

OBITUARIES

COMER - Mary T. "Marion," 87, of Dallas, died Friday, April 2, 2010 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a graduate of Dallas Borough High School. She also graduated from College Misericordia in June 1992 at age 69. Before retiring, she was the cafeteria manager at the former Pomeroy's and later at Honig Textile Manufacturers of Hazleton.

She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church and its Altar and Rosary Society and Ladies of Charity, Loss of Sight Support Group and the American Businesswomen's Association. She also was a member of the Association of the Blind.

Surviving are cousins. Memorial donations to the Association of the Blind.

COSLETT - Harold, died Tuesday, March 30, 2010 on his farm in Lehman Township.

Born in Edwardsville on April 14, 1929, he was a graduate of Edwardsville High School, class of 1947.

He resided in Edwardsville most of his life, relocating to Lehman Township 16 years ago. He was a member of the Bethesda Congregational Church and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 542.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, the former Bernadine McCloskey; daughters, Karen Stepanski, Lehman Township; Margaret Davis, Lancaster; sons, Job and Thomas, both of Lehman Township; brothers, Frank, Job, George and Delbert, all of Kingston, and Robert, of Shavertown; sisters, Ruth, Margaret, Rachel, Evelyn and Ethel, all of Kingston; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Bethesda Congregational Church, 37 Zerby Ave., Edwardsville, PA 18704.

DEUTSCH - Albert H., 72, a resident of Falls for 42 years, died Friday, April 2, 2010 at home.

Born in Washington, D.C., he was a graduate of Scranton Technical High School. He was employed by Bell Telephone, Mertz Trailways and Mark Realty. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Acadia Realty.

He was a member of St. Matthew's United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Scranton.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, former Lois Bockelkamp; daughter, Kara, Dingmans Ferry; sons, Alan, Factoryville; Jeffrey, Scranton; and Douglas, Falls; three grandchildren; a brother, Clarence Sykes, Diamond City, Ark.; nieces and nephews.

DOWD - Shawn Michael, of Lake Winola, died Friday, April 2, 2010.

Born in Tunkhannock on May 25, 1980, he was a 1998 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and was employed by Winola Industries in Lake Winola.

Surviving are his parents, Michelle Jette, of Lake Winola; and Casey Dowd, of Scranton; a brother, Casey, of Falls; sisters, Laura and Amber Paulton and Sabrina Dowd, all of Scranton; one cousin.

HUDAK - John J., formerly of Dallas, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born May 4, 1930 in Broome, N.Y., he was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War and was formerly employed by the Wyoming Valley West School District.

He was a member of the Ko-

rean War Veterans, AMVETS of Plymouth and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his brother-in-law, Jay Murphy Sr., Wilkes-Barre; nieces and nephews.

JOHNSON - Robert O., 86, of Dallas, formerly of Harveys Lake, died Thursday, April 1, 2010 at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas.

Born Nov. 8, 1923 in Wilkes-Barre, he attended Wilkes-Barre schools and graduated from Elmer L. Meyers High School, Class of 1941. He also attended Manlius Military Academy, Manlius, N.Y. and Penn State Extension, Wilkes-Barre.

He retired as a field service engineer from Monroe Systems for Business Inc., Wilkes-Barre.

He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas, a life member of Masonic Lodge No. 61 F. & A.M., Wilkes-Barre; Irem Temple, Dallas; and Keystone Consistory, Scranton.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, the former Margaret "Marge" Schall; daughter, Greta Ruckno, Forty Fort; two grandchildren; sister, Margaret Harrison, Binghamton, N.Y.; nieces; nephews and cousins.

Memorial donations to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 802, Dallas, PA 18612-0802 or the Meadows Auxiliary, 55 W. Center Hill Road, Dallas, PA 18612.

MERRILL - Susan Lang, 68, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at her home in Olympia, Wash. after a long illness.

Born in Albany, N.Y., she graduated from Cornell University in 1964 and did graduate work in radiation biology and biophysics at the University of Rochester. She lived in Shavertown from 1973-2004.

She was an active member of North Branch Friends Meeting (Quakers) and helped found and worked as a co-administrator of the Peace and Justice Center in Wilkes-Barre.

Having moved to Olympia six years ago, she became active in the Olympia Friends Meeting, the Capitol Land Trust and the statewide Friends Committee on Washington Public Policy.

Surviving are her parents, Edward Hill and Mary Stowell Lang; her husband of 40 years, Sam Merrill; children, Andrew, of Portland, Ore.; and Amy, of Seattle, Wash.; four grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Friends Committee on Washington Public Policy, 838 Hiawatha Pl. S, Seattle, WA 98144, the Capitol Land Trust, 209 Fourth Ave. E, Suite 205, Olympia, WA 98501, or the Peace and Justice Center, 63 North Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

MILLER - Ryan Gary, of Marion Street, Tunkhannock, died Friday, April 2, 2010 at his residence.

Born March 20, 1985 in Tampa, Florida, he was a 2003 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and was employed at various jobs as a laborer.

Surviving are his father, Gary A., and stepmother, Linda Christy Miller, both of Tunkhannock; brothers, Michael, of Tunkhannock; and Brian Kettell, of Falls; paternal grandmother, Virginia Miller, of Halifax; maternal grandfather, Leo Conway, of Carbondale; one uncle.

NELSON - Frank R., 88, of Falls and Dallas, died at his home in Dallas.

Born in Steelton on February 13, 1923, he is survived by a sister-in-law, Georgianna Nelson (Tamarac), and a niece, Barbara Watson, of Tamarac.

ROBERTS - Elizabeth, 87, of Dallas, died Sunday, April 4, 2010 at her home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she attended Hanover Township High School. She was a member of the Welsh Bethel Baptist Church, Wilkes-Barre, where she was a Deaconess, a member of the choir and a Sunday School teacher.

Surviving are a daughter, Beth Roberts Eckert, Carverton; sons, Ronald, Dallas; Benjamin D., Shavertown; sister, Mildred Williams, Tunkhannock; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Welsh Bethel Baptist Church Benevolent Fund, c/o Welsh Bethel Baptist Church, Parrish and Loomis Streets, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

ROUSHEY - Kenneth A., 82, of Silver Springs, Fla., died Tuesday, March 30, 2010.

Born in Shavertown, he was self-employed as the owner of Roushey's Truck and Trailer Parts. He was a first class seaman in the U.S. Navy and served in World War II.

He was a member of Stairville United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the VFW.

Surviving are his children, Kenneth Roushey, Barbara Barber and Gerald, all of Florida; Nancy Prebola, Mountain Top; Bonnie Prebola, Hobbie; and James, Dorrance; 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; brothers, William, Nuangola; and Melroy, Mountain Top; sister, Freda, Seferyn, Fla.; nieces and nephews.

SHADDUCK - Jean A., died Friday, April 2, 2010 at The Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock.

Born on July 26, 1916, she was a lifelong resident of Tunkhannock.

She was a 1934 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and, at the time of her passing, was the longest-standing member of the Tunkhannock First Baptist Church, which she joined as a teenager.

Surviving are her daughter, Sandra S. Jackson, of Batavia, N.Y.; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

SIMMONS - Roseanne, of Tunkhannock, a guest at the Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock, died on Sunday, April 4, 2010.

Born in Morristown, N.J. on September 7, 1927, she was employed as a bookkeeper in retail sales prior to her retirement.

Surviving are a son, Martin L., of Haledon, N.J.; two daughters, Susan VanHoven, of Wauwatosha, Wisconsin; Nancy French, of Tunkhannock, one sister, Francis Ziegler, of Lakehurst N.J., six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

SPENCER - Alice B., 80, of Dallas, died Friday, April 2, 2010 at her home.

Born in Tunkhannock, she was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School.

Before retiring, she was employed as a secretary by Natona Mills, Raymon R. Heddon Co., and last was assistant business manager for the Dallas School District.

Surviving are her son, Richard A., Dallas; daughter, Renee Morinelli, Wilkes-Barre; sister, Louise Jadick, Tunkhannock; brothers, George Brody, Noxen; John and James Brody, Vernon; three grandchildren;

BACK MOUNTAIN SCOUTS RECEIVE RELIGIOUS AWARDS



Four local Scouts were recently awarded the God and Country religious medal at Shavertown United Methodist Church by their pastor, Rev. Lynn Snyder. Receiving the award are, from left, first row, Elijah Chester, Cub Scout Pack 281, Dallas; and Emma Oley, Girl Scout Troop 3903, Kingston. Second row, Thomas Ketchner, Boy Scout Troop 155, Trucksville; Rev. Snyder and Donald Michalisin, Boy Scout Troop 155, Trucksville.

three great-grandchildren.

STANISLOW - Stephen "Baja," 50, of Evans Falls, died Saturday, April 3, 2010 at his home.

Born in Kingston, he was a graduate of West Side Tech and worked out of the Union Hall as a lineman for several different companies.

Surviving are his brother, Joseph; sister, Diane Blat; three nieces; two nephews.

Memorial donations to St. John's Church, Nesbitt Street, Larksville, or the SPCA of Luzerne County, Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre.

ZAPOLSKI - Amy Lynn, 29, of Montrose (Fairdale), died Thursday, April 1, 2010 at Endless Mountains Health Systems, in Montrose.

Born in Tunkhannock on Jan. 11, 1981, she attended Elk Lake High School.

Surviving are her parents, Roger L. Miller Sr., of Centermoreland; and Cindy L. Shiffer and George Shiffer Sr., of Meshoppen; husband, Robert S. Zapolski, of Fairdale; children, Bobby and Jesse Zapolski, both of Fairdale; Kayla Jones and David Sharer, both of Laceyville; Melonie Rookstool, of Montrose; Heather Renee Zapolski and Barbie Zapolski, both of South Montrose; two grandchildren; sister, Ariel Shiffer, of Meshoppen; brothers, Roger L. Miller Jr., of Tunkhannock; and George Shiffer Jr., of Meshoppen; paternal grandfather, George Miller Sr., of Centermoreland; and maternal grandfather, Robert Goble Sr., of Tunkhannock; stepgrandmother, Irene Shiffer, of Tunkhannock; aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to a fund for her children, c/o Peoples National Bank, Meshoppen, PA 18630.

Gov. Rendell announces two-week extension to energy assistance program

UGI Utilities, Inc. will help eligible gas and electric customers apply for federal energy assistance dollars to keep their homes warm through Friday, April 16.

Governor Edward G. Rendell recently announced a two-week extension of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), originally scheduled to end April 2.

"This was a harsh and difficult winter that forced many families to expend additional resources to heat their homes," Governor Rendell said.

UGI encourages any customers experiencing bill payment

difficulties to contact the utility as soon as possible to see if they are eligible for LIHEAP assistance or another utility sponsored assistance program.

For more information on energy assistance eligibility, customers should call UGI at 1-800-UGI-WARM (1-800-844-9276). Hearing-impaired customers are asked to call 1-800-654-5984.

LIHEAP is a federal program that provides cash grants to help low-income households pay for home heating fuel and crisis grants to address heating emergencies such as a furnace failure or unexpected fuel shortages.

Geisinger will recognize EMS providers during National EMS week, May 16-22

Geisinger Health System will honor the work performed by emergency medical services (EMS) providers during National EMS Week, May 16-22.

Geisinger will recognize providers in the categories of heroism and community service. To nominate an outstanding EMS worker, visit www.geisinger.org/

ems. Nomination forms must be received by April 30. Winners will be announced at awards ceremonies held during National EMS Week.

All area EMS providers are eligible, including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, dispatchers, fire-fighters and police officers.

Sweet Valley Fire Co. plans roast beef dinner

The Sweet Valley Fire Company will hold a family style roast beef dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, at the fire hall, Main Road. Take-

outs begin at 4 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 11 and free for children under the age of 6 years.

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