

OBITUARIES

BARBER - Phyllis A., 71, of Maple Street, Noxen, died Sunday, December 12, 2010, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Noxen, she was a daughter of the former Marie O. Patton Macmillan, of Noxen, and the late William Macmillan. She was educated in the Lake-Noxen schools. For many years she was employed at the Ann Will Garment Co., formerly of Kingston, and prior to her retirement she was employed as a home health aide. Phyllis was a member of the Noxen United Methodist Church and the Dallas American Legion Post No. 672.

Surviving are her companion of 22 years, Dwayne (Sam) Strait; and her mother, Marie Macmillan; sister, Shirley Evelan and her husband, Gerald, Montgomery, Ala.; brother, William Macmillan and his wife, Janice, Cheyenne, Wyo.; as well as nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Noxen United Methodist Church, 3390 SR 29S, Noxen, PA 18636, or the Dallas American Legion Post No. 672, 740 Memorial Highway, Dallas, PA 18612.

CHABALA - Joseph M. Sr., 69, of Dallas, passed away Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital when he lost his battle with cancer.

Born in Plains Township, he was a son of the late Michael and Helen Chabala. After attending Larksville grade school, he was a graduate of St. Vincent's High School, Plymouth, class of 1959. Before retiring in 2001, he was a mechanic for Cascade Tissue, Suscon. He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, and was a 4th Degree Knight, Assumpta Council, Knights of Columbus, Luzerne. He served six years with the Pennsylvania National Guard in Kingston with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He was preceded in death by infant daughter, Melissa; father, Michael Chabala; mother, Helen Chabala; and brother, John Chabala.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Helene Sulitka Chabala; sons, Joseph Jr., Dallas; Stephen and wife, Robyn, Lakewood, Colo. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends along with faithful companions Bailey and Muffin, who were always at his side.

Memorial donations may be made to Medical Oncology Prescription Drug Fund, 382 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18704. Arrangements are by the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home Inc., Dallas.

CLARK - Ronald L., of Harding Lane, Tunkhannock, died Thursday, December 16, 2010, in Mercy Tyler Hospital shortly after admission.

His wife is the former Mary Lou Steele, and together they shared 51 years of marriage.

He was born in Tunkhannock, on August 17, 1935, a son of the late Leo W. and Dora Ball Clark and stepson of the late Maude Corby Clark. Ronald was a 1953 graduate of Tunkhannock High School, receiving his GED while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a veteran of the Korean War, and prior to his retirement he had been employed as a boiler-maker for 38 years. He was a member of Temple Lodge No. 248 F&AM Tunkhannock, The Valley of Scranton Consistory, Irem Temple Shriner in Dallas, American Legion Post No. 154 and VFW Post 583.

Surviving are a son and wife, Richard and Jean Clark, of Knoxville, Tenn., a daughter and husband, LuAnn and Richard Hinaman, of Tunkhannock; a grandson Benjamin Clark; as well as a sister, Mildred Shaffer, Tunkhannock.

Memorial donations may be made to the Triton Hose Co., 116 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657. Online condolence may be sent to the family at www.sheldonkukuchkafuneralhome.com.

COLLINS - Gloria R. Dally, 84, a resident of Harveys Lake and Englewood, Fla., died Monday, December 13, 2010.

Born April 24, 1926, in Ashley, she was a daughter of the late Carl and Eleanor Dugan Dally.

Gloria was a 1943 graduate of Ashley High School. Mrs. Collins was formerly employed at RCA, in Mountain Top, and in the local garment industry. Gloria was an avid swimmer, and she also enjoyed playing tennis.

Surviving are her devoted husband of 64 years, Charles W. Collins; daughter, Charlene, and her husband, Robert Prandy, of Ocean Pines, Md.; grandsons, Eric and his wife, Anna, and Keith and his companion, Natasha; as well as two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

To see Gloria's Life Story, get directions, leave a message, share memo-

ries, photos and more go to www.celebrateherlife.com.

ESSER - Ralph T., 95, of Dallas, passed away Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on October 29, 1915.

He is survived by a niece, Mary Ann Price; nephew, Wayne T. Price; and great-niece, Rose Albert, all of Wilkes-Barre; and great-great nieces and nephews.

Send condolence at www.BestLife-Tributes.com.

HEISS - Sister Mary Benedict, a member of the Mid Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy, died at Mercy Center in Dallas on Tuesday, December 14, 2010.

The former Mary Marcella was born August 22, 1915, in Duncansville, Pa., a daughter of Paul and Lena Brunner Heiss. Sister Benedict graduated from Hollidaysburg High School and graduated from College Misericordia with a degree in Music Education, and she received a master's degree in music from Columbia University. Sister Benedict used her musical talents to teach as well as entertain at many joyful gatherings. Sister Benedict entered the Sisters of Mercy on September 8, 1937, and professed her vows on March 12, 1940. Sister taught in the dioceses of Allentown, Pa.; Altoona-Johnstown, Pa.; and Brooklyn, N.Y.

Surviving are her brother Frank and his wife, Rita, of Ebensburg, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews, and the Sisters of Mercy.

Memorial contributions in the name of Sr. Mary Benedict Heiss may be made to Mercy Center, P.O. Box 370, Dallas, PA 18612.

HUNTER - Bernadyne, 83, a resident of Ross Township, Hunlock Creek, passed away on Sunday, December 12, 2010, in the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

She was born September 9, 1927, in Wilkes-Barre, a daughter of the late Willard and Ruth Harrison Goss.

She is survived by her son, Dustin Hunter, and his wife, Mazie, Berwick; grandchildren, Melissa Hunter, Christy Hogbin, and Judy Harrison; great-grandchildren, Akayla Cobb, Nadia Cobb, Jessica Hogbin and Shawn Hogbin; sisters, Marian Pursel, Benton, Pa.; Lois Zultevicz, Cambria, Pa.; Ethel Mae Noss, Berwick; and Edythe Ann Titus, Berwick; as well as brothers, Ronald Goss, Nanticoke, and Richard Goss, Berwick.

LAVELLE - Mary D., of Thurston Hollow, Tunkhannock, died Sunday evening, December 12, 2010, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Boston, Mass., December 8, 1930, a daughter of the late William H. and Mary T. McNeil McNulty. She had been employed as a personal care assistant in Greenley's Rest Home in Thurston Hollow. Mary was a member of the Church of the Nativity B.V.M. Tunkhannock, Falls Senior Citizens Center, Dallas American Legion Auxiliary, and the AARP.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, James E. Lavelle; son and daughter-in-law, James E. and Lorraine Lavelle Jr., West Pittston; daughter Veronica Lavelle, Pittston; brother William McNulty, Boston; and grandchildren, Tiana Lavelle and James E. Lavelle III.

Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.sheldonkukuchkafuneralhome.com.

MAJOR - Daniel W., 46, of Lehman, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at Hospice Care Of the VNA, Inpatient Unit, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, on May 16, 1964, and was a son of Pastor Warren E. and Dorothy White Major of Lehman. Daniel graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1982. Mr. Major was employed as a small-engine mechanic for Hilbert's Tractor Store in Dallas for 12 years and then owned and operated Dan's Lawn and Garden Equipment for 10 years. He was currently employed by the Huntsville Golf Course. Dan attended the Cross Creek Community Church in Trucksville and God's Missionary Church in Jackson Township. He enjoyed hunting and going camping with his boys.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are his wife of 15 years, the former Karen Lofthouse; sons, Zachary Lofthouse, Alexander Major, Benjamin Major, Matthew Major and Nicholas Major, all at home; brother the Rev. Lawrence Major and his wife, Sharon, of Brushton, N.Y.; as well as a sister, Brenda Payne, and her husband, Kevin, of Lehman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Daniel Major Memorial Fund, c/o First National Bank, 2378 State Route 118, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

REYNOLDS - Floyd Carlyle, of Tunkhannock, died Saturday evening, December 18, 2010, in Mercy Tyler Hospital in Tunkhannock.

He was born in Jermyn, Pa., on April 26, 1921, a son of the late Paul and Muriel Adams Reynolds. Floyd was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Brockway Motors, Reynolds Auto Electric, and served as shop foreman for Atlas Truck Rental in Scranton. He attended the Mehoopany Baptist Church.

Floyd is survived by his wife of 52 years, Della Thompson Reynolds; sons, Jonathan Reynolds, of Zionsville, Pa.; William Reynolds, of Browns Mills, N.J.; Paul Reynolds, of Manheim, Pa.; Joel Reynolds, of Emmaus, Pa.; James Reynolds, of Union Dale, Pa.; Floyd Reynolds, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Daniel Reynolds, of Tunkhannock; daughters, Faith Malick, of Denver, Colo.; Jean Barber and Linda Ceria, both of Clifford, Pa.; 24 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.sheldonkukuchkafuneralhome.com.

SHOULDICE - Paul T., 92, of Huntsville, died Sunday, December 12, 2010, at his home.

He was born in Jackson Township, a son of the late Fredrick Albert and Mary Turner Millington Shouldice. A farmer in Jackson Township, Paul was famous for his rutabagas. He was a union brick layer foreman working for various construction companies throughout the region.

Paul was a member of the George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge, Dallas, Bloomsburg Consistory and Huntsville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are daughters, Lynne Coates, Dallas; Ruth Dianne Townsend, Naples, Fla.; and Amy S. Goodman, Shavertown; sons, P. Thomas Shouldice, Towson, Md., and Christopher Shouldice, Windsor Locks, Conn.; sister, Freda Roskos, Kingston; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

SIEBER - Sara (Sally), 94, of Shavertown, died Saturday, December 18, 2010, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and John Menapace, Clarks Summit.

Born in 1916, in Allensville, Pa., she was a daughter of Jesse and Dorothy (Civitts) Kennedy. She earned her registered nurse degree at Women's Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1937. She often provided volunteer medical care and delivered many babies in her rural community and was later active in volunteer circles in the Back Mountain. She was active in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, both in Allensville and Dallas, where she formerly taught Sunday school for decades, baked for church functions and was a member of the quilters' circle. She was active in several card clubs and sewing circles. She was a member of the former Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Sieber is survived by a son, Jeffrey Kennedy Sieber, and daughter-in-law, Pam Sieber, of Jacksonville, N.C.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, David and Jean Kennedy, of Cumming, Ga.; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to VNA Hospice and Home Care of Lackawanna County, 301 Delaware St. Olyphant, PA 18447, or St. Paul's Lutheran Church, PO Box 802, Dallas, PA 18612-0802.

ZIMINSKI - Bernadette, of Chase Manor, Shavertown, passed away suddenly Friday morning, December 17, 2010, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

She was born in Plymouth on February 26, 1930, a daughter of the late Ben and Frances Bonsavage Barzloski. Bernadette was a graduate of Hanover High School and College Misericordia. She was employed by Wyoming Valley West School District and retired from teaching after 30 years in the district. She was an active member of St. Cecilia's and St. Anthony's Senior Center, Exeter, and was a member of the Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving are her husband, William Ziminski. They celebrated 55 years of marriage September 3, 2010. Also surviving are her sister Mary (Marion) Flannery and husband, Jack, of Laflin; nephew Dr. David Flannery and his wife, Paula; as well as nieces Nicole, Kaitlyn and Erin.

Condolences can be sent to sympathy@betzjastremski.com.

COOKS SERVE UP LEGION BREAKFAST



Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 recently held its annual breakfast honoring the memory of Pearl Harbor. A free breakfast was provided by the kitchen staff who are members of the Legion. From left, are Art Parks, Jimmy George, John Emil Sr., Charlie Fleming, Joe Kelley, Post Commander; Chris Sapp and Gary Smith.

WILLIAMS RECEIVES LIONS AWARD



District 14W Lions Club Governor Eileen Yurish presented Lion Jack Williams with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest award given. Williams has been a Lion since 1965, having served in the Kingston/Forty-Fort Lions Club before transferring to the Dallas Club in 1993. He has held every office in both clubs and has attended several Lions International Conventions along with his wife, Mary. He has also served as Zone Chairman and worked on the construction of Beacon Lodge, a camp for blind children. Williams has received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation in 2000 and initiated the Salvation Army Bell Ringing for the Dallas Club. Shown here, from left, are Sean McGrath, President, Dallas Lions Club; Williams and District Governor Yurish.

KNIGHTS MAKE DONATIONS



The Dallas Council of the Knights of Columbus made its traditional \$200 Thanksgiving donations to each of the following Back Mountain organizations: Gate of Heaven Church, Our Lady of Victory Church, St. Theresa's Church and the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The donation is to provide help to families during the Thanksgiving holiday. Pictured making the presentation to the St. Theresa's Church are, from left, Marty Lukas, trustee; Jack Cacoza, Grand Knight; Father James Paisley, Pastor; Bob Lukas, trustee and Myron Mickiewicz, inside guard.

CLUBS MAN SALVATION ARMY KETTLE



The Salvation Army's Annual Red Kettle Christmas Fund Drive recently received a boost from members of the Dallas Kiwanis Club and the Lake-Lehman High School Key Club. Members of both clubs manned a kettle and rang bells at Thomas' Market in Shavertown. Participants were, from left, Dallas Kiwanians Cliff Parker and Harold Stout, Jack Andrews, a second-grade student at Dallas Elementary School; and Victoria Mantik, a Lake-Lehman Key Club member.