

OBITUARIES

**BURNELL** - Ione "Pone," 88, of Harveys Lake, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born Feb. 18, 1920 in Lake Township, she graduated from Noxen High School. She retired from the New York State Department of Corrections where she was employed as a women's correctional officer.

She was a member of the Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and an honorary member of the Harveys Lake Women's Service Club.

Surviving is a sister, Guida McQuire, of Palmyra; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

**CLEASBY** - Thomas R., 71, of Dallas, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 at home.

Born Sept. 4, 1937, he was a 1955 graduate of Westmoreland High School, Trucksville. Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army National Guard.

He owned and operated the Back Mountain Economy Store in Trucksville and then Cleasby's E-Z Shop in Shavertown. He was later employed as a meat cutter at Daring's Market in Dallas and retired from the Mountain Fresh Market in Sweet Valley. He was a member of the George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F&AM.

Surviving are his daughters, Beth Shubilla, Kingston; Cheri McCue, Dallas; and Patty Cleasby, Washington, D.C.; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; brothers, George, Shallatte, N.C.; Bruce, Easley, S.C.; and Richard (Dick), Mesa, Ariz.; sisters, Libby Sutton, Dorothy Ladamus and Mimi Bicking, all of Dallas; and Janet Brown, Tunkhannock; companion, Kay DeRemer, Sweet Valley; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Visiting Nurses Association, 468 Northampton St., Edwardsville, PA 18704.

**CONRAD** - Frederick "Fred," of Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Falls on Oct. 1, 1945, he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was self-employed as a light hauler and light clean-up.

Surviving is his wife, the former Mary Ann Youells, Falls.

**DICKINSON** - Harold, of Tunkhannock, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009 at Mercy Hospital after an illness.

Born in Lehman on Nov. 3, 1935, he was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School and a lifelong resident of Tunkhannock. He was a member of the Memo-

ry Chasers Car Club.

He was employed at Local 158 Heavy Highway Construction and, after his retirement, worked at NC Stauffer.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, the former Mae Brey-meier; sons, Ronald, East Lem-on; Craig, Tunkhannock; and Brian, Hanover Township; daughter, Susan, Florida; brothers, Donald, Raymond and Wayne; sister, Shirley; eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

**ELENCHIK** - John Michael, of Orange, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009 at home.

Born in Kingston on May 16, 1977, he was educated in the Dallas area schools and was a graduate of Dallas High School, Class of 1995. He was co-owner of Culver Hill Meats and Culver Hill Char-Pit Catering, Orange.

He was a past member of the Kingston Township EMT Unit and a member of St Francis Cabrini Church, Carverton.

Surviving are his parents, John and Julia Katsock Elenchik; sisters, Pamela Bufalino, of Wyoming; and Cyndi Kleinberg, of Pittston Township; maternal grandmother, Alice Katsock, Plains; a niece and two nephews; numerous aunts and uncles.

**HENRICHS** - Robert Henry Sr., 81, of Dallas, formerly of Franklin Square, N.Y., died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 in Wilkes-Barre.

Born October 26, 1927 in Richmond Hill, N.Y., he was a graduate of Bushwick High School. He was a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church.

Prior to his retirement, he had been employed as an order processing manager for Mitsubishi International, New York City. He was a member of the Huguenot Lodge, F&AM; Triangle Daddy, Tunkhannock Rotary, Dallas Kiwanis, The Endless Mountains Chorus (SPEBSQSA) and a life member of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Surviving are his wife of 28 years, the former Barbe Koch; children, Robert H. Henrichs Jr., Ruth L. Henrichs, Geoffrey A. Henrichs, Jeffrey M. Whitehair, Jonathon Eric Godinez and Rodney V. Godinez; and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Dallas United Methodist Church, 4 Parsonage St., Dallas, PA.18612.

**IDE** - Ruth E., 75, of Dallas, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 at Hospice Community Care, Wilkes-Barre.

Born May 25, 1933, she was a graduate of Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre. Prior to retiring, she spent many years as a sewing-machine operator.

She was a member of the Harveys Lake American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are her children, Frank Kosak, Wilkes-Barre; Carl

Ide, Edwardsville; Donna Ide Sorber, Lehman; Keith Kosak, Tunkhannock; Charles Ide, Lake Silkwood; and Neil Kosak, Harveys Lake; sister, Geraldine Stritzinger Morgan, Orange; brother, James Stritzinger, Wilkes-Barre; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Centermoreland United Methodist Church, 1244 S.R. 292E, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

**KELLY** - Susan M., 57, a former resident of Shavertown, Dallas and Harveys Lake, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009 in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The former Susan Koffecker, she resided in the Wyoming Valley until 1991 when she moved to Delray Beach, Fla. She graduated from Dallas High School in 1969 and attended Luzerne County Community College.

Surviving are her mother, Mary Hoeffcker, Delray Beach, Fla.; daughter, Amber Kelly Ulmer, Nashville, Tenn.; son, Keegan Kelly, Nashville, Tenn.; ex-husband, Bill Kelly, Nashville, Tenn.; brother, Chip Hoeffcker, Pompano Beach, Fla.; sister, Lori Hoeffcker White, Delray Beach, Fla.; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

**OGDEN** - Rev. Anthony R., of Tunkhannock, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 at home.

Born in Lowell, Mass., he graduated from Lowell High School in 1970 and attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, earning a B.S. in 1978. He attended Liberty University in Virginia, receiving a Bachelor of Pastoral Studies in 1999 and received a Masters in Ministry from the Baptist Bible College, Clark Summit, in 2005.

He served an internship as pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicopee, Mass. and became pastor of the Tunkhannock Baptist Church in 2000. He was also a substitute teacher for the Tunkhannock Area School District.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran (1970 to 1974), serving in Vietnam.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Deborah A. (Long) Ogden; daughters, Shelley and Cristin, both of Tunkhannock; and Haley Killian, Louisville, Ky.; sister, Peggy Lyons, Lowell, Mass.; brothers, Francis and Daniel Ogden, both of Lowell, Mass.

Memorial donations to Tunkhannock Baptist Church, Church Street, Tunkhannock, PA 18657, or to the Wyoming County American Cancer Society.

**PRICE** - Richard, 74, of Sorbertown Hill, Hunlock Creek, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 at home.

Born Sept. 8, 1934 in Lehman Township, he was a member of the Hunlock Creek Methodist

Church and was employed as a supervisor at Ford Motor Co. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, the former Carolyn Sue Flynn; daughter, Claudine Nardone, Henderson, Tenn.; sons, Richard J. Price, Flemington, N.J.; and David M. Price, Phillipsburg, N.J.; stepson, James Flynn, Hunlock Creek; three grandchildren; sisters, Margaret Dankulich, Wapwallopen; and Anna Mae McDonald, Lakewood, N.J.; brother, A. Harry Price, Hunlock Creek.

**PRUTZMAN** - Minnie Arlene Martin, 96, a lifelong resident of Dallas, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at Mountainside Manor, Dallas.

Born in Kunkle on March 23, 1913, she graduated from Dallas Borough School and Coughlin High School. She worked at Irem Temple Country Club in the 1940s and the former Natona Mills in the 1950s. In the 1960s, she managed Art's Pizza, located on Shady Side, Route 309, and in the 1970s and 1980s, she managed Artco Electronics in Kingston.

Surviving are daughters, Dorothy Jarvis, of Factoryville; Patricia Yenchak, of Ashley; Lorraine Music Saluda, of Virginia; son, Arthur, of Dallas; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; a few great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

**ROSEBAUM** - Megan L., 39, of Ephrata, formerly of Trucksville, died Feb. 10, 2009 in Ephrata Community Hospital.

Surviving are her parents, James E. Taylor, Ephrata; and Barbara J. (Alichnie) Barsh, Kingston; her husband of 12 years, Alan C. Rosenbaum Jr.; daughter, Brittany L. Taylor, Bradenton, Fla.; sister, Kristin Dowe, Edwardsville; and brothers, James Taylor, Hershey; Bill Taylor, Nashville, Tenn.; and Jeremy Taylor, Hanover.

Final expense donations may be made to James E. Taylor, 126 W. Fulton St., Ephrata, PA 17522.

**VISNESKI** - Kris P., 30, of Noxen, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Oct. 25, 1978 in Wilkes-Barre, he is survived his parents, Eugene Visneski, Larksville; and Patricia Payne Visneski, Noxen, with whom he resided; children, Sage Patrick and Autumn Rose, Harveys Lake; brothers, Eugene M. Visneski, Dallas; and Arron T. Visneski, West Pittston; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to a trust fund for his children, c/o Eugene Visneski, P.O. Box 56, Noxen, PA 18636.

BACK MOUNTAIN RESIDENTS CITED



Dr. Mari King, vice president of academic affairs at Misericordia University, left, presents the Max and Tillie Rosenn Excellence in Teaching Award to Dr. Allan W. Austin at the university's 82nd annual commencement ceremony.



Dr. Mari King, vice president of academic affairs at Misericordia University, left, presents the Louis and Barbara Alesi Excellence in Scholarship Award to Dr. Grace S. Fisher at the university's 82nd annual commencement ceremony.

Two Misericordia professors honored

Misericordia University honored faculty members for excellence in scholarship, teaching and service to the campus and community during the 82nd annual commencement ceremony at the Anderson Sports and Health Center.

Grace S. Fisher, Ed.D., O.T.R./L. associate professor of occupational therapy, received the Louis and Barbara Alesi Excellence in Scholarship Award. The annual award recognizes and promotes the academic accomplishments of faculty members in terms of their scholarship and/or artistic achievements. Faculty members are selected by the Faculty Awards Committee.

Dr. Fisher of Dallas has authored or co-authored 21 publications and has made 20 presentations at national venues as a scholar and teacher in the health sciences. Her research includes studies on care-giving issues in Alzheimer's disease, animal assisted therapy, chronic pain and occupational management, sensory-based therapy and health care ethics. She has served as faculty research committee chairperson and mentor to graduate students for 30 projects. She received her doctorate from Temple University.

Allan W. Austin, Ph.D., associate professor of history, was presented the Judge Max and Tillie Rosenn Excellence in Teaching Award. It recognizes his outstanding contributions to student learning and development. The award is given annually to an outstanding faculty member elected by vote of the students.

Dr. Austin of Dallas has been a member of the history faculty since 2001, teaching in the College of Arts and Sciences. According to his students, he is both challenging and encouraging and has a great rapport with them in his classroom. His colleagues report that his courses are designed to encourage students to both master and think critically about course content with a flexibility built in that allows him to experiment with new ideas while building on past successes. Dr. Austin received his doctorate in U.S. history from the University of Cincinnati.

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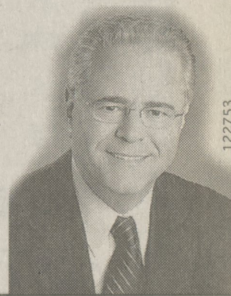
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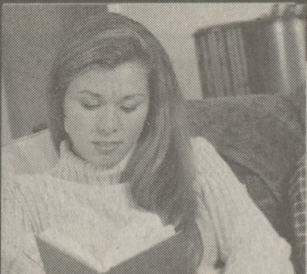
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