

OBITUARIES

AMBROSINO - Florence C., 96, of the Village at Greenbriar, Dallas, died Thursday, August 9, 2012, following an illness.

She was born in Bronx, N.Y., and attended schools in New York City. She had resided in Brooklyn most of her life and had been employed as a seamstress during her working life. She had resided in the Wyoming Valley for the past 12 years and had lived in the Back Mountain area most of that time.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Joann David, Shavertown; and Florence Giordano, New York City; sister, Phyllis Girard, Sausalito, Calif.; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

BELLANCA - Neil L., 24, of Kingston Township, died on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012.

He was born in Kingston, was an Eagle Scout and a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School and Lehigh University.

Surviving are his parents, Louis and Elaine Joivell Bellanca; aunts, uncles and cousins.

CARLE - Lynda N., 64, of Dallas, died Saturday, August 4, 2012, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of Dallas High School, class of 1965, Wilkes College and studied in France.

At one time she was a French instructor at Millersville State College and later was a real estate agent for Mary J. Crispell Real Estate.

She was a member of the Dallas Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

A memorial service for Lynda and her mother, Catherine, will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 1 p.m. in Kingdom Hall, Hildebrand Road, Dallas, with Mark Wilmot as speaker.

COOPER - George D. "Coop," 67, of Sorber Mountain, Noxen, died on Sunday, August 12, 2012, at the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre after a battle with lung cancer.

He was born March 9, 1945, in West Nanticoke, lived in and attended schools in West Nanticoke during his youth.

He was employed by Trade Eastern Inc. of Wilkes-Barre for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 28 years, the former Linda Daily; eight daughters, Tina, of Florida; Terry, of Shickshinny; Tammy, of Wilkes-Barre; Tracey, of Harveys Lake; Trixy, of Florida; Tara, of Hunlock Creek; Tricia and Tabitha; stepson, Ken Daily, of Dallas; several grandchildren; one great-grandson; former wife, Carol Moss; and his dog, Tinkerbell.

Memorial donations to the Geisinger Henry Cancer Center, 1000 E. Mountain Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

GELSLEICHTER - Edward J., 51, of Dallas, died Sunday, August 12, 2012.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of Coughlin High School.

He was a press journeyman with Offset Paperback, Dallas. He was vice president of GCIU 137C union and a social member of Daddow/Isaacs Post 672 American Legion, Dallas.

Surviving are his mother, the former Rose Sromonski Gelsleichter; his wife, the former Alice M. Williams Gelsleichter; sons, John, Dallas; Robert, Nanticoke; Ronald Hausman, Dallas; daughter, Aileen Williams, Wilkes-Barre; one grandson, brothers, James and Robert, both of Wilkes-Barre; sisters, Rosella Patronick, Wilkes-Barre; Susan Weinck, Wilkes-Barre; and Sandra Reed, Scranton.

Memorial donations to his family, c/o 59 Dallas Mobile Home Park, Dallas, PA 18612.

GILLIS - Joseph J., of Shavertown, died Tuesday, August 7, 2012, in Little Flower Manor Nursing Facility, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born May 5, 1935, graduated from GAR Memorial High School, Wilkes-Barre, class of 1953, and attended King's College.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in November 1953 and was discharged in October 1957. His last assignment was on the U.S.S. Witek as an ET/Radio mechanic.

He was last employed at Cor-

nell Iron Works, Mountain Top.

He was a member of St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown, and former member of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre, where he served as an usher.

Surviving are brothers, Leo, of Hanover Township; John, of Tennessee; sister, Mary Gillis, of Shavertown; Dorothy Corcoran, of Wilkes-Barre; nieces, nephews and an aunt.

HAAS - David R., 51, of Tunkhannock, died Monday, August 6, 2012, in Geisinger Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to illness, he was employed by King Fifth Wheel in Mountain Top.

Surviving are his mother, Therese Haas; his wife, Elaine Haas; two children, Mary and David; brother, Richard; nieces and nephews.

KIRKPATRICK - Sister Mary Aurea, RSM, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy, died on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

The former Ruth Kirkpatrick, she was born July 25, 1917. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Wilkes-Barre and received a degree in elementary education from Misericordia University. She entered the Sisters of Mercy on September 8, 1941 and professed vows on March 12, 1944.

She taught in the dioceses of Scranton, Rockville Center and Harrisburg and joined the community of prayer at Mercy Center, Dallas, in 2008.

Surviving are her sister, Rose Marie Long, Philadelphia; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Mercy Center, P.O. Box 370, Dallas, PA 18612.

KISHBAUGH - Helen E., 91, of Dallas, died Friday, August 10, 2012, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of Meyers High School.

She was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church, where she was founder of the Brown Baggers, a member of the Couples Club and was the first recipient of the Suzanna Wesley Award for service to her church.

She was involved in daffodil sales for the American Cancer Society for many years, was a member of the former Dallas Junior Women's Choral Group and was very active in knitting prayer shawls for shut-ins.

Surviving are a son, Charles E., Dallas; a brother, Edwin Love, Mountain Top; two grandsons; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

LANE - Helen W., of Billings Mill Road, Tunkhannock, died

Saturday, August 11, 2012, in Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Tunkhannock on February 16, 1932, was a 1951 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and, prior to her retirement, was employed as a waitress at several local restaurants.

Surviving are a son, David, of Tunkhannock; a daughter, Debbie Smith, of Tunkhannock; a brother, Donald White, of Tunkhannock; a sister, Evelyn Kristunas, of Tunkhannock; seven grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

MAHALICK - Patricia, of Dallas, died Sunday, August 5, 2012, at the Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest, Allentown.

PRIEBE - Verna Maxine, a resident of the Back Mountain area for 40 years, passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, in Florissant, Mo., three days shy of her 90th birthday.

She was born in Wichita, Kan., and grew up in Wichita, as well as Mount Vernon, N.Y. She was a graduate of A.B. Davis High School and attended Concordia College in Bronxville, N.Y.

During World War II, she was employed by the Board of Economic Warfare and the Foreign Economic Association in New York City, serving as a teletype operator between New York and Washington, D.C.

She was a longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas. She was also a member of Harveys Lake Yacht Club and Dallas Women of Rotary.

Surviving are two daughters, Janice Koch and Donna Beck, of Florissant, Mo.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas.

Memorial donations to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

WEIDAW - Audrey E., 85, of Main Road, Hunlock Creek, died Sunday, August 5, 2012, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital, Plains Township, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born on January 8, 1927, in Berwick, and was employed many years at the former Retreat State Hospital as a dietitian.

Surviving are a son, Dwight, Hunlock Creek; and a sister, Marjorie Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio.

ZIMNISKI - Josephine M., 92, of Harveys Lake, died Friday, August 10, 2012, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

With her late husband William, she was the owner and operator of Bill's Cafe in the Sunset section of Harveys Lake.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen Harris, Mechanicsburg; a son, Darryl J., Wilkes-Barre; a sister, Helen Sarago, Pittston; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.



BILL TARUTIS PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Kiera Gross, left, of Trucksville, Jeanne Elias, of Kingston and Ruth Gavenus, of Kingston look over a photo album at Audrey's Ice Cream Social.

Memories of Audrey

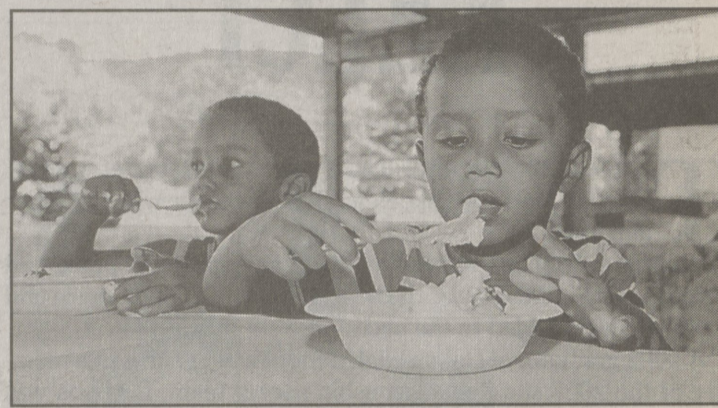
Audrey Billings' ritual of enjoying ice cream and coffee at 9:00 every evening was remembered during an ice cream social Aug. 11 at the Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Billings, of Trucksville, died at age 89 last year.

In her memory, Audrey's Ice Cream Social offered patrons a bowl of ice cream with several toppings in exchange for a free will offering.

The event raised money for Four Corners Native American Ministry, the church's mission focus for the month of August. All money donated to the church in August will benefit the organization, a Navajo cooperative parish of the New Mexico Annual Conference.

A set-up represents when Audrey Billings would have ice cream and coffee each evening.



Audrey Billings' great-grandchildren Bryce Moore, 3, right, and his twin brother Chase, both of Danville, work on their ice cream.



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