

## OBITUARIES

**BAUR** - Regina Catherine Durkin, 83, of Kingston and Harveys Lake, died Monday, September 19, 2011, at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre on June 14, 1928, was a Kingston native and attended Kingston schools. She was a lifetime member of St. Ignatius Church, Kingston, and volunteered at Central Catholic High School.

She was employed by Max Factor, demonstrating makeup application at Pomeroy's in Wilkes-Barre. She was also a face and shoulder model and was featured in various publications.

Surviving are two children; Linda Chase, Fairfax Station, Va.; and Robert J. Jr., Dallas; three grandchildren; a sister, Rosemary Schultz, Kingston; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary, 4 E. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

**BRUNGES** - Richard M., 49, of Kingston Township, died Saturday, September 24, 2011, in his home.

He was born in Kingston, was a graduate of West Side Area Vocational Technical School, Pringle, and attended Luzerne County Community College.

He was self-employed doing various types of jobs and was a member of St. Frances X Cabrini Church of Carverton.

Surviving are his mother, Joan Barbacci Brunges, Kingston Township; brothers, Floyd J., Westfield, Mass.; and Julio P., Franklin Township; nieces and nephews.

**DRAKE** - Alma L. Drake, 88, of Forest Hill, Md., died Sunday, September 4, 2011.

She was born April 29, 1923, in Wilkes-Barre, was a 1941 graduate of Dallas Borough High School and a former member of Dallas United Methodist Church until moving in 2004.

She was a current member of Churchville Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her children, Virginia A. Cannon, of Kingsville, Md.; Frederick Jr., of Tunkhannock; Gale, of Livonia, N.Y.; and Gary, of Forest Hill, Md.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Harford Hospice, 8003 Corporate Dr., No. G, Nottingham, MD 21236-4984.

**GOLDEN** - Lottie Eva, 94, died Thursday, September 22, 2011, at the Golden Living Center, Tunkhannock, where she had been a resident for four years.

She was born August 13, 1917, in Dupont.

Surviving are two sons, Jerome, of Fredricksburg, Va.; and Michael, of Tonawanda, N.Y.; daughter, Karen Rowlands, of Centermoreland; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Golden Living Center, 30 Beverly Dr., Tunkhannock, PA 18657, Attention Kathleen.

**HOEGEN** - Maureen Therese McGovern, 71, of Kingston Township, died on Monday, September 26, 2011, at her home after a lengthy illness.

She was born October 5, 1939, in Carbondale, was a 1957 graduate of St. Rose High School in Carbondale and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Georgetown University in 1961. In her early career, she served as a public health nurse in Washington, D.C., and also worked as a clinical nursing instructor at St. Joseph's Hospital in South Bend, Ind., and at College Misericordia in Dallas.

For many years, she was active in the Pro-Life Movement in Northeastern Pennsylvania and also served on the Bishop's Commission on Ecumenism and Human Affairs in the Diocese of Scranton.

Surviving are her husband, Peter J. Hoegen, with whom she celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 17, 2011; children, Frank, Kingston; Rose Curtin, Richmond, Va.; Katie Arensmeyer, Kingston; Joe, Carlisle; and Dan, Kingston Township; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandsons.

Memorial donations to Medical Oncology Associates Prescription Assistance Fund, 382 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18704; or to St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen, Catholic Social Services, 33 E.

Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

**JEFFERY** - James J. Jr., 73, of Sweet Valley Road, Hunlock Creek, died Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at his home.

He was born August 16, 1938, in Pittston, served in the U.S. Navy and was a retired employee of the International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 38, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his daughters, Deborah Douglass, White Plains, N.Y.; and Lynn Rosengrant, Hamlin; son, Thomas, Falls; step-son, Frank Cummings, Dallas; seven grandchildren; a brother, William, West Wyoming.

**KNORR** - Alice, died on Friday, September 23, 2011, in Heartland Hospice House in Wilmington, Del., at the age of 85.

She was born August 21, 1926 in Dallas, and graduated from Dallas Township High School in 1946.

Shortly after graduation, she moved to Wilmington, Del., where she made her home and resided for over 60 years. She was employed for many years at Daneman's Fabric Store. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Atonement.

Surviving are a brother, Howard Ellsworth; a sister, Elizabeth (Betty) Gronski; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the United Methodist Church of the Atonement, 3519 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, DE 19703.

**LOPASKY** - Joe, of Willis, Texas, died Tuesday, September 20, 2011 after a battle with cancer.

He was born on September 16, 1941, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was an athletic standout at Lake-Lehman High School in Lehman, lettering four years in football, basketball and baseball. He also achieved the All-Scholastic award in several sports at Lake-Lehman.

He continued his athletic success at the University of Houston, where he played both football and baseball. He went on to play semi-pro ball for the Scranton Miners and was recruited by several NFL teams before his career ended with a knee injury. After graduating from the University of Houston, he taught and coached football, baseball and golf for Alief Hastings High School. He ended his career as Transportation Director for the Alief School District.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Shirley Lopasky, of Willis, Texas; sons, Casey Joseph, of Kyle, Texas; and Cody Lawrence, of Katy, Texas; sister, Patricia Brooks, of Lehman; brothers, Richard, of Spring Hill, Fla.; and Bill, of Lehman; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 570127, Houston, TX 77257; or to the University of Houston Alumni Association, P.O. Box 230345, Houston, TX 77223.

**RICHARDS** - Dorothy R., 91, of Hi-Meadows Apartments, Dallas, died Thursday, September 22, 2011, in the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Lackawanna County, resided in Kingston most of her life and had been employed by the former Youth Center in Edwardsville, a specialty clothing shop for children.

She was active in various groups with the Hi-Meadows Apartments. She was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are her daughter, Barbara Burke, Dallas; son, John H., Kingston; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

**RIKER** - Leland Robert, 80, of Tunkhannock, died Saturday, September 24, 2011, in Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

He was born in Scranton on June 13, 1931, was a graduate of Hartford High School, class of 1949, and was an U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict serving with the Signal Corps.

He was employed by Union Carbide in Niagara Falls, N.Y., then retired from Sire Power in Tunkhannock after 34 years of service. He was a member of the

Eaton Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Marjorie Steele Riker; sons, Leland G., Tunkhannock; David, Federal Way, Wash.; daughter, Patti Lou, Afton, Va.; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brother, Raymond, Montrose; sister, Jean Carter, Dimock.

Memorial donations to the Eaton Baptist Church, 820 Hunter Hwy., Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

**ROST** - Frederick H., 59, of Larksville, died Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at his residence.

He was born in Philadelphia, was educated in Dallas schools and was a graduate of Dallas High School, class of 1970.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy serving for 20 years, he was formerly employed by the Unemployment Bureau of the State of Pennsylvania.

Surviving are a son, Greg, El Paso, Texas; a daughter, Kelly, Virginia Beach, Va.; wife, Joan, Virginia Beach, Va.; and longtime friend, Barbara Stupak, Larksville.

**SIEGEL** - Charles J., 54, of Shavertown, died unexpectedly Friday, September 23, 2011, at his home.

He was born in Kingston, he was a graduate of Dallas High School, class of 1974.

He was employed for many years as a manager at Stroud's of Wilkes-Barre and had currently been employed as a retail sales associate for Sears in the Wyoming Valley Mall. He was a member of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Edwardsville.

Surviving are his father, Charles E. Siegel, Rome; his wife, the former Irene Wolensky, Shavertown; son, Charles "Chas" S., at home; sisters, Elizabeth Spaciano, Trucksville; and Patricia Goble, Wysox; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to a scholarship trust for his son, Charles "Chas" S. Siegel, c/o PNC Bank, 325 Memorial Hwy., Dallas, PA 18612.

**STOLARICK** - Susan Zurinski, 78, of Dallas, died Monday, September 19, 2011, at her residence.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of Luzerne High School in 1950 where she was class valedictorian. She was also a 1954 graduate of College Misericordia.

She was a teacher with the Luzerne schools and retired from Lake-Lehman School District in 1993. She was a member of the PSEA and also a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Hunlock Creek.

Surviving are a son, Michael, Lehman; and a daughter, Diane Stefanowicz, Lehman; four grandchildren.

**TOMASURA** - Albert J., 57, of Chase Road, Shavertown, died Friday, September 16, 2011, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

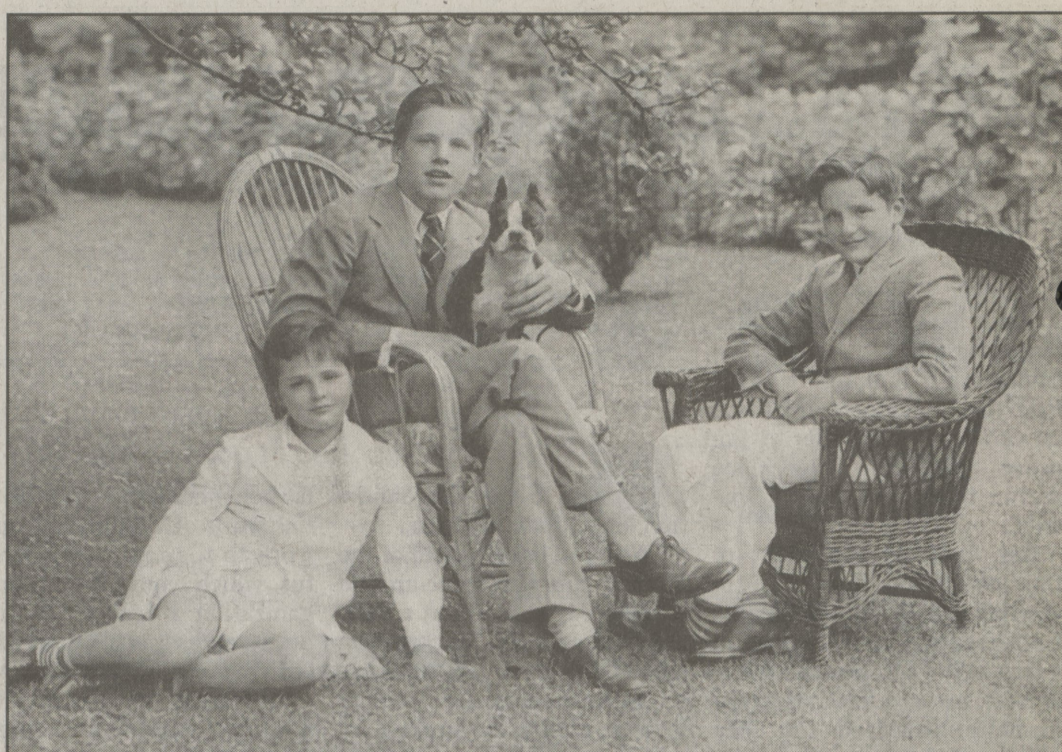
He was born in Wilkes-Barre on December 19, 1953, and was employed by the Lion Brewery, Wilkes-Barre, as "Boilerman." He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 367.

Surviving are his sons, Michael, Stephen, Richard and Albert; one grandson; a sister, Marietta Garr; three nieces and one nephew.

**WILDONER** - Milton "Mick," 57, of Main Road, Hunlock Creek, died on Friday, September 23, 2011 at home.

He was born November 4, 1953, in Corning, N.Y., and was employed by Ken Pollock Trucking Company for 30 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Shields; daughters, Robyn Wildoner, Hunlock Creek; Rachael Mott, Stillwater; son, Mick, at home; seven grandchildren; brothers, Jodi, Glen Lyon; Glynn, Nanticoke; Charles, Glen Lyon; sister, Leona Price, Bloomsburg.



A historic Conyngham family picture taken at Hillside Cottage shows, from left, William L. Conyngham, George Guthrie Conyngham and John Nesbitt Conyngham. The Back Mountain Historical Association is offering the presentation, "From Letterkenny to Hillside: A Conyngham Family Story," at its fall meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at Misericordia University.

## BMT Historical Association offers presentation on Conyngham family

The Back Mountain Historical Association is offering the presentation, "From Letterkenny to Hillside: A Conyngham Family Story," by Frank Conyngham and Chip Morgan at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11 in Misericordia University's Lemoine Theater in Walsh Hall. The program is open free to the

public. Today, The Lands at Hillside Farms is a regional asset that has become a destination point for regional residents and out-of-town visitors.

Conyngham will talk about the historic cottage and great family traditions, while Morgan, volunteer chairman of the

cottage committee, will provide an update on the many programs being offered at The Lands at Hillside Farms.

After the presentation, those in attendance will receive a free sample of Hillside Dairy cream. Those interested in attending are asked to register for the event by calling 674-8036.

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER WILL AID FLOOD VICTIMS



The American Culinary Federation, Professional Chefs of Northeast Pennsylvania will hold their annual progressive dinner on Monday, Oct. 24 at Genetti Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, Wilkes-Barre. Cost of the dinner is \$100 per person and proceeds from this year's event will benefit area flood victims. Members of the Executive Board of Directors planning the event are, from left, seated, Chef Blaise Alan Dente, CCC (Certified Chef de Cuisine) HAAC (Honorary fellow American Academy of Chefs), Chapter President; and Chef Biagio Dente, CEC (Certified Executive Chef), AAC, HOF (Hall of Fame fellow American Academy of Chefs), Senior Board Member and charter member of the organization. Standing, Chef Jacob Hinz, CEC - Progressive Dinner chairperson; Chef Stephen Anania, CEC; Chef Doug Petrucci, CEC - Progressive Dinner co-chairperson; and Chef Michael Tibbs, CEC. For tickets and/or further information, call 655-0801.

## Boback participates in assistance hearing

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) recently participated in a joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness committees to examine the feasibility of establishing a state disaster assistance program.

"People in my area are really hurting from the double impact of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee," said Boback. "Residents who never got water in their homes were inundated dur-

ing these storms, and those who did not have flood insurance have little recourse."

A member of the House committee and subcommittee chairman of Military and Veterans Facilities, Boback noted that the House designated September as Emergency Preparedness Month

in the Commonwealth. She urged Pennsylvanians to prepare in advance for disaster.

She also advised those who already experienced property damage in the recent storms to register for federal assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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