

# Misericordia university honors alumni with annual award

Joan Smith Foster and Nadine Kuderka Howe honored during dinner.

Misericordia University recently presented alumni Joan Smith Foster and Nadine Kuderka Howe with the Alumni Medallion Award at the annual Alumni Awards dinner held during Alumni Weekend.

The Alumni Medallion Award is awarded annually during Alumni Weekend to recognize anniversary class members who have demonstrated outstanding community service, commitment to the strengthening of family life and distinguished professional contributions.

A Harveys Lake resident, Foster earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1979 from Misericordia and began her career as an accounting officer in the financial division at United Penn Bank for 10 years. She joined the MU faculty in the late 1980s and has served as a class agent for the class of 1979.

Foster joined the admissions department at MU in 2006 and two years later was named assistant director of admissions, responsible for transfer student recruitment.

Her professional accomplishments include membership in the Institute of Management Accountants where she serves on the editorial board of the magazine, "Strategic Finance." She has presented papers at professional conferences for almost a decade.

At Our Lady of Victory Church, Foster serves as a Eucharistic minister and is a member of the church's finance committee. A United Way representative, she has participated in numerous Day of Caring events and has volunteered as secretary/treasurer for the Harveys Lake Protective Association.

Foster and her husband, John, have three sons.

Howe, a Dallas resident, graduated from Misericordia in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Soon after, she and her hus-

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band, John, moved to Connecticut where she began her professional career in the Groton Public Schools teaching kindergarten. After taking time off to raise the couple's two children, John and Jennifer, she completed her master's degree in teaching at Connecticut College.

When the couple returned to Northeast Pennsylvania, Howe took a job as a sales manager for Genetti Enterprises in Wilkes-Barre before getting a job at the Best Western East Mountain Inn and Suites in 1994 where she was named general manager in 1999.

Howe was elected the first female president of the Rotary Club of Scranton and also serves on the board of the American Red Cross, volunteers for the Ameri-

can Diabetes Association and is on the advisory board that is helping to develop the new Luzerne County Community College Culinary Arts Education Center in Nanticoke.

She is a scripture reader and financial council member at the Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, Center Moreland, and participates in the Misericordia Alumni Volunteer Program.



Nadine Kuderka Howe



Joan Smith Foster

## Misericordia University plans open house for August 22

Misericordia University invites high school students and their parents to an open house program at the Back Mountain campus from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Misericordia offers students an opportunity to spend a fun and informative day touring the facilities, meeting Misericordia students, faculty and coaches, and talking with admissions and fi-

ancial aid counselors. For more information, contact the Misericordia University Admissions Office at 675-4449 or by e-mail at [admiss@misericordia.edu](mailto:admiss@misericordia.edu).

### OBITUARIES

**ADAMS** - William H., 89, of Sweet Valley, died Sunday, July 19, 2009 at the Lakeside Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on October 30, 1919, he graduated from GAR High School, Wilkes-Barre, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He was employed as a machinist by the American Chain and Cable Company, Wilkes-Barre, for 32 years and retired from Midway Tool and Engineering Company, Laffin, where he worked for 15 years.

He was a member of American Legion Post 463, Plymouth.

Surviving is his son, John W. Adams, Sweet Valley.

**BRINOLA** - Michael A., 96, of Trucksville, died Friday, July 17, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born May 18, 1913 in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of GAR High School.

Prior to his retirement in 1979, he was employed by Owens Illinois as a machinist. He was a member of Saint Therese's Church, Shavertown, and a former member of the Holy Name Society of St. John's Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his daughter, Ann Marie Haughwout, of Georgia; son Michael, of Trucksville; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis Street, Shavertown, PA 18708.

**CILVIK** - Edward A., 79, of Sweet Valley and Norwich, N.Y., died Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at the Mercy Special Care Hospital, Nanticoke.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on October 13, 1929, he graduated from Wilkes-Barre Township High School in 1947. He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967.

He operated Cilvik Products, Inc. which made and distributed Herbal Medicinal Products until the 1960s.

Surviving are his sons, Edward, of Red Hill; Paul, of Walla Walla, Wash.; Willard, of Sweet Valley; Robert, of Harveys Lake; daughters, Leicha Cilvik, of Dallas; Catherine, of San Jose, Calif.; 12 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; brother, Carl, of Wilkes-Barre; sisters, Joan Booth, of Monticello, N.Y.; Margaret Krummell, of Wilkes-Barre; Marie Avery, of Liberty, N.Y.; many nieces and nephews.

**CLARK** - Elmer H., of Diamond Trailer Park, Tunkhannock, died Monday, July 13, 2009 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Sayre on April 4, 1941, he was employed as an electrician at the Bad Creek Power Plant, Salem, S.C. prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Wyoming County Senior Citizens.

Surviving are his companion, Trudy Collins; sons, Elmer, of Winchester, Tenn.; Keith Alan, of Greenville, S.C.; and Jason Wallace, of Roswell, Ga.; a daughter, Becky Sue Black, of Easley, S.C.; brothers, Duane, of Towanda, and John, of LaRaysville; a sister, Delores Schoonover, of Wysox; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Wyoming County American Cancer Society, 8 Iron Wood St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

**CRAMER** - Grace M., 84, formerly of Shoemakersville, died Monday, July 13, 2009 at the Village at Greenbriar, Dallas, where she lived since June 2008.

Born in Perry Township, she was a 1943 graduate of Perry High School. She was a member of Zion's Church, Perry Township, and also a former member of the Women's Club of Leesport.

Surviving are her son, Samuel

T., Harveys Lake; and a sister, Lara L. (Shappell) Newcombe, Tuckerton.

Memorial donations to Zion's Church Memorial Fund, 770 Zion's Church Rd., Hamburg, PA 19526.

**FULLERTON** - George L. "Skippy," III, 72, of Valley View Drive, Hunlock Creek, died on Thursday, July 16, 2009 at the home of his daughter, Thelma Sue, Sheatown.

Born on November 30, 1936 in Wilkes-Barre, he was employed for 13 years at Penn Footwear and 21 years at Standard Coach, Nanticoke. Also, he worked at Buda's Farm in Mooretown and Lamoreaux's Auto Parts in Sweet Valley.

He graduated from Laketon Elementary School and from the Scranton School for the Deaf in 1954. He also attended Barber Finishing School in Philadelphia.

He was a member of the Wilkes-Barre Society of the Deaf and was a member of the United Sportsmen's Camp 271, Huntington Mills.

Surviving are his sons, George L. IV, Orangeville; Mark and Bryan, Nanticoke; daughters, Thelma Sue, Sheatown; Rhonda, Nanticoke; brother, Joseph Dobrowski, Hunlock Creek; sisters, Claire Shilanski, Plymouth; Nancy Slasor, San Antonio, Texas; Gael Miller, Falls City, Ore.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

**GUYETTE** - Ruth Ann (Stile), of Tunkhannock, died Friday, July 17, 2009 at home following a brief illness.

Born in Luzerne, she graduated from Luzerne High School. She gave a weekend home to many boys from St. Michael's School for Boys as a foster parent in her earlier years.

Surviving are a sister, Bea-

trix, Luzerne; son, Bill, of Augusta, Ga.; daughter, Mary Beth, of Tunkhannock; son, James; five grandchildren; one great-grandson.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston PA 18704, or your local SPCA or animal sanctuary.

**KELLER** - Betty Ziegenfus, 93, died Monday, July 20, 2009 at The Village at Greenbriar, Dallas.

Born August 31, 1915 in South Wales, Great Britain, she was a graduate of GAR High School, Class of 1934. Prior to her retirement, she had been employed at Isaac Long Department Store, Wilkes-Barre, and the Kiddie Shop in Edwardsville.

She was a member of the Dorancton United Methodist Church, Kingston, and also of the Wyoming Valley Women's Club, the Salvation Army Auxiliary and the Irem Temple Auxiliary.

Surviving are her son, Gary David, of Luzerne; three granddaughters; two great-grandchildren.

**KROUSE** - Francis J., died on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

Born in Edwardsville, he resided in Chase for 38 years before moving to Kingston in 1993.

He retired from the State Correctional Institution in Dallas in 1980 and was employed as a corrections officer and infirmary supervisor.

He attended Edwardsville schools and graduated from Coughlin High School. He also graduated from the Lincoln School of Practical Nursing and the Army School of Martial Arts in Pueblo, Colo.

An Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he earned five bronze stars and earned the rank of First Sergeant. He also served as a Deputy Sheriff while

stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado at Manitou, Colo.

A survivor of the 109th Field Artillery train wreck, he transferred to Camp Atterbury Base Hospital as an administrative assistant. He was also an investigator for the Courts of Military Justice, receiving another citation for his expertise and knowledge in the codes of military justice.

He was also past vice chairman of the Paramount Theatrical Agency in the 1940s. He was a member of the Catholic War Veterans, Post 752, Edwardsville; a life member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 102; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 283; American Legion, Post 797; Post 4 Society of the 28th Division and a retired member of the Wilkes-Barre Police Lodge 36; and Pa. Association of Retired State Employees.

He was a member of the Resurrection of Our Lord Polish National Catholic Church, Edwardsville.

Surviving are his wife, the former Helen Zielen Krouse; daughter, Theresa Gorda, of Shavertown; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; sister, Helen Zielen, of Swoyersville; brothers, Felix, of Drums; and William, of Hazleton; nieces and nephews.

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

**RADONAVITCH** - Robert S., 69, of Shavertown, died Monday, July 13, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston on August 15, 1939, he graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1957. Prior to retiring two years ago, he was self-employed as a truck driver for 35 years.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, the former Patricia Hilgest; sons, Stephen R., of Jamestown, N.C., and William J., of Long Island, N.Y.; sisters, Josephine Bunney and Jennie Rice, both of Chase; and six grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Roaring Brook Baptist Church, 332 Pritchards Rd., Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

**RISHCOFF** - Margaret, of Hunlock Creek, died Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Swoyersville, she was a member of S.S. Peter & Paul U.C. Church, Plymouth.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Roscoe M.; daughter, Judy Finn, Hunlock Creek; two grandsons; one great-grandson.

**SHOLTIS** - Joseph, 91, of Lake Township, died Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at the Golden Living Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Swoyersville, he attended the Oakdale School in Jackson Township. Before retiring, he was self-employed as a farmer.

He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving is his cousin, Edward Sholtis, Dallas.

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