

OBITUARIES

BALL - Elizabeth H., 89, of Tunkhannock, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2012, at the Golden Living Personal Care Center in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Tunkhannock on Oct. 1, 1923, was a retired registered nurse graduating from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and served as site director for URS in Tunkhannock prior to her retirement.

Surviving are sons, Patrick Joseph, of Boise, Idaho; William David, of Tunkhannock; daughter, Alice Samantha, of Tunkhannock; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

BALTIMORE - Martin Joseph, 90, a former resident of Kingston and Dallas and currently a resident of Edwardsville, died on Nov. 2, 2012, in Commonwealth Hospice, of Wilkes-Barre.

He was born on Sept. 2, 1922, in Pittston and grew up in Wilkes-Barre. He was a graduate of Meyers High School, class of 1940, attended the Citadel and graduated from Colgate University in 1947. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in the Pacific Theater in World War II. He was recalled to the Corps during the Korean Conflict in 1951.

After serving in the Corps, he returned to Wyoming Valley. He entered the family business, Bloch Brothers, founded by Clemence Bloch in 1920, eventually becoming its owner.

He was a member of The Independent Agents Association and PACE. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 655 and the Lodge Council Consistory Valley of Scranton for over 50 years. He was a member of Fox Hill Country Club and Valley Tennis and Golf Club. He was also a member of Temple B'nai Brith of Wilkes-Barre.

He was a Life Master in the card game, Bridge. He wrote a book called BALTO Variations, a scientific bidding system for bridge.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Betty Bloch; his sister, Joy Greenwald; daughter, Francie Baltimore Handman; son, Sandy; five grandchildren.

BARRETT - James J. Jr., 82, of Trucksville, formerly of Long Pond, died Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, at home.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, and was a graduate of St Vincent de Paul High School, Plymouth, Class of 1947. During his lifetime he was employed by Fairchild Aircraft Corporation, Hagerstown, Md.; Kanarr Corp., Wilkes-Barre; Valley Brook Machine Tool Corp., Long Valley, N.J.; and Cook's Pharmacy, Dallas.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are sons Michael, Marshalls Creek; Richard, Pittston, and Paul, West Wyoming; daughters, Deborah Barrett, Heltertown; Cathy Murphy, Trucksville; Mary Olszyk, Beaumont; and Amy Anthony, Chandler, Ariz.; brothers, John, Lee Park; Charles, Forest Hills, Md.; Edward, San Antonio, Texas; sisters, Maureen Morgan, Wilkes-Barre; and Anne Maher, Swoyersville; 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

BARTINICK - Gail C., 75, of Dallas, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was a graduate of Hawthorne High School, Hawthorne, N.J. and was a secretary for Carle and Montanari in Hackensack, N.J., leaving there in 1986.

She was a Den Mother for her sons' Cub Scout Troop 29 in Hawthorne for many years. She was an active member with the grammar school PTA at Roosevelt School, Hawthorne, and also a girls Little League softball coach.

She was a member of Dallas United Methodist Church. She and her husband, John, celebrated their 27 wedding anniversary

this past September.

Surviving are her husband, John, with whom she celebrated her 27th wedding anniversary this past September; sons, Richard Merchant Jr., Milford; David Merchant, Lyons, N.J.; Michael Merchant, Ithaca, N.Y.; daughter, Kathy, Trenton, N.J.; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to The American Diabetes Association, c/o 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

HADSALL - Clara Blizzard, 92, of Beaumont, died on Nov. 1, 2012.

She was born in Bowman's Creek on Feb. 18, 1920, and, as a girl, worked with her father in the lumber woods. She attended schools in Lemon, Ellsworth Hill and Evans Falls, graduating from Beaumont High School in 1938.

She and her husband, Wayne Richard Hadsall, operated the family dairy and fruit farm in Beaumont.

She was a member of Beaumont Union Gospel Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. She served as an auditor for Monroe Township, was on the local election board and helped organize the first Beaumont High School homecoming.

Surviving are her brother, Raymond Blizzard, of Center Moreland; children, Susan Davi, Beaumont; Richard, Beaumont; Barbara Field, Noxen; Gail Thompson, Falls; Alan, Beaumont; Alice Davis, Elmira, N.Y.; Kathryn Thompson, Evans Falls; Laura, at home; Roger, Beaumont; 14 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to S.P.C.A. of Luzerne County, 524 Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, or the Kunkle Fire and Ambulance, 3943 SR 309, Dallas, PA 18612.

HOWELL - James "Jim" Howell, 53, of Harveys Lake, died at home on Nov. 1, 2012.

He was born on April 4, 1959, was a graduate of Dallas High School and attended Penn State University.

He served as senior vice president of Quality Collision Inc. and previously as body shop manager at MotorWorld.

Surviving are his father, Harry Howell, Dallas; his wife, the former Sheila Weikel; stepchildren, Jessie and James Dengler, of Ashland; one granddaughter; sisters, Linda Sofia, of Washington, N.J.; Nancy Ide, of Nescopeck; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Medical Oncology Associates Prescription Drug Assistance Program, 382 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18702.

LORAH - Robert David, 62, of Plum, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at the Canterbury Place Hospice Unit in Lawrenceville. He was diagnosed with melanoma in July of 2012 and received treatment at the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Pittsburgh.

He was born Dec. 20, 1949 in Kingston and had resided in Trucksville at one time.

He was a 1967 graduate of Kingston High School and an alumni of the Nesbitt Hospital School of Nursing. After joining the United States Air Force, he completed additional training at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Anesthesia and enjoyed a career of 37 years in Nurse anesthesia practice both in the Wyoming Valley and recently at the UPMC East Hospital in Monroeville.

He was a lifetime member and past president of the Columbian Volunteer Fire Department in Kingston and an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years Patricia Ann (Nagle) Lorah; sons, Robert Kenneth, of Verona; Richard, of Penn Hills; and Jonathan David, of Plum; three grandchildren; a brother, James Kenneth, of Shavertown; a sister June Shirley, of Forty Fort; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial donations to the Hillman Cancer Center of UPMC (UPMC Cancer Pavilion, Suite 1B, 5150 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232) or St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 474 Yalick Road, P.O. Box 802, Dallas, PA 18612.

MIHAL - Frederick L., 60, of Houston, Texas, formally of Noxen, died at his home on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012.

He was born in Kingston on June 26, 1952, attended Lake-Lehman schools and graduated

from West Side Vocational-Technical School, Pringle, in 1970.

After graduation, he enlisted into the Army and was a part of the Battery B, 3d Battalion, 7th Air Force Artillery, until 1973. Before he became disabled a few years ago, he was employed for many years in Houston at a local garage as an auto body mechanic specialist.

Surviving are his parents, Theresa Kuharcik Mihal Harvey and George Mihal; his brothers, George Mihal Harvey, of West Virginia; John Mihal, of Palmyra; Michael Harvey, of Fleetville; Kenneth Harvey, of Noxen; Timothy Harvey, of Old Forge; sisters, Christine Chesniak, of Old Forge, and Patricia Harrison, of Chase; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

PERLIS - Ronald Joseph Albert, 65, of Lake Silkworth, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, in hospice at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on Jan. 6, 1947, graduated from St. Vincent's High School, Plymouth Township, and became a licensed barber, later serving in the U.S. Navy.

Soon after returning from the Navy, he pursued a career in the restaurant field as a business owner, along with his brother, Mark, and brother-in-law, Joseph Costello, establishing III Guys Pizzeria & Restaurant Inc. in Dallas, Mountain Top and Wilkes-Barre, which is in its 38th year of operation. He was also co-owner of Rocket Enterprises Trucking, which allowed him to travel all over the country.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, the former Maria Borkowski; son, Jarrett; daughter, Janelle Jacob; four grandchildren; sister, Debra Costello; brother, Mark; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial donations to Lake Silkworth Ambulance Association, 1933 St. Route 29, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621 or the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

PECSI - Juliet, 80, of Harveys Lake, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012, at the Hospice Community Care inpatient unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Philadelphia.

Surviving are her husband, Andrew L. Peci, whom she married on July 24, 1954; son, David; daughter, Susan Richardson; two granddaughters.

REED - Robert James, 81, of Hunlock Creek, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, following a brief illness.

He was born May 31, 1931, attended school at Hanover area, and later served our country in the United States Air Force. Prior to his retirement, he was employed for 25 years as a courier for American Computer Enterprises in Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are sons, John, of Hunlock Creek; Robert, of Lake Silkworth; daughters, Donna Swire, of Hunlock Creek; Patricia, of Berwick; brother, Richard, of Hanover Township; sisters, Jane Ann Uzdilla, of Hanover Township; Margaret Sweeney, of Silver Spring, Md.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

SAMSON - Daniel A., 73, died at his home at Harveys Lake on Oct. 29, 2012.

He was born on July 17, 1939, in Klipeda, Lithuania and was raised in Fanwood, N.J., where he attended local schools. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

He owned and operated Cardan Automotive in the Dunellen/Piscataway section of New Jersey. He moved to Harveys Lake in 1988, where he became the zoning officer for Harveys Lake Borough.

He was also a member of the Harveys Lake American Legion 967.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, the former Carole Mergo; daughters, Suzi Siddons, of Alburtis; Julie, of Alburtis; Marcy Abbs, of Katy, Texas; son, Kenneth, of Washington; sisters, Margie Cuthberton, of Lake Barrington, Ill.; Karen Brucker, of Paso Robles, Calif.; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; aunts, uncles and many cousins.

Memorial donations to Blue Chip Farms, 974 Lockville Road, Dallas, PA 18612 or the Harveys Lake Fire Company, PO Box 56, Harveys Lake, PA 18618.

SENIOR CENTER 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.

The following is the menu for the week of Nov. 12:

MONDAY: Veterans Day - centers closed.

TUESDAY: Beef cabbage bake, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, whole wheat dinner roll, Oreo pudding parfait, margarine, milk and coffee.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken and biscuits, corn chowder, snap peas, crackers, rice pudding, margarine, milk and coffee.

THURSDAY: Thanksgiving Day special lunch - Roast turkey with gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, brussels sprouts, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, biscuit, margarine, milk and coffee.

FRIDAY: Salisbury steak, gravy, roasted beets, scalloped potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, birthday cake, margarine, milk and coffee.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following transfers of Back Mountain properties have been recorded in the Office of the Luzerne County Recorder of Deeds for the week of Nov. 5, 2012:

Wilkes-Barre City Industrial Development Authority to Bank of America, 2325 Memorial Highway, Dallas Borough; \$350,000
Bank of America to First Keystone Community Bank, 2325 Memorial Highway, Dallas Borough; \$311,309

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