

**OBITUARIES**

**AUSTIN** - Emilie (Jenkins) Austin, 89, died Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Star Hill Rest Home, Harveys Lake.

She was born June 21, 1921, in Edwardsville, graduated from Edwardsville High School in 1938 and was a lifelong resident of Edwardsville. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. She was a well-loved waitress for many years.

Surviving are her son, Samuel, of Kingston; two daughters, Suzanne Sult, of York; and Florence Gimble, of Larksville; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a nephew and a niece.

**GARRISON** - Helen C. Lange, of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, March 27, 2011, in the Meadowview Senior Living Center, Montrose.

She was born in Springville on June 14, 1935, and was a 1953 graduate of Tunkhannock High School.

Helen was a member of the Springville Baptist Church and, for many years, served as the church's organist. Prior to her retirement, she worked in the poultry lab at the Department of Agriculture, Wyoming County and as a school bus contractor for the Tunkhannock Area School, where she also worked as a teachers aide.

For several years, she was active in the Kiwanis Wyoming County Fair, serving as chairman of the committee to elect the fair queen.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Clark Garrison; son, Terry, Tunkhannock; daughters, Cindy Stephens, Forked River, N.J.; Pam Eyer, Newville; Kim Jennings, Springville; Becky Williams, Clayton, N.C.; eight grandchildren; step-sisters, Mary Ann Smith, Meshoppen; and Jean Hall, Wilkes-Barre; step-brothers, Raymond Oliver, Montrose; David Oliver, Springville; Ronald Oliver, Meshoppen; nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

**HOLOD** - Daniel Sr., 91, of Tunkhannock, died Saturday, March 26, 2011, in the Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock.

He was born in Scranton on May 2, 1919, and was raised in East Lemon on what is now Henry-Holod Road.

He was a veteran of World War II and served in England with the U.S. Army Air Corps, attaining the rank of Sergeant in the squads that supported the bombing missions in Germany. Following VE day, he was on his way to the next mission in Japan when the war ended.

He was initially employed by Gay Murray's Hardware, working in the plumbing department. He later founded and owned Holod's Plumbing, Heating and Electrical from 1950 until his retirement in 1984.

He was a lifetime member of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Tunkhannock. He was a 50-year-member of the Tunkhannock Kiwanis Club, having served as president, and he

contributed greatly to the Wyoming County Fair setup when it was reintroduced in its present location.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Bertha Stroka Holod; children, Kathryn Burnell, of Clarks Summit; Daniel W., of Tunkhannock; Charles, of Augusta, Ga.; and Douglas, of Saint Paul, Minn.; a sister, Helen Poch, of Caldwell, N.J.; six grandchildren and several step-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

**HONAN** - James T., 78, of Lake Township, died Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at his home.

He was born in Piscataway, N.J., and was educated in the Piscataway schools. Prior to relocating to the Sweet Valley area in 1993, he resided in Piscataway for 25 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict. Prior to his retirement, he was employed at New Jersey Bell Telephone and later by Verizon as a computer technician.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, the former Mary Hunter; sons, James P., Ann, Raritan, N.J.; and David, Dunellen, N.J.; daughter, Patricia Buczek, Nanticoke; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Florence Kershaw, Princeton, N.J.; and Irene Ernest, Cape May Ct. House, N.J.; nieces and nephews.

**KROMELBEIN** - Fern, of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, March 23, 2011, in the Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Centermoreland on July 15, 1925, and was a graduate of Beaumont High School, class of 1943.

She and her late husband, Harold Lee "Bud" Kromelbein, were the owners of Bud's Driving Range, Dairy Bar and Par 3 Golf Course in Waverly, N.Y., from 1958 to 1971. She was a member of the Athens United Methodist Church.

Surviving are sons, Harold Lee, of Athens; and Robert Terry, of Waverly, N.Y.; brother, Malcolm Corby, of Tunkhannock; sister, Ruth Greenly, of Tunkhannock; half-brothers, William, Walt and Charles Corby, all of Tunkhannock; half-sisters, Harriett Burkholder, of Lancaster; and Alice Singer, of Wysox; one grandson; one granddaughter.

Memorial donations to the National Stroke Association, 9707 E. Easter Lane, Englewood, CO 80112 or the American Stroke Association at [www.strokeassociation.org](http://www.strokeassociation.org).

**MCGRATH** - Thomas J., 76, of Dallas, died Monday, March 21, 2011.

He was born October 10, 1934, in Brooklyn, N.Y., graduated from GAR Memorial High School and attended Wilkes-Barre Business College.

He devoted his entire 43-year career to the sales and distribution of national food products. He established national recognition in sales and distribution for companies, including Lender's Bagels, Ore Ida Potatoes, Buitoni Food, Dow Chemical, Bosco Coffee and Mrs. Paul's Seafood,

thereby receiving numerous awards from the food industry. He was recognized many times as National Broker of the Year for these organizations.

He performed 33 years of his career as senior vice-president and senior managing partner of Hagerty-Schwartz Associates of Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre. He was also founder and president of All-Penn Frozen Food Distributors during this time.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and formerly the Board of Directors of the Wilkes-Barre CYC. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 302, Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Greater Wilkes-Barre, Donegal Society and the Westmoreland Club.

He was in regular attendance for the Saint Therese Novena for over 55 years, and was a member of the Parish of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

Surviving are his wife, the former Florence Ann Klein, with whom he would have celebrated 54 years of marriage on June 29; his children, Thomas Jr., Shavertown; James, Forty Fort; Mary Ann Roberts, Dallas; Michael, Wilkes-Barre; and Sean, Harveys Lake; eight grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Alexander, Ocean, N.J.

Memorial donations to King's College McGowan School of Business in Wilkes-Barre or Wyoming Valley Children's Association in Forty Fort.

**MURPHY** - Jean, formerly of Noxen, died Wednesday, March 23, 2011, in the Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, and was educated in the Noxen schools.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed at the Noxen Dress Factory for over 30 years. She was also a member of the ILGWU.

Surviving are children, Hugh, Harveys Lake; Amber Murphy, Beaumont; Shawn, Randy, Lori Thomas, Noxen and Shannon, all of Noxen; and David McClintock, West Chester; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Elizabeth Miller, Sayre; Eleanor Thigpin, Corpus Cristi, Texas; Dolores Spencer, Corpus Cristi, Texas; and Geraldine Kline, Noxen; half-brothers, Marshall Kasson, Springville; Lawrence Wandell, Herkimer, N.Y.; and Ronald Wandell, Troy; nieces and nephews.

**PANAWAY** - Anthony Burland, Esq., 83, of Dallas Township, died Sunday, March 20, 2011, in the VNA Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre, after being stricken ill at home.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, and was a graduate of Plains High School, class of 1945, where he was the class president. He graduated from King's College, class of 1950, and continued his education at the Catholic University, Washington D.C., where he received his law degree.

He practiced law in Wilkes-Barre for over 50 years. He then moved into teaching, joining

King's College as a professor. He was the first lay person member of the Board of Directors of King's. In 1997, he was given an honorary doctorate for his service to the college and community.

During World War II, he served with the Marine Corps as a private first class. He was a life member of the Joseph E. Conlon American Legion Post 558, Plains Township. He was also a member of the Plains Lions Club, where he served as a past president and district governor. He was a member of the Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Mary A. Kozel Panaway; daughters, Ann Lieb, Dallas; Virginia Swink, Austin, Texas; three grandsons; a brother, William, Parsons.

Memorial donations to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd, Suite 102, PMB 609, Oceanside, CA 92057 or King's College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 133 N. River St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

**PETTIT** - Wayne G., 76, of Sweet Valley, died Thursday, March 24, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Nescopeck, was a graduate of Nescopeck High School, class of 1952, and attended Bloomsburg State Teachers College. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1957 until 1963.

He was employed as a buyer and merchandise manager for the J.S. Raub Shoe Corporation for 40 years and was a lifetime member of its 20-10 Foundation. He was also employed for 20 years by E.S.P. Concrete Pumping.

A member of the Lake Silkworth Lions Club since 1979, he served as past president and treasurer and past District 14W treasurer. He was a recipient of the Lions Club International's Melvin Jones Fellow Award for services. He was also a member and past treasurer of the Lead Ball Sportsman's Club and a member of the Harveys Lake American Legion.

He served for 20 years as assistant treasurer and treasurer for the Dallas Area Fall Fair Organization. He was a Dallas Area Fall Fair Board member since 1980 and board member for the Luzerne County Fair. He was also a member of Shoe People Serving Shoe People. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his sons, Mark S., Camarillo, Calif.; David J., Shavertown; and Matthew P., Lenhartsville; six grandchildren; a sister, Yvonne Pettit Kishbaugh, Berwick; a brother, John E., Dunnellon, Fla.

Memorial donations to the

Lake Silkworth Area Lions Club, c/o Michael Stefanowicz, 696 State Rte. 29, Harveys Lake, PA 18618.

**SABATURA** - Lucy, 93, of Shavertown, died Thursday, March 24, 2011, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

She was born in Hazleton, and was a graduate of Hazleton High School, class of 1936. She was employed by the former Rosmar Dress Factory, Wilkes-Barre.

Prior to moving to Shavertown in 1979, she had lived in Ashley for a number of years. She had been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 815, and the Wilkes-Barre Township Senior Citizens Center. She was a member of the "Happy Timmers" Singing Group and was also a volunteer at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, and was active in both the church and its choir.

Surviving are her son, Richard, Shavertown; daughter, Janice Pickett, South Westerly, N.Y.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown, PA 18708.

**SMITH** - Ruth Titman Kavey, of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, March 20, 2011, at her home.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre on December 6, 1920, was a 1937 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and received her B.S. in commercial education from Bucknell University, class of 1941.

She was employed by Cadwader, Wickersham & Taft, New

York; Western Electric Co. Inc., Bechtel Corporation; and retired from Procter & Gamble plant in Mehoopany in 1984.

Surviving are daughters, Sara K. Santa, Tunkhannock; and Barbara K. Melanson, Bayville, N.J.; two grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church, PO Box 447, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

**VAOW** - Harry W., 62, of Tunkhannock, died Friday, March 25, 2011, at Golden Living Center, Tunkhannock, after an illness.


He was born in Meshoppen and was formerly employed at Clarks Summit State Hospital as a nurse's aide and as manager of Oak Wood Lake Park in Tunkhannock.

He was a graduate of Elk Lake High School and served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

Surviving are his children, Catherine Stone, of Tunkhannock; Sheri Taylor, of Mississippi; Harry W. II, of Tunkhannock; Barbara Penny, of Montrose; Jeffrey and Rachel, both of Tunkhannock; a sister, Gloria Howe, of Hanover Township; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown, PA 18708.

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**Three named to Ithaca dean's list**

Three Back Mountain residents have been named to the dean's list at Ithaca College for the fall 2010 semester.

Cara Olson, daughter of Jeffrey and Laura Olson, of Dallas, was named to the dean's list at Ithaca College's School of Music.

Conor Harrington, son of John and Kathleen Harrington,

of Dallas, was named to the dean's list at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications.

Jill Jackson, daughter of Ted and Sandra Jackson, of Shavertown, was named to the dean's list at Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance.

**Wolman to attend**


**Youth Summit**

Matthew Wolman, of Shavertown, a senior at Lake-Lehman High School, has been selected to represent Pennsylvania as a National Youth Delegate to the 2011 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University.

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