacted with the campers out there and was as much of a kid as they were but helped them in their learning and growing," she said.

Redmond was following in his parents' footsteps in the Peace Corps, awaiting deployment in the summer of 2009. His parents both served in the

Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic 35 years ago.

In the meantime, Redmond was working at Thomas' Family Market in Shavertown. The Dallas Post caught up with him there on his way into work one day last spring when he gladly answered the newspaper's May 18 "Man on the Street" question, "What would you like to see come to the Back Mountain?" Redmond replied, "Some more sports facilities - outdoor parks, basketball courts and soccer fields."

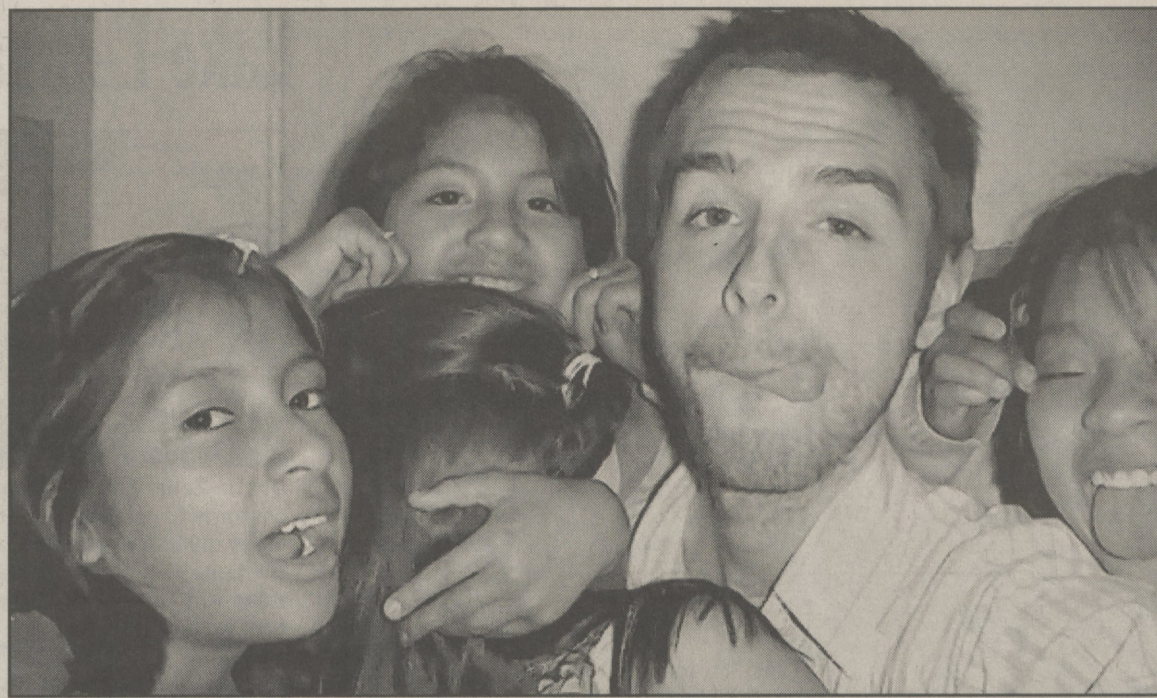
A self-taught guitar, piano and viola player, Redmond enjoyed jamming. He often played sets at The Oasis in Wilkes-Barre and at friends' houses. Just a few weeks ago, many of Redmond's friends attended, "Art's Jam Round II" at The Oasis. His description for the event invitation on the social Web site Facebook said, "One more time for old time's sake."

"One of the last stories he told me was him as a street musician in New York City, jamming on his clarinet," Merryman said. "Someone threw a quarter at him from a passing bus. He was so thrilled that someone gave back."

The outdoorsman liked to rock climb, hike, camp and run and had completed two marathons, his most recent the 2008 Harrisburg Marathon, a 26.2-mile race, on Sunday, Nov. 9.

Lois Redmond hopes people will remember her son, Arthur, by loving others the way he did.

"People should treat each other with kindness and love because that's what Arthur did," she said. "It didn't matter who he met and what the circumstances were. He treated everyone as if they were special because, to him, they were. I think if we could all do that, it would make a big impact on the world."



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Arthur Redmond traveled several times to South America, including Cuenca, Ecuador where he taught Spanish and other subjects to fifth and sixth graders at an orphanage in the spring semester of 2007. Redmond is shown here having fun with some of his students.

TO DONATE

Memorial donations in Redmond's name may be made to The Back Mountain Trail Association, P.O. Box 212, Dallas, PA 18612.



Arthur Redmond, 24, of Shavertown, enjoyed playing the guitar with his friends. Redmond died on Monday, Nov. 17, while returning from a trip where he had climbed Mount Washington.

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