

OBITUARIES

DZOCH - Jeff A., 33, a resident of Old Tioga Turnpike, Benton, died on Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

He was born on March 30, 1978, in Bloomsburg and was employed in construction.

Surviving are his father, Steven Dzoch, Hunlock Creek; his wife, the former Heidi Hess; daughters, Sierra and Makayla, at home; sister, Tanya Farber, Hunlock Creek; a niece and a nephew.

ECKERT - Roy "Sid" Sidney Eckert, 73, died on Saturday, December 17, 2011, at home.

He was born on February 25, 1938, in Lock Haven, was a graduate of LaSalle High School, Niagara Falls, N.Y. and attended Lock Haven State College and the University of Buffalo.

He retired from International Paper in Lock Haven. He was a veteran who served in the Marine Corps and Army reserves.

He was a member of the Welsh Bethel Baptist Church, where he had served as a deacon.

Surviving are his wife of 20 years, Beth; his children, Jody Hartsfield, Cris Martin, Howard Scott Piatt and Cindy Rhoades; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; brothers, Stanley and Chris; and stepsister, Vicki Egli.

EVANS - David A. Jr., 81, of Hunlock Creek, died on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, in Little Flower Manor, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on August 26, 1930, and retired after 43 years of service from Coon Construction, where he supervised many of the bridge projects in our community. He was also a licensed surveyor.

He was a member of Sweet Valley Church of Christ for more than 35 years where he served as an elder and was a member of the choir. He also played on the church softball team for many years, retiring at age 70.

He was also a member of Sylvia Lodge No. 354 F & AM, Shickshinny, where he served as Past Master.

Surviving are his brother, Ro-

nald, Hunlock Creek; children, Amy Boytin, Sweet Valley; Dr. David, Dallas; Dr. Darrell, Noxen; Douglas, Hunlock Creek; and Mrs. Robyn Confalone, Bethlehem; 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Memorial donations to the Sweet Valley Church of Christ, 5439 Main Rd., Sweet Valley, PA 18656 or the Alzheimer's Association, 57 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or www.alz.org.

GALE - Betty M., 86, of The Meadows Apartments, Dallas, died on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born March 21, 1925, in Lake Township and attended Laketon High School and also the Emmanuel Assembly of God Church at Harveys Lake.

Prior to retiring, she was employed by the Leslie Fay Company Inc. in Kingston for 30 years as a special machine operator.

Surviving are twin sons, George E., Noxen; and Rick, Cartersville, Ga.; daughters, Nancy Smith, Dallas; Letha Titus, Loyallville; sister, Lois Pisack, Meshoppen; 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Ronald McDonald House, PO Box 300, Danville, PA 17821 or at www.rmhdanville.org/fundraising.html.

JOHNSON - Sarah L., of Harveys Lake, died Saturday, December 17, 2011, in the Lakeside Nursing Center.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed in the garment industry. She was a member of the Beaumont Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Surviving are her stepson; Robert Johnson, Trucksville; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; friend, Pat Suchocki, West Wyoming; sister; Audrey Patti, North Carolina; nieces and nephews.

PAGLIANETE - Vincent P., Esq., of Shavertown and Pine Island, Fla., died unexpectedly on Sunday, December 11, 2011, in

Florida.

He was born in Forty Fort and was a graduate of Forty Fort High School, Penn State University and Dickinson School of Law. Prior to retirement, he was a career attorney with the Internal Revenue Service.

Professionally, he was a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Florida.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra "Sandy" Sernak, Esq.; sister, Angela Mazzarella; nieces and nephews.

POWELL - Edward S. Powell, 81, of Idetown Road, Dallas, died on Friday, December 9, 2011, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Wanamie and graduated from Newport High School, class of 1947. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He had resided on Idetown Road in Dallas for the past 56 years.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a salesman for Whiteman Tower Paper Co. Earlier, he was employed by Zoeller Paper Company.

He was a 50-year member of Idetown United Methodist Church, was past president of the Lehman Fire Company and was active with the Irem Temple for 50 years, serving as Potentate in 1983. He was Captain of the Arab Emeritus Patrol for many years and was a member of George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 F&AM and Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, the former Dorothy Ogin; sister, Barbara Haydock, Alden; nieces and nephews.

RODDA - Stella, 79, of Hunlock Creek, died Saturday, December 17, 2011, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital.

She was born June 6, 1932, in Larksville, and was formerly employed by Wilkes University.

Surviving are her niece, Connie Ruggere, Hunlock Creek, with whom she resided; several other nieces and nephews.

SUTTON - Bonnie L., 56, of Shavertown, died on Thursday evening, December 16, 2011, at her home.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and attended Penn State University, Lehman. She also attended Luzerne County Community College and later Bryn Mawr and Misericordia University. She earned a dual Master's Degree in Social Work.

She was the Director of Further Education at Misericordia. She had started the AIDS Council of Wyoming Valley and later worked with Volunteers of America in adoptions, helping families with children from Russia.

She had worked with The Institute of Human Resources until November 2010. Her community service included Church of Nazarene, Lay Speaker, Secretary and Representative to District Assembly; Wilkes-Barre School District Strategic Planning Committee; Governing Board Member Pennsylvania Council of Churches; United Way Allocations Committee Member, Lake-Lehman Educational Foundation Board of Directors; Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services Board of Directors; Victims Resource Center Advisory Board; Penns Woods Girl Scout Council Board of Directors; Wilkes-Barre Mayor's Committee on Social Concerns.

Surviving are her father, Allen Sutton; a brother, Alvie, Shavertown; a niece and a nephew; a great-niece and great-nephew.

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