

OBITUARIES

**BENSCOTER** - Dagmar Elise, 83, of Sweet Valley Road, Hunlock Creek, passed away March 1, 2012, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

She was born January 6, 1939, in Ansbach, Germany, a daughter of the late Heinrich Johann Mehringer and the late Christine Babette Geim Mehringer. She attended Roaring Brook Baptist Church, Hunlock Creek.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Hans, Rudi and Jurgen. Surviving are her husband, Harold Willard Bencoter; children, Nancy Ann Lutz, William Shilanskis, Elise and Floyd McRoy, Thomas and Esther Shilanskis, Rosemarie Hines, Louis and Carol Shilanskis, Teresa and Ed Cilvik, Jason and Joanne Bencoter; stepchildren, Estella and Brian Naugle; Mark and Janet Bencoter, Willard Bencoter, Lionel Bencoter; 21 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister Hilde Erickson, West Virginia.

**DOLL** - Paul Jerry, 78, died at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia after a brief illness.

He was born on February 2, 1934, in Reading, son of the late Lewis Elwood and Wilhelmina Marble Doll, and step-mother, Jean Doll, of Monroe Township. Paul graduated from Kingston High School, Kingston, in 1953, after which he received an associate degree in drafting and design technology from Penn State University, Lehman. Paul served in the U.S. Army as a truck vehicle and tank mechanic and was honorably discharged in 1962.

He lived in Evans Falls on the family farm for most of his adult life. He was a dairy farmer and logger, and also worked at the Procter & Gamble plant in Mehoopany as a security guard until he became ill in January.

He was a regular attendee at the Evans Falls Methodist Church, and was involved with many of their activities. He enjoyed reading history books and taking trips to historical sites, attending family reunions, farm shows and fairs. He especially enjoyed being with family and friends. He was a kind soul with a generous heart.

He is survived by a brother, Elwood Charles Doll, of Newark Del.; sisters, Roberta Davis and husband Charles, of Windham Township, Bradford County; Patricia Campbell and husband Forrest, of West Grove; aunt, Dorothy Hall, and husband Ira David, of Monroe Township, with whom he resided; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made in Paul Doll's Memory to Martha Lloyd Community Services, Attn: Admissions, 66 Lloyd Lane, Troy, PA 16947, or to the donor's favorite charity.

**ENNIS** - John, 81, of Philadelphia, died on February 28, 2012, surrounded by his family at home.

Born October 26, 1930, in Newark, N.J., he attended Providence College and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Seton Hall University. He received master's degrees from Rutgers University and the University of Notre Dame. John did doctoral study at Notre Dame and the National University of Ireland.

In 1964, he became a professor of English at King's College, where he served two terms as chair of the department and taught until his retirement in 1999. He founded the Writing Center at King's, and was a founding member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Writing Council.

He and his wife of 39 years, Joanne, raised two sons, Eoin and Connor, in Dallas, where they were respected members of the community. John's kind nature, quiet intelligence and wry sense of humor were enjoyed by friends from the Back Mountain to Ireland. He first visited Ireland as a college student, a copy of James Joyce's "Ulysses" in his hand, and he returned to the country again and again, making new friends and introducing his wife and sons to the place he loved so much. Upon retirement, he and Joanne moved to Philadelphia, where John taught English as a Second Language on a volunteer basis.

He is survived by wife; his sons; his daughter-in-law, Lauren; and his grandson, Sam; along with numerous extended family members.

Donations can also be made to the Friends of Saint Malachy or the King's College Faculty Scholarship program.

A teacher to the end, John donated his body to medical research.

**EVANISH** - Robert M., 68, of Shavertown, died Friday, March 2, 2012, at home.

He is survived by his devoted wife of five years, the former Rosemary T. Pietrzyk.

Born in Nanticoke, on August 2, 1943, son of the late John and Irene Fetch Evanish, he was a 1963 graduate of Nanticoke High School. Prior to his retirement, Bob worked for PP&L for many years.

He was a parishioner of St. George's Orthodox Church, Taylor. Bob lived life to the fullest, enjoying riding on his motorcycle, drag racing and collecting cars. His family brought him much joy and his memory will live on in their hearts for many years to come.

His first wife, the former Carol Deminski, died April 21, 1996.

Also surviving are three daughters, Kelly Spudis and husband, Frank, Shavertown; Karen Evanish, Mount Laurel, N.J.; Heather Wingert and husband, Aaron, Harrisburg; three stepchildren, Kerri Englert and husband, Torry, Avis; Kelli Techmanski and husband, Jason, Kingston; Rob Hermanofski, Mechanicsburg; four grandchildren, Connor and Stephanie Spudis, Brendin Techmanski and Victoria Phillips; two brothers, Jack Evanish and wife, Carol, Pennsbury; Ronald Evanish and wife, Caroline, Poolesville, Md.; uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Medical Oncology Association, Prescription Fund, 382 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18704.

She enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She loved to cook, clean and spend time with her family and friends, especially Wendy and Tyler.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, were husband, Anthony Kamarunas; sister Charlotte Jones; best friend and former husband, John S. Monka Sr.

Surviving are daughter, Cindy Jerzak and husband, Chris, Dallas; son, John S. Monka Jr., Trucksville; stepdaughter, Andrea Nunn and husband, Gary, Columbus, Ohio; stepson, Anthony Kamarunas Jr., Swoyersville; grandchildren, Greg Jerzak, Colleen Stonerook, Julia Stonerook, Johnathon Nunn, Theresa Kamarunas, Amanda Kamarunas; three great-grandchildren; sister Catherine Trudgen and husband, George; brother, Dan Updyke, and wife, Lori; brother-in-law, Larry Jones; numerous nieces and nephews.

Loretta's family wishes to thank Dr. Patrick Kilduff, the staff of Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, especially the third floor nurses and aides, and the staff of the Hospice of the Sacred Heart for the exceptional care and compassion they all provided. Also, a special thanks to longtime friend, Ruth Federici, for always being there.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd, Dallas, PA 18612 or to the Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

**MARIANO** - Grace C., 93, a resident of Mercy Center, Dallas, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2012 at the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

She was born August 10, 1918, in South Waverly, Pa., the daughter of Joseph and Mary Bruno Yanuzzi.

She graduated from the community schools. Grace worked at Deisroth's Department Store as a buyer in the children's department and women's dresses, after many years as a stay-at-home mom. She lived most of her adult life in Hazleton with her late husband, Nicholas, and her two sons, Frank and Joseph.

She was a devout and practicing Roman Catholic her entire life. She was an accomplished Den Mother, and active as a Little League mother. She was a proud grandmother of six, and an even prouder great-grandmother of

three.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Nicholas, of Hazleton; brothers, Michael and Joseph Yanuzzi; and sisters, Mary (Babe) and Tina Yanuzzi.

She is survived by her son Frank and his wife, Linda, of Swoyersville; son Joseph and his wife, Colleen, of Kingston; grandchildren, Matthew and his wife, Emily, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Nathan and his wife, Angela, of Orlando, Fla.; Lucas, State College; Nora, Kingston; Sophia, Philadelphia; and Ben of Kingston. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Maya and Milia of Los Angeles, and Nicholas of Orlando Fla.; two sisters, Vera and Josephine of South Waverly and two brothers, Angelo and Ralph, also of South Waverly, in addition to numerous nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces, all of whom were a part of Grace's life and her celebrations.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 57 North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

**PEALER** - Thomas G., 45, of West Wyoming, passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

He was born in West Wyoming, son of Beverly Cheskewicz Pealer of West Wyoming and the late Thomas Pealer.

He was a graduate of Wyoming Area High School and Luzerne Community College, and was employed by the Dallas School District. He was a member of St. Monica's Parish, West Wyoming.

He was an avid hunter and loved the outdoors. He had been a huge Oakland Raiders fan since childhood. He cherished his three daughters, who were the light of his life. He became a friend to whoever crossed in his path. Tom had many dear friends who will sadly miss his company, conversation and whimsical sense of humor. He was very active in his family life and very proud to be a husband and father.

He is survived by his wife, the former Melissa Martin; daughters, Lydia, Sara and Gwynnall, at home; sister, Michelle Welenc, and her husband, Patrick; nephew, Tyler, Florida; paternal grandmother, Muriel Pealer; uncle, Robert Pealer; aunt, Susan Pealer; mother-in-law, Patricia Martin; sister-in-law, Renee Martin; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

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From left, Ted Wilson, Frontier Communications; Wayne Devine, Frontier Communications; and Don Berlew, project chairman.

Heroes deadline March 31

The deadline to submit sponsorship forms for the 2012 Dallas Lions Hometown Hero Project is Saturday, March 31.

The project was designed to be a one-year event, but there have been numerous requests for participation in the project for one more year.

The project will once again be a tribute to those men and women from the Back Mountain that have or are presently serving our country in any branch of the military.

The banner would include a picture of the service man or woman in uniform, branch of service and era of service. Because the photo will be enlarged to 27 inches x 20 inches, the quality of the picture on the banner may be affected.

The banners will be placed in Dallas Borough and will be done at random and will hang from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. At the conclusion of the program the banners will be given to their family members.

The sponsorship for each banner is \$200. Family members and loved ones of service men and

women may purchase a banner themselves or obtain sponsorship by a local business.

Should a family wish to purchase a banner, the family name will appear on the bottom of the banner. Businesses who wish to sponsor a banner could have their name at the bottom of the banner.

Any and all proceeds realized from this project will be donated to the 1st Lieutenant Michael J. Cleary Foundation which helps returning veterans in a variety of ways, including rehabilitation, working with handicapped veterans and helping with families of fallen veterans.

Sponsorship forms are available at the following Back Mountain locations: Dallas Borough Office, Frontier Communications Office, Dallas American Legion Post #672, Back Mountain Memorial Library and NAPA Auto Parts, Dallas.

For any additional information, contact project chairman Don Berlew at any of the following: 675-4360, 760-6147, Donald.Berlew@Kraftfoods.com or Dallas Lions, P.O. Box #54, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

SENIOR CENTERS MENU

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program.

WEEK OF MARCH 12

**MONDAY:** Baked chicken, gravy, creamed corn, mashed potatoes with chives, multi-grain dinner roll, pistachio pudding, margarine, milk and coffee.

**TUESDAY:** Sloppy Joes, chicken noodle soup, carrot raisin

salad, sandwich roll, crackers, orange, Oreo cookie, vanilla pudding parfait, margarine, milk and coffee.

**WEDNESDAY:** Roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, spiced apples, pineapple juice, margarine, milk and coffee.

**THURSDAY:** St. Patrick's Lunch Special - Ham and cabbage, boiled potatoes, beef barley soup, Irish soda bread, green cake, margarine, milk and coffee.

**FRIDAY:** Breaded fish filet, broccoli, corn chowder, sandwich roll, crackers, tartar sauce, ketchup, birthday cake, margarine, milk and coffee.

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