

OBITUARIES

ASH - Jane P., 73, of Shavertown, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, following a brief illness.

She was born in Trucksville, on Feb. 12, 1939, graduated from Westmoreland High School and was a graduate of the Wilkes-Barre Business College. She was employed by the Dallas School District, Leslie Fay and, most recently, by EMS Management Systems Inc., from which she retired in 2005.

She was a member of the Dallas, Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and a former member of the Irem Temple Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, H. Robert Ash; son, John R., Ph.D., Sweet Valley; daughter, Pamela J. Hoffmaster-Sinking Spring; four grandchildren; a nephew and two nieces.

BUTRY - Kenneth N., 73, of Harveys Lake, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at his home.

CRAWFORD - Leah Nicole (Nicki) Wilson, 38, of Dallas, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2013, after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer.

She was born in Akron, Ohio, and graduated from Garfield High School, Akron, Ohio, Class of 1993, where she played softball, volleyball and was a student announcer.

She was a graduate of the University of Akron, Class of 1998, and a member of the "Extreme Team" for Cleveland Cavaliers Basketball.

A former on-air personality, she worked for several radio stations in Ohio, including WZIP, WKDD and WQMX. She also worked at WOGG, Pittsburgh.

She was active in the Moms Meet Up group in the Wyoming Valley and attended Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her parents, Richard S. and Susan Nigro Wilson, of Akron, Ohio; her husband, John D. Crawford, Dallas; sons, John A., 6; and Ryan A., 3; stepdaughter, Madison, 14; brother, R. Scott Wilson Jr., Akron, Ohio; sisters, Christine Sansone and Susan Gonzalez; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Crawford Children's Scholarship Fund C/O Wells Fargo Bank, 2124 Memorial Hwy., Dallas, PA 18612.

DILLON - Margaret L., 86, of Dallas, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of St. Mary's School, Wilkes-Barre.

As a young woman during World War II, she traveled to Washington, D.C. to work for the Veterans Administration and later worked for Bell Telephone as an operator in Wilkes-Barre.

She was a member of St. Theresa's Church and its Altar and Rosary Society.

Surviving are her husband, John, with whom she celebrated 65 years of marriage in February 2012; six children, Margaret Dillon-Bowman, Carole Chapelle, Maureen Soltis, Joanie, John and Michael; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; brother, Gerry Degnon.

Memorial donations to the Mercy Center.

DYMOND - Franklin Merlyn, 82, of Shavertown, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Plymouth and was a graduate of E. L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre.

He was an Army veteran, serving in the Signal Corps during the Korean War. He worked as a salesman for the American Greetings Corp.

He was a former volunteer choir director and soloist at the Wyoming Avenue Christian Church, Kingston.

Surviving are his daughters, Daryl Knott, Lynchburg, Va.; Leslie Marks, Belmont, Calif.; two grandchildren; brother, Tom; sisters, Sharon Smith and June DeSambre.

GARRISON - Charles "Clark," of Aldovin Road, Tunkhannock, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, in the Abington Manor in Clarks Summit.

He was born in Lemon Township, Wyoming County, on Oct. 15, 1930, was a 1948 graduate of

Tunkhannock High School and was the owner of Garrlark Farms in Lemon Township. He was a school bus owner and operator for the Tunkhannock School District.

He was a member of the Springville Baptist Church and of the Endless Mountain Barbershop Chorus.

Surviving are a son, Terry, Tunkhannock; sisters, Cindy Stephens, Methuen, Mass.; Pam Eyer, Newville; Kim, Milton; Becky Williams, Clayton, N.C.; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

GULA - Rose M., of Dallas, died on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, at St. Luke's Hospice, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born May 26, 1928 in Plymouth and had many fond memories of her parents' business on Orchard Street, "Wilson's Café."

After graduating from Plymouth High School in 1945, she lived in Trenton, N.J.

She returned to the Wilkes-Barre area and pursued her teaching degree from Wilkes College, after which she taught in the business department at Meyers High School for many years.

Surviving are her son, Gregory Novroski; her daughter, Roseanne Custer; two granddaughters; a brother, Costic (Ike) Borsavage, of Holland; cousins, nieces and nephews.

GUTSTEIN - Guyler Chad, 44, of Rochester Hills, Mich., formerly of Shavertown, has died.

He grew up in Shavertown and attended Wyoming Seminary Upper and Lower Schools in Kingston.

He was a member of Seminary's soccer team and he accompanied the team to the People's Republic of China, where it was the first U.S. high school team to play in that country.

He was a graduate of The University of Wisconsin and Thomas M. Cooley School of Law in Michigan and served as an editor of the Law Review.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin, he worked directly with Pennsylvania Congressman Paul Kanjorski as a professional staff member.

Surviving is his son, Jack, 13.

HART - Robert L. Sr., 81, of Harveys Lake, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, at home.

He was born in Bentleyville on Aug. 5, 1931, graduated from McKeesport High School and retired as a pipeline welder for Steamfitters Local 420, Philadelphia.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and Army Emergency Reinforcement.

He was a 56-year member of the Tioga Lodge 373, F and AM; VFW Post 6753 in Knoxville, and the Daddow-Issac American Legion Post 672 in Dallas.

Surviving are his children, Rhonda Hart, Shavertown; Renee Squire, Enon Valley; and

Robert Jr., Centermoreland; brother, John, Shiremanstown; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Harveys Lake Fire Company, P.O. Box 56, Harveys Lake, PA 18618.

RINEHIMER - Willard (Will) Clyde, 73, of Shavertown, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Askam and educated in Newport Township schools.

He worked at the former General Cigar Co. in Nanticoke and retired from Procter & Gamble Co. in Mehoopany.

He was a member of Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, the former Florence Oliver; son, Will Jr., Bermuda; daughter, Kim Egleston, Long Valley, N.J.; five grandchildren; brothers, Irvin (Sonny), Robert (Bob) and William (Bill); sister, Jean Earl; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708.

THOMAS - Joan (Kern), formerly of Shavertown, died on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013, after a brief illness.

She was born Jan. 5, 1936, in Pittston. She grew up in Wyoming and graduated from Wyoming High School in 1953. She attended Nesbitt School of Nursing 1953 to 1955.

She was active in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and Little League.

She returned to school and graduated from the Wilkes-Barre School of Practical Nursing in 1976.

She worked at General Hospital in the ICU from 1976 to 1981 and then for 16 years as a nurse for Surgical Specialists of Plains Township.

Surviving are her children, Kathleen McCaffrey, Newport, R.I.; Diane, Swoyersville; Thomas, Hunlock Creek; and Steven, Rosewell, Ga.; seven grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

WESLEY - Sally Ann, 58, of Dallas, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Kingston on Aug. 23, 1954, received her associate's degree in accounting from Wilkes-Barre Business College and was employed as a loan officer at United Penn Bank in Wilkes-Barre. She also was a residence assistant at Meadows Manor Personal Care in Dallas.

Surviving are her son, Brian, Idetown; brother, Greg Kuhnert, Queensbury, N.Y.; sister, Sandra Kuhnert Morris, Loyalville; three grandchildren; nieces, nephews, great-nephews and great-nieces.

Memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CELEBRATED AT ST. FRANCES CABRINI



The Sacrament of Reconciliation was recently conducted at St. Frances Cabrini Church, Mount Olivet Road, Wyoming, for 11 children of the parish. Father Vincent Dang announces that children from Ms. Jessica Kozemko's class have received the sacrament of Reconciliation and will now prepare for their First Holy Communion which will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4. From left, first row, are Chelcie Strobel, Serenity Solinsky, Mary Popielarz, Ashley Sweeney, Brianna Charney. Second row, Owen Harris, Alex Fine, Jack O'Donnell, Claire Lehane, Michael O'Donnell, Shane Macko. Third row, Jessica Kozemko, CCD teacher; Father Vincent Dang, pastor; and Florence Mociun, DRE.

Books remember loved ones

The following memorial/honor books have been donated to the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 196 Huntsville Road, Dallas:

In memory of Phyllis Eckman, "An Irish Country Village" by Patrick Taylor, presented by Shirley Forney, "Consider the Fork" by Bee Wilson, presented by Ocala Palms Residents Association; "The Foothills Cuisine of Blackberry Farm" by Sam Beall, presented by The Women's Association of Huntsville Golf Club; "Flowers by Carolyn Roehm and "The Bathing Women" by tie Ning, presented by Eleanor Kandler Rodda, Jenni Rodda Loory and Abby Aristeo; "Glittering Images" by Camille Paglia and "The Secret Keeper" by Rita and Noel Conrad

In memory of Dick Evans, "Pig-Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawaii" by Gerald McDermott and "Water Sings Blue: Ocean Poems" by Kate Coombs

In memory of Charles D. Lemmond, "The Barbarous Years" by Bernard Bailyn and "US Coast Guard Training Center at Cape May" by Joseph E. Salvatore, presented by Anne Davies

In memory of Kevin Miller, a little boy who loved to sing, "Charlie's First Night" by Amy Hest and "Waking Up is Hard to Do" by Neil Sedaka, presented by Jay and Betty Ann Schmidt

In memory of Martin Baltimore, "The Sanctuary" by Ted Dekker (Book on CD), presented by Sheila and Donald McFadden and "The Liberator" by Alex Kershaw (Book on CD), presented by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Slocum

In memory of Cecilia "CC" Besecker, "Ballet Beautiful" by Mary Helen Bowers, presented by St. Therese's Liturgy Committee

In memory of Jerry Kammer, "Geronimo" by Robert M. Utley, presented by The Village at Greenbriar

In memory of Sophia Lucidi

"The Unexpected Houseplant" by Tovah Martin, presented by Rita and Noel Conrad

In memory of Claire Shiner, "Lidia's Favorite Recipes" by Lidia Bastianich, presented by Timothy Carroll and "The Tucci Cookbook" by Stanley Tucci, presented by John U. John

In memory of Don Linker, "The Monsters' Monster" by Patrick McDonnell and "Oh, No!" by Candace Fleming

In memory of Ben Zisselman, "Wagon Trains and Settlers" by Ellen H. Todras and "Lincoln's Last Days" by Bill O'Reilly and Dwight Jon Zimmerman

In memory of June Jones on her 90th birthday, "Rocket Writes a Story" by Tad Hills, "How Rocket Learned to Read" by Tad Hills and "Just Being Audrey" by Margaret Cardillo

In honor of Congressman Rush Holt of New Jersey on his re-election, "All the Way to America: The Story of a Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel" by Dan Yaccarino, presented by Dr. John and Barbara Kolchin

In honor of Cindy Lohmann, an artist who helps paint a summer reading mural for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Children's Room, "Mousterpiece: A Mouse-Sized Guide to Modern Art" by Jane Breskin Zalben

CHURCH BRIEFS

Lenten food sale scheduled

A Lenten food sale will be held on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13 by St. Frances Cabrini Church.

On the menu are clam chowder at \$7/quart and halushki at \$6/quart. Place your order by calling the church at 696-3737 or Michele at 696-2382 through Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Orders can be picked up at the church from 2 to 6 pm on Feb. 13 at 585 Mt. Olivet Road, Carverton.

Breakfast buffet planned at HUMC

A breakfast buffet will be

held from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Road, Shavertown.

Breakfast includes eggs, home fries, pancakes, sausage, toast, juice, coffee and tea. Cost is \$7 for adults while children and senior citizens eat free.

Pancake Supper set

A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the Noxen United Methodist Church, Route 29.

For a donation of \$6, participants will receive pancakes (plain or buckwheat), fruit toppings, sausage or ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce and dessert, plus juice, coffee

or tea.

Ash Wednesday services scheduled

Rev. Kathleen Jamhoury, interim pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas, has announced that the church will hold an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. on Feb. 13.

The imposition of ashes and the Lord's Supper will be observed.

Planning for World Day of Prayer

A planning meeting for this year's World Day of Prayer will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 15 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas.

A rehearsal will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 22. For more information, call 675-3131.

Meditation during Lent at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Church, 3832 SR 6 East, Tunkhannock, will offer quiet music and meditation Wednesdays during Lent, Feb. 20 through March 27, as a way of opening the "thin place" between God and people.

Soup Supper will precede the service. Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. and the services begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, call St. Peter's at 836-2233 or Reverend Lou at 878-4670.

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 Feb. 4:

MONDAY: Pork (BBQ on side), chuckwagon corn, oven-browned potatoes, corn bread, peach cobbler, margarine, milk and coffee.

TUESDAY: Bag lunch
WEDNESDAY: Beef rollup, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and pearl onions, whole wheat dinner roll, fruited gelatin, margarine, milk and coffee.

THURSDAY: Herb pork roast, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, chocolate cheesecake, margarine, milk and coffee.

FRIDAY: Chicken Marsala, green and wax beans, whole wheat dinner roll, buttered noodles, Ppeaches and cream, margarine, milk and coffee.

WRGN plans special Valentine program

WRGN's Good News Library will host a special Valentine's Story & Craft Time at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 8 at the Christian radio station on State Route 118, near Pikes Creek.

"Celebrate God's Love" will be the theme for this activity for children ages 3-8 and will include a story time, craft ac-

tivity and a snack time. The event is free; however, reservations are required and a parent or guardian must accompany the child.

One-year memberships are available for a \$5 donation. For reservations, call 1-800-245-3688 by Wednesday, Feb. 6.



Heather Madeira reads to children at the Good News Library inside the WRGN studios.