

OBITUARIES

DECESARIS - Donna Marie, 44, of Chase Road, Shavertown died Monday, May 2, 2011, at her home.

She was born November 6, 1966, in Wilkes-Barre, earned her baccalaureate degree from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, and was employed by her family's business, DeCOS II Inc., a computer systems and software consulting firm.

She was a member of the Parish of Saint Therese, Shavertown.

Surviving are her father, Angelo P. DeCesaris; her brothers, Angelo F., Mark J. and Wayne P.; nine nieces and nephews; six great-nieces and great-nephews; aunts and uncles.

Memorial donations to Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-7901.

EMBERLING - Rose A., 79, of Shavertown, died Monday, May 2, 2011, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where she had been a patient for some time.

She was born in Trout Run and was a graduate of Williamsport High School, class of 1949.

She was employed at the UFCW Federal Credit Union for a short time.

Surviving are her husband, Charles, with whom she celebrated her 61st wedding anniversary on January 22, 2011; daughters, Holly J., Dallas; and Robin Brown, Sayre; sons, Scott, Shavertown; and James M., Lake Silkworth; 10 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; sisters, Mary Eloise Fisher, Montoursville; and Joanne Pennala, Omaha, Neb.; and brother, Hilary Schmouder, Montoursville.

Memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18773.

HEFFNER - Betty Lou, 80, of Dallas, died Saturday, May 7, 2011.

She was born in Johnstown on December 9, 1930, and was a graduate of Huntingdon Area High School, class of 1948.

She was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are four children, Jeanne Faneck, Shavertown; Cathy Stambaugh, Weedsville; Ron, Shavertown; and Linda Bannon, Hazleton; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; a brother, R.R. "Butch" Griffith.

Memorial donations to the Trucksville United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville, PA, 18708.

KIECZKAJLO - Cathy L., 62, of Dallas, died Sunday, May 1, 2011, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Luzerne, graduated from Luzerne High School and Brooklyn Methodist Hospital of Nursing as an RN.

She recently retired from the VA Medical Center after 36 years of service as Chief of Geriatrics and extended care services.

She was a life member of Harmony Chapter 58, Order of the Eastern Star. She served as Worthy Matron, as well as District Deputy Grand Matron, and Grand Chaplain.

Surviving are her mother, Lorraine Evans Welch, Luzerne; her husband, Eugene J. Kieczkajlo, to whom she was married 41 years; daughters, Karyn L. Newell, Norristown; and Carrie Kieczkajlo-Sission, Harveys Lake; brothers, Dean Welch and Corey Welch, Larksville; a grandchild, aunts, great-nephew and great niece.

Memorial donations to V.A. Medical Center Voluntary Services, 111 East End Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18711.

KING - Donald H., 88, Cole's Creek Road, Benton, died Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the Bonham Nursing Center, Stillwater, under the care of the Columbia Montour Home Hospice, after a lengthy illness.

He was born on October 10, 1922, in Lake Township, was a 1940 graduate of the former Lake Township High School and received his BS degree from Bloomsburg State Teachers College in 1950.

He was employed as an underwriter for the Bendix Corp.,

Tunkhannock, for 20 years before becoming a self-employed contractor in 1975, retiring in 1988. He then served as Benton borough secretary for four years, retiring again in 1992.

He served as an auditor in both Lake and Sugarloaf Townships. He also served on the Columbia County Planning Commission for 15 years.

He was a member of the Benton Christian Church, Oriental Lodge 460, F & AM, and the former Benton Lodge 667 F & AM, for over 25 years, and also the Northern Columbia Community Cultural Center, and a charter member of the Benton Rodeo Association, serving as secretary for many years. He was a charter member of the Benton Lions Club and was its first president, also serving as secretary for many years, on various committees, and as a district officer. He was also rewarded the Melvin Jones Fellow Award by Lions International in recognition of his dedication to Lions.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a member of the American Legion, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, the former Barbara R. McNinch, with whom he celebrated his 35th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2010; two sons, Donald L., Harveys Lake; and Kenneth M., Haltom City, Texas; three stepdaughters, Susan E. "Soozie" Hummel, Port Orchard, Wash.; Kay Hummel Wright, Lancaster; and Kathy Hummel, at home; three grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren, one great-grandson, nine step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Wadas, Shavertown; three brothers, Richard E., Harding; Lyle K., Dallas; and E. Theodore, Centermoreland.

Memorial donations to Columbia Montour Home Hospice, 410 Glenn Ave., Bloomsburg, PA 17815, or to the Benton Lions Club, P.O. Box 193, Benton, PA 17814.

KOZLOWSKI - Eugene L. Jr., 45, of Shavertown (Jackson Township), died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

He was born May 5, 1965, in Nanticoke, and graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1983.

He was employed by Travelocity, Hanover Township, for the last five years.

Surviving are his parents, Eugene and Ada Rule Kozlowski Sr., Jackson Township; his wife, Holly, whom he married on August 7, 1992; his daughter, Hayley; a sister, Melissa; one nephew.

Memorial donations to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702; or the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Pennsylvania, The Gulf Tower, 707 Grant St., 37th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1916.

LANDMESSER - Wendy, 69, of Shavertown, died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the Hospice VNA Unit at Heritage House.

She was born June 12, 1941, and graduated from Wyoming High School, where she was class valedictorian. She continued her education at Susquehanna University and Wilkes College where she attained dean's list honors for all semesters.

She was employed by the Wyoming National Bank and General Motors Acceptance Corporation in executive positions. For 19 years, she owned and operated L&W Associates, a jewelry distribution business. For 10 years prior to retirement, she was the office manager for Dr. Watkins and Medura Dental Center.

Surviving are her husband of 32 years, Barry; brother, Dr. William E. Watkins; a niece and a nephew; a grand niece and two grandnephews.

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

NICHOLAS - Harry "Nick" Nichols Sr., 73, of Lehman Township, died Friday, May 6, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born October 3, 1937, in Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, the former Nancy Andress; children, Susan Croop, of Nanticoke; Shari Baker, of Sweet Valley; Harry Jr., at home; and Jason, of Pringle; 12 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brother, Elling, of Lehman Township; and a sister, Sylvia Vanderlick of Berwick.

PERUGINO - Vittoria "Victoria" Perugino, 98, of Dallas, died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at her home.

She was born in Norwood, Mass., on April 23, 1913, and won a blue ribbon for her spaghetti sauce at Pocono Downs.

Surviving are her children, Betty Levitsky, Dallas; Joe, Kingston; and Sara Kinch, Endicott, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

SHELLEY - Douglas Arthur, 68, a former resident of Harveys Lake, died Saturday, April 30, 2011, at his home in Zephyrhills, Fla., after a lengthy battle with lung cancer.

He was born November 15, 1942, attended Westmoreland High School, Shavertown, and graduated from Wilkes-Barre Business School, Wilkes-Barre.

He belonged to the National Guard 109th Artillery from 1964 through 1970. His father, Arthur, built a coast-to-coast tractor-trailer business in 1968, Arthur Shelley Inc., Dallas. Arthur, his brother, Eugene, and Douglas operated the business side by side until the death of Arthur, in 1980.

Douglas and Eugene Shelley

continued to work side by side, enabling the company to be introduced to the third generation of the Shelley family in 1985. In 2002, the company ceased operations.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Karen Faux Shelley; daughter, Beverly; two grandchildren; brother, Eugene, Baltimore, Md.; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial donations to a Hospice Care Center of the donor's choice.

SOKOLOSKI - Dorothy, 84, of Dallas, died Monday, May 2, 2011, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born February 20, 1927, in Swoyersville. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by the Rex Shoe Co. and also worked in the garment industry.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, Fred Sokoloski; daughter, Dorothy Ann Repko, Swoyersville; son, Fred, Kingston; brother, Fred, Noxen; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

STRENFEL - Angeline G., 89, of Lake Silkworth, died Saturday, April 30, 2011, at her home.

She was born on November 5, 1921, in Luzerne, had resided at Lake Silkworth her entire life, and was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Surviving are her daughters, Angie, with whom she resided; Shirley Watkins, Chino Hills, Calif.; Janet Rossi, Humlock Creek; sons, Edward, Hanover Township; and David, Sweet Valley; six grandsons; two great-grandsons; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

YOUNGBLOOD - Joseph T., 82, of Shavertown, died Thursday, May 5, 2011, at his home.

He was born in Kingston, was a graduate of Kingston High School, class of 1946 and was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean War.

Employed by Bell Telephone for 37 years, he worked as a construction foreman and retired in 1985 as an outside plant engineer.

He served on the board of directors of DAMA for more than 30 years. He was a lifetime member of the Shavertown Fire Co., a member of Kingston Township Ambulance Association and St. Conrad's Young Men's Association, Wilkes-Barre.

He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, and its Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Cadden, with whom he shared 60 years of marriage as of May 5, 2011; sons, Robert J., Hanover Township; William J., Dallas; Joseph C. and James J., both of Shavertown; and Paul J., Plains Township; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

IREM WOMEN HONOR PAST PRESIDENTS



Mrs. Ruth Gramps, president of the Irem Women's Auxiliary, honored past presidents at the club's April meeting at the Irem Country Club in Dallas. Each past president was recognized and presented with a gift. Past presidents are, from left, first row, Carol Belmont, Marie Mishkiel, Jane Bauman, Sybil Burkel, Helen Fink, Hope Beisel, Marian Walp, Effie Metcalf. Second row, Sueanne Moses, Bernice West, Ruth Gramps, Joan Ball and Jean Emmanuel

KONEK RECEIVES AWARD



At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, Rotarian Ann Marie Konek was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Award, the highest honor bestowed on a Rotarian for Service Above Self. Konek has been a Rotarian with the Dallas Rotary Club for five years, but has helped with service projects for several years before joining the club. Rotarian and club secretary Randy Loyd, left, presented the award. Konek is the 51st recipient of this award during the club's 84-year history of service in the Back Mountain.

'AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER' SET FOR MAY 22



Gail Aideus, left, of Kingston and Ramah Hackett, of Shavertown display a piece of original artwork donated by Leigh Pawling for the Alzheimer's Association Annual Art & Music Brunch, "An Affair to Remember," slated for 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 22 at Fox Hill Country Club. For additional information or reservations, call 822-9915.

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