

OBITUARIES

BABIS - Mary Kelley, 91, of Lansdale and formerly of Dallas, died Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at Dock Terrace.

She was born Dec. 3, 1921 in Philadelphia and was a former active member of Dallas Methodist Church.

Surviving are her children, Susan Kelley Misson, Lansdale; Bill, Griffin, Ga.; Janet Kelley Strickland, Barnstead, N.H.; and Bob, Stroudsburg; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a brother, Daniel Wilson, Elkins Park.

Memorial donations to Seaside Home, c/o Pat Smith, Treasurer, 117 Old Pennell Road, Media, PA 19063.

DAY - Helen S., of Dallas, died Sunday, March 10, 2013, at home.

She was born June 27, 1929 and was educated in Wilkes-Barre schools. Upon her husband's discharge from the military, they moved to the family farm in Hunlock Creek. She continued to be employed by the U.S. government and the Veterans Administration.

Upon retiring, she did volunteer work at John Heinz Center.

She was a member of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are her husband, Edward A. Day, with whom she celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary in February; her three children, Edward A. Jr., Exton; Cynthia O'Brien, Rochester, Minn.; and Christine Menard, Tyler, Texas; six grandchildren; a brother, Andrew Skordinski.

Memorial donations to International Orthodox Christian Charities (www.iocc.org), or to St. John Orthodox Church in Tyler, Texas (www.stjohnofdamascus.org).

GOODWIN - Marjorie H., 85, Beaumont, died Wednesday, March 14, 2013.

She was born in Beaumont and was a graduate of Beaumont High School and Wyoming Seminary Dean School of Business.

She was formerly employed in the bookkeeping department of Fowler Dick and Walker, The Boston Store and as a teacher's aide by the Tunkhannock Area School District.

Surviving are her children, Sandra, Beaumont; and Curtis, Shavertown; one granddaughter.

GRABOWSKI - Douglas Neil "Doug," 49, formerly of Benton, died unexpectedly Sunday, March 17, 2013 at his home in Briar Creek Township.

He was born Jan. 7, 1964 in Peru, Ind. and was a 1982 graduate of Benton High School where he was an excellent basketball player. He attended Luzerne County Community College for two years and served in the U. S. Air Force for four years.

He had been employed as a sales representative at Homestead Furniture in Nescopeck since 1998. He had previously worked for Howell's TV and Flick Brothers in Bloomsburg.

He was a member of the Dallas Baptist Church and also had attended the Bloomsburg Southern Baptist Church.

Surviving are his parents, Ronald L. and Carol J. (Whitesell) Grabowski, of Berwick and formerly of Benton; his wife, Kelly L. (Stackhouse) Grabowski, whom he married on Sept. 26, 2010; a brother, Mark, of Bolivar, Mo.; a sister, Catherine Kline, of Berwick; two nieces; three nephews; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Guy and Nancy Stackhouse, of Benton.

Memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 4383, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

HIGGINS - Edward Jackson, 63, of Shavertown, died Sunday, March 10, 2013, at home.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on Aug. 25, 1949 and graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1968 where he was an outstanding wrestler, later to become a member of the Lake-Lehman Wrestling Club Hall of Fame.

He was an IBEW Local 163 member where he served his apprenticeship and was employed as an electrician for 40 years, retiring last year due to illness.

He was president of the Luzerne County Branch of ABATE Motorcycle Club.

Surviving are his daughter, Amy Chilcote, of Shavertown; son, Edward M., of Kunkle; sisters, Donna Phillips, of Kingston; and Violet Milbrodt, of Noxen; three grandchildren; aunts,

uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial donations to MOA Prescription Drug Assistance Program, 382 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18702.

JOHNSON - Ruth A., 94, of Harveys Lake, died Monday, March 11, 2013.

She was born in Rochester, N.Y. on June 7, 1918 and graduated in 1936 from the former Laketon High School where she was a star basketball player. She resided at Harveys Lake for most of her life.

Surviving are a daughter, Dianne Gregg; a grandson; three great-grandsons; and a great-great-grandson.

Memorial donations to the Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Company, 1349 Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake, PA 18618.

McCLOSKEY - Donald Vincent, of Lehman Township and formerly of Taylor, died Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at Lakeside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Harveys Lake.

He was born in Scranton on Oct. 17, 1937 and was a 1957 graduate of St. Francis Preparatory School, Spring Grove. He attended Notre Dame University and St. Francis University of Loretto.

He was employed as a salesman and manager for many years, including at Bell Electric, Scranton, and retiring from Bob O'Leary Sports Supplements, Scranton.

He volunteered many years as a coach and served as president of Taylor Missy Softball League. He coached many teams at the Taylor Community Basketball League and was a scorekeeper for the Bishop Hannan girls basketball team.

Surviving are a son, Joseph Kadlubowski, Dickson City; two daughters, Ann Marie Michlowski, Virginia; and Kelly Sabaluski, Lehman; many grandchildren.

O'TOOLE - Betty J., 90, of Dallas, died Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of Meyers High School, class of 1940. She retired as a librarian with the Millburn Public Library in Millburn, N.J., after 25 years of civil service.

Surviving are brother, Jack Kishbaugh, Westmont, N.J.; nieces and nephews.

ROWLANDS - Marian P., 95, died Friday, March 15, 2013, at Mercy Center, Dallas, where she resided since 2011.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of E. L. Meyers High School, class of 1935.

Surviving are her daughter, Sharon Randolph, of Dallas and Naples, Fla.; and son, Robert M., Dallas; four grandchildren; three great-grandsons; a sister, Elizabeth Parnell, Plattsburgh, N.Y.; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Mercy Center, Box 307, Lake Street, Dallas, PA 18612.

SAVICKAS - Billie J., 73, of Dallas and formerly of Irving, Texas, died Monday, March 11, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Crockett, Texas and worked in the oil industry in both the United States and abroad.

Surviving are her husband of 36 years, John S. Savickas, Dallas; three daughters, Lisa Cone, Longview, Texas; Brandy Hatfield, Seattle; and Jennifer Boedeker, Katy, Texas; six grandchildren; a sister, Patricia Hardy; and her cat, Callie.

Memorial donations to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 3551 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19140.

SKAPURA - Celia H., 98, formerly of Fairmount Springs, died Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at the Lakeside Health and Rehabilitation Center, Harveys Lake, where she had been staying for the past 11 years.

She was born June 7, 1914 in Fairmount Springs, was a housekeeper in New York City and then helped her late husband operate a chicken farm in Fairmount Springs.

She was a member of Holy Spirit Parish/St. Martha's Church, Fairmount Springs.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Bogdon, Dallas; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Frances Pavalonis, Benton.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 57 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

STROH - Glenn R., 83, of Shavertown, died Sunday, March 10, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of Kingston Township

High School, Class of 1947.

Prior to his retirement, he was a longtime employee of Air Products and Chemicals, Hanover Township, where he worked as a pipe-fitter and welder.

He was a life member of the George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge 531, Dallas and of Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are daughters, Carol Dietrick, Harveys Lake; and Judith Bankus, Wyoming; a grandson; a daughter, Shirley S. Nicely, Dallas; nieces.

STROUD - Marion E., 91, of Sweet Valley, died Saturday, March 16, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born April 14, 1921 in Dallas, graduated from the former Lehman High School in 1940 and had been employed as a florist for Hillside Farms in Trucksville for many years.

She was a member of the Sweet Valley Church of Christ and was a past Worth Matron of the Shick-Shawnee Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are her children, Carol Holbert, of Allentown; Dick, of Sweet Valley; Don, of Sweet Valley; Kathleen Anderson, of Dallas; Allan, of Dallas, and Janet Tuzinski, of Harrisburg; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

ZAKJAWSKI - Cecelia (Ceil), 90, of Shavertown, died Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at Hospice Community Care, Inpatient Unit, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

She was born on Oct. 3, 1922 in Ashley and was a graduate of the former Ashley High School, Class of 1940.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed for nine years as an assembler for Encon Inc., Dallas. In her earlier years, she was employed for 18 years as an inspector for the former Woodbury Manufacturing Co., Wilkes-Barre.

She was a faithful member of St. Frances X. Cabrini Roman Catholic Church, Carverton.

Surviving are her daughter, Diane Kleynowski, Trucksville; one granddaughter; sister, Dolores Wojewodzki, Whitehall; nieces and nephews.

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