

OBITUARIES

CORDICK - Kathy Ann, 47, Wilkes Barre, died on Sunday, March 3, 2013.

She was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are parents, Mary Ann Cordick, Wilkes-Barre; and John Cordick, Kingston; siblings, Colleen Wheadon, John (Jack) and Richard; nieces and nephews; great-niece and great-nephew; an aunt and an uncle.

CRONAUER - Joseph C., 70, of Tunkhannock, died on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on Dec. 27, 1942, was a 1960 graduate of GAR Memorial High School and he served with the 109th Field Artillery.

He was a master electrician, starting as a young man at Loomis Electric in Wilkes-Barre and later owning and operating a woodworking business.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret (Judy) Conwell Cronauer, with whom he would have celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2013; sons, Joseph C. Jr., Philadelphia, and Dr. David A., Black Walnut; nine grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; brothers, Clarence Kunkle; and Robert J., Harveys Lake; sister, Mary Kryski, Wilkes-Barre; nieces and nephews.

IVERSON - Alberta Judge Iverson, 84, formerly of Hunlock Creek, died Saturday, March 2, 2013, in Nicholson.

She was born in the Bunker Hill section of Kingston Township and, prior to her retirement, was employed at Topps Chewing Gum of Duryea for more than 15 years.

Surviving are children, Charles Allan Judge, Pottstown; David Wayne Judge, West Wyoming; Cindy Sue Hallock, Nicholson; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

JAMES - Phillip T. Jr., 36, of Noxen, died on Monday, Feb. 26, 2013, as a result of a motor vehicle accident on Stull Road, Noxen.

He was born in Kingston on Feb. 25, 1977 and graduated from West Side Vocational-Technical School in 1995. He was employed as a press operator at Offset Paperback in Dallas for the last 15 years.

Surviving are his father, Phillip T. James Sr., with whom he resided; his mother, Geri Lee Barrish Page, Kingston; his stepmother, Leota Patton, of Noxen; sister, Jennifer, of Lubbock, Texas; stepbrothers, George Deiter and Tommy Patton, both of Noxen; stepsisters, Elizabeth Page, of Kingston; Robin Weber, of Noxen; and Michelle Slempla, of Dallas; nephews.

Memorial donations to Clear Brook Manor, 1100 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

KANIA - Gregory, Tunkhannock, died on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013.

He was born on May 4, 1956. Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Anne Morgan, with whom he celebrated 31 years of marriage in October; daughters, Grace E. and Emily M.; and

son, John G., all at home.

KATYL - Irene D., 81, of Trucksville, died Friday, March 1, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of GAR High School, class of 1949.

She held a variety of jobs throughout her life, including working at J.C. Penney for a number of years following the Agnes Flood in 1972. She was a nursing aide at the former Valley Crest Nursing Home, Plains Township, and had also been employed by the Back Mountain Memorial Library. She had most recently worked for Jewish Family Services of Greater Wilkes-Barre as a receptionist and in a clerical capacity.

She was a member of the Dallas Choral Group and of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are sons, Robert, David, William and Mark, all of Dallas; daughter, Donna Butler, Trucksville; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Marie Yuknavage, Dolores Martin and Barbara Keiderling.

Memorial donations to the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, PA 18612-1829 or to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main Street, Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

KRETCHMER - Carl H. 80, of Ashley and of Harveys Lake, a well-known painting contractor, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of G.A.R. High School, Wilkes-Barre, class of 1950. He also received a bachelor's degree from the Pennsylvania State University.

He served as a corporal with the Headquarters Battery, 78th Field Artillery Battalion, U.S. Army, during the Korean War as a member of the occupation forces in Germany. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the German Occupation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

He had worked for the Schradler Home Builders, Ashley, for several years and later worked with W. W. Davis Co. Painting Contractors, Wilkes-Barre, for more than 30 years, retiring in 1992.

He was very active in the First Welsh Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre, serving as a deacon, elder and member of the Session of the church for many years. He was a Mason and member of Coalville Lodge No. 474, Free and Accepted Masons, Sugar Notch, for more than 50 years, the Caldwell Consistory, Ancient Accept Scottish Rite Masons, Bloomsburg, and the Irem Shriners, Dallas.

Surviving are his daughters, Linda D. Cook, Auburn, Ala.; and Pamela D. Palmer, Kingston; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Doris Kushner, Port Allegheny; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Shriner's Hospitals or to the Irem Transportation Unit, both c/o Irem Shrine Center, Box 307, Dallas, PA 18612.

KING - Lyle Kenneth Sr., 80, of Lake Township, died on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at the Keystone Garden Estates, Larksville.

He was born in Meeker on

Oct. 9, 1932, graduated from the former Laketon High School in 1950 and graduated from Wilkes College with a degree in Business Administration in 1960.

He retired in 1990 from Procter & Gamble Paper Products, Mehoopany, where he was head of building maintenance.

He was based in Germany while serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He served as a courier for the general and ran sealed document maneuvers from base to base.

Surviving are son, Lyle Jr., of Luzerne; Michael, of Meeker; daughters, Ellen Maccarone, of Sweet Valley; Barbara Mikielski, of Lake Township; Rosemary Weaver, of Swoyersville; Susan Lazur, of Loyalville; Elizabeth (Betsy) Phillips, of Beaumont, and Beverly, of Meeker; 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Wadas, of Shavertown; brothers, Richard, of West Pittston; Edwin (Ted), of Dallas; his children's mother, Louise King, of Meeker.

Memorial donations to Hospice of the Sacred Heart at 600 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 or Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 5876 Main Road, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

MARTIN - Clyde F., 74, of Noxen, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

He was born in Lake Township on April 11, 1938 and graduated from the former Lake Noxen High School in 1957. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1957 to 1962 and was employed by Whitesell Brothers Construction, Dallas, for 22 years.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, the former Lois Boston; children, Lucinda Marie Martin Lutz, Falls; Cecil Fred, at home; Donna Louise Martin Boyes Pikes Creek, and George Henry, at home; one grandson; brothers, Alfred, Joseph, Thomas and Harry, all of Pikes Creek, and Claude, Hunlock Creek; sisters, Cora Harmon, Pikes Creek; and Irene Yeager, Hunlock Creek; nieces and nephews.

PANAGAKOS - William Gus, 82, of Lower Demunds Road, Dallas, died on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013, in Hospice Care at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on Oct. 29, 1930, attended James M. Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre, and resided in Kingston for over 20 years before moving to Dallas.

He worked in the restaurant business for more than 65 years, employed in various places throughout the country. He was a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Eleanor (Grysevicz) Panagakos; sons Gus William and Steve William; seven grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

RISHCOFF - Roscoe, 87, of Hunlock Creek, died on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013.

He was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran and retired from the Pennsylvania State Correctional Institution, Dallas.

Surviving are his daughter, Judy Finn, Hunlock Creek; two grandsons; a great-grandson; brothers, Donald and Pat, Williamsport; nieces and nephews.

SCHNEIDER - Sarah H. Welker, 94, of Trucksville, died

on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013, at her home.

She was born March 23, 1918 in Philadelphia and was a graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, Class of 1936, and Temple University, Class of 1940, earning a degree in early-childhood education.

She taught fifth and sixth grades in Dallas and earned her master of education in curriculum from Wilkes College in 1972.

She was always active in Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, of which she was a founding member.

Surviving are her children, Betsey Belvin, Vermont; John Welker, Illinois; and Jane Rogers, Virginia; five grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, 420 Main St., Dallas, PA 18612.

SMITH - Sherwyn, 55, formerly of Back Mountain Manor, has died.

Luzerne County Coroner's Office is looking for any information about Sherwyn Smith from Aug. 6, 2004 until he went to River View Personal Care of Pittston.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Luzerne County Coroner's Office at 825-1664.

SUTTON - Kathryn, 79, of Trucksville, died on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013, at Lakeside Nursing Center, Dallas.

She was born in Fullerton, Neb., and was a graduate of schools in the Oshkosh, Neb., area.

She was a registered nurse with the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, until its closing. She was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church and the Ruth Circle.

Surviving are her husband, Royal Sutton, Trucksville; daughters, Tricia Riedl, Downers Grove, Ill.; and Meg Deordio, Poulosbo, Wash.; son, Gregg, Cheyenne, Wyo.; 13 grandchildren; brothers, William Bennett, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Vernon Bennett, Alliance, Neb.; and sister, Barbara Hailey, Conway, Ark.

YURKSZA - Barbara J., Remington Road, Tunkhannock, died on Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, at the Regional Hospital in Scranton, shortly after admission.

She was born in Meshoppen on Jan. 12, 1952, was a 1970 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and was employed as a clerk at Weis Markets in Tunkhannock.

Surviving are her husband of 27 years, James Yurksza; daughters, Tammera McCormick, Tunkhannock; Julie Bassindale, Ontario, Canada; and Donna Miller, Factoryville; brothers, Arden DeWolfe, Tunkhannock; Eric DeWolfe, Kutztown; and Leonard DeWolfe, Forkston; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



Cecilia Galante is featured speaker at library event

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library will host their 25th annual Luncheon with a Special Author at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 18 at the Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estate, Dallas.

Guest speaker will be local author Cecilia Galante.

Galante is the author of six young adult novels and a children's chapter-book series.

Her first novel, "The Patron Saint of Butterflies," was the recipient of many awards, including an NAIBA Best Book of the Year, an Oprah's Teen Read Selection and an Amazon Top Ten.

Her other novels, including "Willowood," "The Sweetness of Salt," "Hershey Herself," "The Summer of May" and the "Little Wings" series, have been nominated for several distinctions, including YALSA's Best Fiction Award, the Pennsylvania Keystone Award, The Washington Post Best Summer Reads and many others.

Her books have also been translated into Japanese, Turkish, Polish and German.

Galante teaches eighth-

grade English at Wyoming Seminary Lower School and is on the creative writing faculty at Wilkes University where she teaches at the graduate level.

Her sixth novel, "The Blessing," will be released by Random House in the fall of 2013.

She received a B.A. in English from King's College and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Goddard College in Vermont.

The event will begin with a time for hospitality at 11:30 a.m. This year's menu will be a buffet luncheon, including an appetizer table, an entrée table with a wide variety of meats and vegetables, assorted salads, breads and muffins, and will be topped off with a dessert bar featuring a variety of cookies, assorted mini pastries and ice cream.

The cost is \$26 with all proceeds going to benefit the library. Tables of eight are encouraged and may be reserved.

Checks should be made payable to the Back Mountain Memorial Library and received at the library at 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas by April 11.

Invitations have been mailed to previous attendees. Additional reservation forms are available at the library.

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