

OBITUARIES

BARNARD - Mary Alice, 85, of Dallas, died Saturday, April 16, 2011, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

She was born March 30, 1926, in New Castle, Ind., earned a degree from Christian College, Columbia, Mo., and attended Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

She had been an active member of the Wilkes-Barre Junior League, the Wyoming Valley United Way and the American Cancer Society.

Surviving are her husband, George M. Barnard Jr.; children, Marion Finn, Dallas; George M. III, Kingston; Michael, Kingston; Susan Newell, Harveys Lake; seven grandsons.

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

BURKHARDT - Edwin A., of Silver Spring, Md., died at home Monday, April 4, 2011.

He was born April 14, 1923, at Pikes Creek.

He was a nose gunner in the U.S. Air Force, was shot down in Czechoslovakia and missing in action for four months. He was employed as a records searcher for the FBI in Washington, D.C.

Surviving are his sister, Gladys Burkhardt Raphael, of Shavertown; wife, Elaine Burkhardt; and daughters, Janet Burton and Brenda Perry, Silver Spring, Md.; nieces and nephews.

BURNS - John J., 95, of Harveys Lake, died Friday, April 15, 2011.

He was born May 27, 1915, in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of Coughlin High School and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was employed for many years by the former International Color Printing Co., Parsons. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

Surviving are his wife, the former Catherine McCarthy; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

COLE - Albina (nee Sopko) Simon, of Swoyersville, formerly of Noxen, died Friday, April 15, 2011, at Manor Care, Kingston.

She was born September 2, 1923, in Swoyersville. She served as Justice of the Peace in Wyoming County and was active in the Back Mountain Counsel of Girl Scouts, running the local Noxen troop.

Surviving are her children, Joseph Simon, Swoyersville; John Simon, Rockview; Sandra Simon-McCarron, Rockledge, Fla.; and Michal Simon-Razvillas, Cocoa, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Florence Sopko Cwiklik, Wanamie; brother, Adam Sopko, Inkerman; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Alzheimer's Association. A graveside memorial will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 at Orcutt's Cemetery (new section), Noxen.

DEVLIN - James C., 91, of Shavertown, died Thursday, April 14, 2011, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Kingston, was the owner/operator of Graphic Arts Services Inc., of Wilkes-Barre, for 45 years.

A resident of Shavertown for 60 years, he was a member of St. Therese's Church and a former member of its choir.

Surviving are sons, James F., East Stroudsburg; John C., Central; and Jerome F., Dallas; daughter, Ann Poepperling, Shavertown; six grandchildren; a sister, Annette Johns, Dallas; nieces and nephews.

DICK - Marguerite, 76, of Tunkhannock, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, died Sunday, April 17, 2011, in Mercy Special Care Hospital, Nanticoke.

She was born in New York City, N.Y., resided for most of her adult life in Wilkes-Barre and in the Tunkhannock area for the past nine months.

She had been employed by TWA, New York, N.Y., for several years. She worked as clerk for Fowler, Dick & Walker, The Boston Store, Wilkes-Barre. She had also been employed by First Eastern Bank and PNC Bank,

Wilkes-Barre branches, American Red Cross, Wilkes-Barre, and Greenwald & Berk Insurance Company, Kingston.

She was an active volunteer for numerous area cancer groups and was a member of First Church of Christ, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are her children, Christopher R., Brigantine, N.J.; Patricia Ann Wardell, Tunkhannock, with whom she resided; Douglas, Mehoopany; one grandson; brother, Woodrow Wilson, Edwardsville.

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, 190 Welles St., Suite 118, Forty Fort, PA 18704, or American Lung Association of PA, 71 N. Franklin St., Suite 207, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

FARRELL - John Peter, 46, of Harveys Lake, died Friday, April 15, 2011.

He was born July 2, 1964, in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of E.L. Meyers High School, class of 1982, and Luzerne County Community College.

Employed by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for 25 years, he was head custodian at the district administration building. He served as vice-president of the Lake-Lehman School Board and as a member of the Joint Operating Committee of the West Side Career and Technology Center.

He was first vice-president of the Harveys Lake Lions Club, Chaplain of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 967, PSEA Union Shop Steward and a communicant at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lorraine Schriver; son, Christopher; sister, Mary Bridget Farrell Michael, of San Diego, Calif.; mother-in-law Mary Lou Schriver, of Pittston.

HOOVER - Kenneth E., 85, of Harveys Lake, died Monday, April 18, 2011, at Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit of Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre, after several weeks of illness.

He was born in Avoca and retired in 1984 from Acme Warehouse, Forty Fort. He also worked as claims manager for Dean Phipps Stores Inc. Ware-

house, Avoca, and served as Deputy Game Protector, Forest Fire Warden and as Pittston Township police officer. He was a member of Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Betty Richens Hoover; sons, Lon, Beaufort, S.C.; Kim, Royersford; daughter, Jan, Rochester, N.Y.; Eleanor Jones Hoover, Overland Park, Kan.; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, 45 Hildebrandt Rd., Dallas.

JENKINS - Benjamin Jr. (Duke), 71, died Saturday, April 16, 2011.

He was born December 9, 1939, and graduated from Plymouth High School, class of 1957. After overcoming polio, he went on to graduate from Wilkes College and Bucknell University.

He was a dedicated teacher for 38 years, starting at Lake-Lehman High School, then Kingston School District and eventually Wyoming Valley West High School where he taught History, Civics, Economics and Sociology.

He coached Little League baseball, was a Hunter Safety Instructor for the PA Game Commission and a rifle instructor for the Wyoming Valley West Rifle Team. He was a deacon and superintendent at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Plymouth and most recently attended the Independent Bible Church, Duryea.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Valeria L. Mundy Jenkins; sons, Dale T. and Daniel B., Harrisburg; brother, Thomas E., Shavertown; five nieces, four nephews, eight great-nieces and four great-nephews.

Memorial donations to Wyoming Valley Children's Association, 1133 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, PA 18704.

JOHNSON - Robert L., of Stoney Mountain Road, Tunkhannock, a guest at Ann's Grove in Sugar Hollow, died Friday, April 8, 2011, at Mercy Tyler Hospital in Tunkhannock.

He was born in Tunkhannock on June 26, 1925, and was a 30-

year veteran of the U.S. Army, retiring as a master sergeant.

While in World War II, he took part in the invasion of Utah Beach and served under General Patton in the Battle of the Bulge. He also served in the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his wife, Huisuk Kim Johnson; a son, Robert Jr., of Tunkhannock; a brother, Frank, of Pennsylvania.

MASTERS - Alice L., 84, of Sweet Valley, died Sunday, April 10, 2011, at the Bonham's Nursing Center, Huntington Township, Stillwater.

She was born May 8, 1926, in Lehman, She graduated from the former Lehman High School in 1944 and was a former member of the Community Bible Church of Sweet Valley.

Surviving are her sons, Charles A. Jr., of Delaware; and Gary, of Sweet Valley; daughter, Susan Evans, of Illinois; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Columbia Montour Home Hospice, 410 Glenn Ave., Ste. 200, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

MEADE - Olive Lillian, 93, of Meadows Apartments, Dallas, died Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at Hospice Community Care, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

She was born July 25, 1917, in Jackson Hill, Fairmount Township, and attended the Red Rock and Bethel Hill schools until the seventh grade.

She was employed as a house cleaner for friends and family in both Brooklyn and the Bronx, New York City, N.Y. She also worked as an aide in the Shomokin Hospital, the former Retreat State Hospital, Hunlock Creek, in the former Shickshinny Jacket Factory and the Sweet Valley Dress Factory.

She was a member of the Sweet Valley Church of Christ and was an honorary member of the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are nieces and nephews; stepchildren, Richard Meade, Delberta Brink, Marie Gregory and Kenneth Meade; and several step-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the St.

Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 33 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

MIERS - Erna S., 64, of Shavertown, died Saturday, January 15, 2011, at the Mercy Hospice, Scranton.

She was born November 12, 1946, in Wilkes-Barre.

MUCKIN - Anne, 81, of Tunkhannock, formerly of Edison, N.J., died Saturday, April 16, 2011, in the Hospice Community Care in Dunmore.

She was born in Perth Amboy, N.J., on April 18, 1929, was a 1947 graduate of New Brunswick High School, a member of the Church of the Nativity BVM, Tunkhannock, and its Altar and Rosary Society.

Surviving are sons, Gary, Lake Winola; Robert, Somerset, N.J.; brothers, Joseph Fircha, Barneget, N.J.; Mitchell Fircha, Manchester, N.J.; sister, Joan Yancsek, Kissimmee, Fla.; two grandsons; nieces, nephews, companion, Michael Privuznak.

TEMPRINE - Sister Mary Domitilla Temprine, RSM, a member of the Mid-Atlantic community of the Sisters of Mercy, died on Friday, April 8, 2011, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

The former Helen Temprine, she was born March 30, 1909, in Larksville, received her elementary and secondary education at St. Vincent School, Plymouth and graduated from St. Vincent High School in 1927.

She entered the sisters of Mercy in September 1927 and made her profession of vows on August 16, 1930.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Misericordia University, Dallas, the College Misericordia with majors in English and Latin in 1936.

She taught in the parochial grade schools for a total of 44 years in the Dioceses of Scranton, Allentown, Harrisburg, Rockville Centre, N.Y. and Brooklyn, N.Y.

At Mercy Center, she assisted as a receptionist for the Mercy Institute for Educational Development (MIED) until entering full time into the prayer ministry.

Surviving are her sister, Margaret (Margie) Lenahan, Wilkes-Barre; nieces, nephews and the Sisters of Mercy of the Mid-Atlantic Community.

Memorial contributions to Mercy Center, PO Box 370, Dallas, Pa 18612.

THOMAS - Mrs. Ruth E., 86, of Plymouth and Harveys Lake died Monday, April 4, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Kingston, was a graduate of the Plymouth High School Class of 1942 and earned a bachelor of arts degree in English and biology from Bucknell University.

She was employed as a teacher by Plymouth High School and Wyoming Seminary Day School. She was a member of the former St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Plymouth.

Memorial donations to the Plymouth Public Library, 107 W. Main St., Plymouth, PA 18651 or to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Road, Plains Township, PA 18702.

WENTZEL - Memorial services will be held for Francis Earl Wentzel at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 8 at the Idetown Fire Hall. This will be a Christian Native American Service. Refreshments will be served following the service.

WROBLESKI - Robert Walter, 55, of Shavertown, died Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after a courageous, lifelong battle with diabetes.

He was born October 5, 1955, and had worked as an auto mechanic and was a troubleshooter for Ford Motor Co. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Ann; his sister, Linda Kleinberger, of Exeter; four daughters, Justine Fierman, of Dallas; Kimberly Krupsha, of Kingston; Shannon Lispi, of Exeter; and Nicole Fleschut, of Dallas; seven grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Blue Chip Farms Animal Rescue, 974 Lockville Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

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