

## OBITUARIES

**BAKER** - William H. Jr., 91, of Dallas, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008 at home.

Born in Ft. Madison, Iowa, he was a graduate of Dallas Borough High School. Before retiring, he was a bank manager for Miners National Bank and, later, United Penn Bank in Dallas.

He was a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church, where he served as treasurer for many years. He served as treasurer for Dallas Borough for many years and was a life member of Dallas Fire and Ambulance Inc. He served with the Army Air Corps during World War II as a bombardier and was a member of George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F&A.M.

Surviving are his daughter, Pamela Baker, Dallas; son, Charles, New Canaan, Conn.; two grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Dallas United Methodist Church or the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Inc.

**COULTON** - Frank H., 75, of Turnersville, N.J., formerly of Harveys Lake, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 at the Samaritan Hospice Unit in Mt. Holly, N.J.

Born in Yardley on February 11, 1933, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, receiving two Bronze Service Stars, a Purple Heart and a Purple Heart Oak Cluster.

He retired from Conti Enterprises, in Plainfield, N.J. in 1996. He also worked many years as a construction supervisor for American Asphalt, Shavertown.

While residing at Harveys Lake, he was an active member of Alderson United Methodist Church and served on the borough council.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Anna Mae (Ahlum) Coulton; sons, Frank, Hatboro; John, Turnersville, N.J.; Rodney, Tampa, Fla.; and Brian, New Jersey; daughters, Debra Halowich, Harveys Lake; Joanne Stredny, Dallas; eight grandchildren; brother, Richard, Brooksville, Fla.; sisters, Helen Wurpel, Morrisville; Dot Randall and Jacqueline Swarthwood, both of Yardley; and Agnes Britt, North Carolina.

Memorial donations to Samaritan Hospice, 5 Eves Dr., Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

**DOUGHERTY** - Rhoda, 82, of Pimm Mountain, Loyalville, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Edwardsville on October 15, 1926, she was employed as repair technician for A.M.P., Inc., Harrisburg for 20 years, retiring in 1989.

Surviving are sons, Robert, Swedesboro, N.J.; and Francis, Harrisburg; sisters, Hannah Schooley, Sweet Valley; Jane Sedlak, Loyalville; and Arline Schneiderite, Dallas; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**GOODE** - Mary, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009.

She was born and raised on a farm in Jackson Township prior to moving to Edwardsville where she attended school.

Surviving are her sister, Marge

Kolendowicz; three nephews; four nieces; many great-nieces and great-nephews.

**RUMBAUGH** - Dr. Marshall U., 86, of Dallas, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 at home.

Born in Kingston on February 6, 1922, he was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Class of 1939; Amherst College and Temple Medical School. He completed medical school in three years and was commissioned as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

He served his residency at George Washington Hospital in Washington, D.C., after which he returned to Wyoming Valley.

He began his practice of urology with Dr. William Daw and Dr. Al Funke in Kingston, later becoming known as Valley Urologic Associates and then as Burns, Rumbaugh, Calise and Rittenberg.

An avid pilot, he began flying in 1938 and was one of the earliest members of the Wyoming Valley Pilots Club. He was a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Kingston Lodge, No. 295, F&A.M., and the Irem Shriners of Dallas.

Surviving are his daughter, Gail O'Brien; sons, Marshall D. and B. Scott; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Dallas United Methodist Church or to the SPCA.

**SHOLTIS** - Richard Joseph, infant son of Michael and Jennifer Hynick Sholtis of Lehman Township, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009

at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Surviving are two brothers, Michael and Christopher, at home; grandparents, Joseph and Elaine Sholtis, of Harveys Lake; and Mary Hynick, of Sweet Valley; aunts, uncles and cousins.

**WANDEL** - Donald A., 86, of Oakdale Drive, Hunlock Creek, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Waterton on July 7, 1922, he was employed many years as a truck mechanic, with his last position at Independent Explosives Co.

He was a member of the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company. In the early stages, he participated in the first parade and was president one term. He was a member of the Sweet Valley Snowmobile Club and was president two terms; a member of the Wyoming Valley CB Club and past president; an avid camper and member of GOODSAM Chapter 29 and past president; a member of the 102nd Infantry Division Association.

Surviving are his wife, the former Agnes Gregory; daughter, Patricia Walsh, Maryland; sons, Kenneth, Tunkhannock; Larry, Sweet Valley; Lonnie, Alabama; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, James Wandel, Kansas.

Memorial donations to the Sweet Valley Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 207, Sweet Valley, PA 18656, or to the Hunlock Creek Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 35, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

## BOOK

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sericordia University and individuals.

"I fell in love with the scenic beauty of the Back Mountain when I first started working at Misericordia," Wick said. "I found history compelling and wanted to write about it. I met so many people who shared their memories and stories about the Back Mountain and I found there were many rare photographs of the area that had never before been published."

The photos are of Back Mountain amusement parks, including Fern Brook Park in Dallas and Hanson's Amusement Park at Harveys Lake; trolleys, railroad stations, including Bowman's Creek Branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad between Trucksville and Harveys Lake; houses, schools, colleges, churches, agriculture, steamboats on Harveys Lake and more. The photos date from the 1870s to the 1970s.

One of Wick's favorite photos in the book is that of the 1925 first-grade class at the former Trucksville Elementary School.

Each photo in the book has 70 to 100 words that go along with it. Many Back Mountain families are mentioned, including the Conyngham, Hazeltine, Coolbaugh, Ide, Major and Sordoni families.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Former Dallas resident Harrison Wick, 31, has authored a book of the Back Mountain. "Pennsylvania's Back Mountain" contains over 200 photos of the region, including this one, a steamboat on Harveys Lake, which is on the book's cover.

"A lot of people came forward with personal stories," Wick said. "This book tells the story of an under-represented part of Luzerne County's history. This will be a great opportunity for people to see their family history in print. I want to encourage people to tell their stories."

Currently, Wick, who resides with his wife, Kimberly, is co-authoring "The Wyoming Valley" with Attorney F. Charles Petrillo and is also working on another book that he says "is a surprise."

Wick is scheduled to have a book signing for "Pennsylvania's Back Mountain" from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Wilkes-Barre Township.



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