

## OBITUARIES

**ADAMS** - Wesley S. J., 30, of Trucksville, died Saturday, June 18, 2011.

Born on December 10, 1980, in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of Dallas High School, class of 2000. He was employed by Dove Windows, Hanover Township, as a maintenance mechanic.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge # 455 and the Director's Staff of Irem Temple.

Surviving are his mother, Karen Oplinger Adams, Trucksville; his wife, the former Amanda Allen; sons, Nicholas Robert and Jordan William; and daughter, Isabella Rose; all at home; a sister Heather Adams, Trucksville.

**BARLETTO** - Peter, 86, of Tunkhannock, died Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at the Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock.

He was born in Newark, N.J., on March 11, 1925, and was a U.S. Navy Veteran that served in World War II. He was employed by the General Motors Corporation, from where he retired.

After his retirement, he furthered his education at Penn State with classes in agriculture so he could start raising beef cattle on his farm in Lawton.

Surviving are his sons, Steve, of Meshoppen; and Peter, of New Jersey; a brother, Richard, of Nutley, N.J.

**CARICHNER** - Matthew T., of Mile Road, Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, June 15, 2011, from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident earlier in the evening.

He was born on November 26, 1987, and was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School, class of 2007. He was a self-employed auto mechanic and enjoyed working with his father's company, Mountainside Landscaping.

Surviving are his father, Dean E. Carichner, of Tunkhannock; brothers, Joseph and Dana, of Tunkhannock; maternal grandmother, Geraldine Parr Madill, of Tunkhannock; paternal grandmother, Sarah Carichner, of Tunkhannock; aunts, uncles and cousins.

**CERQUOZZI** - Henry Jr., 78, of Harveys Lake, died Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and John Gross, at Harveys Lake.

He was born August 25, 1932, in Williamsport, graduated from Williamsport High School in 1951 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, joining his twin brothers aboard the USS JP Kennedy, during which time they were stationed in all the Mediterranean countries. He later served his country during the Korean Conflict.

He was employed as a stone mason and a truck driver. He attended Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, and Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

In addition to his daughter and son-in-law, he is survived by a granddaughter; brothers, John, Andrew and Antonio, all of Williamsport; sisters, Marie Stuempfle, of Lancaster; and Esther Salmon, of Milford.

**COLAVITTI** - Phyllis A., of Tunkhannock, died Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at Tyler Hospital in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Green Bay, Wis., on July 23, 1934.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Virgil Colavitti; sons, David and Christopher, both of Tunkhannock; Dana, of Portland, Ore.; daughters, Laurie Mace, Lisa and Amy, all of Tunkhannock; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Janet Nichols and Marlene Demro.

Memorial donations to DaVita, Tunkhannock Dialysis Unit, 5950 SR 6, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

**DISPENZA** - Jackie A., of Beverly Drive, Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, June 15, 2011, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

She was born in Rochester, N.Y., on November 10, 1989, was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School, class of 2007, and just completed her first year at Lackawanna College, obtaining a 3.93 QPA.

Surviving are her parents, Patrick and Maureen Curran Dispenza; a brother, Paul; sister, Rachel Dispenza, both of Tunkhannock; maternal grandparents, Paul and Aleen Curran; paternal grandmother, Sally Broccolo; and step-grandfather, Fil Broccolo; paternal great-grandmother, Ange Guggino, all of Rochester, N.Y.; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial donations to Clear Brook Lodge Inc., 1100 E. Northampton St., Laurel Run, PA 18706.

**DRUST** - Joseph J., 90, of Dallas, died Saturday, June 18, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of Wilkes-Barre Township High School and attended Penn State University. Before retiring, he was a quality control supervisor for Keystone Coca-Cola, Pittston.

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from May 1942 to November 1945, as Quartermaster 2nd Class aboard the USS Oberon in the Pacific Theater.

He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, Oneida Lodge I.O.O.F., Dallas, Life Member of the Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post 672, Dallas, Susquehanna Bass Masters, Keystone Carving Club, Susquehanna Hiking Club and Harveys Lake Rod & Gun Club.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Lillian Staskiewicz; sons, Joseph M. Quinton, Va.; and Eugene G., Cincinnati, Ohio; daughter, Mary Ann Smith, Dushore; and "adopted" daughter, Karey; sister, Steffie Babinski, Wilkes-Barre; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Parkinson Disease Foundation or the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Inc.

**FREY** - Robert A., 87, of Shavertown, died Saturday, June 18, 2011, at Hospice Community Care, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Manheim and was a graduate of Elizabethtown High School. Before retiring, he was a food broker for the James A. Weaver Co., Lancaster.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are daughters, Jean Carson, Dallas; and Joan Kasarda, Ricketts Glen; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Wyoming Valley Historical Society.

**GRASSO** - Angelo Paul, 86, of Dallas, died Tuesday, June 14, 2011, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., October 25, 1924, and moved to the Wyoming Valley in 1927. He

graduated as valedictorian from Forty Fort High School in 1943 and attended the Cybick School of Garment Cutting and Designing in New York City in 1944.

He returned to the Wyoming Valley in 1945, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force in January 1946 and completed his basic training at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. He served as a control tower operator at Nichols Field in Manila in the Philippines and achieved the rank of Corporal.

He received the Asia-Pacific Campaign and World War II Victory Medals. After his honorable discharge in March 1947, he again returned to the Wyoming Valley to supervise the cutting room of his family-owned business.

He became a co-owner of United Pants, a company that employed more than 400 people at two locations in Swoyersville and Plymouth, and retired in 1987.

He was a member of Holy Name Parish in Swoyersville for over 25 years and a member of Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas for more than 35 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Ann Zannitto, Dallas, with whom he celebrated his 63rd wedding anniversary in September 2010; children, Marianne Hipona, Pacifica, Calif.; Angelo P. Jr., Swoyersville; and Linda Bennett, Lebanon; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**GUSHANAS** - George Thomas III, 25, of Route 118, Sweet Valley, died Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in an automobile accident while in Florida.

He was born September 6, 1985, in Wilkes-Barre. He was a 2004 graduate of Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School where he studied college prep classes.

Surviving are his father, George Jr.; his fiancée, Patricia Alshusky, of Sweet Valley; a brother, Thomas Joseph II; a sister, Kathryn Gushanas, of Wilkes-Barre; his daughter, Alexis Gushanas; grandmother, Marie Gushanas; aunts, uncles and cousins.

**JOHNSON** - Carl Edward Sr., formerly of Dallas, died Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at Keystone Villa in Douglasville.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of Kingston Township High School. He was a pipe fitter and foreman for 20 years with Air Products, Hanover Township, and later worked as a bus driver for Martz Trailways.

He had served in the U.S. Army

during World War II. He was a member of George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 F&AM; The Irem Shine Center, Dallas; Irem Shepherds and The Valley of Bloomsburg. He was also a former member of the Dallas Kiwanis. He was a member of The Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are sons, Carl Edward Jr., Albuquerque, N.M.; and Robert A., Pottstown; brothers, Donald and Vance, both of Keller, Texas; sister, Betty Williams, Florida; and three grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the American Heart Association, c/o 613 Baltimore Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702; or American Kidney Fund, c/o 6110 Executive Blvd., Ste. 1010, Rockville, MD 20852.

**KASMARK** - Elizabeth J., 68, formerly of Dallas, died Sunday,

June 19, 2011, in New Seasons at Tiffany Court Personal Care Home, Kingston, after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, attended E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre and was employed as a Certified Nurse's Aide at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas.

Surviving are her children, Sharon Heuer, Dallas; Peggy, Rhode Island; Benjamin, Dallas; four grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; brothers, Mickey Lawzano, New London, Mo.; and John Lawzano, Wilkes-Barre.

**MILLER** - Anna Mary, 94, of Dallas, died Sunday, June 19, 2011, at The Meadows Nursing Center.

She was born in Swoyersville,

attended Holy Trinity School, Swoyersville and was a seamstress in various garment shops throughout the area.

Surviving are sons, Joseph, Wyoming; Robert, Dauphin; Thomas, Dallas; daughters, Ann Marie Flanagan, Dallas; Sue Symons, Cheltenham; brothers, George Steve and Joseph Steve, both of Exeter; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

**MINER** - Elizabeth Zerviah Grow, 95, of Sugar Hollow, Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at Golden Living Center, Tunkhannock.

She was born in Fox Hollow, Windham Township, on June 7, 1916, and graduated from Mehoo-pany High School, class of 1933.

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