

## OBITUARIES

**CREEDEN** - Michael K., 54, of Tunkhannock, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2010 in Nevada.

Born on Oct. 18, 1955 in Newark, N.J., he attended Tunkhannock Area High School and was a U.S. Army veteran. He was employed by Calex Logistics of Pittston.

Surviving are his wife, Betsy Creeden; sons, Brice Gibbs and Christopher Faux; daughter, Molly Creeden; sisters, Linda Jowett, Sandy Tilkonis, Shawn Clark, Anna Life, Mary Redan and Angel Desmarais; brother, Mark; several grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

**EPSTEIN** - Charles M., of Dallas, 90, died on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born at home on South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, on January 15, 1920, he was educated at Harry Hillman Academy, Kingston schools, Wyoming Seminary and graduated from Horace Mann, N.Y. He attended the University of Virginia.

He served in the U.S. Army from November 1941 until October 1945 when he was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant. During his service, he earned the bronze star and five battle stars.

When he returned to Wilkes-Barre, he began his professional career with the family business, Liberty Throwing Company. He served as CEO of Liberty and remained active in the business, going to the office every day until his death.

He served on many boards as board member and/or officer/chairman, including the Boy Scouts, Westmoreland Club, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, College Misericordia, First Eastern Bank, United Fund, North Mountain Club, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, SPCA, Children's Service Center, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Planned Parenthood and the Heritage House. He chaired the United Fund Drive, the Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund Drive and the Planned Parenthood Drive.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda Epstein, Baltimore, Md.; Susie Fishel, Lexington, N.C.; and Sally Epstein, Santa Fe, N.M.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two nephews.

Memorial donations memory to the SPCA or the Boy Scouts.

**KITTLE** - Tommy Allan, 19, of

Sweet Valley, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 in Ross Township from injuries he suffered in an automobile accident.

Born on June 6, 1990, he graduated from Northwest Area High School in 2008 and was presently attending Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke.

He was employed part time at the Dollar General in Shavertown.

Surviving are his mother, Judy Naugle Kittle, with whom he resided; brothers, Corey, Josh and Tyler, all at home; paternal grandmother, Dolores Kittle, Sweet Valley; maternal grandparents, Lloyd and Gloris Naugle; aunts, uncles and cousins.

**KOSAKOWSKI** - Peter L. Jr., 63, of Dallas, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 after a sudden illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on Dec. 16, 1946, he graduated from Wilkes-Barre Township High School, Class of 1964, and attended Lackawanna Junior College, Scranton.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1966 to 1968 and retired from the Department of Corrections in 2004.

He was a member of the North End Slovak Club and the Dallas American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ann; daughter, Kristen Handel, of Coopersburg; son, Jeff, of Harrisburg; mother, Margaret Sisko Kosakowski, of Wilkes-Barre Township; brother, Paul, of Wilkes-Barre; sisters, Rose Ann Martin, of Mountain Top; and Lois Zluchowski, of Cove Springs, Fla.; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to The Make-A-Wish Foundation, at [www.wishgraterpa.org](http://www.wishgraterpa.org) or Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Pennsylvania and Southern West Virginia Inc., c/o The Gulf Tower, 707 Grant St., 37th floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1916.

**KROWKOWSKI** - Emma Mae, died Friday, Feb. 26, 2010 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born on Feb. 7, 1928 in Lehman Township, she attended Lehman High School.

She worked as a cook during her younger years.

Surviving are her daughter, Linda Rice, of Trucksville; one grandchild; brother, Leslie Sutton, of Harveys Lake.

**LOGAN** - Richard W. (Dick) Sr., 86, of Northmoreland Township, Falls, died Monday, March 1, 2010 at his home

Born in Plains Township, he at-

tended the Plains Township schools. He was a veteran of Army service during World War II and served in the European Theater in the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central European campaigns with the 394th Infantry Regiment. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the Meritorious Unit Award, the American Theater Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars and the Victory Medal.

He was employed by Potlatch Co., Ransom, for 37 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a member of the Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church and Post 1227, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Duryea.

Surviving are his wife, Ella Laverne Wolfe Logan; daughter, Mrs. Sandra Jervis, Tunkhannock; son, Richard, Falls; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church, c/o Ruth Eyet, RR 1, Box 239, Falls, PA 18615.

**MUSSER** - Miriam L., 66, of Hickory Drive, Tunkhannock, died on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born in Caernarvon Township, she retired after 20 years as a cook and cafeteria manager at the Roslund Elementary School.

She was a member of the Lakeview Mennonite Church in Susquehanna where she was involved in music and worship leading.

Surviving are her husband of 45 years, Bob; a daughter, Maria, of Canadensis; a son, Tim, of Lancaster; three grandchildren; sisters, Alice Martin, of Ephrata; Rhoda, Kalend, of Morgantown, W. Va.; and Ruth, of Lititz; brothers, Arthur, of Narvon; Harold, of Anderson, S.C.; and Robert, of Blue Ball; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa., designated for Haiti Disaster Relief, and to the Geisinger Cancer Center in Wilkes-Barre or Tunkhannock.

**PHILLIPS** - L.R., of Tunkhannock, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2010 at Mercy Hospital, Scranton, after being stricken with an apparent heart attack.

Born in Sayre, he was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School, class of 1969, and was a graduate of the University of Virginia.

He was employed by the law

firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, of New York City, as a senior paralegal.

Surviving are his son, Ryan, of

Tunkhannock; a brother, Leslie, of New York City; a sister, Mary Johnson, of West Nicholson; two

Memorial donations to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 300 Mulberry St., Scranton, PA 18503.

## VALENTINE BREAKFAST HELD AT ST. PAUL'S



St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas, recently hosted its annual Valentine Breakfast during Sunday School hour. Church members purchased gifts to benefit families from Head Start who meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Gifts or monetary donations were made by members of Paul's Lutheran, Lehman-Idetown Methodist Church and Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas. Shown here accepting the gifts are, from left, Barbara Philpotts, center manager for Head Start; Linda Boston, assistant teacher; Joan Lesnoski, family worker; and Jodi Gocek, teacher. Absent at the time of the photo were Debbie Maskalis, family worker; and Cheryl Royer, assistant teacher.

## Group planning mission trip

A group of 10 men, women and young adults from the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly will embark on a life-changing adventure on March 17 when it travels to Minagua, Nicaragua to work with 15 to 20 young girls who live in a refuge home called the Havilah House.

The BMHA group will spend time playing games, singing songs and teaching life skills to the girls. Homemade crocheted blankets have been made for the girls. With limited resources, the

Havilah House may need roof patching, electrical work, plumbing and wall reconstruction, which the volunteers hope to accomplish.

The group is accepting donations of vitamins, aspirin, cold medications, sanitary products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, complete lice kits, pony beads, hemp and small to medium size flip-flops.

All expenses are incurred by the volunteers. Anyone interested in sponsoring the shipping of suitcases is asked to contact Charlie or Michele Makarewicz at 690-7463.

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