

OBITUARIES

JAMES - Betty, of Sylvan Lake and Florida, died Monday, Nov. 9, 2009.

In her younger years, she worked at America Tobacco Co. and General Cigar Co. She was a member of the Franklin Street Primitive Methodist Church, its Ladies Aid Society and Sunday School class.

Surviving are her daughter, Diane Munster; sons, Christopher and Thomas Joseph; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Strass Goldstein.

MACIEJCZYK - Walter, 82, of Shavertown, died on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Hunlock Creek, he was a graduate of Harter High School, attended Wilkes College and was a graduate of LaSalle University.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the American theater, and was a member of the American Legion, Post 672, Dallas. He also belonged to the Polish American Falcons, Nest 91, Nanticoke.

He was employed by the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot as a plastics technologist and the Picatinny Arsenal as a pyrotechnic engineer. He was last employed by Air Products and Chemicals.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Germaine Waskie Maciejczyk; nieces and nephews.

MILLER - Ralph J. "Butch," 65, of Beaumont and Dalton, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, Tenn.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on January 8, 1944, he was a graduate of E.L. Meyers High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Prior to his retirement, he worked through Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers Local No. 5 Union Hall as a marble tile sitter's assistant. He was a member of Gate of Heaven, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, the former Betty Jo Cato; brother, Andrew G. Miller, Ashley; sisters, Catherine Schwartz, Wilkes-Barre; and Maureen DeLeur, Harveys Lake; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Gate of Heaven Church, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas, PA 18612.

SMITH - Manley John Jr., 53, of Harveys Lake, died Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 at home.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, on Feb. 1, 1956.

Surviving are his mother, Eva Mae Lloyd Smith, with

whom he resided; daughters, Crystal Isbel, Pittston; and Leann Barzilowski; nine grandchildren; brother, Tony Ruff; numerous nieces and nephews.

STARK - Alton R. Jr., 61, of Tunkhannock, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009 at his residence.

Born in Meshoppen, on July 31, 1948, he was a 1966 graduate of the Tunkhannock Area High School and was employed by IBM for 32 years as a computer programmer.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Deborah H. Lemardy; his daughter, Shannon Stark-Witter, Tunkhannock; son, Alton R. III, Tunkhannock; brother, Lewis, of Birchardville; sisters, Dawn, Tunkhannock; Barbara Rando, Vestal, N.Y.; Patricia Krupa, Philadelphia, and Carol O'Donnell, Philadelphia; two granddaughters; several nieces; nephews and cousins.

WALSH - Helen, of Dallas and Harveys Lake, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Swoyersville, she was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake. She attended Swoyersville schools, was very active in the Knights of Columbus and was president of the Sultanas organization for special children.

Surviving are her husband, Michael, with whom she celebrated her 61st wedding anniversary on Nov. 6; a son, Ronald, Swoyersville; sisters, Alberta Podgurski, Lehman; and Margie Magli, Exeter; numerous nieces and nephews.

WYDA - Myrtle G., 78, of Vernon, died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009 at Lakeside Nursing Center.

Born on Corby Hill in Tunkhannock on Nov. 16, 1930, she attended Hunter School, a one-room schoolhouse on Jenks Road.

She was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Tunkhannock for most of her life.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Albert J. Wyda; brothers, Paul, Robert and James Sickler, all of Tunkhannock; Harold Sickler, of Meshoppen; sisters, Dorothy Shupp and Sara Greenley, both of Thurston Hollow; daughters, Barbara Moyer, of Lehman; Susan Robinson, of Vernon, Jean Winters, of Tunkhannock; Sara Chambers, of Sugar Hollow; Laura Faux, of Vernon; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Endless Mountain Christian Academy.



Krista Connolly, circulation coordinator of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, is the first to display her photography on the new art display wall at the library.

Locals can display art work on new display wall at BMT library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library's recently remodeled Reference Room is now ready, complete with a brand new art display wall.

This exhibit area was made possible with a grant from the Maslow Family Foundation and donations from Mrs. Doris Carey, Modern Floor and Maryellen Giannuzzi.

The wall is now available to display amateur and professional collections of artwork and photography.

First to display her photography on the display wall is Krista Connolly, circulation coordinator of the library, who has entitled her collection, "Reflections on Gratitude."

The exhibit portrays various scenes to be thankful for, including "Fountain of Youth," "Food for the Homeless" and "Better Things to Come."

Individuals who would like to display their collection for one month are invited to contact the library at 675-1182.

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