

OBITUARIES

BARBACCI - Natale "Barb" Barbacci, 93, of Dallas died on Saturday, January 7, 2012, at home.

He was born May 3, 1918 in Reynoldsville.

In his early years, he distinguished himself in the boxing ring with a record of 23-0, earning a shot at the Golden Gloves in Philadelphia. Later, he was inducted into the Plains Sports Hall of Fame. While employed by Okanite Corp. of Wilkes-Barre in the early 1950s, he began the operation of Barbacci Bottle Gas, serving families for many years through the Wyoming Valley and eventually selling the business to Suburban Propane.

He then owned and operated Barbacci's Picnic Grove.

Surviving are his children, Basil, Harveys Lake; Barbara Lussi, Plains; Celestine Gesky, of Dallas; Jody Pearson, of Dallas; and Robert, of Dallas; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; sisters, Clementine (Tillie) Cross, and Louise Yanoshak, both of Plains; brothers, John, North Carolina; and Orlando, Ohio; nieces and nephews.

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

BLOOMER - Jay H., 81, of Dallas, died Sunday, January 8, 2012, at home.

He was born on Dec. 6, 1930, in Sunbury and served in the U.S. Air Force.

He was a member of East Dallas United Methodist Church until its closing. Then he attended Fellowship Evangelical Free Church until his illness.

He worked 22 years for 3M Company.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Peggy Bloomer; daughters, Melinda Luck, of Dallas; and Brenda Boice, of Harveys Lake; brother, Thomas J., of Ocala Fla.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

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

COOLBAUGH - George E. Sr., 82, Trucksville, died Friday, January 6, 2012, at his home.

He was born in Jackson Township and attended Lehman schools. He had worked in the farming industry most of his life, with Hillside Farms in the dairy barn and later with Nesbitt Tree Farms, retiring in 1993.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Ann Fox; sons, George Jr., Pittston; Daniel, South Carolina; Charles, Dallas; daughter, Jenny Lyn Coolbaugh, Harveys Lake; stepsons, Bernard Fedorchak Jr., Michael Fedorchak, Joseph Fedorchak, all of Nanticoke; Alan Lee, Luzerne; stepdaughters, Christine Lyons, Nanticoke; Jackie Weidow, Trucksville; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Minnie Miller, Isabelle Hoyt, both of Dallas; and Marion Teters, California; brother, William, Wilkes-Barre.

CULVER - Cynthia Louise, of Dallas, died Friday, December 30, 2011, at Guardian Elder Care Center, Nanticoke, after a two-year battle with cancer.

She was born in 1949 in Kingston and graduated from Dallas High School in 1966. She worked most of her adult life as a horticulturist and landscape designer and was employed by Huntsville Nursery and Varsity Landscap-

ing.

Surviving are her mother, Marjorie Holdsworth Fisher, St. Louis, Mo.; brother, Clem, Trucksville, James, Hershey's Lake; Derek, Dallas; sister, Suzanne, Nanticoke; sons, Mark Young, Pittston; R. David Young, Clayton, N.C.; Michael, Hanover Township; daughter, Anne Pastore, Powell, Ohio; 13 grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge at www.bcfaanimalrefuge.org/donate.php.

DAINIUS - Dr. Alfonsas, 90, of Dallas, died Friday, January 6, 2012, at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

He was born in 1921, in Viekšniai, Lithuania. Forced in his early 20s to flee his homeland by the Soviet Union's occupation of Lithuania, he went to Germany, where he became a medical student. After World War II, he and his family were given the opportunity to immigrate to the United States as "DPs" (war displaced persons).

He arrived at Ellis Island in 1951 and settled in Worcester, Massachusetts, but returned to Germany to finish medical school, graduating from the University of Munich in 1960.

He then returned to the U.S. and was an intern at Fairlawn and Miriam hospitals in Worcester, Mass. He moved to Providence, R.I., in 1964 and was chief resident at the Rhode Island Medical Center in Warwick, R.I., until moving to Pennsylvania and residing in Dallas in the early 1970s.

He then worked as medical director of the Northeast Region of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Health, retiring in the mid 1980s.

Surviving is a son, Alfonsas A., Dallas; nieces and nephews.

ERTLEY - Ron, 79, died on January 7, 2012, after a battle with cancer.

He was born in Kingston in 1932 and attended O.B. Pettibone grade school and Forty Fort High School. He finished his high school career at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia, and was a graduate of Duke University, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

He served in the United States Air Force and retired as a captain. He served on numerous boards locally over the years, including president of the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, board of the R.M. Kirby Center and vestry of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He was a trustee of Misericordia University.

He was a longtime member of the board of directors of the Kingston National Bank, which later became First Valley Bank. He was president, until his death, of the homeowner's association at his Florida home in Fort Lauderdale.

Among his social affiliations, he was a member of Kingston Masonic Lodge No. 395 F.&A.M., Caldwell Consistory, Irem Temple and the Westmoreland Club for over 50 years.

He was a member of Glenmaura Golf Club, Huntsville Golf Club and Coral Ridge Country Club, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

He served on the board of the JD Power Superdealer Roundtable, a most prestigious position in the automobile business. He was a director of the Pennsylvania Automobile Association, a PennDOT commissioner on the Pennsylvania State Board of Transportation and president of several other automobile dealer

boards.

He was the founder of Tech Aviation, located at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport and he was the founding owner, creator and CEO of Ertley MotorWorld.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Carole (Sis) Schalm Ertley, Dallas; daughters, Kristine Ertley McCarthy, Dallas; Traci, New York City; Kimberly, New Jersey; son, David, Florida; four grandchildren; sisters, Phyllis Johnson, Pittston; and Susan Eikenberry, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the music programs of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701; Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708 or to Misericordia University, 301 Lake St., Dallas, PA 18612.

HILLARD - Hilbert (Max) Hillard, 70, of Trucksville, died January 7, 2012, at the Hospice of the VNA Inpatient Unit at St. Luke's Villa, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Plymouth and attended Lake-Lehman High School. He retired from UGI after 30 years. He was a member of Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Carol Ball; sons, Lee C., Hunlock Creek; Todd, Hunlock Creek; stepdaughters, Charlene Bonitz, Tunkhannock; Becky Gumble, Trucksville; Carol Wolfe, Dallas; stepsons, Douglas Sands, Larksville, John Beacham, Dallas, 14 grandchildren, one great grandson; brother, Kenneth Bowman, Reidsville, North Carolina; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Hospice of the VNA, C/O St. Luke's Villa, 80 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

HOYES - Gertrude Martin, of Perrin Avenue, Shavertown, died on Friday, January 6, 2012.

She was born in Minersville and resided in Peckville most of her life. She graduated from Blakely High School, International Correspondence Schools and Moody Bible Institute.

She retired as executive assistant to the president of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pa. and has since served as pastor's assistant at Dallas Baptist Church. She was ordained a deacon in February 1987 and has held many positions in the church.

Surviving are her four children, Richard, Dallas; Ellyn Fortney, Inkerman; Roger, Hunlock Creek; and Robert, West Lawn; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. George (Clara) Hoyes; and brother, Harry C. Martin, of Vestal, N.Y.

Memorial donations to the Dallas Baptist Church, P.O. Box 5, Dallas, PA 18612.

KEEBLE - Madaline M., of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, January 8, 2012, in the Tunkhannock Methodist Manor in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Meshoppen on April 20, 1924, and was a 1942

graduate of Towanda High School. Prior to her retirement, she had been employed for 38 years at the Endicott Shoe Company in Tunkhannock.

She attended the Russell Hill United Methodist Church, was a member of the Tunkhannock Moose Lodge, was involved in the Senior Peer Counseling and served as a volunteer at Tyler Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are daughters, Dawn Franko, of Meshoppen; Diane Barney, of Austin, Texas; brother, Robert E. Lee, of Horseheads N.Y.; sister, Naomi Root, of Springville; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 535, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

MONTGOMERY - Richard D., 80, of Trucksville, died Saturday, January 7, 2012, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Kearny, N.J., on April 18, 1931. He attended Kearny High school and later enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the USS English Destroyer DD696 during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1953.

Prior to his retirement, he worked for Sterling Industrial, which later became Altec, for 37 years as a parts manager. After retiring, he worked for Pompey Dodge as a driver.

He was a life member of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company, a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church for 53 years, a member of the Boy Scouts of America for 37 years with Troop 155 of Trucksville.

He was also a member of Tin Can Sailors, USS English Association and the American Legion Post 672 of Dallas.

Surviving are his son, Robert, of Trucksville; a daughter, Carolyn Luke; four grandchildren; a brother, Allen, of Jensen Beach, Fla.; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville, PA 18708; Boy Scout Troop 155, 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville, PA 18708 or the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department, 11 Carverton Rd., Trucksville, PA 18708.

RAKLEWICZ - Matilda M., 89, of Dallas, formerly of Harveys Lake, died Saturday, January 7, 2012, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

She was born in Plymouth and was a graduate of Plymouth High School.

She served as Postmaster of the Harveys Lake Post Office, retiring in 1988 after 25 years of service.

She was an active member and Past President of the Lithuanian Woman's Club of Wyoming Valley and was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

Surviving are her son, Dr. Michael C., Harveys Lake; daughters, Pamela Story, of Hope, Idaho; and Suzanne Cogswell, of Dallas; two grandchildren; a brother, Anthony "Champ," of Newport News, Virginia.

Memorial donations to Mercy

Center, 301 Lake St., Dallas PA 18612.

RAY - Shawn H., 51, of Noxen died Monday, January 2, 2012, after a battle with cancer.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. He was a veteran serving in the U. S. Navy.

After his service, he was employed with International Computers and Telecommunications Corp., working with the U.S. Navy and U. S. Coast Guard F.R.A.M. programs at Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine. He was also employed by Harriman Associates, Auburn, Maine.

Surviving are his sisters, Karla Narkiewicz, Dallas; Grace Gelinas, Austin, Texas; brothers, Barry L., Hazleton; Randall K., Forkston Township; nieces, a nephew and great nieces.

TISHLER - Thomas J. "Tom," 71, of Old Tioga Turnpike, Benton, died Thursday, January 5, 2012, at his home.

He was born December 11, 1940, in Wilkes-Barre, and was the Senior National Sales Training Manager for the Allstate Insurance Company in Northbrook, Illinois. He retired in 1995 after 35 years of service.

He was a 1960 graduate of Wyoming High School and a 1965 graduate of King's College. He proudly served his country in the U. S. Marine Corps.

He was an active member of Christ The King Catholic Church of Benton, the Knights of Columbus of Christ the King and the Shickshiny American Legion Post #495. He was also a member of the Mill Race Golf Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Sharon May Bronson, with whom he would have celebrated his 44th wedding anniversary on April 27; his children, Tanya M. Pfeiffer, of North Barrington, Ill.; Ryan D., of Exeter; one granddaughter.

Memorial donations to the Columbia Montour Home Hospice, 410 Glenn Ave., Suite 200, Bloomsburg, PA 17815 or to Christ The King Catholic Church, P. O. Box 297, Benton, PA 17814.

WELCH - Audrey Shaffer, of Hobbs Road, Tunkhannock died Monday, January 2, 2012, in the Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

She was born in Shaffer Hollow, Eaton Township, on April 5, 1929, and was a 1946 graduate of Tunkhannock High School.

Surviving are her husband of 25 years, James W. Welch Sr.; daughter, Peggie Hobbs, Tunkhannock; sister, Eleanor Dunlap, Mehoopany; two grandsons; two great-grandchildren and nephews.

Memorial donations to Triton Hose Company, PO Box 765, Tunkhannock, PA 18657 or to the Eatonville United Methodist

Church, Church Road, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

WITTER - Clara Mae, 84, of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, January 4, 2012, while residing at Gracious Living Estates in South Montrose.

She was born in Butler on June 15, 1927, and graduated from the Mehoopany High School.

She was a member of the Lemon United Methodist Church where she was the secretary and treasurer for many years, as well as the secretary for the Lemon Township supervisors.

She was a member of The Lady Esther Rebekah Lodge No 74 of Tunkhannock and, in 1974, she received "The Decoration of Chivalry," the highest honor bestowed on a Rebekah sister.

She also held the President seat of the Republican Women, of which she was a dedicated member.

Surviving are two sons, Richard W., of Mehoopany; and Donald W., of Alburtis; two daughters, Eileen J. Spencer, of Tunkhannock; and Barbara J. Smith, of Wyalusing; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Betty Lou Furman, Elsie Fae Hamilton, Ruth Comfort and Kay Dymond; one brother, Carl Henry; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Wyoming County Cancer Society, 8 Ironwood St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657 and the Visual Eye Research, Grand Lodge of Pa., 1001 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057.

ZBIEK - Marjorie Ruth, 78, of Chase, died at home on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

She was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church of Plymouth and, more recently, worshipped at Valley View Union Chapel, Larksville.

She graduated from Harter High School. She was a member of the Jackson Township Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are her daughter, Rose Mary, of Port Matilda; a niece and two nephews.

Memorial donations to the Valley View Union Chapel, 1555 Mountain Rd., Larksville.



3200 Memorial Hwy. Dallas

Taking Registration for 2012-2013

Beginning Tuesday, January 17th

Full Day Kindergarten

AM and PM Preschool classes

2 Day Nursery School

3 or 5 Day Preschool

Extended Day PreK Option

Dallas Kindergarten Extension

For more information call

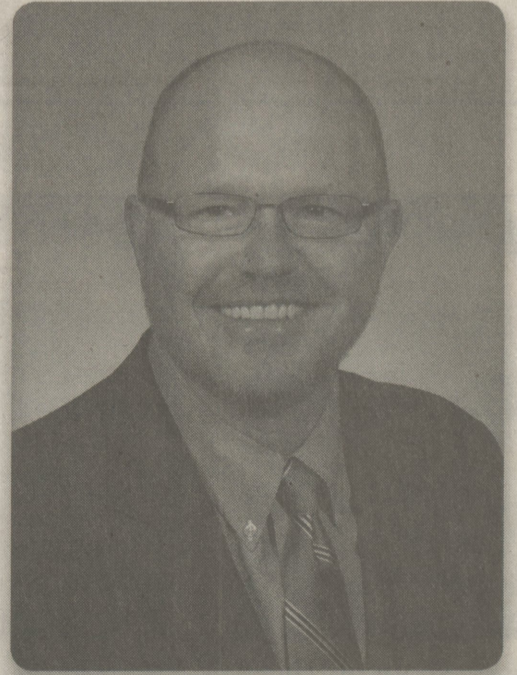
675-1220

BACK MOUNTAIN BOWL
Sicilian Pizza • Wings
Hoagies and More!
Eat in and Take Out!
Memorial Hwy Dallas • 675-5026

My Financial Plan? Helping Yours.

Nothing would make me happier than to help you succeed. At First Liberty Wealth Management we have access to a broad range of financial solutions, years of knowledge and the resources needed to make your life easier. Add it all up and we think you'll agree that First Liberty Wealth Management may have the answer to the financial questions you've been asking.

FIRST LIBERTY
Wealth Management



Richard A. Ritts, CRPC®
500 Davis Street
Scranton, PA 18505
(570) 558-4957

Registered Representative of INVEST Financial Corporation, member FINRA/SIPC. INVEST and its affiliated insurance agencies offer securities, advisory services, and insurance products and is not affiliated with First Liberty Wealth Management or First Liberty Investment Services. Products offered are: Not FDIC insured - Not Bank Guaranteed - May lose value including loss of principal.

Greater Pittston Fuel

654-4657

24 Hour Burner Service

Plumbing & Heating

SPECIAL FURNACE CLEANING \$96⁹⁵

CALL FOR BEST PRICE ON HEATING OIL

