

OBITUARIES

ANDERSON - Dale, 76, of Shavertown, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009 at Hospice of the VNA at the Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born March 7, 1933 in Oakley, Kansas, he was a graduate of Kansas High School. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the U.S. Navy in the Medical Corps.

He was a graduate of Indiana University, where he earned a Ph.D. in folklore and was the author of two books including "Folktales of the High Plains."

He had attended Nebraska Christian College where he became an ordained minister. He had served more than 23 churches in Pennsylvania and was the founding minister of The Christian Church in California, as well as the Montoursville Christian Church. Prior to his retirement, he had been a professor of English composition at Bloomsburg University.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, the former Joan Daniels; children, Bryce, of Green Bay, Wis.; Bryan, of Ruckersville, Va.; Brent, of Philadelphia; Laura Bendler, of Waynesboro, Va.; Robert, of Crivitz, Wis.; Richard and Charles, both of Kingston; Elizabeth Smith, of Dallas, and Celeste, of Shavertown; and five grandchildren.

BESECKER - Wallis A., 65, of Dallas, died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston, she was a graduate of Meyers High School, Class of 1961. Before retiring, she was employed as a secretary by Misericordia University.

She was a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church and a former member of Dallas Junior Women's Club.

Surviving are her children, Joey Maniskas, Jason Maniskas and Jamie Sorbelli, all of Dallas; brother, Delmar, Malvern; sisters, Holly Fisk, Ocala, Fla.; Molly Lally, Litchfield, Conn.; and five grandchildren. Memorial donations to the Luzerne County S.P.C.A.

CAMPBELL - Louise D., formerly of Dallas, died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009 at Hospice Community Care in Dunmore.

Born July 25, 1923 in Kansas City, Mo., she was a graduate of Kansas City High School and attended a two-year program at Kansas City University.

She was a veteran of World War II, serving as a WAVE in the U.S. Navy. She was a member of the Community of Christ Church, Scranton.

Surviving are her sons, James K., of Frederick, Md.; John D., of St. Peters, Pa.; and Paul L., of Shavertown; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

GORDON - Dr. Daniel, 89, of Newberry Estates, Dallas, and Boca Raton, Fla., died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009 in the VNA Hospice of Northeastern PA, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Port Griffith, he was a 1937 graduate of Nanticoke High School where he received the American Legion Award for outstanding student. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania

School of Dental Medicine in 1943.

During World War II, Dr. Gordon served in the 193rd Field Artillery of the 3rd U.S. Army as a Captain in the Dental Corps in Germany. After the war, he returned to Wilkes-Barre and opened his dental practice on South Franklin Street. Dr. Gordon practiced dentistry for 50 years and was considered to be the first dentist to perform periodontal surgery in Wyoming Valley.

He was active in bringing study clubs to the dental society and served as past president of the Luzerne County Dental Society. He was a past member of Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce and its board of directors. One of his proudest moments was serving as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce dinner welcoming JFK to Wyoming Valley.

After Hurricane Agnes, Dr. Gordon was instrumental in organizing the HUD program in Kingston and secured trailers for 200 families.

Dr. Gordon formerly belonged to Irem Temple Golf Club, Fox Hill Golf Club and more recently, Boca West and Huntsville Golf Clubs. He was a member of Temple B'nai B'rith, the B'nai B'rith Lodge, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish War Veterans and other civic organizations.

Surviving are wife of 68 years, Bernice; daughters, Melissa Quinn, of Harveys Lake; Lindsay Natausky, of Shavertown; Marianne Faber, of Mt. Lebanon; seven grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to

Temple B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Community Center or the VNA Hospice of Northeastern PA.

HOOVER - Viola, 101, formerly of Lehman Township, died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas where she had been a guest for the past six years.

Born in Meeker in 1908, she grew up in the Broadway/Harveyville area and graduated from Huntington Mills High School in 1927. She was a member of the Lehman-Ide-town United Methodist Church and its WSCS and was a former member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

She was also a longtime member of the Meeker Methodist Church before it closed and served many years there as the secretary of the WSCS. Her last place of employment before she retired was the former Natona Mills in Dallas. Before that she worked in a dress factory in Kearny, N.J., and, before that, as a domestic housekeeper for several families in the area.

Surviving are her three sons, Gerald, of Unionville; Gordon, of Middlesex, N.J.; and Dale, of Atwater, Calif.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Ide-town-Lehman United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1, Lehman, Pa., 18627.

SHOLTIS - Jean M., 69, formerly of Lehman, died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009 at Fernwood Manor, Pikes Creek.

She was born in Jackson Township.

Surviving are her mother, Bertha Eadeas Sholtis, Pikes Creek; aunts, uncles and cousins.

VARNER - Pauline E., 95, of Meadows Apartments, Dallas, died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Beach Haven, Salem Township, on April 15, 1914, she graduated in 1928 from Hanover High School

where she participated in basketball. She resided in Meeker prior to moving to the Meadows Apartments six years ago.

Before retiring, she was employed as a seamstress for Woodbury Manufacturing, Wilkes-Barre, for 35 years.

Surviving are her son, Ernest "Bud," of Meeker; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial donations to Outlet Free Methodist Church, 531 Lehman Outlet Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

Having been depleted over the summer months, BMT Food Pantry is in need of donations

During the summer months, when children are home from school with no school breakfast and lunch program to help them, the Back Mountain Food Pantry receives many additional requests for food for children to meet their needs until they return to school.

Therefore, supplies are very low as the fall season begins. The elderly also rely on the pantry for assistance and soon their needs will increase as they try to heat their homes and buy their medicine.

Donations have been down

over the summer months even though the demand has substantially increased.

Donations are urgently needed. Food may be dropped off at Cook's Pharmacy, Route 309 in Shavertown and Hilbert's Tractor Store, Route 415 in Dallas during regular business hours.

Donors are asked to consider donating the following items: breakfast foods of any kind, peanut butter and jelly, pancake mixes and syrup, flour, soups, instant potatoes, stews, Spam, tuna fish, canned fruits and vegetables and boxed or canned pasta.

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