

## OBITUARIES

**HNASKO** - Raymond P., of Shavertown, died Saturday, March 13, 2010 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Beaver Meadows, he was a graduate of Hazleton High School. He served in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve from 1958-68 and had sailed on the USS Randolph out of Norfolk, Va.

He had been a route salesman most of his working life and had been employed by Spaulding Bakery, Stroehmann Bakery and Keebler Bakers, all of Hazleton, and by Holsom Butter Krust Bakers, Pittston, retiring in 2007. Currently, he had been a courier with the Wyoming Valley Health Care System, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ellen Wallace Burke Hnasko, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Paula Gallagher, Baltimore, Md.; a son, Scott R., Tannersville; step-sons, Thomas Burke and John Burke, both of Wilkes-Barre; Patrick Burke, of Dallas; six grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Lorraine Gaydos, Hazleton; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to a Ronald McDonald House in Scranton or Philadelphia.

**KLEINTOB** - Bessie Caroline (née Saxe), 92, died Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Bonham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Stillwater.

Born in Bethel Hill on Feb. 20, 1918, she graduated from Huntington Mills High School in June 1935 and began employment as a housekeeper for the Ricketts family (for whom Ricketts Glen State Park is named). She remained under their employ at both their summer home on Red Rock Mountain and at their permanent residence on Wyoming Avenue in Forty Fort, until her marriage in 1939.

When she resided in Huntington Mills, she hosted a young man from Brooklyn, N.Y. through the Fresh Air Program for six summers.

She was a very active member of the Town Hill United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women. She held various offices on the church administrative council and taught Sunday School and Bible studies.

In April 2009, she was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the State Correctional Institution at Dallas for her work there as an inspirational leader of the Yoke Fel-

lowship Prison Ministry. In October 2009, Governor Ed Rendell recognized her on the state level for her work at the prison.

Surviving are her daughters, Gail Whitebread, of Blakeslee; and Shelley Russin, of Kingston; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Columbia-Montour Home Health & Hospice, 410 Glenn Ave., Suite 200, Bloomsburg, PA 17815; Wyoming Valley Children's Association, 1133 Wyoming Ave, Forty Fort, PA 18704 or the Town Hill United Methodist Church Missions Fund, 417 Town Hill Rd., Shickshinny, PA 18655.

**KNORR** - Walter H. Sr., 79, formerly of Bloomsburg, Shavertown, and Berwick, died on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at Hospice Care of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born on August 23, 1930 in Bloomsburg, he attended Bloomsburg Area Schools and graduated from Bloomsburg High School, Class of 1950. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1950 and served his country during the Korean and Vietnam War eras.

Following his retirement from active duty in November 1970, he returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania, settled in Sweet Valley and worked for three years at Muskin Pools, Wilkes-Barre, prior to living in Shavertown, and assuming a second career that spanned 21 years as a rural mail carrier out of the Hunlock Creek Post Office.

A veteran life member of the Jackson Township V.F.D. since 1977, he was also a member of The American Legion Post 672, USCGC Chief Petty Officers' Association and Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum.

Surviving are his children, Deborah Knorr Neuhard, Stafford, Va.; Walter "Rocky" Jr., Shavertown; Desiree Knorr Evans, Shavertown; Gregory, Newbury Park, Calif.; Deana Knorr, Dallas; stepchildren, Charles Mazzitti, Elizabethtown; Peggy Mazzitti Lavecchio, Dallas; Susan Mazzitti Wallace, Fernandina Beach, Fla.; brothers, Merle, Bloomsburg, Ross, Calabash, N.C.; Zane, Bloomsburg; sister, Dona Knorr Davenport, Charlotte, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to The

Hospice Care Unit of the VNA at Heritage House, 80 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or to the Northeastern PA American Diabetes Association, 65 E. Elizabeth Ave., Suite 502, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

**MIERS** - Wayman K., 58, of Dallas, died Monday, March 8, 2010 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston on April 15, 1951, he was a 1969 graduate of Dallas High School.

He was employed at Luzerne Products in Plains Township and the former Royer Foundry in Pringle before becoming a police officer for Dallas Township for 23 years.

He was a volunteer with the Kunkle Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Co., a member of the Shavertown Fire Department and a volunteer for Kingston Township Ambulance.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, the former Jane Daley; daughters, Jennifer Lasiewicki, of Wilkes-Barre; and Julie, of Dallas; brothers, Johnson C. Jr., of Harding; and Carl, of Dallas; sister, Verna, of Shavertown; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Kunkle Fire and Ambulance Co., RR 1, Box 301A, Dallas, PA 18612; or the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

**NAESSIG** - John R. Sr., 57, of Harveys Lake, formerly of North End, Wilkes-Barre, died Sunday, March 14, 2010 in Hospice Community Care, Dunmore.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of James M. Coughlin High School, Class of 1971, Wilkes-Barre and had worked for Conrail on the East Coast for several years.

He had been a union carpenter most of his life, an officer and member of Local No. 514, Wilkes-Barre, and a member of Local No. 645, Scranton, following their merger.

He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, a former member of the now closed St. John the Evangelist Church, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

He was a former member of Plymouth Council No. 984, Knights of Columbus, Plymouth, and a former member of Bishop Hafey Assembly No. 925, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Catherine Williams Naessig, at home; children, Mrs. Erica Castaldo, Scranton; Mrs. Tara Mleczyński, Luzerne; and John R. Jr., at home; brothers, Carl W., Wilkes-Barre; and Thomas, Ocala, Fla.; nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 100 William St., Dunmore, PA 18512.

**NOVACK** - Jacob Thomas, of East Bergh Street, Plains Township, died Thursday, March 11, 2010 at his home.

Born Jan. 11, 1992 in Wilkes-Barre, he attended Lake-Lehman High School and Agora Cyber Charter School. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his parents, Edward J. Novack Jr. and Elva Mae Dunn Novack; brothers, Joshua, at home; Edward, West Nanticoke; sisters, Nichole Bielecki, Wilkes-Barre; Jessica Novack, Scranton; maternal grandmother, Margaret Dunn, Wilkes-Barre; paternal grandmother, Margaret Novack, Wilkes-Barre; nieces and nephews.

**ROSEN** - Nicolyn J., 56, of First Street, Harveys Lake, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2010 at home.

Born in Montana, she is survived by a brother, Michael, of Denver, Colo.

**SLATKY** - John T., 84, of Harveys Lake, died Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Scranton on July 10, 1925, he had resided at Harveys Lake for the last 40 years. He graduated from Nanticoke High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Prior to retiring, he was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 542, employed as a heavy equipment operator. He

was a member of the Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 and the local VFW.

Surviving are his stepdaughter, Jane Carpenter; brother, Harold, of Levittown; sisters, Josephine Honeywell, of Hunlock Creek; Ann McHenry, of Pittsburgh; nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great-nephews.

Memorial donations to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

**WOOLBERT** - Guy B., 86, of Forty Fort, died Sunday, March 14, 2010 at the VA Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Trucksville, he gradu-

ated from Forty Fort High School and served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 until 1946 as a medic.

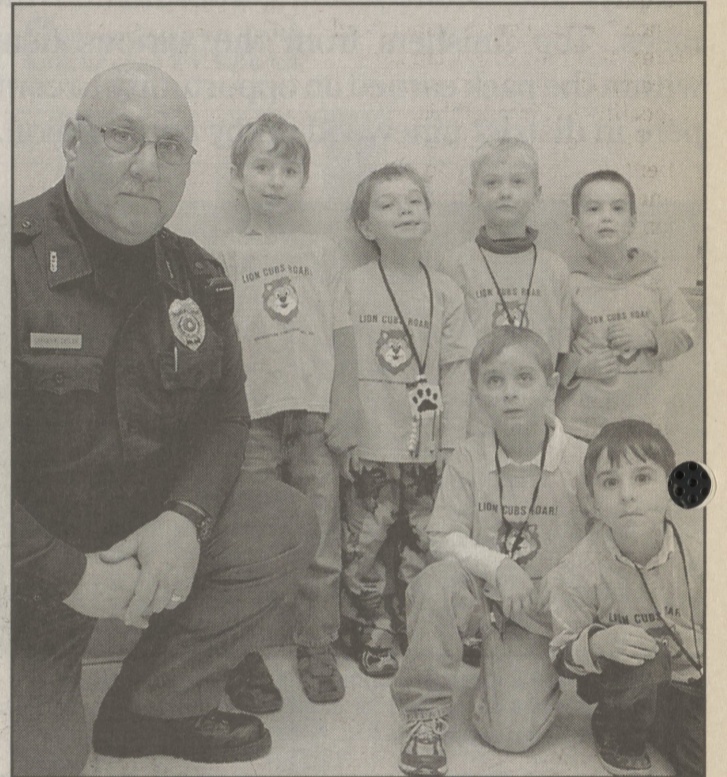
He became an inspector for the state of Pennsylvania and HUD after the Agnes Flood in 1972 and was also a zoning officer in Forty Fort. After retiring, he worked part time at Rave's Garden Center in Wyoming.

He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church, Kingston.

Surviving are daughters, Patti Jackloski, Swoyersville; Joan Ruscavage, Swoyersville; son, Ronald, Sweet Valley; sisters, Ruth Elliot, Florida; and Eleanor Nelson, Oregon; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Luzerne County SPCA, 524 E. Main St., Plains Township, PA 18702.

## LION CUBS VISIT POLICE HEADQUARTERS



The Lion Cub Pride of Pack 281 recently visited the Kingston Township Police Headquarters where they received a tour of the facility by Officer Frank Ziegler. Shown here in the front row are, from left, Kyle Havrilla and Tommy Janoski. Second row, Officer Ziegler, Matthew Oley, Lukas Polachek, Colby Zern and Johnny Sobocinski.

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