

OBITUARIES

BAER - The Rev. Harold R. Jr., 71, pastor emeritus of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009 at his home in Dallas.

Born on Jan. 17, 1938 in Mahanoy City, he was a graduate of Reading High School, Class of 1955. He received a B.A. degree from Muhlenberg College and his Master's of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

He served the following churches: Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Reading, 1963 to 1964; St. John's Lutheran Church, Sinking Spring, 1964 to 1984; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Catasauqua, 1984 to 1988; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown/Dallas, from 1988 to his retirement in 1996.

He was a board member of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society, president of Sinking Spring Bicentennial Committee, dean of West Berks District, member of the board of trustees of Topton Lutheran Home, board member of Ecumenical Enterprises Inc., member of the College Misericordia Choral Society Choir and St. Paul's Lutheran Church Adult Choir, liaison representative to Retired Persons of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and supply pastor serving Lutheran churches in the NEPA Synod.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, the former Alice Goldenberg; son, Jeffrey S., of Salisbury, Md.; daughter, Carolyn Luce, of Pottstown; five grandchildren; and a sister, Alice Rickenbach, of Enola.

Memorial donations to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 802, Dallas, PA 18612.

BAUER - Anna Tensa, 104, of Kunkle, Dallas Township, died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 at Lakeside Nursing Home, Harveys Lake.

Born in Larksville, she attended Larksville schools. Before retiring, she worked as a housekeeper and a nanny.

She was a member of St. Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the D&H Railroad.

Surviving are her son, Charles J. Kunkle; brother, George Tensa, Detroit, Mich.; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Lakeside Nursing Home Patient Fund.

BIGGER - Rosemary "Tauntti," 85, of Sweet Valley, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Luzerne on June 12, 1924, she lived most of her life in Luzerne before moving to the Meadows Apartments, Dallas. She resided at Fernwood Manor, Sweet Valley, until April.

Prior to retiring, she was employed by the Leslie Fay and Carmen Dress factories. She was a member of the Bennett Presbyterian Church, Luzerne, and the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Company.

Surviving are her nieces and a nephew; great-nieces; and a sister-in-law; Dorothy Baines,

of Luzerne.

CALADIE - Rose M., 63, of Shavertown, died on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009 at Hospice Care of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Luzerne on August 15, 1946, she was a graduate of Luzerne High School and Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke. She was employed by the Luzerne County Courthouse since 1980. She worked in tax claim, data processing and, most recently, in Veterans Affairs.

Prior to working for Luzerne County, she owned and operated Rose Marie Ceramics in Luzerne.

Surviving are her husband, James, Shavertown; son, James Jr., at home; brothers, Raymond Zekas, Shavertown, and Michael Zekas, Florida; in-laws, nieces and nephews.

DASKALAKES - Dennis N., 68, of Harveys Lake, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 while on a hunting trip in the state of Wyoming.

Born in Pottsville, he was a graduate of Allentown High School and an Army veteran. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Bethlehem Steel.

Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Kathleen Zabresky Daskalakes; a daughter, Gina, of California; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Luzerne County SPCA, Plains Township.

ENEBOE - Cleo I., 92, of Shavertown, died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Springwater Township, Minn., she graduated from Garretson High School in South Dakota and the Nettleton School of Business in Sioux Falls, S.D.

She retired as a secretary from the Acme Market Real Estate and Engineering Department in 1979. She volunteered at the Back Mountain Memorial Library and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas.

Surviving are her children, Diane Bottoms, of Palo Alto, Calif.; Carole Moretti, of Lake Worth, Fla.; John, of Big Bear Lake, Calif.; Cathy Rahm, of Reno, Nev.; Robin Rogers, of Dallas; Joel, of Shavertown; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Ann Newberg and Ellen Doese, both of Sioux Falls, S.D., numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, RR 4, Box 627A, Dallas Township, PA 18612; St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702; or the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

HILSTOLSKY - John W., 78, of Mount Olivet Road, Carverton, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009 in the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Pittston, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Prior to his retirement, he was employed at Procter & Gamble of Mehoopany for 21 years as a line operator in the Bounty Division.

He was a member of St. Frances X. Cabrini Church of Carverton.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, the former Lorraine Harris; daughter, Joan, Bethlehem; sisters, Celia Lawrence, Fort Pierce, Fla.; Irene Murry, Carverton; brothers, Frank and Edward, Carverton; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704; St. Frances X. Cabrini Church, 585 Mount Olivet Rd., Kingston Township, PA 18644; The Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, PA 18612; or The Alzheimer's Association, 57 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

NEYHARD - Gertrude, 87, a lifetime resident of Dallas, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009 in the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Edwardsville, she was a longtime member of the East Dallas Methodist Church.

Surviving are her daughters, Carol Novajosky, Dallas; Linda Harrison, Endicott, N.Y.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, William Thomas.

Memorial donations to The Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

NICHOLSON - Eleanor A., of Dallas, died Friday, Oct. 2, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Edwardsville, she was a lifelong member of the Larksville United Methodist Church. She taught Sunday school for many years, served as trustee and as treasurer for the official board of the Larksville United Methodist Church where she was a member of the choir and of the Women's United Methodist Church Society.

She graduated from Edwardsville High School in 1956 and attended the Dean's School of Business at Wyoming Seminary. She was employed for a short time by Franconi Auto Parts in the accounting department. She joined Luzerne National Bank where she held several positions in the loan department for 42 years, retiring with the title of assistant vice president of the Loan Department.

She was active with the American Institute of Banking, was a member of the Eastern Star and was active with the Shrine Circus. She also volunteered at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auctions over the years.

Surviving are her aunts, Leona Strutko, of Dallas, and Theresa Evans, of Edwardsville; and several cousins.

Memorial donations to Larksville United Methodist Church.

PETERS - Dr. Robert H. Jr., 93, of Kasko Road, Jackson Township, died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 at his home.

Born in Mountain Top, he was a graduate of Ashley High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Muhlenberg College in 1937.

He earned his medical degree from Jefferson Medical

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TIGER CUB SCOUTS HIKE AT FRANCES SLOCUM



Members of the Tiger Cub Den of Pack 155 completed a short hike at Frances Slocum State Park on Sunday, Oct. 4. Eight Tiger Cub Scouts walked just short of two miles in an effort to earn part of their Tiger Cub award. The Scouts also completed one elective by picking up trash while on the hike. Accompanying the Scouts on the hike were their den leader, assistant den leader and their adult partners. Shown in the photo are, from left, first row, Matt Cheskiewicz, Dylan Roberts, Jacob Banta and Ethan Shilanski. Second row, Erik Sowga, assistant den leader; Zach Chamberlain, Brady Dautrich, Austin Sowga, Lucas Tomko and Russ Banta, den leader. The Tiger Cubs of Pack 155 are sponsored by the Trucksville United Methodist Church and meet two Sunday evenings each month from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

CCK mission deemed to be huge success

The Back Mountain's all-volunteer organization Community Cares for Kids (CCK) is calling its 2009 Medical Mission to Ecuador the most challenging yet - and a huge success.

After a grueling 20-hour journey into remote Ecuador, a MASH-like operating room, primitive equipment and 60 difficult operations, the committee has just learned from Ecuadorian sources that all patients, including some very tiny babies, are doing well with no infections and no fatalities.

Now CCK is plunging into its new season of fundraising to support next year's mission. Their efforts will climax with the Fourth Annual Carnivale Masquerade Ball to be held at The Highlands at Newberry Estate in Dallas on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010.

The ball features food, open bar and live music. Dance tickets cost \$135 per person or \$250 per couple. Tickets are available at www.CommunityCaresforKids.com, by e-mailing cck@Collini.com or by calling 674-6525.

A major part of the season's fundraising is CCK's charity raffle. Tickets sell for \$10 each or three for \$25.

EDITH PILLARELLA NOTES 90TH BIRTHDAY



Mrs. Edith Pillarella, of Dallas, recently celebrated her 90th birthday at a luncheon at Pickett's Charge Restaurant in Dallas given in her honor by the Women of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Pillarella is the wife of the late Rev. Andrew Pillarella, the founding pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Irem Road, Dallas. An avid supporter of education and reading, she is the founder of the Trinity Learning Center at the church. Her daughter, Mrs. Beth Faerber, left, shared the special event with her mother. Mrs. Pillarella is also the mother of Mary Martin and Julie Sgarlat, a grandmother to five grandchildren and recently became a great-grandmother.

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