

OBITUARIES

BROWN - Sterling Richard, 82, of Jackson Township, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009 in the Hospice Care of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Chase, he was a graduate of Lehman High School and U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was employed by Air Products, Hanover Township, for 38 years, retiring as an inspector.

He was a member of Trucksville United Methodist Church, Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post 672, Dallas; the National Rifle Association and the North American Hunting Club, Minnesota.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Alma Gilbert Brown; children, Linda Mazur Weisenberger, Mountain Top; Shirley June Swan, Arrowhead Lake; Gary Jay, Mountain Top; Leslie Darryl, Jackson Township; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

BURKHARDT - John V., of Sweet Valley, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009 at home.

Born on February 14, 1948 in Hampstead, N.Y., he was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was formerly employed by the V.A. Medical Center, Plains Township, and prior to his retirement, worked for the Federal Aviation Administration, Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

Surviving are his wife, Maureen Stehle; daughter, Veronica Noone, Joppa, Md.; son, David, Pittston; stepchildren, Michelle Lee, Discovery Bay, Calif.; Robert Stehle, Wilkes-Barre; four grandchildren; brothers, William, Lawrence and Richard Burkhardt; sisters, Barbara Adams and Patricia Burkhardt.

DAVIS - Alfred T., of Dallas, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009 at his home.

Born on July 29, 1939 in Wilkes-Barre, he attended Gate of Heaven School in Dallas.

A professional truck driver for more than 40 years, he was also the shop steward of his union. He served for eight years in the 109th National Guard Field Artillery, Kingston.

Surviving are his wife, Betty M. Davis, of Dallas; daughters,

Cynthia Boyd, of Sweet Valley; Susan Williams and Candy Cummings, both of Dallas; three grandchildren; sisters, Shirley McDonald, of Dallas; Betty Westerborg, of Virginia; many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

KEMMERER - Betty Jane, of Chester, N.Y., formerly of Harveys Lake, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009 at Elant Health Care Center at Goshen.

Born on September 7, 1930 in Wilkes-Barre, she was a retired banking associate.

Surviving are her husband of over 60 years, Herbert M.; daughters, Linda Leppig, of Chester; and Marion Borges, of Toms River, N.J.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association.

KOEB - Ida B., 91, of Dallas, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born on February 4, 1918 in Eynon, she was former beautician. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Montrose, the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas and their Women's Group.

Surviving are her children, Kay Stevens, of North Richland Hills, Texas; Patricia, of Grandview, Mo.; Randolph, of Stockbridge, Ga.; nine grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; sisters, Florence Zahora, Viola Hall and Fran Bajkowski; brother, Frank Bajkowski; nieces and nephews.

She donated her body to Humanity Gifts Registry for medical research and will be the first donor for the newly-opened medical research hospital in Scranton.

Memorial donations to the Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Dallas, 105 Irem Rd., Dallas, PA 18612-9181, or the American Cancer Society, 712 S. Keyser Ave., Taylor, PA 18517.

LAITY - Lenore Alma (Dutchie), 72, of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born on August 2, 1937, she graduated from Kingston High School, Class of 1955. She resided

in Edwardsville for 26 years, moving to Tunkhannock in 1983.

She was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge, Kingston. She and her husband owned and operated several businesses, including LL Trucking and a private courier service. She was most recently employed by URS as a licensed technician for PennDOT Drivers License Center where she received an achievement award from PIBH for outstanding character and personal work ethics.

Surviving is her husband of 52 years, James R.; daughter, Barbara Jeffreys; two grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

NOWAKOWSKI - Joseph, 85, formerly of Centermoreland, died Monday, Aug. 10, 2009 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Edwardsville, he was an Army veteran of World War II and was employed as a long-distance truck driver for many years.

Surviving are his sisters, Sister M. Jacqueline, Reading; and Irene Scholl, Edwardsville; several nieces and nephews.

WATTS - Andrew Michael, 20, of Dallas, formerly of Conklin, N.Y., died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at home.

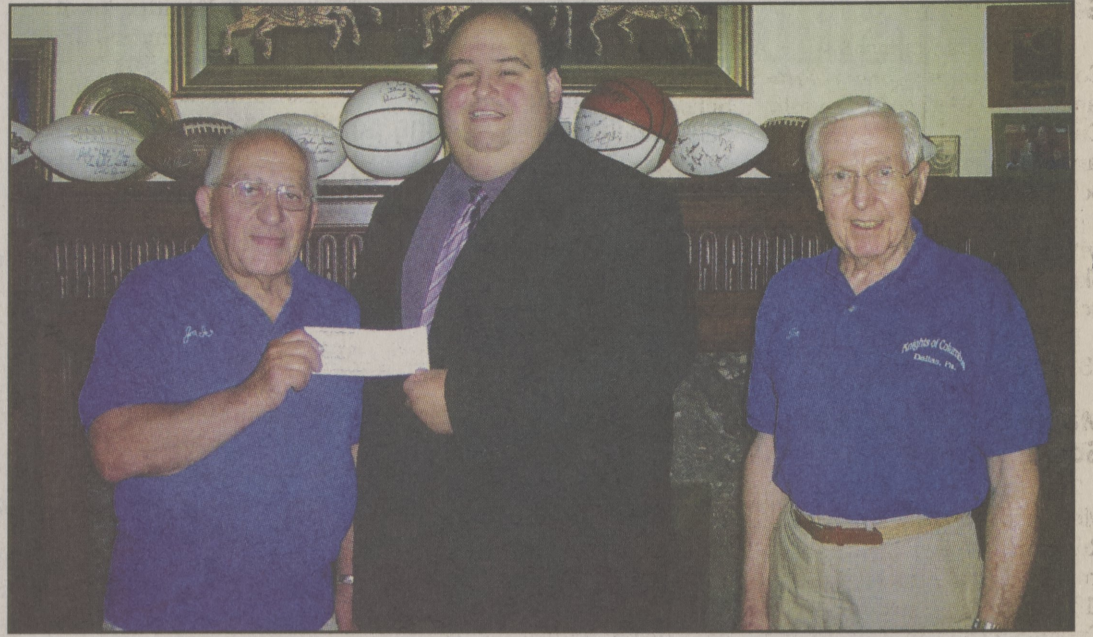
Born on June 23, 1989 in Binghamton, N.Y., he lived a courageous battle with Cystic Fibrosis, a challenge he met head on with no fear. His death was a result of this battle, complications from the double lung transplant he underwent in May 2008.

He was a graduate of the Dallas High School, Class of 2008, where he received his diploma three weeks after undergoing a double lung transplant.

Survivors include his aunt and guardian, Melinda Watts, of Dallas; dad, Robert Barrett Jr., of Conklin, N.Y.; brothers, Steven Pierson Jr. and Scott Pierson, both of Wilkes-Barre; Craig Barrett, of Kirkwood, N.Y.; grandmothers, Dawn Watts, of Snow Camp, N.C.; Lorraine Barrett, of Conklin, N.Y.; aunts, uncles and a nephew.

Memorial donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, 1541 Alta Dr., Suite 204, Whitehall, PA 18052.

KNIGHTS DONATE TO ST. JUDE'S



The Dallas Knights of Columbus, Council 8224 recently made a donation to ALSAC, the local arm of St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis TN. St. Jude's specializes in research and development of cures for childhood cancers. Shown here making a \$1,000 donation are, from left, Jack Cacoza, Grand Knight; Atty. Peter Moses, of ALSAC; and Joe Canfield.

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