

Rosemarie M. Brautigam*Retired school bus driver*

Rosemarie M. Brautigam, 70, of Main Street, Rayland, Ohio, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, in Trinity Medical Center, West Steubenville, Ohio.

She was born November 1, 1933, in Washington County, a daughter of Fred and Bertha Corrica Charlier.

Mrs. Brautigam was retired from Buckeye Local School District, where she was a bus driver for 27 years.

Her husband, Harold M. Brautigam, died in February 1993.

Surviving are a son, Harold "Chip" Brautigam of Bradford; two daughters, Belinda Julian of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, and Stacey Bottegal of Steubenville; a sister, Patricia Packer of Brookfield, Ohio; a grandson, Travis Brautigam, with whom she made her home; 10 other grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Julia Hayes; a granddaughter, Casey Loren Brautigam; and a brother, Robert Charlier.

Beth Ann Diamond-Clark*1991 graduate of Burgettstown High School*

Beth Ann Diamond-Clark, 30, of McDonald, died Monday, March 22, 2004, in Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh, following a lengthy illness.

She was born July 9, 1973, in Washington, a daughter of Lois Brown Diamond of McDonald and the late Benjamin F. Diamond.

She was a 1991 graduate of Burgettstown High School.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are two brothers, Jeff Diamond of Pittsburgh and Keith Diamond of Washington; two sisters, Debbie Alouise of Burgettstown and Denise Snarey of Bulger; and several nieces and nephews. **F**

HAD MARRIED DAVID CLARK

Adam P. Jablonski*Carmichaels resident*

Adam P. Jablonski, 45, of Carmichaels, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born September 15, 1958, in Homestead.

Mr. Jablonski was a special friend to all he knew.

Surviving are his mother, Janine Wiley of Carmichaels, and his father, Mark Walters of Clarksville; maternal grandparents, Herb and Mary Baughman of Langeloth; and paternal grandmother, Nell Walters of Clarksville; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. **C**

Robert Stevens Jr.*J.G. Refractories employee from McDonald*

Robert (Bob) Stevens Jr., 49, of McDonald, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, in his home.

He was born April 6, 1954, in Sewickley, a son of Eunice Harrington Land of McDonald. His stepfather was the late Donald Land.

Mr. Stevens was employed as a laborer by J.G. Refractories in Carnegie.

He was a social member of the McDonald Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

On July 4, 2003, he married Jaymie DeVos, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are a son, Robert Shawn Stevens of Marianna; a daughter, Nicole Stevens of Bulger; two stepsons, Josh and Billy Oravetz, both at home; six sisters, Ramona Miller and Priscilla, Terri and Sherri Land, all of McDonald, Pam Pihakis of Canonsburg and Mary Jane Broglia of Southpointe, Cecil Township; and five grandchildren, Reymond, Angeliq, Gianni, Bianca and Robert Shawn.

A sister, Diana Grant, is deceased. **RR**

Frank William Tuminski*Marine Corps veteran worked as a bricklayer*

Frank William Tuminski, 49, of McDonald, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, in his home.

He was born September 9, 1954, in McKees Rocks, a son of the late Stanley and Margie Shaffer Tuminski.

Mr. Tuminski was a graduate of West Allegheny High School.

He served in the Marine Corps from 1973 to 1978.

Mr. Tuminski worked in construction as a bricklayer.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Craft of McDonald; two daughters, Christy Tuminski of Burgettstown and Dawn Tuminski of Oil City; a stepson, Eddy Craft; a stepdaughter, Cherry Craft; four brothers, Stanley Tuminski Jr. of Presto, Michael Tuminski of Leechville, S.C., and Mark "Toad" and Leonard Tuminski, both of Sturgeon; three sisters, Carol McGee of Carnegie, Nancy Lockhart of Imperial and Kathy Heinz of Sturgeon; a half-sister, Rebecca McCloud of Imperial; six grandchildren, Tia, Tori and Shayla Krepps and Allyssa, Carl and Katelynn Broomer; and a stepgrandson, Timmy "T.J." Boyer Jr.

A memorial service will be held at a time to be announced. Arrangements are under the direction of Nation Funeral Home Inc., McDonald.

James Edward Zeno*Substitute teacher for Fort Cherry School District*

James Edward Zeno, 48, of Bulger, died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 17, 2004, in Ohio Valley Hospital, Kennedy Township.

He was born January 25, 1956, in Canonsburg, a son of Onelia O. Rusciollelli Zeno of Bulger and the late Carl L. Zeno Sr.

Mr. Zeno was a 1974 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from West Virginia University. He worked as a substitute teacher for Fort Cherry School District and several other area districts.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are two brothers, Carl L. Zeno Jr. of Bulger and John M. Zeno of McDonald; and several nieces and nephews. **C**

Ella K. Bednar*Retired teacher from McDonald Elementary School*

Ella K. Bednar, 98, of McDonald, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, in St. Clair Memorial Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

She was born August 1, 1905, in Washington County, a daughter of William and Hanna Kaste Kasau.

Prior to her retirement in 1968, Mrs. Bednar taught in McDonald Elementary School of Fort Cherry School District for many years.

In 1936, she married Joseph J. Bednar, who died in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Ellen L. Bednar of McDonald; and 22 nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Hilda Higham and Marie Conley. **MP**

Emil Froment*Retired chief clerk for Consolidation Coal Co.*

Emil Froment, 93, of Houston, died Friday, March 19, 2004, in Breese Personal Care Home, Claysville.

He was born June 2, 1910, in Westland, a son of Archie and Jeanette Freno Froment.

Mr. Froment was a graduate of Canonsburg High School and attended Duff's Business School and Washington & Jefferson College, Washington.

Prior to his retirement in 1975, Mr. Froment had worked as a chief clerk for Consolidation Coal Co. for 40 years.

On December 28, 1935, he married Jeanette Freno, who died January 20, 1997.

Surviving are a son, Tim Froment of Houston, and a granddaughter, Allyssa Froment. **OS**

Lloyd R. Dunkle*Former Hickory resident was auto mechanic*

Lloyd R. "Whitey" Dunkle, 79, of Zephyrhills, Fla., formerly of Hickory, died Saturday, March 13, 2004.

He was born October 28, 1924, a son of Homer R. and Mildred Miller Dunkle.

Mr. Dunkle was a retired auto mechanic.

His wife, Margie Pruitt Dunkle, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Carol Weeks of Hudson, Fla., and Susan Dunkle of Zephyrhills; a son, Robert Dunkle of Jacksonville, Fla.; a stepson, Ernie Shultz of Zephyrhills; two sisters, Mary Haney of Washington and Bonnie Cowden of Burgettstown; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a brother, Donald Dunkle.

Norman F. Corey Sr.*Claysville man worked in insurance business*

Norman F. Corey Sr. of Claysville died Tuesday, March 16, 2004.

He was born in New Castle, a son of Albert and Mary Corey.

Mr. Corey worked for more than 50 years in the insurance business.

Surviving are his wife, Frances L. Corey; a son, Norman F. Corey Jr.; three daughters, Prudence A. McAllister, Ellen R. Schmidt and Marion F. Nelson; a brother, Arnold J. Corey; two sisters, Eileen R. Travoletti and Carole J. Corey; and many grandchildren.

A brother, Henry S. Corey Sr., is deceased.

Deno Latini*WWII veteran received Purple Heart*

Deno (Ray) Latini, 86, of Bridgeville, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, in Veterans Administration Medical Center, Butler.

He was born June 13, 1917, in Leckrone, a son of Joseph and Theresa Sacrapanti Latini.

Mr. Latini served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii during the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was a Purple Heart recipient.

Following the war, he married Julie Guter, who died in 1984.

Surviving are a sister, Annie M. Eiler of McDonald; a son, John Latini of the state of California; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are four brothers, Richard, James, Daniel and Bruno Latini; a sister, Dena Amend; and a grandchild. **C**

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Bernice A. Nixon

Member of Harvest Time Chapel

Bernice A. Nixon, 89, of Washington, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born November 22, 1914, in Avonmore, a daughter of Salem and Cora Mae Waugaman Rupert.

Mrs. Nixon was a member of Harvest Time Chapel, Canonsburg.

On December 6, 1935, she married Edward C. Nixon, who died October 31, 1960.

Surviving are three daughters, Helen Brock and Dorothy Kennedy, both of Houston, and Karen Glass of Washington; a sister, Willavene Poloff of Saltsburg; 18 grandchildren, Marian Hawkins, Chuck Gregg, Gloria Miller, Bob Gregg, Barb Gaido, Cindy Ayres, Karen Kief, Vicky Brock, Lynne Puchi, Deborah Maczko, John Kennedy, Dan Kennedy, Paula Kennedy, Jean McLaughlin, Tara Kennedy, Candace Kennedy, Tony Glass and Kimberly Glass; many great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Thelma Smith; five sisters; and three brothers.

OS

Wilma Jean Kern

Lifelong resident of Strabane

Wilma Jean Kern, 63, of Strabane, died at 5:55 p.m. Monday, March 22, 2004, in her home.

She was born February 27, 1941, in Strabane, a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Per Bailey Kern.

Miss Kern was a lifelong resident of Strabane.

She was a 1959 graduate of Canonsburg High School and a 1960 graduate of Penn Commercial Business School.

Miss Kern was a member of SNPJ Lodge 138 of Strabane. Before her retirement, she was employed by Rolling Hills Country Club.

Surviving are a brother, James E. Kern of Canonsburg; a sister, Mary Simko of Canonsburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a brother, Joseph A. Kern.

Private services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 25, and were under the direction of Salandra Funeral Services, Canonsburg. Interment was in Oak Spring Cemetery. www.woodrufffamilyservices.com

OS

Gene L. Hathaway

Retired PENNDOT equipment operator enjoyed farming

Gene L. Hathaway, 67, of Rural Valley Road, Claysville, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, March 28, 2004, in his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born August 3, 1936, in Buffalo Township, a son of Helen M. Carson Hathaway of Claysville and the late Earl L. Hathaway.

Prior to his retirement in 1991,

Mr. Hathaway was employed by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as an equipment operator for more than 29 years.

He enjoyed hunting, farm auctions, farming and spending time with his family.

On December 16, 1960, he married Ruby Ealy, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel L. Hathaway of Claysville; and a grandson, Benjamin L. Hathaway.

CL

Beatrice Meredith

Member of First Baptist Church, Canonsburg

Beatrice Meredith, 100, formerly of Summit Avenue, Canonsburg, died Monday, March 23, 2004, in Beverly Health Care of Canonsburg.

She was born January 24, 1904, in Washington, a daughter of William and Alice Ireland Bird.

Mrs. Meredith was employed as an licensed practical nurse at Mayview State Hospital for more than 15 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Canonsburg.

Her husband, Everett Meredith, died October 9, 1954.

Surviving are a son, Everett Meredith of Arvada, Colo.; a daughter, Carol Filipponi of Burgettstown; a brother, Lawrence Bird of Houston; three sisters, Alice Kubasky, Freda Amorose and Jean Stanko, all of Canonsburg; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Barbara McClure; two brothers, William and Richard Bird; and four sisters, Ruth Wilson, Nell Alderson and Florence and Jeanette Bird.

OS

Mary F. Foltz

Member of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church

Mary F. Foltz, 81, of Bulger, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born December 4, 1922, in Bulger, a daughter of Victor and Mary Rusky Gilson.

Mrs. Foltz was a member of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in Burgettstown.

She was a graduate of Burgettstown High School and a member of Burgettstown Senior Citizens.

On August 21, 1948, she married Lee Roy Foltz, who died October 8, 1982.

Surviving are two daughters, Marilee L. Foltz of Bulger and Lisa Rae Foltz of Washington; and three brothers, Elmer Gilson of Langeloth, James Gilson of Burgettstown and Victor Gilson of the state of California.

A sister, Evone Flurkey, is deceased.

HC

Erla Jean Hill

Member of Atlasburg Church of the Nazarene



Erla Jean Hill, 66, of Hickory, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, in her home, following a one-month illness.

She was born November 26, 1937, in Langeloth, a daughter of Bruce and Nannie Drew Bonner.

Mrs. Hill was a 1955 graduate of Union High School.

She had resided in Hickory since 1966.

Mrs. Hill was a lifetime member of Atlasburg Church of the Nazarene and belonged to its Missionary Society.

On November 30, she married Roy M. Hill, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, R. Ronald Hill of Washington; two daughters, Karen Fisher of Springboro, Ohio, and Joyce Gildea of Castle Shannon; a brother, Ray Bonner of Bulger; three sisters, Elsie Turberey of Brockville, Canada, Pat Janacek of Brookville and Marie Banas of Washington; six grandchildren, Heather, Jacob and Luke Fisher, Bethany Hill and Amber and Abigail Gildea; and one great-grandchild.

Deceased are two brothers, Frank and William Bonner.

MP

Katherine M. Grubbs

Eighty Four woman worked at various banks



Katherine M. "Kitty" Grubbs, 77, of Eighty Four, died at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2004, in her home.

She was born April 19, 1926, in Martinsburg, W.Va., a daughter of Harry J. and Dorothy E. Guthrie Cloud.

Mrs. Grubbs was a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Canonsburg.

She was a 1945 graduate of Canonsburg High School.

Mrs. Grubbs was employed in the banking business for 30 years. She worked at Citizens Trust Bank in Canonsburg, Mellon Bank in McMurray and First National Bank in Washington before retiring from National City Bank in 1988.

On December 20, 1945, she married Robert H. Grubbs, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Wayne H. Grubbs of Cupertino, Calif., and Gary A. Grubbs of Eighty Four; a sister, Ethel D'Amico of Canonsburg; nine grandchildren and a niece and nephew.

A brother, Harry Cloud, is deceased.

Harry J. McClelland

Former vice president of McDonald Borough Council



Harry J. (Jim) McClelland, 66, of McDonald, died Thursday, March 25, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born September 17, 1937, in Washington, a son of Marie White McClelland of Washington and the late Robert Eugene McClelland.

Mr. McClelland was office manager for Small Engine World in McDonald. He retired in 1999 as vice president of marketing and business development for PSI in Coraopolis.

On August 19, 1977, he married Elizabeth Louise Hurlburt, who survives. The couple renewed their wedding vows February 8, 2000.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are four sons, Nick Williams of Murphys, Calif., Rick Williams of Jeddo, Mich., James E. McClelland of Dublin, Calif., and James J. McClelland of Arnold, Calif.; two daughters, Susan Bacich of McDonald and Janette McClelland of Alameda, Calif.; two brothers, Darrel Johnston of Washington and Jerry Shutz of McDonald; a sister, Emma Jean Johnston of Washington; eight grandchildren, Rick Roskey, Jessica Lynn Williams, Felicia, Robert and Daniel Sheets and Michael, Elizabeth and Wyatt McClelland.

Deceased, in addition to his father, is his stepfather, James E. White.

Helen Elizabeth McKeag

Member of Grove Presbyterian Church

Helen Elizabeth McKeag, 89, of Washington, died Monday, March 22, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born January 6, 1915, a daughter of John and Estelle Stevenson Bonner.

Mrs. McKeag was a member of Grove Presbyterian Church in West Middletown.

She was a graduate of Union High School in Burgettstown.

Mrs. McKeag worked for five years as a salesclerk at W.T. Grant and for five years at Pence's Hallmark Card and Gift Shop.

On June 21, 1944, she married George (Clark) McKeag, who died in 1950.

Surviving are a stepson, Richard McKeag of Hermitage; a sister, Wilda Mae Moore of Hopewell Township; and two step-granddaughters.

Deceased are two brothers, Paul and Robert Warren Bonner.

PARENTS AND HUSBAND ARE BURIED AT CROSS CREEK

Catherine E. Buchanan

Member and Sunday school teacher at Hickory UP Church

Catherine E. Buchanan, 90, of Washington, formerly of Hickory, died Monday, March 29, 2004, in Hawthorne Woods, Washington.

She was born July 23, 1913, in Canonsburg, a daughter of J. Adam and Margaret E. Diehl Angerer.

Mrs. Buchanan worked as a food supervisor in the dietary department of Washington Hospital.

On January 17, 1939, she married James R. Buchanan, who died March 7, 1960.

Surviving are two daughters, Margaret B. White of Poland, Ohio, and Marilyn J. Lese of Houston; four sisters, Mildred Coen of Philo, Ohio, Anna Brautigam of Hickory, Edna Brautigam of Panama, N.Y., and Dorothy Hurl of Clairton; five grandchildren, David L. and James B. White, Kathleen M. and Fred L. Lese and Kimberly J. Lese Bartolacci; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Hazel Angerer, is deceased. **MP**

Howard F. Creps

Retired machinist worked for Superior Valve, Washington

Howard F. (Sam) "Uncle Bun" Creps, 73, of Burgettstown, died Friday, March 26, 2004, in his home.

He was born January 23, 1931, in Cherry Valley, a son of Howard R. and Margaret Scott Creps.

Mr. Creps retired in 1992 from Superior Valve in Washington, where he was a machinist.

He enjoyed gardening, collecting coins, speaking German and spending time with his grandchildren.

In 1958, he married Lorraine Beck, who died in 1980.

Surviving are a daughter, Sammi Wank of Burgettstown; two grandchildren, Carl Rightweiser and Abby Wank; and four sisters, Pat Galan of Langeloth, Virginia Creps of Langeloth, Wilma Toth of Burgettstown and Wilda Henwood of Ohio.

Deceased, in addition to his wife, are a brother, Richard Creps; and three sisters, Betty Smith, Jean Retzer and Jackie Thompson. **G**

Joye Toward Langhurst

Former McDonald resident

Joye Toward Langhurst, 73, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., formerly of McDonald, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004.

She was born January 31, 1931, in Midway, a daughter of John P. and Nancy Lawson Toward.

Mrs. Langhurst was a former member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in McDonald and McDonald Woman's Club.

She had worked for Sam's Club in Vero Beach, Fla., for the past six years.

Her husband of 48 years, Robert A. Langhurst Sr., died July 10, 1994.

Surviving are two sons, John F. Langhurst of McDonald and Robert A. Langhurst of Coraopolis; a daughter, Nancy J. Perella of Port St. Lucie; a sister, Elsie Jean Laurick of Hickory; and two grandchildren, William R. and John F. Langhurst Jr.

Deceased are two brothers, Charles Hughey Toward and John Toward; and a sister, Nancy Diana Langhurst. **RR**

A. Kenneth Wilson

Decorated Navy veteran was 1939 Trinity graduate



A. Kenneth Wilson, 82, of Washington, died unexpectedly Monday, March 29, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born March 7, 1922, in Eighty Four, a son of William G. and Edna Crawford Wilson.

Mr. Wilson was a member of Third United Presbyterian Church.

He worked as a sales manager at Nuclear Machine Shop in Irwin.

He served in the U.S. Navy on submarines in the Pacific Theater during World War II and in Korea. He received a Combat Insignia award with two gold stars, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with five stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with two stars and Korean Service Medal.

Mr. Wilson was a 1939 graduate of Trinity High School.

On July 3, 1943, he married Betty L. Peterson, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Timothy E. Wilson of Glenside; a daughter, Donna L. Carlisle of Washington; a sister, Helen Lusk of Washington; five grandchildren, Lisa DiNapoli, Kimberly Angott, Kelly Carlisle, Nicole Stokes and Shannon Wilson; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a brother, William Charles Wilson, who died in infancy; a sister, Dorothy Jean Wilson who died in infancy, and Esther L. Lindsay, who died in 1943. **W**

Margaret Moore Kokoskie

Former nurse's aide at Washington Hospital

Margaret (Peggy) Moore Kokoskie, 72, of Louisburg, N.C., formerly of Washington, died Tuesday, March 23, 2004, in Burnette's Retirement Village, Louisburg.

She was born March 3, 1932, in Washington, a daughter of Orville and Dorothy Wilson Moore.

Mrs. Kokoskie was a member of Joy in the Lord Church in Henderson, N.C., and was a former member of Trinity Church in McDonald.

She had worked as a nurse's aide in Washington Hospital and Kane Hospital prior to her retirement. She also had been employed by Hazel Atlas Glass.

Surviving are a daughter, Yvonne Yvette Kinsey of Henderson; five sisters, Helen Martin, Carolyn Davidson, Joann Davidson and Gladys Keener, all of Washington, and Nancy D. Desmond of Florida; two brothers, John Davidson of Washington and Wayne Davidson of Wilmore, Ky.; three grandchildren, Shawn McIlroy, Kyle McIlroy and Lauren Shoupe; and a great-granddaughter.

Mrs. Kokoskie had made her home with Donald Bruce, who is deceased.

Also deceased are two brothers, Duane Davidson and Robert Davidson.

John P. Sarracino

USAir employee from Burgettstown



John P. Sarracino, 60, of Burgettstown (Hanover Township), died Friday, April 2, 2004, in his home.

He was born September 22, 1943, in Pittsburgh, a son of Marguerite Medved Sarracino of Burgettstown and the late John Sarracino.

Mr. Sarracino was a 1961 graduate of Union High School in Burgettstown.

Mr. Sarracino served in the U.S. Air Force and was employed by USAir in the fleet service for 35 years at Pittsburgh International Airport.

He was a former member of Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Sarracino was an avid fisherman, enjoyed various water sports and was a sprint car race fan.

On October 3, 1986, he married Diane K. Purviance, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are a son, John David Sarracino at home; a brother, Mark Sarracino of Burgettstown; and a sister, Kobe Sarracino of Burgettstown.

A brother, Eric A. Sarracino, is deceased. **MP**

Mary Douglass Knox

Centenarian was Claysville, McGuffey teacher

Mary Douglass Knox, 100, of Venetia, formerly of Claysville, died Monday, April 5, 2004, in her grandson's home.

She was born July 19, 1903, in Petroleum, W.Va., a daughter of Dr. Edwin Holmes and Rozetta Fought Douglass.

Mrs. Knox was a member of Claysville United Presbyterian Church.

She was a graduate of Muskingum Academy and Muskingum College, both in Muskingum, Ohio.

Mrs. Knox taught home economics and English in Claysville and McGuffey school districts from 1927 until her retirement in 1965.

In 1929, in Wheeling, W.Va., she married Frank Leslie Knox, who died June 2, 1978.

Surviving are a son, Douglass Knox of Claysville; a daughter, Camille K. Prothero of New Castle; a sister, Eleanor Hicks of Charlotte, N.C.; five grandsons, Douglass Knox II, Frank L. Knox III, Thomas K., J. Holmes and David S. Prothero; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Deceased are three brothers, George, Holmes and Paul Douglass; and a sister, Virginia Pepper.

Anna M. Resnik

Former owner and operator of Hilltop Tavern, Langeloth



Anna M. Resnik, 94, of Eldersville, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, in her home.

She was born August 5, 1909, in Lycering, a daughter of Charles and Frances Ivanac Puskarich.

Mrs. Resnik was a homemaker. She was the former owner and operator of Hilltop Tavern in Langeloth.

Her husband, Anthony J. Resnik, is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Marlene Strho and Lorraine Billie, both of Eldersville; two brothers, John Puskarich of Casselberry, Fla., and George Puskarich of Las Cruces, N.M.; a sister, Frances Welsh of Follansbee, W.Va.; seven granddaughters; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are three brothers, Thomas, Joseph and Steve Puskarich; and a sister, Mary Boric. **BE**

Joseph Edward Zupanick

1940 Canonsburg grad was accomplished engineer



Joseph Edward Zupanick, 82, formerly of Richardson, Texas, died Monday, April 5, 2004, in Canonsburg General

Hospital.

He was born August 29, 1921, in Southview, a son of Joseph and Mary Rupnik Zupanick.

Mr. Zupanick was a 1940 graduate of Canonsburg High School. He attended University of Pittsburgh on a track and field scholarship and graduated in 1943.

He served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946.

Mr. Zupanick graduated in 1948 from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with a master's degree in aeronautical engineering, and from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in New York in 1964, with a master's degree in electrical engineering.

Surviving are two sons, Michael E. Zupanick of Broomall and Joseph A. Zupanick of Pineville, W.Va.; three daughters, Corinne E. Zupanick of Manheim, Paula Zupanick Iannotta of Mt. Lebanon and Clare Zupanick Ellis of Huntington, W.Va.; two sisters, Mary Progar Suleski of Houston and Dorothy Marshall of Rockville, Md.; seven grandchildren, Chris Fong, Emily and Joseph Zupanick, Joe and Clare Iannotta, and Taylor and Carter Ellis; a niece; and a nephew. **OS**

Janice M. Campbell

Retired nurse at Aliquippa Hospital

Janice M. Campbell, 71, of Hopewell Township, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, in her home.

She was born March 11, 1933, in Patton, a daughter of Peter J. and Emma Brochi DelPierre.

Mrs. Campbell was a retired registered nurse at Aliquippa Hospital, a member of Local 1199P of Aliquippa Hospital and a member of the Alumni Association of West Penn Hospital.

She was a member of New Life Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Donald W. Campbell; a son, Jeffrey Campbell of Sarver; a daughter, Beth Kindelberger of Hopewell Township; four grandchildren; and a brother, James H. DelPierre of Sayre.

Deceased are a grandson, Bryce Campbell; and a brother, Pierre Eugene DelPierre. **MP**

Geneva June Yater

Member of Calvary Temple Church



Geneva June Yater, 73, of Washington, died at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 4, 2004, in her home.

She was born October 7, 1930, in

Washington, a daughter of Howard Wrenwick and Gertrude Allen.

Mrs. Yater was a member of Calvary Temple Church and was formerly employed at River Raisen.

She enjoyed her grandchildren.

On August 23, 1947, she married Paul Edward Yater, who died June 2, 1996.

Surviving are a son, William Howard Yater of Claysville; a daughter, Tracy Lee McDermott of Washington; two sisters, Betty Paige of Washington and Mildred Boldy of Irwin; two half sisters, Leona Mill of West Alexander and Sarah Mull of Claysville; eight grandchildren, William Christian, Amy Lynn, Ashley Dannielle, Paul Edward III, Martin Paul and Zachary Silas Yater, Katherine Belle and James Robert George McDermott; and five great-grandchildren.

A son, Paul E. Yater Jr., is deceased. **WA**

Jean Craig Barre

Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Washington

Jean Craig Barre, 79, of Martins Ferry, Ohio, formerly of Washington, died at 9:35 a.m. Sunday, April 11, 2004, in Peterson Rehabilitation Center, Wheeling, W.Va., following a lengthy illness.

She was born April 13, 1924, in Washington, a daughter of James Ernest and Ethel Harris Craig.

Mrs. Barre was a 1942 graduate of Washington High School and was a homemaker.

She was a member of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Washington.

On May 23, 1943, she married John S. (Jack) Barre, who died December 3, 1983.

Surviving are a son, Craig S. Barre of Martins Ferry; a daughter, Alia Jane Karras of Wheeling; a sister, Patty Wonsettler of Washington; and three grandchildren, Chris and Kimberly Karras and Jessica Barre.

Deceased are three brothers, James Robert, William H. and Richard E. Craig; and two sisters, Eleanore E. Viehmann and Mary Ann Courtwright. **W**

Howard Lloyd Pease

Jessop security guard formerly of Claysville



Howard Lloyd Pease, 85, of Worthington Springs, Fla., formerly of Claysville, died unexpectedly Saturday, April 3, 2004, in Wythe

Community Hospital, Wytheville, Va.

He was born August 22, 1918, in Eighty Four, a son of Howard and Mary McVay Pease.

On October 11, 1953, in Washington, he married Eleanor J. McClure, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Walter Pease of Gainesville, Fla., Charles Menz Jr. of Southington, Ohio, James Pease of Gainesville and William Pease of Worthington Springs; six daughters, Mary Koster of Ivor, Va., Charlotte Pagarb of Brunswick, Ohio, Elaine Zachary of North Royalton, Ohio, Shirley Charlesworth of Anderson, S.C., and Patricia Miller and Donna Mounts, both of Claysville; a brother, Donald Pease of Tucson, Ariz.; 33 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

A sister, Roberta Giffin, is deceased.

Clyde E. English

Decorated World War II vet served in U.S. Army

Clyde E. English, 82, of Canonsburg, Chartiers Township, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born January 27, 1922, in Byesville, Ohio, a son of Clyde and Lucille Mae Foley English.

Mr. English was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He received the Purple Heart and the Oak Leaf Cluster for his services in the 2nd Division, 38th Infantry.

He was a coal miner and worked for Consolidation Coal Co. for 39 years. He also worked for Mathies National Steel for one year, from where he retired in 1982.

On January 5, 1946, he married Mary E. Pelhan, who survives.

Also surviving are three children, Donna J. Henderson of Canonsburg, and Dale D. English and Diane G. Graff, both of Hickory; a brother, Floyd English of Marianna; a sister, Mildred Zorgliski of Hendersonville; and seven grandchildren, Mark, Connie and David Henderson, Erica and Aaron English and Heath and Brandy Graff.

Deceased are two sisters, Bertha Mull and Margaret Macik; two brothers, Charles and Richard English; and two grandchildren, Judy English and Lynn Ann Henderson. **FL**

Donald J. Little

Consolidation Coal retiree was Hot Shot Express truck driver

Donald J. Little, 67, of Eighty Four, died at 3:50 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born February 23, 1937, in Monongahela, a son of Samuel and Martina Hahn Little.

Mr. Little was Presbyterian.

Prior to his retirement, he worked for 18 years at Consolidation Coal Co. He later worked as a truck driver for Hot Shot Express Trucking Co., Spring City, for eight years.

Mr. Little was a member of United Mine Workers of America and Teamsters Local 585.

On November 14, 1981, he married Faye L. Davidson, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Donald B. and Brian Little, both of Belle Vernon, and David Little of Eighty Four; three daughters, Cathy Little of Belle Vernon, Donna J. Little of Ellsworth and Dawn Marie Miller of Canonsburg; two stepdaughters, Leslie Shannon of Canonsburg and Lori MacIntyre of Chino Hills, Calif.; two sisters, Kay Gannis of Brentwood and Barbara Ann Brletich of Clover Hill; two brothers, Glenn Guthrie of Whitehall and Roger Guthrie of Carmichaels; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

John R. Berg

Retired herdsman worked at Squibb Laboratories

John R. Berg, 84, of Martinsburg, W.Va., died Saturday, April 3, 2004, in his home.

He was born May 10, 1919, in Mt. Pleasant, a son of Bernice Berg.

Mr. Berg was retired from Squibb Laboratories, where he worked as a herdsman.

He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and traveling.

His wife, Faith W. Berg, survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Terry Berg of Georgia, John S. Berg of Washington, Robert Wayne Berg of Avella and Richard D. Berg of Florida; two daughters, Patricia Gramling of Martinsburg and Nancy E. Brandenburg of Avella; three stepchildren, Richard Allen Behrens of Tyrone, J. Sheridan Behrens of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Jean Louise Behrens of Trenton, N.J.; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and a brother, Paul Berg of New Stanton.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 5, in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant.

David L. Frye*U.S. Navy Veteran*

David L. Frye, 84, of Westland, died Monday, April 12, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born February 19, 1920, in Hickory, a son of Albert Floyd and Sarah Viola Sloop Frye.

Mr. Frye was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Navy.

He worked as a welder at the former McGraw-Edison plant in Canonsburg.

Mr. Frye was a member of the former Westland United Presbyterian Church, American Legion Post 902 in Houston, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 191 in Canonsburg and Westland Sportsman's Club.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener.

On March 23, 1951, he married Betty Jane Gary, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Irwin Cline of Washington and Albert Floyd Frye of Meadow Lands; two daughters, Sandra Caleffe of McDonald and Sheila Noreen Baumann of Monongahela; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two brothers, William Frye of Hickory and Leroy Frye of Midway; and a sister, Thelma Marquis of Hickory.

Deceased are two grandsons, David Duane Cline and John Caleffe; three brothers, Albert, James and Harry Frye; and four sisters, Sarah Sherwood, Mary Rankin, Adeline Sheller and Jean Dormo.

FL**Arthur Donati***Carpenter and steelworker served in Korean War*

Arthur Donati, 87, of Burgettstown, died Monday, April 5, 2004, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born July 7, 1916, in Cherry Valley, a son of Anthony and Madelyn Donati.

Mr. Donati was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was employed as a carpenter and retired from Weirton Steel Corp.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. On September 2, 1939, he married Amelia Mirich, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, Donald Donati of Clinton; a daughter, Susan Carothers of New Alexandria; two sisters, Mary Tepsic and Margaret Froats, both of Burgettstown; and five grandchildren.

Deceased are five brothers, John, Matt, Bill, Jim and August Donati; two sisters, Catherine Carroll and Virginia Madison; and a granddaughter, Janice Carothers.

W**Gaylord A. Martin***Active in Jefferson Township*

Gaylord A. Martin, 98, of Eldersville, died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, in Castle Nursing Home, Millersburg, Ohio.

He was born April 15, 1905, in Jefferson Township, a son of Alex and Bertha Gillespie Martin.

Mr. Martin was a foreman for Pennsylvania Department of Highways prior to his retirement in 1970.

He was a member of Eldersville United Methodist Church, where he was a member of the dartball team. Mr. Martin was active in Jefferson Township Grange until its disbanding. He was instrumental in instituting Jefferson Township Volunteer Fire Department and a charter member of Jefferson Township Historical Society.

Mr. Martin was a supporter and fan of Burgettstown Fastpitch Softball League.

On June 22, 1926, he married Helen Wiegmann, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Leo Martin of Eldersville and Eugene Martin of Las Vegas, Nev.; five grandchildren, Tracy Bongiorno, Mark Martin, Sharon Jefferys, Michele Nasca and Michael Martin; six great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three sisters, Milida Davidson, Roxanna Wiegmann and a sister who died in infancy.

BE**Bernard L. Steffan***McDonald resident was drummer*

Bernard L. Steffan, 44, of McDonald, formerly of Cecil Township, died Monday, April 12, 2004, in his home.

He was born April 1, 1960, in Washington, a son of Mary Jane Steffan of Muse and the late Joseph T. Steffan.

Mr. Steffan enjoyed music and was a drummer. He played at the Hootenanny and at Bunny's in Bishop.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are a daughter, Amanda Lee Steffan of West Alexander; a son, Brian Joseph Steffan of Erie; two sisters, Jo Leene Young of Bridgeville and Betty Lynn Pawlosky of Oakdale; and four nieces.

Deceased is a brother, Joseph T. Steffan Jr. *FATHER AND BROTHER BURIED AT VENICE*

Anna G. Empfield*Longtime member of Raccoon Women's Club*

Anna G. Empfield, 90, of Masonic Village of Sewickley, formerly of Bulger, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, in Masonic Village of Sewickley.

She was born July 14, 1913, in Bulger, the last surviving child of S. James and Anna Crawford Glass.

Mrs. Empfield graduated from Oakdale High School in 1930 and Indiana State Teachers College in 1932.

Her husband, John Empfield, whom she married June 6, 1945, died November 20, 1993.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, is a sister, Mary G. Campbell, who died April 6, 1999.

RO**James Toth***World War II veteran retired from Cooper Industries*

James Toth, 82, of Canonsburg, died at 7:05 a.m. Sunday, April 11, 2004, in his home.

He was born January 26, 1922, in Canonsburg, a son of Steve and Julia Hatrak Toth.

Mr. Toth was a member of St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Canonsburg and attended Canonsburg schools.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy as a gunner's mate in the European and Pacific theaters. He was present at the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944, and at the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Mr. Toth was an assembler at Cooper Industries in Canonsburg until his retirement.

His wife, Helen Edith Young Toth, died February 4, 1970.

Surviving are a brother, Frank B. Toth of Canonsburg; a sister, Mary Dronsky of Phoenix, Ariz.; and many nieces and nephews.

OS**Vera M. Dalla Piazza***Oakdale homemaker*

Vera M. Dalla Piazza, 86, of Oakdale, North Fayette Township, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, in Mariner Health Care of West Hills.

She was born March 11, 1918, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of William and Nellie Pounds.

Mrs. Dalla Piazza was a homemaker.

Her husband of 66 years, Frindo Dalla Piazza, survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Gerald Piazza of Pittsburgh, Gilbert Piazza of Canonsburg; two daughters, Carole Hall of Bulger and Denise Stickley of Imperial; two brothers, Gary Pounds of Florida and Henry Pounds of Tennessee; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, William and Thomas Pounds; and a grandson, Troy Piazza. **RR**

Tamara Rowena Davis*Canonsburg native from Pittsburgh*

Tamara Rowena Davis, 44, of Pittsburgh, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, following a lengthy illness.

She was born June 19, 1959, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Peter and Stella Robinson Wakefield of Pittsburgh.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are a son, Stephen Charles Davis of Pittsburgh; a grandson, Blair Davis; a sister, Alisha Wakefield of Pittsburgh; a brother, Darrell Wakefield of Penn Hills; and several nieces and nephews.

WF**Dorothy Withington***Pittsburgh native*

Dorothy E. Allison Withington, 84, of Richfield, Ohio, died Sunday, November 23, 2003, in Manor Care of Woodridge, Fairfield, Ohio.

She was born January 19, 1919, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Winfield R. and Ida Armor Allison.

On January 28, 1943, she married Darrell E. Withington, who is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Russ (Marty) Withington; a daughter, Brenda W. Bull; four grandchildren, Katie and Jeff Bull and Scott and Sarah Withington; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held December 1, 2003, in Billow Fairlawn Chapel, Akron, Ohio, followed by burial in West Richfield Cemetery. Donations may be made to American Cancer Society.

Paul Calvin Snoke

Local veterinarian
served in World War II



Dr. Paul Calvin Snoke, 86, of Washington, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, in his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 16, 1917, in Pigeon Creek, a son of Dr. Charles Edward and Helen Uhrich Snoke.

Dr. Snoke was a 1935 graduate of Washington High School, where he was active in athletics and traveled to the World's Fair in Chicago with the all-state band.

He served with the 13th Army Air Forces during World War II.

Dr. Snoke was a 1939 graduate of Washington & Jefferson College and a 1951 graduate of University of Pennsylvania in veterinary medicine.

He had a long career in large- and small-animal veterinary medicine, retiring in 1995.

On October 16, 1953, he married Romaine Brownlee, who died in 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Howard Paul Snoke of Avella and Donald Lee Snoke of Washington; a sister, Margaret (Peg) Brown of Alpine, Wyo.; and five grandchildren, Brian, Philip, Stephen, Amanda and Jennifer Snoke.

Deceased, in addition to his wife, are two brothers, Charles and Donald Snoke; and three sisters, Josephine Craft, Jean Fisher and Helen Strait. **WM**

Larry Robert Swihart

Washington native was farmer
in Lawrence County

Larry Robert Swihart, 45, of Mt. Vernon, died at 7:35 a.m. Monday, April 12, 2004, in his home.

He was born October 11, 1958, in Washington, a son of Charles S. and Francis I. Swihart of Washington.

Mr. Swihart lived in Lawrence County for the past 20 years.

He was a family farmer and worked in cheese plants. Most recently, he worked at S&H Farm Supply in Lockwood as an equipment hauler.

On September 16, 1978, he married Sandra Morrison, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are a daughter, Crystal Schubert of Mt. Vernon; a son, Jason Swihart of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Denis Swihart of Ohio, Chuck Swihart of Amity and Ray Swihart of Washington; two sisters, Jane Verner of Washington and Sylvia Johnson of Amity; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Friday, April 16, in the family cemetery, with the Rev. Jay Hill officiating.

McClese I. Ermacoff

Member of Upper Buffalo
Presbyterian Church



McClese Irene Ermacoff, 86, of Washington, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, in Presbyterian Medical Center, Wash-

ington.

She was born February 21, 1918, in Waynesburg, a daughter of Joseph and Nellie Dunn Huffman.

Mrs. Ermacoff was a graduate of Waynesburg High School.

She was a member of Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church and Ladies Missionary Society.

Mrs. Ermacoff's first husband, Edward Black, was killed in action during World War II.

On March 7, 1946, she married John Ermacoff, who died September 8, 1996.

Surviving are a son, Edward Black of Washington; three daughters, Carol McKee of Pleasant Hills, Nancy Tustin of Hickory and Kathy Ermacoff of Washington; two sisters, Patricia Huffman of Washington and JoAnn Musto of Somerset; four grandchildren, Lisa Evans, Amy Vollbrecht, John McKee and Richard Tustin; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three brothers, Richard and Joseph Huffman and a brother who died in infancy; and a sister, Betty Ramsey. **UB**

Jean L. Schultz

Washington homemaker
born in West Middletown



Jean L. Schultz, 75, of Washington, died unexpectedly Friday, April 23, 2004, in the Washington Hospital emergency room.

She was born June 7, 1928, in West Middletown, a daughter of William and Iva Miller King.

Mrs. Schultz was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening and quilting.

On June 30, 1946, she married Elmer D. Schultz, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kenneth E. Schultz of Venetia; a daughter, Gloria J. Martin of Amity; a brother, Dan King of Washington; four sisters, Vi Tennant and Norma Lippincott, both of Florida, and Mary Ward and Wilma King, both of Washington; two grandchildren, David Martin and Melissa McKenna; and two great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, Gayle and Melvin King; and a sister, Mildred Patrina. **CL**

Fred Dalbo Sr.

Founder of Canonsburg
Supply and Equipment Co.

Fred Dalbo Sr., 76, of Cecil Township, died Friday, April 16, 2004, in his home.

He was born November 27, 1927, in Chartiers Township, a son of Anthony and Julia Dalbo.

In 1950, Mr. Dalbo and his family founded Canonsburg Supply and Equipment Co. He took great pride in sales and maintenance of John Deere equipment.

His first wife, Katherine Moss Dalbo, died in 1979.

Surviving are his wife, Imogene Coen Dalbo; three daughters, Karen Garove and Terri Melone, both of Canonsburg, and Toni Basile of Cecil; a son, Fred Dalbo Jr. of Canonsburg; nine grandchildren, Timothy, Christopher and Elise Garove, Courtney O'Malley, Katherine and Jonathan Basile, Alexa Melone and Sloan and Mason Dalbo; a great-grandchild; a sister, Mary Badia of Canonsburg; and a brother, Victor Dalbo of Canonsburg.

Deceased are four brothers, William, Frank, Angelo and John Dalbo. **OS**

Martin L. McClain Sr.

Retired from Weirton Steel

Martin L. McClain Sr., 65, of Colliers, W.Va., died Thursday, April 22, 2004, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

He was born February 19, 1939, in Eldersville, a son of the late John and Maude Ellington McClain.

Mr. McClain was a graduate of Union High School.

He retired from Weirton Steel in 1994, where he had worked as a crane operator.

Mr. McClain was a member of Eldersville United Methodist Church.

On February 19, 1982, he married Sheila Guseman, who survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Martin L. McClain Jr. of Weirton, John Thomas McClain of Maryland, Shawn Alexander McClain of Colliers, Christopher Michael McClain of Texas and Ronald D. McClain of Pocono; two daughters, Anita Louise Hone of Follansbee, W.Va., and Sheila K. Rine of Colliers; a brother, Terrence Allen McClain of Burgettstown; a sister, Madge Laverne Staley of Washington; 17 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, is a brother, Ronald McClain.

Services will be private and are under the direction of Lee & Martin Funeral Home, Burgettstown.

Elizabeth C. Newman

Pittsburgh resident
formerly of Avella

Elizabeth C. Newman, 89, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Avella, died at 10:45 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born February 14, 1915, in Cedar Grove, a daughter of John and Mary Klema Gordon.

Mrs. Newman was a member of St. Wendelin Church in Pittsburgh and St. Michael Roman Catholic Church in Avella.

For the past 34 years, she was a resident of Pittsburgh, where she lived with her daughter and son-in-law.

Her husband, Alvin Russell Newman, died March 13, 1964.

Surviving are a son, John R. Newman of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two daughters, Mary Ann Laurich of Burgettstown and Diane Pillow of Pittsburgh; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; and a sister, Julia Campagna of Canonsburg.

Deceased are three sons, Thomas R., Charles W. and David A. Newman; four brothers, George, John, Mickey and Mike Gordon; two sisters, Mary Leise and Ann Lucas; and a granddaughter, Amy Pillow. **WP**

Priscilla A. Loar

Member of Immaculate
Conception Church



Priscilla A. "Suddie" Loar, 64, of Canonsburg, died Friday, April 23, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born February 12, 1940, in Breezy Point, a daughter of the late Robert and Bessie Fumaira Beckus.

Mrs. Loar was a 1959 graduate of Washington High School.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Washington.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed doing crafts.

On April 13, 1962, she married Albert Richard Loar, who died in June 1978.

Surviving are three daughters, Robin Neel of Washington, Pamela Garvin of Miami, Fla., and Tina Cox of West Alexander; two sons, Richard Loar of Canonsburg and Justin Loar of Washington; two brothers, Robert of Washington and Joseph Beckus of Avella; a sister, Mary Belle Smith of Florida; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Deceased are a sister who died in early childhood; and a grandchild, Richard Colby Loar. **OS**

Carl E. Armstrong Sr.

Member of Richeyville
Community Church



Carl Edward Armstrong Sr., 77, of Washington, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born May 11, 1926, in Washington, a son of Robert Earl and Garnet Noble Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong attended Laboratory School and served in the U.S. Army infantry in Germany from 1945 to 1948.

He retired from Brockway Glass Plant 11 in 1981 after 28 years of service. Mr. Armstrong was self-employed as a tree trimmer for 25 years in Washington County and the surrounding area.

On June 5, 1945, he married Christina A. Hartley, who survives.

Also surviving are nine children, Carol L. Binns of Bedford, Ohio, James W. Armstrong of Paw Paw, W. Va., Carl E. Armstrong Jr. of Hickory, Jack L. Armstrong of East Liverpool, Ohio, Fred H. Armstrong of Rhode Island, Kathy Jo Armstrong of Washington, Sandra Kay Ramsey of Beallsville, Rick Armstrong of Salem, Ohio, and Brenda Shearer of Couderport; two brothers, Robert Lee Armstrong of Cleveland, Ohio, and Wayne Armstrong of Washington; a sister, Lois Ball of Eighty Four; 16 grandchildren, Rhonda Boyles, Brian Binns, Christine McGlumphy, Wesley Armstrong, Wendi Yantek, Angela Armstrong, Jennifer Armstrong, Kelly Armstrong, Eric Armstrong, Fred Armstrong Jr., Dale Armstrong, Chad Armstrong, Austin Ramsey, Matthew Armstrong, Ryan Armstrong and Chloe Shearer; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. **WF**

Bernard J. Dhans Sr.

Florida man was born
in Hickory

Bernard J. Dhans Sr., 82, of West Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Candor, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, in Florida.

He was born September 30, 1921, in Hickory, a son of Alphonso and Mary College Dhans.

His wife of 62 years, Pauline Yanosky Dhans, survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Bernard J. Dhans Jr. of McDonald and Lawrence E. Dhans of Florida; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three sisters, Flora Dhans, Isabell Carter and Angeline Liggitt; a brother, Frank Dhans; and a grandchild. **C**

Donald T. Alderson

Professional boxer

Donald T. Alderson, 72, of Washington, formerly of Canonsburg, died at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, April 25, 2004, in his home.

He was born February 12, 1932, in Canonsburg, a son of Anthony and Edith Rathbone Alderson.

He was a professional boxer who started his career at age 13 in Canonsburg. He was 1946 West Virginia Golden Gloves champion, 1948 Pennsylvania Golden Gloves champion, and turned professional at age 17. He fought in Madison Square Garden in New York City, Boston Garden and in Miami. He fought in the first fight televised via closed-circuit to Conrad Hilton Hotel, the first demonstration of a sporting event by a pay-television corporation. He fought 135 amateur and professional fights with a record of 114 wins and 19 losses, and never was knocked out.

He served in the U.S. Army in Japan during the Korean War.

Prior to retirement, Mr. Alderson was employed at Jessop Steel Corp. in Washington.

Surviving are a daughter, Cheryl Massach of Strabane; three brothers, Kelly of Canonsburg, Wayne T. of Pleasant Hills and Howard Alderson of Washington; three sisters, Geraldine Coleman of Canonsburg and Lillie Shannon and Jeanne Alderson, both of Washington; a granddaughter, Sarah Massack; and several nieces and nephews.

His stepfather, John Jacanin, is deceased. **OS**

Helen S. Dunn

Active member of Canonsburg
United Presbyterian Church

Helen S. Dunn, 89, of 217 Belmont Avenue, Canonsburg, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, in her home.

She was born March 1, 1915, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Walter and Mary Grace McConneha Smith.

Mrs. Dunn was a 1933 graduate of Canonsburg High School and a homemaker.

On June 4, 1935, she married Charles H. Dunn, who died January 17, 2004.

Surviving are three sons, Charles and Thomas Dunn, both of Canonsburg, and Stephen Dunn of Aurora, Colo.; a daughter, Margery Hornyak of Canonsburg; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, are a grandson, Charles W. Dunn; a brother, Robert Clarke Smith; and a sister, Pauline James. **OS**

Canonsburg man dies after falling from roof

A Canonsburg man who fell from a roof while working was pronounced dead Friday evening.

Donald J. Morgan, 59, of Franklin Avenue, cut his hand while working on the roof of a home owned by Felix Tardio, 140 W. Pike St., and was attempting to climb down a ladder to treat the injury, police said. He fell from the roof about 12 feet onto a lower porch roof at 5:20 p.m., Canonsburg police said.

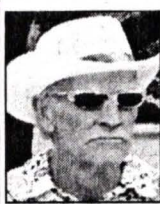
He was taken to Canonsburg General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 6:17 p.m., Washington County Coroner S. Timothy Warco said.

Police said he was part of a crew that was replacing the roof.

Warco said the cause of death is pending an autopsy.

Donald Morgan

Self-employed construction
worker from Canonsburg



Donald Morgan, 59, of Canonsburg, died Friday, April 23, 2004, as a result of injuries sustained in a roofing accident.

He was born July 9, 1944, in Washington, a son of the late George and Clara Green Bell Morgan.

For more than 20 years, he made his home with Angelina Zawatski of Canonsburg.

Surviving are two brothers, Jim Morgan of California and Bob Morgan of Pittsburgh; two sisters, Betty Shaner of Washington and Ilene Stone of Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Thomas Morgan, is deceased. **OS**

Shirley Riley Willis Stom

Tennessee resident
formerly of Bulger

Shirley Riley Willis Stom, 69, of Portland, Tenn., formerly of Bulger, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, in her home.

She was born July 27, 1934, in Everett, a daughter of Fred and Helen Clark Riley.

Her first husband, Lawrence Willis, and her second husband, Eugene Stom, are both deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Rodney L. Willis Sr. of Greensburg and Lonnie L. Willis of Bulger; three grandchildren, Rodney L. Willis Jr., Kasey L. Hopkins and Lonnie L. Willis Jr.; three sisters, Maxine Johnston of Virginia Beach, Va., Mary Davis of Washington and Gloria Kelly of McDonald; and a brother, Fred Riley Jr. of Bulger. **MP**

James McCaffrey

Sturgeon native was member
of St. Alphonsus Church

James McCaffrey, 76, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, following an 11-year illness.

He was born April 7, 1928, in Sturgeon, a son of Francis and Margaret McCaffrey.

Mr. McCaffrey was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in New Smyrna Beach and a former member of St. Alphonsus Church in McDonald.

He served in the Korean War and was stationed in Germany.

Mr. McCaffrey was a 1956 graduate of Duquesne University and worked at Duquesne Light Co. for 36 years until his retirement in 1991.

He was a member of Knights of Columbus, American Legion and Sturgeon Belgium Club.

His wife of 48 years, Dorothy McCaffrey, survives.

Also surviving are seven children, James McCaffrey of Washington; Robert, Richard and Mary McCaffrey, all of the state of California, Jean Lefebvre of Ohio, Colleen Reed of Florida and Sean McCaffrey of Cecil Township; two sisters, Maryann Boynes and Peg Willison, both of Florida; four brothers, Robert McCaffrey of Midway, Phillip McCaffrey of Florida, Patrick McCaffrey of Carnegie and Thomas McCaffrey of Texas; and 17 grandchildren.

Deceased are a brother, Francis McCaffrey; and a nephew. **RR**

Elizabeth Jane Miles

Member of First United
Presbyterian Church



Elizabeth Jane Miles, 80, formerly of Houston and Canonsburg, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, in McMurray Hills

Manor, McMurray.

She was born June 27, 1923, in Houston, a daughter of Fred and Anne Pettit Roberts.

Mrs. Miles was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Houston.

She had worked in the bakery department of Shop N Save in Canonsburg.

On September 1, 1947, she married William A. Miles, who died November 4, 1989.

Surviving are a son, Robert A. Miles of Hickory; and two grandchildren, Raelynn and Marissa Miles. **OS**

Helen M. Demsher

Canonsburg homemaker was member of St. Patrick Church

Helen Marie Premro Demsher, 93, of Canonsburg, died unexpectedly Sunday, May 2, 2004, in the Canonsburg General Hospital emergency room.

She was born April 4, 1911, in Meadow Lands, a daughter of Matthew and Josephine Vidrich Premro.

Mrs. Demsher was a lifelong resident of the Canonsburg area.

Her husband, Louis Demsher, died December 2, 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Rosalie Hilderbrand of Strabane and Shelby Estoker of Canonsburg; two sons, Richard Demsher of Houston and Robert Demsher of Tampa, Fla.; two half brothers, Victor Premro of Houston and Edward Premro of the state of Washington; two half sisters, Jenny Leon and Emma Antonelli, both of New Jersey; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are four sisters, Frances Tomazin, Mary Ferko, Cecela Dremsek and Josephine Elias; and a half brother, John Premro. OS

Eva C. Brown Mitchell

Member of Payne AME Church

Eva C. Brown Mitchell, 81, of Houston, died Monday, May 3, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born May 4, 1922, in Westland.

Mrs. Mitchell was a lifelong area resident and a member of Payne AME Church and a Daughter of Canon Lodge 186 BPOE, both of Canonsburg.

She was a homemaker and, prior to retirement in 1981, was employed in the dietary department of Mayview State Hospital in South Fayette Township.

Her husband, John Gibson Mitchell, died September 6, 1987.

Surviving are two stepsons, John Jr. and James Mitchell, both of Pittsburgh; a sister, honey Finley of Westland; six grandchildren, John Knapper, Lester, Charles, Joyce and Jimmy Cole and Eva Bozick; 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a stepson, Gerald Mitchell; two brothers, Donald and Nelson Brown; and two sisters, Dorothy and Dolly Brown. OS

Charles David Pattison

Avella H.S. graduate was Little League coach



Charles David Pattison, 30, of Wellsburg, W.Va., died at 10:25 a.m. Friday, April 30, 2004, in Henry

Medical Center, Stockbridge, Ga.

He was born September 17, 1973, in Washington, a son of Robert E. and Cheryl R. Folkens Pattison of Avella.

Mr. Pattison was a member of Wellsburg Christian Church.

He was employed at Kinko's in Moon Township, where he was an account representative.

Mr. Pattison was a 1992 graduate of Avella High School where he wrestled and played football, and was a 1994 graduate of Pittsburgh Technical Institute.

He coached Little League baseball and wrestling in Avella and Brooke County, W.Va., and was a demolition derby participant.

Mr. Pattison enjoyed hunting and fishing.

On June 10, 2000, he married Amy Bieri, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are two brothers, Robert Scott Pattison of Washington and Rod Edward Pattison of Wellsburg; and maternal grandfather, Charles McClellan of Washington. I

Doris Marie Baronio

Florida homemaker formerly of McDonald

Doris Marie Baronio, 79, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of McDonald, died Thursday, April 29, 2004.

She was born September 18, 1924, in McDonald, a daughter of Alex and Rose Mary Poskin.

Mrs. Baronio was a homemaker. Her husband, Camille "Weeds" Baronio, died December 25, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Curtis R. Baronio of Follansbee, W.Va.; a daughter, Sharon Scheidt of Sarasota; five grandchildren, James Petulla, Curtis Jr., Kelly, Shania and Allison Baronio; and five great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a brother, William Poskin; two sisters, Eleanor Poskin and Rose Openbrower; and a granddaughter, Lisa Petulla.

Service will be private and under the direction of Nation Funeral Home Inc., McDonald. RR

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A Smith Township woman was killed and her passenger injured Wednesday night when the sports car she was driving went off Route 18 in Smith Township, hit an embankment and rolled onto its roof.

Lori A. Briggs, 32, of Route 18, Sloan, was pronounced dead at the scene of multiple injuries, according to Washington County Coroner S. Timothy Warco. Her passenger, Christopher Hermes, no age given, of Bulger, was flown to UPMC-Presbyterian hospital in Pittsburgh after he was partially ejected from the Chevrolet Corvette. He was listed in fair condition Thursday afternoon.

Briggs was driving south at 8:50 p.m. in a car she had borrowed from a friend, said Smith Township police Chief Robert King. The car failed to negotiate a slight left bend in the road, hitting the embankment off the southbound lane before rolling once and coming to rest on its roof. ↑

Lori A. Hatton Briggs

1989 Fort Cherry graduate

Lori A. Hatton Briggs, 32, of Sloan, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born August 22, 1971, a daughter of James and Emma Abbott Hatton of Midway.

She was a 1989 graduate of Fort Cherry High School, attended Bradford School and was employed at King's restaurant in Imperial.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are a daughter, Hannah Bruce; her paternal grandmother, Mary Hatton of Midway; a brother, Brian Hatton of Midway; a niece; and a nephew.

Deceased are her paternal grandfather, Woodrow Hatton; and her maternal grandparents, John and Bertha Abbott.

Woodrow Wilson Tustin

Carpenter was member of Church of the Covenant



Woodrow Wilson Tustin, 86, of Washington, died at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2004, in Breese Rest Home, Claysville, after a year-and-a-half illness.

He was born April 7, 1918, in Hickory, a son of Ruben and Blanche Mull Tustin.

On July 29, 1945, he married Violet M. Evans, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Linda Lee Tustin Jones of Washington; and two grandchildren, Karrie Snider and Erin Jones.

Deceased are three others, Ruben Carl, Donald and Marshall Tustin; and a sister, Gladys Prowitt. W

Lawrence Marley

Retired federal mine inspector

Lawrence (Larry) Marley, 81, of Cecil Township, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, in IHS Greenery, Canonsburg.

He was born July 11, 1922, in Carnegie, a son of Joseph and Rebecca Entwhistle Marley.

Mr. Marley served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a federal mine inspector who retired in 1987.

Mr. Marley was a member of Venice Presbyterian Church, United Mine Workers of America, Chartiers Lodge 297, Free and Accepted Masons of Canonsburg, Cecil American Legion Post 793, Cecil Fire Company 3, Chartiers-Houston senior citizens and 13 Run Club of Cecil.

On February 21, 1946, he married Mary Lou Lerucur, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Larry Marley of Cecil, Bill Marley of Waynesburg and Denny Marley of McKees Rocks; a sister, Mary Jane Steffan of Muse; two brothers, Joseph Marley of Florida and Ted Marley of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Larry Marley Jr., Brian Marley, Bill Marley Jr., Stacey Marley, Amber Marley and Tina Marley; and four great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a sister, Alice Durkacs; and two brothers, John and Henry Marley. V

Vera Purdy

Retired as dietary supervisor at Woodville

Vera Purdy, 85, of McDonald, died Friday, April 30, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born June 11, 1918, in McDonald, a daughter of James and Emma Roberts Stokes.

Mrs. Purdy was a 1936 graduate of McDonald High School.

She was employed as a dietary supervisor for Woodville State Hospital in Collier Township for 22 years, retiring in 1978.

Mrs. Purdy was a member of First United Methodist Church in McDonald and the former McDonald Senior Citizens Center.

On December 3, 1941, she married William Lockhart "Locky" Purdy, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karen L. Farren of Plum Borough; a brother, William McClain of McDonald; a granddaughter, Shelley Cowan; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, Edwin Stokes and Melvin McClain; and three sisters, Thelma Dewey, Eldmira Hannan and Loretta Belair. RR

Michael Martin

Owned Ramada Inn,
Martin Lumber Co.



Michael Martin, 94, of Washington, formerly of 556 Franklin Farms Road, died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born May 18, 1909, in Washington, a son of Matthew and Mary Martin.

Mr. Martin was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, where he served as an usher and played dartball.

He was part owner of Martin Lumber Co. and the Ramada Inn in Washington.

• He was a member of BPOE Lodge 776 and was a baseball enthusiast.

On May 15, 1948, in Immaculate Conception Church, he married Margaret Clutter Martin, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary M. Fulmer of Washington; two sisters, Jane Bamont and Edith Sprowls, both of Washington; two granddaughters, Jill and Emily Richards; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, John and Anthony Martin; and five sisters, Rose Bianco, Florence Martin, Malli Cowell, Ann Evans and Dorothy Sauter. *W*

FATHER OF BUZZY
RICHARDS WIFE MARY

Marie Romanetti

Member of St. Alphonsus
Church, McDonald

Marie Romanetti, 84, of Avella, died at 1:10 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born March 20, 1920, on her family farm in Rea, a daughter of Peter and Stella Costello Monticello.

Mrs. Romanetti was a member of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church in McDonald.

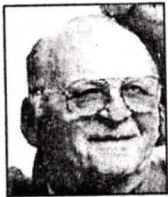
On December 26, 1953, she married Angelo Marco Romanetti, who died January 21, 1984.

Surviving are three sisters, Elizabeth Taczak of Avella and Jean and Katherine Marcott, both of Woodrow; a brother, John Monticello of Avella; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Margaret Zebrasky and Eleanor Monticello; and three brothers, Peter, Harry and Julian Monticello. *WP*

Melvin R. Hinerman

Worked for West Penn Power,
Weirton Steel



Melvin R. Hinerman, 86, of Washington, formerly of Claysville, Burgettstown and Hickory, died Thursday, May 6, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born October 28, 1917, at Waddington Farm, Oglebay, Wheeling, W.Va., a son of Jewel and Ida Edgar Hinerman.

He was a member of Claysville United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hinerman was employed by West Penn Power and Weirton Steel until his retirement.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Army and was a member of James R. Hunt American Legion Post 639, Claysville.

On March 3, 1946, he married Romaine Golden, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Linda and Janet Hinerman, both of Washington; a sister, Virginia Ferrell, of Claysville; a brother, Robert Hinerman of Hickory; and two nieces and three nephews.

A sister, Olive Summerville, is deceased. *CL*

Barbara Ann Mrofka

Member of New Life
in Christ Church

Barbara Ann Mrofka, 50, of Claysville, formerly of Dexter, Mich., died Thursday, May 6, 2004, in Mama's House Personal Care Home, Claysville.

She was born June 28, 1953, in Claysville, a daughter of the late Mike Smith Sr. and Julia Lutz Smith.

Mrs. Mrofka was a member of New Life in Christ Church, Washington.

She was a graduate of McGuffey High School and a homemaker.

Her husband, Stephen Mrofka, survives.

Also surviving are a son, Steven Jon of Ypsilanti, Mich.; two daughters, Candi Victoria of Ypsilanti and Sarah Faith of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a stepson, Albert of Yuma, Ariz.; a stepdaughter, Cassandra of Yuma; two brothers, Mike Smith Jr. of Washington and Daniel Lutz of Claysville; five sisters, Julie Ann Straight and Diana Nyswaner, both of New Matamorhas, Ohio, Marlene Main of West Finley, Deborah Walker of Cambridge, W.Va., and Michelle Lutz of Washington; and three half brothers, Frank and Manuel Gomez, both of Washington, and Jose Gomez of West Finley.

Deceased are two brothers, Steven and James Smith; and a sister, Mary Lutz. *CL*

Thomas Franklin Logan

Marine Corps vet retired from
G.W. Peoples Contracting Co.



Thomas Franklin Logan, 68, of Washington, died at 12:18 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born July 18, 1935, in Washington, a son of Charles Franklin and Helen Ellis Logan.

Mr. Logan was Baptist.

Prior to his retirement, he worked at G.W. Peoples Contracting Co. of Carnegie.

Mr. Logan served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa, Japan, and received the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

On April 10, 1958, he married Edna Marie Burgess, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Thomas Warren Logan and Wayne Logan, both of Washington, Douglas Logan of Tacoma, Wash., and William Hull of Kentucky; a daughter, Alisha Logan of Coal Center; two adopted daughters, Latoia Gutoski of Washington and Shanta Key, at home; two brothers, Richard Logan of Canonsburg and Ronald Logan of Washington; two sisters, Mary Logan of Harrisburg and Elaine Logan of Harrisburg; four grandchildren, Landon Stewart, Thomas Logan III, Mitchell Logan and Shane Patrick Logan; and several nieces and nephews. *OS*

Frank O. Perrine

WWII vet owned and operated
garage door business

Frank O. Perrine, 76, of Eighty Four, died Friday, May 7, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born November 12, 1927, in Canonsburg, a son of Oliver and Elsie Lowman Perrine.

Mr. Perrine was a graduate of Canonsburg High School.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II.

For more than 30 years, he owned and operated Frank Perrine Garage Door Sales and Service. He also drove a school bus for Canon-McMillan School District for more than 10 years.

His wife, Mary Weber Perrine, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lynn Montoya of Indian Trail, N.C.; a granddaughter, Alyssa Michelle Montoya; and a brother, Bert C. Perrine of Canonsburg.

Deceased are four sisters, Florence Carberry, Jean Bisseri, Marie Murray and Hazel Boyle. *OS*

Joseph P. Lauff

Fort Cherry retired teacher



Joseph P. Lauff, 69, of Bulger, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born December 1, 1934, a son of Joseph and Stella Meczynski Lauff.

Mr. Lauff retired from Fort Cherry School District, where he taught for 30 years.

He was a member of St. Ann Roman Catholic Church in Bulger.

Surviving are his wife of more than 46 years, Doris "Mitzie" Kerekes Lauff; four sons, Jeffrey of San Diego, Calif., Kevin of Burgettstown, and Chris and Mark of McDonald; a daughter, Marsha Lauff of Canonsburg; eight grandchildren, Sarah, Morgan, Brian, Marina, Roman, Michael, Daria and Gabriel; a sister, Rita Wilson of Arizona; and a brother, Thomas Lauff of Arizona.

LAUFF - Friends of Joseph P. Lauff of Bulger, who died Sunday, May 9, 2004, will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Thomas-Little Funeral Service Inc., 314 West Lincoln Avenue, McDonald. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 13, in St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, Bulger.

Elizabeth Taczak

Member of St. Michael Roman
Catholic Church, Avella

Elizabeth "Zetta" Taczak, 90, of Avella, died at 2:50 a.m. Sunday, May 16, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born December 19, 1913, in Carnegie, a daughter of Peter and Stella Costello Monticello.

Mrs. Taczak was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church of Avella.

She had resided in Avella for the past 86 years.

On May 4, 1935, she married John Taczak, who died June 19, 1973.

Surviving are three sons, John Taczak Jr. of Burgettstown, and William and George (Herman) Taczak, both of Avella; two daughters, Dorothy Taczak and Dolores Valduga, both of Avella; five grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; two sisters, Jean and Katherine Marcott, both of Woodrow; and a brother, John Monticello of Avella.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are three sisters, Marie Romanetti, Margaret Zebrasky and Eleanor Monticello; and three brothers, Peter, Julian and Harry Monticello.

Burial will be held in St. Michael Cemetery, Avella.

Carole LaRue Doty Wilson

Former psychiatric nurse
was Hallmark employee

Carole LaRue Doty Wilson, 63, of Washington, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Donnell House.

She was born January 6, 1941, in Washington, a daughter of Thomas LeRoy and Ella LaRue Arbuckle Doty.

Mrs. Wilson was a 1958 graduate of Trinity High School and a graduate of Washington Hospital School of Nursing.

She was a lifelong Washington area resident who worked as a psychiatric nurse at Woodville State Hospital and Mayview Hospital and retired from Lakeview Psychiatric Hospital. She was last employed at Hallmark at Washington Crown Center and was previously gift store manager at Jeffrey's Drug Store in Canonsburg.

On May 23, 1973, she married Egie Wilson, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mary Beth Gold of Washington and Leigh Ann Frohnapfel of Canonsburg; two sons, Joseph LeRoy Wilson of Washington and David Matthew Paul Wilson of Shippensburg; a brother Thomas LeRoy Doty Jr. of Canonsburg; and six grandchildren, Amy Leigh Polk, Cory George Gold, Eric Wilson Frohnapfel and Michael, Mary Grace and Thomas Wilson.

OS

Helen M. Koman

Active member of St. John
Russian Orthodox Church

Helen M. Koman, 82, of Canonsburg, died Friday, May 14, 2004, in Maryland.

She was born November 9, 1921, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Frank T. and Julia Gula Matyuf.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Koman was employed by RCA and Montgomery Ward as a financial agent.

She was a member of St. John Russian Orthodox Church in Canonsburg, where she was active with Ladies Altar Society and St. John Parish.

In 1940, she married Peter Kopy, who died in 1955. In 1966, she married Michael Koman, who died in 1974.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia A. Lochran of Eldersburg, Md.; three grandchildren, Deirdre Leary, Kristian Lochran and Tamara Ellis; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husbands; are two sisters, Anne Souchak and Julia Dluski; and two brothers, Frank Matyuf II and John Paul Matyuf.

OS

Ettie Mayne Clemens Buffington

Washington homemaker



Ettie Mayne Clemens Buffington, 80, of Washington, died Sunday, May 16, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born April 5, 1924, in Washington, a daughter of Thomas Mayne and Elizabeth Mayne Clemens.

Mrs. Clemens was Protestant and a homemaker.

She was a member of Slovak Club. She enjoyed life, spending time with friends and making crafts.

Prior to residing in Campbell Apartments, Mrs. Clemens made her home with Bill Seibert of Washington.

In September 1944, she married Gaylord Clemens, who died November 17, 1964. She later married George Steiner and Robert Buffington, both of whom are deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Henry and Raymond Clemens, both of Washington; a daughter, Linda Lou Clemens of Washington; three grandchildren, Michele Walker, Scott Clemens and Patrick Chiefalo; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, Michael E. Clemens; a brother, Thomas Randolph Mayne; a sister, Catherine Haught; and twin brother and sister, Orval and Iva Mayne, both who died at birth.

NB

Margaret Benson Chambers

Butler resident

Margaret Benson Chambers, 96, of Butler, died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, in the home of her daughter, Rebecca Koenig.

She was born April 1, 1908, in Wilmington, W.Va., a daughter of Charles and Minnie Weekley.

Her husband, Solomon Knighton Chambers, is deceased.

Surviving are nine children, Kenneth Chambers of Monroeville, Evelyn Spencer of Canonsburg, Betty M. Rush of Avella, Solomon Chambers Jr. of Weirton, W.Va., Charles Chambers of Bayonne, N.J., Adelaide Toth, Darlene Jones and William Chambers, all of Canonsburg, and Rebecca Koenig of Butler; a brother, Edward Weekley of Richeyville; a sister, Eunice Tyhonas of New Brighton; 35 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Margaret Mount; a son, Donald Chambers; two brothers, Edgar and Walter Weekley; and a sister, Mary McCardle.

HC

Duane Alan Holmes

Member of Church
of the Covenant, Washington



Duane Alan Holmes, 47, of Park Avenue, Washington, died Thursday, May 13, 2004, in Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic after suffering a

heart attack.

He was born November 5, 1956, in Canonsburg, a son of Robert and Martha May Simpson Holmes of Canonsburg.

Mr. Holmes was a member of Church of the Covenant of Washington.

He was a 1976 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School and a 2000 graduate of Robotics School in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Holmes was employed by Robert Wholey's of Pittsburgh.

He enjoyed landscaping, remodeling and cooking.

His wife, Carolyn Boyd Ruffa Holmes, whom he married August 8, 1998, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Christina Babeji of Cecil and Rachel Sekura of Canonsburg; three stepdaughters, Jamie Baburich and Kelly and Alicia Ruffa, all of Washington; a stepson, Ryan Ruffa; two brothers, Robert Holmes of Washington and Raymond Holmes of Eighty Four; two sisters, Linda Grabiack of Ohio and Denise Stollar of Claysville; three grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

W

John A. Davis

WWII vet owned former
Davis Market, West Alexander

John A. (Jack) Davis, 78, of West Alexander, died Saturday, May 22, 2004, in his home.

He was born October 12, 1925, in Wheeling, W.Va., a son of Claire and Gertrude Hanna Davis.

Mr. Davis was a member of West Alexander Presbyterian Church.

He was a 1943 graduate of West Alexander High School and served in the Merchant Marines during World War II, and later in the U.S. Army.

On March 11, 1949, he married Mary Timcisko, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John "Tex" Davis of New Fairfield, Conn., Rick Davis of West Alexander and Dan Davis of Lewisberry; a daughter, Virginia Dille of Valley Grove, W.Va.; a brother, Don Davis of West Alexander; seven grandchildren, Heather, April, Devin, Erika, Amanda, Matt and Chris; and a great-granddaughter.

Deceased is a brother, Bob Davis.

WA

Julia V. Taylor

Daily Notes circulation manager

Julia V. (Judy) Taylor, 89, of Canonsburg, died Monday, May 17, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born September 5, 1914, in Washington, a daughter of C. Olean and Evelyn Plymire Vance.

Mrs. Taylor was a 1935 graduate of Canonsburg High School.

She was employed as circulation manager for the former Daily Notes of Canonsburg.

Mrs. Taylor had been a member of Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church, Canonsburg, since 1926.

Her husband, William W. Taylor, died in April 19, 1992.

A son, Allen V. Taylor of Washington, survives.

HC

Richard A. Phillips

Helped start McDonald
Youth Baseball League

Richard A. Phillips, 83, of McDonald, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, in Mt. Vernon Nursing Home, South Park.

He was born September 21, 1920, in Broughton, a son of Edward and Mabel Breen Phillips.

Mr. Phillips served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He retired in 1982 from Interform Business Inc. after more than 10 years of service.

During the 1950s, along with the help of Dr. James Hughey, Mr. Phillips was instrumental in starting McDonald Youth Baseball League.

On March 4, 1947, he married Florence J. (Flo) Stevenson, who died April 19, 1981.

On April 28, 1984, he married Marie Alexander Zirwas, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Richard A. "Shorty" Phillips of McDonald; a daughter, Wendy Jenkins of Beaver; a stepson, William (Bill) Zirwas of Lawrence; two stepdaughters, Cindy Colega of McDonald and Cathy Allen of Bear, Del.; two grandchildren, Michelle Grant Nardei and Ricky Phillips; six stepgrandchildren, Jacob Colega, Tiffany and Jaclyn Zirwas, James and Michael Allen and Sean Barnett; and two great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to his first wife, are two sons, Richard A. Phillips, who died in infancy, and Donald William Phillips; two brothers, Edward and Jack Phillips; and a sister, Leona Delpiere.

RR

Michael John Pacyna

1996 Washington High School graduate

Michael John Pacyna, 29, of Hickory, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, in his home.

He was born December 28, 1974, in Washington, a son of John David and Sandra Jean Wilkerson Pacyna of Hickory.

Mr. Pacyna attended Avella schools and was a 1996 graduate of Washington High School.

He enjoyed movies, video games and Star Wars.

Mr. Pacyna was employed by ARC.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a sister, Danielle Roble of Washington; maternal grandparents, Louise Miller and Charles Miller of Hickory; and two nieces.

Dennis W. Cowden

Washington County Health Center security guard

Dennis W. Cowden, 57, of Washington, died Friday, May 21, 2004, in Kade Nursing Home, Washington.

He was born May 24, 1946, in Cherry Valley, a son of H. Wayne and Julia (Jay) Runtas Cowden of Cherry Valley.

Mr. Cowden was employed as a security guard at Washington County Health Center.

He was a graduate of Burgettstown High School and Waynesburg College.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a sister, Kathy Dye of McKees Rocks; a brother, Ken Cowden of McKees Rocks; and three nieces and a great-niece.

MP

Anna Mucci

Canonsburg woman formerly of Avella

Anna Mucci, 93, of Canonsburg, formerly of Avella, died at 7:35 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 2004, in Greenery Rehabilitation Center, Canonsburg.

She was born February 26, 1911, in Barton, Ohio, a daughter of Anton and Mary Alich Korant.

On November 28, 1928, she married Louis Miekush, who died May 3, 1948.

On August 26, 1950, she married Lawrence Mucci, who died August 29, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Louis and Richard Miekush, both of Canonsburg.

A stepbrother, Frank Bregar, is deceased.

WP

Warren P. Lemley

Retired Sycamore bricklayer was WWII veteran

Warren P. Lemley, 78, of Sycamore, died at 1:23 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital following a three-year illness.

He was born July 11, 1925, in Sycamore, a son of Charles Cecil and Myrtle Clark Lemley.

Mr. Lemley spent his early life in Sycamore and 25 years in Canonsburg and Hickory before returning to Sycamore in 1976.

He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder for several years.

Mr. Lemley worked as a bricklayer for 57 years for various construction companies.

On September 9, 1945, he married Jean Davis, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cathy J. Jurkovsky of Washington and Nanette Boak of Canonsburg; a son, David A. Lemley of Portersville; two granddaughters, Nicole Wassick and Heather Jurkovsky; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Harry and Harold Lemley. MP

Betty Hamilton Cary

Lifetime member of Church of the Covenant



Betty Hamilton Cary, 92, of Washington, formerly of Greenhill Drive, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, in Strabane Woods Personal Care

Home, Washington.

She was born February 12, 1912, in Washington, a daughter of Harry David and Mabel Hood Hamilton.

Mrs. Cary graduated from Washington Seminary School for Girls in 1930.

On April 11, 1934, in Washington, she married Joseph Frank Cary, who is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, John H. Cary of Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., and Joseph David Cary of Canonsburg; two daughters, Nancy Louise Reichard of Wooster, Ohio, and Dorothy Virginia Milliken of East Petersburg; 11 grandchildren, James Paul Reichard, Karen Louise Sergeant, Christopher Hamilton Cary, John Matthew Cary, Susan Elizabeth Cary, Michael Douglas Milliken, Timothy David Milliken, Daniel Joseph Milliken, Robert Jonathan Cary, David Justin Cary and Amanda Jocelyn Cary; and six great-grandchildren.

Mary C. Patterson

Member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Mary C. "Tinkle" Patterson, 71, of West College Street, Canonsburg, died Monday, May 24, 2004, in UPMC-Shadyside hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born December 25, 1932, in Canonsburg, a daughter of George and Beatrice Knapper Dudley.

Mrs. Patterson was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Canonsburg.

She was a member of Lucky Six Bowling League in Canonsburg and enjoyed playing pinochle and bingo and cooking.

Mrs. Patterson was married twice. Her first husband, Donald Hagan, died in 1966. Her second husband, Harold Lloyd Patterson, died in 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Hagan of Pittsburgh and Melvin Hagan of Joshua Tree, Calif.; two daughters, Charlotte Leach of Fayetteville, N.C., and Rita Seals of Canonsburg; three stepdaughters, Arlene Murray, Diana Preston and Carol A. Patterson, all of Canonsburg; a sister, Geraldine Jones of Marietta, Ga.; 16 grandchildren, Sandra, Selena, Melvin Jr. Jamaal, Nashan, Aaron and Donald K. Hagan, Isaac and Marcus Wilson, Christopher and Jason Bell, Lindsay Garvin, Adriana and Artisha Walker, Dawn Stevenson and Dana Grimes; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are five brothers, James, Roy, Bevely, George David and Percy Dudley; and three sisters, Thelma McGriff, Joanne Lewis and Marvia Woods. OS

Beatrice A. Vladich

Member of Slovan VFV Ladies Auxiliary

Beatrice A. Vladich, 79, of Weirton, W.Va., formerly of Slovan, died Friday, May 28, 2004, in Weirton Medical Center.

She was born July 31, 1924, in Guffey, a daughter of Frank and Pierina Vergellesi Ferrari.

On August 12, 1941, she married Robert Vladich, who died February 15, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Candy Fiazza of Eldersville; a sister, Alna Adams of Midland; two granddaughters, Brandy Brandfass and Wendy Fiazza-Hodge; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, are three brothers, Anea and Walter Ferrari and Norman Ferrari, who died in infancy. WP

Florence Marie Sifert

Homemaker was member of Friendship Community Church

Florence Marie Sifert, 68, formerly of South Main Street, Washington, died at 11:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, in Washington County Health Center, Washington, following a three-year illness.

She was born August 31, 1935, in Rea, a daughter of Albert W. and Rose F. Clemens Russell.

She was a homemaker and a member of Friendship Community Church.

She was a 1954 graduate of Hickory High School and had 18 months of nurse's training at Washington Hospital.

She enjoyed crafts, reading and people.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherry F. Salisbury and Johanna M. Russell, both of Washington; four brothers, Albert L., Charles E. and Harold G. Russell, all of Washington, and Howard N. Russell of Canonsburg; four sisters, Clara B. Turk, Betty L. Torboli of Washington, Lois A. Weaver of Washington and R. Darlene Elliott of Washington; three grandchildren, Keli Rose Salisbury, Scott Edward Salisbury and William Edward Salisbury Jr.; and a great grandchild.

Deceased is a brother, Gaylord A. Russell. NB

Richard John Gress

Former Canonsburg resident worked for Max Factor Co.

Richard John Gress, 72, of Roxbury Township, N.J., died Saturday, May 22, 2004, in his home.

He was born June 21, 1931, in Washington, a son of John and Mary Dobeck Gress.

Mr. Gress lived in Canonsburg for many years before moving to Roxbury Township 31 years ago.

He was a retired regional sales manager for Max Factor Cosmetic Co. of Hollywood, Calif., where he worked for 30 years before retiring in 1992. He had previously worked for Revlon Cosmetic Co.

Surviving is his wife of 42 years, Phyllis Wylie Gress.

Also surviving are four children, Joseph P. Gress and Renee E. Crepeau, both of Flanders, Richard P. Gress of Newmarket, N.H., and Lisa Meyer of Belvidere, N.J.; two brothers, Robert Gress of McMurray and Matt Gress of Sarasota, Fla.; a sister, Marcella Larsen of Ligonier; and six grandchildren, Tim, Patrick, Richie, Miranda, Keira and Kristine.

interment in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Chester, N.J.

Salvatore Joseph DeCola

Life member of McDonald VFD

Salvatore Joseph DeCola, 71, of McDonald, died Tuesday, May 25, 2004, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born December 28, 1932, in McDonald, a son of Joseph and Louise Casciola DeCola.

He worked for Champion Coal Co. until his retirement in 1980.

On September 27, 1956, he married Carol Lee Green, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Renee Barton of McDonald; a son, Randal DeCola of McDonald; and three grandchildren, Ashley and Chelsea Barton and Salvatore DeCola.

Ronald R. Lecouvre

U.S. Air Force vet golfed in several area leagues

Ronald R. Lecouvre, 69, of Mt. Lebanon, died Friday, May 28, 2004, in his home.

He was born March 4, 1935, in Bulger, a son of Marceau and Kate Hermes Lecouvre.

Surviving are two sons, Rory E. Lecouvre of Durango, Colo., and Brett M. Lecouvre of Santa Barbara, Calif.; a daughter, Laura L. Goodell of Santa Barbara; a brother, Leonard Lecouvre of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Rose Marie "Ro" Dellapina of Mt. Lebanon; and three grandchildren, Brandon Lecouvre and Tanner and Elise Goodell.

Deceased are a brother, Donald Lecouvre; and a sister, Leona Butcher. RR

George P. Druga Jr.

Montour miner from Southview

George P. Druga Jr., 84, of Southview, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, in HC ManorCare nursing home, McMurray.

He was born November 28, 1919, in Brownsville, a son of George and Elizabeth Lankie Druga.

Mr. Druga worked as a coal miner at Montour 4 Coal Mine.

His wife, Catherine Hopkinson Druga, is deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Darla Sundry, Beverly Luginski and Susan Druga; two brothers, Andrew and Joseph Druga; two sisters, Libby Frey and Louise Sell; five grandchildren, John Jr., Shelly and George Sundry and Scott and Christopher Luginski; and two great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, John and Louis Druga; and a sister, Wilma Mullen. FL

William Elijah Tompkins

WWII vet was longtime Washington Steel millwright



William Elijah Tompkins, 82, of Washington, died unexpectedly at 7:55 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2004, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born May 6, 1922, in Harrison, Ga., a son of James Asa and Minnie Lee Smith Tompkins.

Mr. Tompkins was a member of Grace Bible Church, West Mifflintown.

He was retired from Washington Steel Corp., where he had been employed for 29 years as a millwright.

Mr. Tompkins enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

During World War II, he served with the military police as a corporal in Panama. He received the American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon with one bronze star and the Good Conduct Medal.

On January 22, 1945, he married Eleanor Margaret Rush, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry Tompkins of Monaca and Lynn Tompkins of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; a sister, Evelyn Hartley of Atlanta, Ga.; and five grandchildren, Elijah, Dallas, James, Robert and Chelsea Tompkins.

Deceased are two brothers, Lavon and Lamar Tompkins. I

Helen V. Cooper

McDonald homemaker enjoyed quilting and crocheting

Helen V. Cooper, 95, of McDonald, died Sunday, May 30, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born August 1, 1908, in Carnegie, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Patterson Heathcote.

Mrs. Cooper was a homemaker. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting and shopping.

On July 21, 1924, she married William Cooper, who died July 9, 1989.

Surviving are four sons, William R. Sr. and Charles Cooper, both of McDonald, and Robert and Gary Cooper, both of Hickory; three daughters, Shirley Hohnstion of Oakdale, Ada Ann Moyers of Akron, Ohio, and Jackie Lynn Cooper of McDonald; 24 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two sons, George and Richard Cooper; two brothers, Harry and John Heathcote; a sister, Catherine Scheib; and two grandchildren. RR

Murvin John Seaman

McDonald machinist was WWII veteran.

Murvin John "Tubby" Seaman, 86, of McDonald, died Monday, May 24, 2004, in Veterans Administration Hospital, Aspinwall.

He was born November 11, 1917, in Bower Hill, a son of Joseph and Catherine Holvatfel Seaman.

Mr. Seaman was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and was a life member of McDonald Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 567.

He was a machinist for Miller Printing in North Side, Pittsburgh, for more than 30 years, and previously had worked for Koppers in Bridgeville.

His first wife, Magdalena Catalano, and his second wife, Cecelia Baux, are deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Beatrice (Bea) Cerezo of McDonald; three grandchildren, Joseph and Lisa Seaman and Michelle Semerod; and three great-grandchildren.

A son, John M. Seaman, is deceased.

Jonathan Allison

Retired Washington attorney



Jonathan Allison, 88, of East Washington, died Friday, May 28, 2004, in his home.

He was born April 17, 1916, in Washington, a son

of Albert J. and Etta Tucker Allison.

Mr. Allison attended elementary and high school in East Washington and graduated from Washington & Jefferson College in 1937 and University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1940. He attended Harvard Business School from 1940 to 1941 prior to joining the Pennsylvania National Guard as a private on February 11, 1941.

He was admitted to Washington County Bar on January 14, 1942, while on the way to training camp in Louisiana. He served in the United States and Okinawa and was discharged as a major AUS on April 4, 1946.

Mr. Allison began his law practice with Miller & Schmidt in Washington. Upon the death of Mr. Miller, he formed a partnership with H. Gilmore Schmidt, which ended with the death of Mr. Schmidt May 1, 1984. He was a sole practitioner until retiring April 30, 1995.

Surviving are seven nieces and nephews; and numerous grand and great-grandnieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Sara A. Little and Mary Allison; and two brothers, Albert J. Jr. and William T. Allison Sr. W

Mary Garcia Gonzalez

Langeloth Community Presbyterian Church member

Mary Garcia Gonzalez, 84, of Burgettstown, died at 4 a.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004, in Wyngate, Weirton, W.Va.

She was born August 20, 1919, in Collinsville, Okla., a daughter of Juan and Encarnacion Villoria Garcia.

Mrs. Gonzalez was a member of Langeloth Community Presbyterian Church. She was retired from All-American Co. of Langeloth.

On November 24, 1938, she married Angel T. Gonzalez, who died September 20, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Carole Hemphill of Burgettstown; a son, Ray M. Gonzalez of Warren, Mich.; a brother, Jess Garcia of Pauma Valley, Calif.; five grandchildren, Lani Hemphill Enterline, Scott Hemphill and Raymond A., Joseph and Craig Gonzalez; seven great-grandchildren; and five nieces and a nephew.

Deceased are two brothers, Manuel Garcia and Joseph Garcia; a sister, Maria Garcia; and a great-grandchild.

Paul E. Mounts

Former farmer retired from McGuffey School District



Paul E. Mounts, 80, of Claysville R.D.1, died at 1:15 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 2004, in Washington Hospital, after being ill

for the past several weeks.

He was born March 1, 1924, in Claysville, a son of Samuel Roland and Rosa Irene Doman Mounts.

Mr. Mounts had been a resident of Buffalo Township since 1946. He was a member of Claysville United Presbyterian Church and was a 1942 graduate of Trinity High School.

On January 6, 1945, he married Betty Lou Swan, who died March 22, 1991.

On July 14, 1993, he married M. Jean Wright Ireland, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Randall Paul Mounts of Claysville R.D.1 and Clayton Grant Mounts of Washington; five grandchildren, Raelene Mounts Henderson and Samuel P., Michael P., Scott E. and Patrick R. Mounts; five great-grandchildren; a stepdaughter, Jean Ireland Riggle of Washington R.D.4; and two step-grandchildren, Michael D. and Shayla N. Riggle.

Deceased, in addition to his first wife, are two daughters who died in infancy.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the direction of Rush Funeral Home Inc., Rogersville. Family

John Kenneth Francis

Member of First Baptist Church,
Claysville, enjoyed sports



John Kenneth Francis, 65, of Claysville, died Sunday, May 30, 2004, in Southmont of Presbyterian SeniorCare, Washington.

He was born March 21, 1939, in Claysville, a son of Charles Kenneth and Ethel Edna Danley Francis.

Mr. Francis was a member of First Baptist Church, Claysville, and graduated from D.T. Watson Home, McKees Rocks.

He enjoyed sports, particularly the Steelers and Pirates. His hobbies also included walking, remote-control cars and playing ball in his younger days.

His wife, Annie Miller Francis, whom he married October 26, 1984, at her family's home in Claysville, survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Charles E. Francis of Claysville and George Plants Francis of Carlisle; a half brother, Charles Kenneth Francis of Claysville; three sisters, Mona Lee Morris of Claysville, Peggy Jo Bakaitis of Canonsburg and Mary Lou Galentine of Washington; a half sister, Lisa Lee Ann Sorice of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

CL

Mary Kusturiss Cantemiry

Member of All Saints Greek
Orthodox Church



Mary Kusturiss Cantemiry, 86, of Canonsburg, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born April 5, 1918, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Emanuel and Athena Nikas Kusturiss.

Mrs. Cantemiry was a lifelong Canonsburg resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Canonsburg.

Her husband, Gust E. Cantemiry, died July 18, 1994.

Surviving are a son, Eugene Cantemiry of Bel Air, Md.; two brothers, Michael E. Kusturiss of Canonsburg and John Kusturiss of Philadelphia; three grandchildren, Jamie, Dean and Jessica; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Sophie Kontos and Koula Loutsion; and four brothers, Steve, Nick, John and George (Archie) Kusturiss.

OS

Lee Isiminger

Longtime supervisor
in Gray Township



Lee Isiminger, 86, of Sycamore R.D.1., died at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2004, in his home, after being seriously ill for the

last six months.

He was born October 13, 1917, in Springhill Township, a son of Albert Ray and Margaret Lettie Ward Isiminger.

Mr. Isiminger had resided in Gray Township since 1940. He was a member and former trustee of Fairview United Methodist Church in Richhill Township.

On February 21, 1980, he married Nellie Grace Stockdale Huffman, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul E. Isiminger of Pensacola, Fla., and Roy E. Isiminger of Superior, Colo.; two stepdaughters, Faye E. Huffman Scott of Hickory and Elaine Huffman Gross of Cranberry Township; a sister, Gladys Hughes of Cameron, W.Va.; seven grandchildren, Theresa, Ashley, Michael, Albert and Harry Isiminger, Alma Isiminger Carner and Reda Isiminger Kent; three stepgrandchildren, Christopher Emeigh, Kevin Scott and Sharon Scott Merckle; six great-grandchildren; several stepgreat-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Harold Reid Isiminger; a daughter, Helen Louise Isiminger; a sister, Mildred Howard; a brother, Lloyd Isiminger; and three brothers who died in infancy.

Fairview Cemetery, Richhill Township.

Alvera Vallina Sawhill

Retired from Holiday Inn

Alvera Vallina Sawhill, 79, of Joffre, died Sunday, June 6, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born March 26, 1925, in Langeloth, a daughter of Angel and Elviria Vallina.

Mrs. Sawhill was a graduate of Burgettstown High School.

She was retired from Holiday Inn of Pittsburgh.

Her husband, Samuel R. Sawhill, died in 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Barry Alvarez of Wisconsin and Tony Alvarez of Langeloth; four grandchildren, Dawn Ferguson, Stacy Delzer, Chad Alvarez and Candace Alvarez; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are two brothers, Johnny and Angel Vallina.

RR

Helen J. Caldwell

Bookkeeper for W&J College

Helen J. Caldwell, 90, of Washington, formerly of Hickory, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, in Southmont of Presbyterian SeniorCare, Washington.

She was born October 17, 1913, in Hickory, a daughter of James and Bessie Miller Caldwell.

Miss Caldwell was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

She was a graduate of Hickory High School and Penn Commercial.

Miss Caldwell was a bookkeeper for Washington & Jefferson College.

Deceased are a brother, James Caldwell; and a sister, Mildred Nichols.

MP

John Chuchiak Jr.

Windsor Coal Co. retiree
was born in Avella



John Chuchiak Jr., 87, of Airport Road, Short Creek, W.Va., died Friday, June 4, 2004, in Wheeling, W.Va.

He was born May 17, 1917, in Avella, a son of John Sr. and Sophie Labik Chuchiak.

Mr. Chuchiak was a member of Windsor Heights Church of God.

He was employed by Windsor Coal Co., where he retired after 27 years of service. He also worked for West Virginia Department of Highways and was superintendent for Brooke County for 17 years.

Mr. Chuchiak was a member of Wheeling Eagles, Wellsburg Moose, National Slovak Society of Pittsburgh, Windsor Heights Senior Center and was baseball manager for Windsor Coal United Mine Workers Team, batting .427. He was a former owner of Johnny's Esso Station in Short Creek.

His wife, Arline Atkins Chuchiak, survives.

Also surviving are a son, John Chuchiak III of Rayland, Ohio; a daughter, Jean Campo of Clearwater, Fla.; two sisters, Mary Kazar of Wadsworth, Ohio, and Mila Hempstead of New York City, N.Y.; two grandsons, John Chuchiak IV and Mark Chuchiak; two great-grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, is a brother, Andy Chuchiak.

I

Agnes Hook Colley

Former owner
of Knorr's Bakery

Agnes Hook Pollard Colley, 84, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, formerly of McDonald, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, in Wyandot Manor Nursing Home, Upper Sandusky.

She was born October 26, 1919, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Jacob and Frances Pickulick Hook.

Mrs. Colley owned and operated the former Knorr's Bakery in McDonald for 10 years.

She and her husband owned and operated the former Upper Specialty Advertising Agency in Upper Sandusky from 1974 to 1997.

On April 15, 1957, she married George Colley, who survives.

Her first husband, Emil "Buddy" Pollard, died in 1966.

Also surviving are four sisters, Angela (Nellie) McGreevy, Leona Shimek, Mildred Dhanse and Fran Hospodar, all of McDonald; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are five sisters, Leona and Pauline Hook, who died in infancy, and Helen Gibson, Charlotte Burtis and Vera Deblander.

Memorial contributions may be made to Upper Sandusky Lions Club, c/o Bringman Clark & Co. Funeral Home, P.O. Box 246, Upper Sandusky, OH, 43351.

Zelda Ruth Rommes

Member of Cross Creek
United Presbyterian Church

Zelda Ruth Rommes, 84, of Burgettstown, died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born May 11, 1920, in Langeloth, a daughter of Ferdinand and Unice Shafer Shulte.

Mrs. Rommes was a graduate of Union High School and a member of Cross Creek United Presbyterian Church.

Her husband, Charles Henry Rommes, died in February 1980.

Surviving are a daughter, Penny Spears of Burgettstown; a sister, Verna Markey of Ohio; a brother, Charles Shulte of Cross Creek Township; and a grandson, Phillip Spears.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are two brothers, Bob and Bill Shulte.

MP

Clovissia Delahaut

Sturgeon homemaker

Clovissia (Clovis) Delahaut, 89, of Sturgeon, died Monday, June 7, 2004.

She was born July 1, 1914, in Sturgeon, a daughter of Gasper and Marietta Verhagen Capelle.

On November 26, 1930, she married Jules Joseph Delahaut, who died July 5, 1986.

Surviving are three sons, Joseph H. of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Donald L. of New Kensington and Jules V. Delahaut of Warminster; three daughters, Helen T. Sweetie of Myrtle Beach, Vivian J. Lander of Joffre and Linda Troy of Norwalk, Conn.; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Herman J. Delahaut; two brothers, Victor and Herman Capelle; and three grandchildren.

RR

Thomas Gerald Vernau Sr.

*Known for Canonsburg
Christmas light display*

Thomas Gerald Vernau Sr., 67, of Canonsburg, died unexpectedly Friday, June 11, 2004, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born February 12, 1937, in Pittsburgh, a son of Frederick and Ida Sipser Vernau.

Mr. Vernau was a Canonsburg resident for the past 43 years, where he was a member of St. Patrick Parish.

His first wife, Eleanor Reber Vernau, is deceased.

On September 12, 1964, he married Patricia Farmerie, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Thomas G. Jr. of Harrisburg, Brian W. of Houston and Michael P. Vernau of Washington; a daughter, Jean Marie Zyglowicz of Leesburg, Va.; four brothers, Charles of Greensburg, and William and Donald, both of Newark, Ohio, and Walter Vernau of Bethel Park; a sister, Barbara Schaffer of Burgettstown; nine grandchildren, Brian, Daniel, Stephanie, Kellie, Andrew and Taven Vernau and Zane, Noal and Gage Zyglowicz; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Frederick Vernau; and two sisters, Dorothy Demel and Mercedes Klein.

WF

Plato Anestis

*Retired Penn State-Beaver
professor*

Plato Anestis, 79, of McDonald, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born December 2, 1924, in Pittsburgh, a son of Thomas and Bessie Zaireas Anestis.

Mr. Anestis was a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Navy.

He was a graduate of Schenley High School and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from University of Pittsburgh and did graduate studies at University of London.

Mr. Anestis was a teacher at McDonald and Fort Cherry high schools for 15 years, a Robert Morris College professor for five years and an English professor at Penn State Beaver Campus for 18 years, retiring in 1986.

On August 16, 1950, he married Anne Rash, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dianne Kathryn Wood of Nitro, W.Va.; and a son, Thomas Joseph Anestis of McDonald.

Deceased are a sister, Sophia Courtis; and a brother, George Anestis.

RR

Robert G. Pletcher

*Retired selector
at Brockway Glass*

Robert G. Pletcher, 73, of Washington, died at 3:20 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, in Washington Hospital, following a one-year illness.

He was born July 22, 1930, in Ohio, a son of Herman and Emma Hart Pletcher.

Mr. Pletcher worked as a selector at Brockway Glass Co. for more than 35 years and retired in 1984 when the plant closed.

Surviving are two sisters, Nancy L. Karpan and Faye A. Feather, both of Washington; and six nieces and five nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Clifford Pletcher, and a nephew, Clifford Pletcher Jr.

MP

Lawrence J. Everly

*Retired Columbia Gas
supervisor*

Lawrence J. Everly, 69, of Cecil Township, died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, in his home.

He was born December 6, 1934, in Pittsburgh, a son of William and Julia Turney Everly.

Mr. Everly retired after 47 years of service as a supervisor with Columbia Gas in Bethel Park.

He enjoyed gardening at his home.

His wife, Mary Jane Everly, died December 23, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Pam D'Amico of Cecil Township and Patty Rodgers of Pittsburgh; a granddaughter, Laura Everly; and a great-grandson.

Deborah Carol Bell

*Member
of Kingdom Life Chapel*

Deborah Carol Bell, 50, of Bentleyville, died Friday, June 11, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born July 25, 1953, in Springdale, a daughter of John and Frances Ball Bell.

Miss Bell was a member of Kingdom Life Chapel.

Surviving are four brothers, Clint Bell of Washington, John Bell of McKeesport, Walter Bell of Washington and Milton Bell of Ellsworth; and two sisters, Pam Bohnak of Donora and Cindy Denman of Canonsburg.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, June 14, in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, with Pastor Thomas David Boris officiating. Interment will be in North Buffalo Church Cemetery. www.NealFuneralHome.com.

NB

Kathryn D. D'Amico

*Nurse was member
of Canonsburg UP Church*



Kathryn D. D'Amico, 64, of Canonsburg, died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born January 16, 1940, in Canonsburg, a daughter of the late David and Mary Stacko Taylor.

Mrs. D'Amico was a member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church.

She was a 1957 graduate of Chartiers High School and attended Slippery Rock College.

Mrs. D'Amico was a licensed practical nurse. She had been employed at Country Meadows Nursing Home in Bridgeville and for many years had been treasurer of D'Amico Plumbing in Canonsburg.

She enjoyed animals and cooking.

On March 13, 1958, she married Arthur D'Amico, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Jody L. Simmons of Venetia, Jamie L. Bentrem of Downey, Calif., and Julie D. D'Amico of Turtle Creek; a son, Daniel D. D'Amico of Cecil; a sister, Rose Carvel of Houston; a brother, James Taylor of Cleveland, Ohio; five grandchildren, Crystal and Megan Simmons and Joshua, Nicholas and Alex Bentrem; and many nieces and nephews.

WF

William J. Bell

Lifelong resident of Midway

William J. Bell, 87, a lifelong resident of Midway, Smith Township, died Friday, June 11, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born January 14, 1917, in Midway, a son of William and Barbara Shuster Bell.

Mr. Bell a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II, and retired from Universal Cyclops in Bridgeville.

He was a member of Midway Veterans of Foreign Wars, Civilian Conservation Corp. and St. Ann Roman Catholic Church in Bulger.

On November 29, 1941, he married Mary Bokulich, with whom he would have celebrated 63 years of marriage this year.

Also surviving are a son, William R. Bell of Eldersville; a daughter, Linda Chaney of Midway; four grandchildren, Christine Boni, Jennifer and William Bell and Craig Chaney; a great-grandson; two sisters, Thelma Weaver of Canonsburg and Marian Stiak of Aliquippa; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Donald, Floyd and Sonny Bell; and a sister, Genevieve Latella.

C

Byron L. McLean Sr.

*N. Fayette Township supervisor
was retired police officer*

Byron L. McLean Sr., 57, of McDonald, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, in UPMC-Passavant hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born October 23, 1946, a son of the late Walter D. and Ann E. McLean.

Mr. McLean was a 1965 graduate of West Allegheny High School and a 1977 graduate of Pittsburgh Police Academy.

He was a retired lieutenant for North Fayette Township Police Department. Mr. McLean was currently serving as a North Fayette Township supervisor and was employed by Monarch Student Transportation Co. He also was a partner with his wife in Hunner's Deli.

Mr. McLean was a member of Oakdale Masonic Lodge Free and Accepted Masons 669 and North Fayette Lions Club.

His wife of 28 years, Terri Klimas McLean, survives.

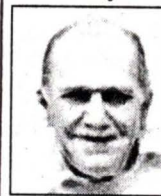
Also surviving are two sons, Byron McLean Jr. of McDonald and Joseph McLean of Delaware; three daughters, Tina Williams of McDonald, Stephanie Hamm of Noblestown and Jessica McLean, at home; two brothers, Donald W. McLean of Oakdale and Kim S. McLean of Florida; and seven grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, is a son, Matthew McLean.

OA

Ernest Johnson

*Former employee
of J&L Steel Corp.*



Ernest "Dutch" Johnson, 80, of Washington, died at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, in Washington Hospital,

following a brief illness.

He was born March 24, 1924, in Claysville, a son of Steven A. and Hazel Woodruff Johnson.

On April 28, 1944, he married Martha Klages, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Frank A. Johnson of Washington; a daughter, Linda L. Dire of West Middletown; two brothers, Robert and Melvin Johnson, both of Washington; four sisters, Louise Hoff of Columbiana, Ala., and Marie Farley, Jane Bishop and Leone Linton, all of Washington; four grandchildren, Frank Jr. and Tim Johnson, Heather Umphreys and Lee Chestnut; and five great grandchildren.

Deceased are four brothers, George, Charles, Delbert and Clarence "Bud" Johnson; and a sister, Loretta Shannor.

W

Thomas G. Cox

1957 Trinity High School graduate

Thomas G. Cox, 64, of Washington, died Friday, June 11, 2004, in his daughter's home in Eldersville.

He was born October 27, 1939, in Washington, a son of the late Paul T. and Lucy Fedis Cox.

Mr. Cox was a 1957 graduate of Trinity High School and a graduate of Washington School of Technology.

He was employed as an architect at Shipping Port Nuclear Power Plant.

His wife, Marlene Brewer Cox, survives.

Also surviving are his second wife, Shirley J. Cox of Slovan; two daughters, Amy Sue Harshey of Hickory and Nicole Ann Cox of Eldersville; a son, Gerald Dwain Cox of Burgettstown; two brothers, Paul Cox Jr. of Washington and Donald Cox of Eighty Four; two sisters, Shirley Craig of Washington and Carol Sharp of Washington; six grandchildren, Troy Harshey, Ashlie Harshey, Kaci Coffman, Gregory Langston, Nicholas Langston and Tiffany Cox; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are his first wife, Maryann Pienkosky Cox; and a grandson, Jonathon Thomas Harshey.

Lee & Martin Funeral Home,

Carol Ann Perry

Member of International Button Box



Carol Ann Perry, 65, of Eighty Four, died Saturday, June 12, 2004, in her home following a lengthy illness.

She was born April 22, 1939, in Washington, a daughter of Harold and Grace Clark Whitaker.

Mrs. Perry attended East Washington High School.

Mrs. Perry was a member of Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church in Canonsburg, SNPJ

On August 31, 1956, she married Edward E. Perry, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Barbara A. Perry Vasko of Eighty Four; three sons, Bruce W. of Canonsburg, James E. of Pittsburgh and Gary L. Perry of Follansbee, W.Va.; three brothers, Harold Whitaker of Crenall, Texas, Ronald Whitaker of Conroe, Texas, and Kenneth Whitaker of Hope Sound, Fla.; a sister, Linda Whitaker Canon of Canonsburg; eight grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

John R. Nemeth

LTV Steel retiree was WWII veteran

John R. Nemeth, 77, of Burgettstown, died Saturday, June 12, 2004, in his home.

He was born January 27, 1927, in Burgettstown, a son of Frank and Anna Tevis Nemeth.

Mr. Nemeth was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving from 1944 to 1946 as an airplane mechanic.

He retired from LTV Steel, Aliquippa.

Mr. Nemeth enjoyed fishing and gardening.

On December 15, 1947, he married Hazel Elizabeth Diamond, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Bonnie J. Freker of Temperance, Mich.; a son, John D. Nemeth of Langeloth; four grandchildren, Jason and Joseph Freker, Jocelyn Smith and Stephanie Nemeth; two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Irene Daly of Boxford, Mass., Betty Kinnen of Millvale, Margie McMullen of Weirton, W.Va., and Mary Lou McClain of Burgettstown; two brothers, George Nemeth of Erie Mine and Donald Nemeth of St. James City, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Frank Nemeth, is deceased.

F

William E. Carter

U.S. Army veteran served in World War II

William E. Carter, 89, of Claysville, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, in Washington Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born August 20, 1914, in Washington, a son of George Nimrod and Sally Woods Carter.

Mr. Carter served in the U.S. Army. He earned a Bronze Service Star and a World War II Victory Medal.

Surviving are two daughters, Claudia Carter Duck of South Carolina and Roberta Carter Thomas of Buffalo, N.Y.; a sister, Christine Biddings of East Chicago, Ind.; four grandchildren, James, Leonard, Sheltina and Clifton; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are eight sisters, Lucy Lipscomb, Leona Robinson, Irene and Georgia Carter, Luella Brown, Estella Henderson, Edna Carter and Martha Jones; and four brothers, Floyd, Clyde, Spencer and Lawrence Carter.

There will be no public visitation or burial.

Clifford O. Thomas

Buffalo Twp. native was Florida resident

Clifford Owen Thomas, 86, of Bradenton, Fla., died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, in Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton.

He was born July 24, 1917, in Buffalo Township, a son of Issac Erastus and Anna Mae Dodd Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was a retired plumber and pipefitter.

He attended Church of God in Bowling Green, Fla.

His wife of 56 years, Edna Mae Villers Thomas, survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Gerald J. Thomas and Paul E. Thomas, both of Claysville.

Deceased are a daughter, Patricia Boles; two brothers, Floyd D. and Issac D. Thomas; and a sister, Martha Elizabeth Thomas Applegate.

Roy Jennings Atchison

Sun City, Calif., resident born in Westland

Roy Jennings Atchison, 77, of Sun City, Calif., died Friday, June 4, 2004, in Ramona Manor Convalescent Hospital, Helmet, Calif.

He was born June 29, 1926, in Westland, a son of Robert and Mary Ann Pilkington Atchison.

Mr. Atchison was a truck driver for 35 years, retiring from Ryder.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. Atchison was a member of First General Baptist Church in McLeansboro, Ill.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Louise Laughmiller Atchison, a son, Steven of Brea, Calif.; two daughters, Cheryl Randolph of Hacienda Heights, Calif., and Jan Schram of Lakewood, Calif.; three stepdaughters, Pam MacBride and Tanya Gall, both of Walker, Calif., and Marsha Mele of Homeland, Calif.; two stepsons, Dennis Tedford of Seal Beach, Calif., and Jeff Tedford of Danville, Calif.; three brothers, Robert W. of Arkansas and Donald E. and Gerald K. Atchison, both of Florida;

two sisters, Ruth Jewett of Florida and Lois Coufman of Hickory; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Interment was held in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif.

Josephine Smitsky

Burgettstown homemaker enjoyed flowers

Josephine Smitsky, 87, of Burgettstown, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, in her home.

She was born December 5, 1916, in Santiago, a daughter of Michael and Mary Ginalski Muslick.

On May 25, 1935, she married Dan Smitsky, who died March 19, 1992.

Surviving are three sons, Carl Smitsky of Hickory and Larry and Robert Smitsky, both of Burgettstown; four daughters, Beatrice Walker of Oakdale, Mary Blakesee and Josephine Miller, both of Washington, and Doris Aggers of Burgettstown; two sisters, Anna Kuzinski of McKees Rocks and Florence Baker of Zelionople; and 12 grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her parents and husband, are a son, Daniel Smitsky; and a daughter, Helen Smitsky, who died February 12, 2004; a brother, Stanley Muslick; and three sisters, Helen Postal, Agnes Tokas and Pauline Rice.

MP

Grace Eleanor Meredith

Former cake icer for Dudd Bakery in Mt. Lebanon

Grace Eleanor Meredith, 96, of McDonald, died Friday, June 18, 2004.

She was born October 4, 1907, in Carnot, a daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Margaret Anna McMullen Griffith.

Mrs. Meredith had worked as a cake icer for Dudd Bakery in Mt. Lebanon for eight years.

She was a former member of Church of Nazarene and McDonald Alliance Church in McDonald.

On January 6, 1935, she married Emzie Everette Meredith, who died November 7, 1958.

Surviving are two sons, James Raymond Meredith of Crescent and David Ray Meredith of McDonald; three grandchildren, Randy Ray, Douglas Meredith and Sandra Lynn Barnhart; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are five brothers, Albert Verner, Ernest Clairton, Harrison Harbaugh, James R. and Willis Elwood Griffith; and three sisters, Elizabeth Duman, Hazel Belle Griffith and Anna Mae Brinkman.

RR

George Shronovich

Retired Trumbull Corp.
superintendent

George Shronovich, 84, of Avella, died at 8:02 p.m. Sunday, June 20, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born January 14, 1920, in Cokeburg, a son of Thomas and Anna Zitkovic Shronovich.

Mr. Shronovich was a member of Avella Presbyterian Church, Bert C. Siders American Legion Post 643 and Avella Volunteer Fire Department.

He was employed by Trumbull Corp. as superintendent for 28 years, retiring in 1985.

Mr. Shronovich served in the U.S. Army as a technician 5th grade during World War II.

On October 16, 1942, in Richmond, Va., he married Nilda Zambanini, who died June 28, 1987.

Surviving are a sister, Catherine Shumaker, and a brother, Frank Shronovich, both of Eighty Four; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Mary Lustic and Agnes Gruhalla; and a brother, Tom Shronovich.

WP

Elmer J. Young Sr.

McGraw-Edison retiree
was WW II veteran

Elmer J. Young Sr., 85, of Chartiers Township, died at 11:22 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born April 29, 1919, in Bridgeville, a son of John C. and Mary Krieger Young.

Mr. Young spent his entire life in the Muse and Canonsburg areas.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in Central Europe and Rhineland.

Mr. Young worked for H.C. Frick Coal Co. in Muse for 15 years until the mine closing in 1954. He worked at McGraw-Edison Transformer plant in Canonsburg for 14 years as a tube maker in the insulation department before retiring in 1980.

On July 8, 1948, he married Dolores V. Dixon, his wife of 55 years, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Elmer J. Young Jr. and John W. Young, both of Canonsburg; a daughter, Mary Lou Doak of Ocala, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the last of his immediate family.

Deceased are four brothers, William, Frank H., Robert G. and Arthur Young; and three sisters, Clara Higgins, Minnie Maurer and Ann Young.

At the request of the deceased, there will be no visitation. Interment will be private. Salandra Funeral Service, Canonsburg, was in

NA

Nellie M. Morgan

Member of Living Stone
Community Church



Nellie M. Morgan, 86, of Washington, died Monday, June 21, 2004, in the Greenery, Canonsburg.

She was born February 26, 1918, in Washington, a daughter of Samuel Carl and Nellie S. Mansfield Schwartzfeger.

Mrs. Morgan was a homemaker and a member of Living Stone Community Church, Washington.

On December 23, 1934, she married Nelson William Morgan, who died November 30, 1995.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Nelson Morgan of Clarksburg, W.Va.; a daughter, Jean Elizabeth Webb of Washington; three sisters, Betty Herron of Claysville, Anne VanKirk of Washington and Virginia Moody of Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Dr. Michael Webb Jr., Dr. Christopher Webb, Lynn Rifle, Jill Moon, Faith Mendez, Thomas, Robert, Samuel and Richard Morgan and Michelle Allman, 19 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

A son, Robert William Morgan, is deceased.

FL

S. William McMillen Jr.

Electrical engineer
for Bettis Atomic Lab

S. William McMillen Jr., 75, of Prosperity, died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born September 30, 1928, in Canonsburg, a son of Shrader W. and Martha Sheaff McMillen.

Mr. McMillen was a 1946 graduate of Canonsburg High School and attended University of Pittsburgh.

From 1946 to 1948, he served in the U.S. Army and was a member of Ten Mile Power Squadron.

Mr. McMillen was employed for more than 30 years as an electrical engineer by Bettis Atomic Lab Division of Westinghouse.

On June 26, 1950, he married Marilyn Seibert, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Susan Villar of North Oaks, Minn., Kathleen Tate of Roanoke, Va., and Lynne Miller of Washington; a son, Richard McMillen of Canonsburg; and 11 grandchildren, Michael and David Villar, Christopher, Leigh, Matthew and Annie Hancock, Ean, Andrew and Emilie Miller and Richard and Gary McMillen.

OS

Wayne L. Cowden

World War II veteran was
member of Hickory Lions Club



Wayne L. Cowden, 77, of Washington, died at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 24, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

He born October 10, 1926, a son of R. Thompson and Mina E. Rumbaugh Cowden.

Mr. Cowden was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, where he was active as a trustee, adviser to young people, Sunday school teacher and as an elder.

He graduated from Burgettstown High School and attended Penn State University.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Cowden served from 1944 to 1946 in the Philippines and Korea. He received the Army of Occupation Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Mr. Cowden retired from West Penn Power Co. in 1989 after 36 years of service in various positions, the last as substation foreman.

On December 4, 1948, he married Mary Jane Azzo, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Gerald W. Cowden of Akron, Ohio, and Scott N. Cowden of Scott Township; three sisters, Virginia Hudec of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Nova Jones and Florence Masteller, both of Pittsburgh; three brothers, Robert R. and Ernest Cowden, both of Hickory, and Paul Cowden of Houston; five grandchildren, Margaux, Meredith, Blythe Katherine, Lucas and Ean; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a son, Gregg E. Cowden.

UP

Regina M. Henry

Retired from
Woodville State Hospital

Regina M. Henry, 82, of North Fayette Township, died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born July 15, 1921, in Cecil, a daughter of George and Jene Henry Henry.

On November 23, 1943, she married Fredrick W. Henry, who died April 3, 2002.

Surviving are a son, James F. Henry, and a daughter, Donna J. Wells, both of McDonald; a brother, George P. Henry of North Fayette Township; five grandchildren, William Wells, Melissa, James Jr. and Jonathan Fredrick Henry and Sherry Sutton; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a brother, Jerome R. Henry; and a grandson, Michael Wells.

RR

Emile Lerby

Former Avella Area School
District bus driver, custodian

Emile Lerby, 97, of Washington, formerly of Avella, died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2004, in Humbert Lane Health Care Center, Washington.

He was born March 28, 1907, in Gladden, a son of John Baptiste and Josephine Caumiant L'Herbier.

Mr. Lerby was a self-employed carpenter. He drove a bus for Avella Area School District, where he worked as a custodian. He also worked as a coal miner and as a constable for Cross Creek Township.

He was a resident of Washington for the past 20 years and had previously lived most of his married life in the Independence and Avella area.

On September 18, 1926, he married Ethel Permelia Tredway, who died April 4, 1963.

Surviving are two sons, Lynn Lerby of Bloomingdale, Ohio, and Bert Lerby of Washington; a daughter, Mary Gagich of Avella; nine grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Harry L'Herbier of Columbus, Ohio.

Deceased are two brothers, Eugene and Louis; and three sisters, Augustine and Mary and a twin sister who died in infancy.

Services will be private, with burial in Independence Cemetery, Avella. Jerome A. Stefkovich Funeral Home Inc. of Avella is in charge of arrangements.

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Norman L. Cogniet

Retired maintenance
superintendent at Fort Cherry

Norman L. Cogniet, 78, of McDonald, South Fayette Township, died Saturday, June 19, 2004.

He was born August 2, 1925, in Primrose, a son of Charles and Louise Libbert Cogniet.

Mr. Cogniet was assistant superintendent of maintenance at Fort Cherry High School for 12 years, retiring in 1987. Earlier, he was a heavy equipment operator for Ferro Processing of New York.

His wife, Carla Barner, is deceased.

Surviving are three daughters; two sisters, Lorraine Smith, formerly of Primrose, and Norma Souffrant of Oakdale; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, Charles Cogniet, is deceased.

Lawrence J. Gilbert

Retired from McDonald Water Co. and N and Z

Lawrence J. Gilbert, 84, of McDonald, died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born October 4, 1919, in Primrose, a son of Joseph and Louise Nourigate Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert was a machine operator for N and Z in McDonald for more than 20 years. In 1981, he retired from McDonald Water Co., where he also worked for 20 years.

In 1942, he married Eleanor Montgomery, who died March 5, 1978.

In 1984, he married Odessa Lescalette Kenneweg, who died February 13, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Edward W. "Sonny" Gilbert of McDonald; two stepdaughters, Barb Druga of Oakdale and Linda Baldogoski of McDonald; three sisters, Florentine "Tiny" Suplit, Ellen Chiff and Mary "Micky" Hartsic, all of McDonald; three brothers, Joseph "Doey" Gilbert of Glendale, Fred Gilbert of Primrose and Robert Gilbert of Midway; two grandchildren, Michelle Ley and Greg Gilbert; four stepgrandchildren, Gregg and Robert Druga, Lisa Lauff and Sam Baldogoski; four great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three brothers, James, Raymond and Donald Gilbert; and a sister, Hazel Scholbert.

Ida Noreen Caldwell

Washington homemaker enjoyed quilting and gardening



Ida Noreen Caldwell, 88, of Washington, formerly of Prosperity, died Saturday, June 26, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital, following a three-year illness.

She was born February 6, 1916, in Buffalo Township, a daughter of Elmer N. and Della Mae Doman Mounts.

On November 22, 1948, she married Robert Vance Caldwell, who died January 20, 1977.

Surviving are a son, Robert Elmer Cox of Cecil; two stepsons, Robert V. and William Judson Caldwell, both of Washington; four daughters, Evelyn Whitfield of Houston, Helen Bird McClain of Claysville, Lila Solinger of Butler and Frances Whitfield of Canonsburg; two brothers, Abe Mounts of Ohio and Harry Mounts of Claysville; two sisters, Betty Powell of Claysville and Hazel Yaros of Ohio; 19 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Marion David Cox; two stepdaughters, Mary Martha Dourty and Fern Caldwell; a brother, Leo Mounts; and two sisters, Minnie Levers and Lucile Vance. **VB**

J. S. Patterson, Retired Farmer Dies in the Washington Hospital

Wylandville Man Succumbs to the Ailments Incident to Advanced Years—Prominent in Church and Township Affairs.

John S. Patterson, a lifelong resident of Wylandville, and known throughout Washington county as a prominent and successful farmer, died Sunday morning, June 28, at 8:30 o'clock at the Washington hospital following a serious illness of about three weeks.

Mr. Patterson, who was 76 years of age, was born on the farm he owned at the time of his death, the farm having been in the Patterson name for more than a century. It was formerly owned by John and Ellen Patterson, the parents of John S. Patterson. Mrs. Patterson who survives, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, of Canonsburg, her maiden name being Agnes Esther Wilson. They were married at Canonsburg on April 21, 1864, at the home of the bride's parents. They went immediately to the Patterson home at Wylandville, and there had since resided. Mr. Patterson had been farming all his life, and won success in this occupation. He retired, having given up the active duties of the farm three years ago. He had been a lifelong member of the United Presbyterian church, and was a trustee for 31 years in the Muntown church. For several years he served as school director in North Strabane township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were born the following children, all of whom survive: Mrs. J. J. Barr, east of Washington; Mrs. Martha Herron, west of Washington; Mrs. Nora McCollum, Washington; Mrs. Lizzie Hootman, Washington, and Walter S. Patterson, at home. The grandchildren surviving are: Misses Pearl, Grace and Helen Barr; Messrs. Albert and Harry and Miss Bertha Herron; Misses Eleanor, Mildred and Dorothy McCollum, and Misses Mabel, Hazel and Ursula and Master James Hootman.

The funeral services will be held at the late home at Wylandville Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The services will be in charge of the Rev. George Murray and interment will be in the Pigeon Creek U. P. cemetery.

Elmay B. McVehil

Former nurse was member of First Christian Church



Elmay B. McVehil, 80, of Slidell, La., formerly of Washington, died Saturday, June 26, 2004, in her home.

She was born November 11, 1923, in Washington, one of 14 children of Loring Lonzo and Anna May Wheeler Medlen.

Mrs. McVehil had worked as a licensed practical nurse in the Washington and Canonsburg areas for many years, having last worked for Dr. Tripoli.

Her first husband, William Evans, is deceased.

Her second husband, Jack McVehil, died in 1996.

Surviving are a son, Bill Evans of Brownsville; a stepson, Mark McVehil of Washington; two daughters, Patricia Loraine Griffin of Carson City, Nev., and Joyce Lander of Slidell, La., with whom she made her home; four brothers, Harold, LeRoy, Kenneth and James Medlen; three sisters, Bernice Montgomery, Pearl Hutter and Barbara Wood; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three brothers, Albert David, Loring and Melvin Medlen; and three sisters, Mary Hall, Angeline Myers and Alice Carpenter. **VB**

Madeline Mollenauer

Canonsburg homemaker enjoyed flower gardening

Madeline Mollenauer, 82, of Canonsburg, died at 11:36 a.m. Saturday, June 26, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born August 28, 1921, in Canonsburg, a daughter of John Allen and Martha Madeline McAnallen Corcoran.

Mrs. Mollenauer was a graduate of Canonsburg High School and was Catholic.

She worked as an insurance agent for several years and also was a homemaker.

Mrs. Mollenauer was an avid bridge player and enjoyed flower gardening and reading.

Her husband, Herbert C. Mollenauer, died in April 1973.

Surviving are a son, Herbert C. Mollenauer of Canonsburg; a daughter, Sandra O'Lee Mollenauer of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Eleanor Muchow of Canonsburg; two grandchildren, Jamie LaMantia and Sean Mollenauer; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Jack, William and Thomas Corcoran; a sister, Audry Jones; and a grandson, Kenny Mollenauer. **OS**

J. Edward Williamson

Midway resident was Navy veteran

J. Edward Williamson, 93, of Midway, died Friday, June 25, 2004, in Country Meadows of South Hills, South Fayette Township.

He was born January 9, 1911, in Midway, a son of Samuel and Sarah Nice Williamson.

Mr. Williamson worked for Disco Coal Co. and Wise Construction of Leetsdale before retiring in 1971.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1927 until 1930.

In February 1938, he married Sarah I. Sawhill, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Eddy Williamson of Nokomis, Fla.; a daughter, Judy W. Cook of McDonald; five grandchildren, Randy and Ricky Williamson and Scott, Brian and David Cook; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Sam; and three sisters, Verna, Eva and Nellie. **C**

Andrew M. Brindak

Lifelong resident of Southview

Andrew M. Brindak, 77, of Southview, died Friday, June 25, 2004, in his home.

He was born November 8, 1926, in Southview, a son of Michael and Anna Lazorak Brindak.

Mr. Brindak was Roman Catholic.

A lifelong Southview resident, he was a graduate of Hickory High School.

During World War II, Mr. Brindak served in the U.S. Navy.

Prior to his retirement, he was a time-study engineer for Walworth Co. in Greensburg.

Surviving are a sister, Ann Orbin of Houston; three nieces, Terry Wolfe of Elizabeth, Sherry Surich of Washington and Barbie Orbin of Canonsburg; and a nephew, John "Chip" Orbin Jr. of Washington. **FL**

Incorrect information was received for the obituary of Lawrence J. Gilbert, published Wednesday. A stepdaughter should have been listed as Linda Baldigowski, and stepgrandchildren should have been listed as Sam Baldigowski and Lisa Lauff.

Henrietta Carson Shirey

Maryland resident born in McDonald

Henrietta Carson Shirey, 94, of Union Bridge, Md., formerly of Florida, died Sunday, June 27, 2004, in Union Bridge.

She was born August 3, 1909, in McDonald, a daughter of George and Julia Chome Toward.

Mrs. Shirey attended Indiana State Teachers College.

In 1930, she married Warren Shirey, who is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan Graham of Fairbanks, Alaska; four sons, Warren of Union Bridge, Michael of Phoenix, Ariz., David of Detroit, Mich., and Thomas of Ocala, Fla.; and 13 grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, William; and two brothers, John and Charles Toward.

Private burial will be held in Florida.

Raymond L. Sobczak

WWII vet retired as foreman for McGraw-Edison plant

Raymond L. Sobczak, 77, of Canonsburg, died at 8:01 p.m. Friday, July 2, 2004, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born January 30, 1927, in Canonsburg, a son of Martin Louis and Gertrude Zelinsky Sobczak.

Mr. Sobczak was a member of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Canonsburg.

He was a Canonsburg High School graduate and, during World War II, served in the U.S. Army Air Forces.

Mr. Sobczak was a member of American Legion Post 253, Federated Orthodox Club and Jefferson College Historical Society, all of Canonsburg.

Prior to his retirement, he was a foreman for McGraw-Edison transformer plant in Canonsburg.

Mr. Sobczak was an avid fisherman and golfer. He also enjoyed hunting.

On May 28, 1949, he married Irene Povich, who died February 16, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Irene Ruth Kobak of Cranberry Township and Cassandra S. Basso of North Strabane Township; three grandsons, Anthony and James Kobak and Nicholas Basso; and several nieces and nephews.

OS

Emma Elizabeth Roach

Bulger resident was longtime farmer and homemaker

Emma Elizabeth Roach, 87, of Bulger, died Saturday, July 3, 2004, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born August 26, 1916, in Thomas, a daughter of Frank and Johanna Zalaznik.

Mrs. Roach was a longtime farmer and homemaker.

She was a member of Ladies Auxiliary of Midway Fire Department.

Surviving are a son, William Dean Roach of Bulger; two daughters, Emogene Keating and Nancy Lugaila, both of Bulger; a brother, Don Zalaznik of Bulger; four sisters, Frances Buchelli of Midway, Wilda Janeshak of Michigan, Lillian Sray of Cuddy and Della Janeshak of Midway; four grandchildren, Terry Shiel, William Lugaila, and David and Daniel Roach; three great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

Deceased are her husband, George William Roach, who died in 1967; a son, David Roach, who died in 2001; two brothers, Ray and Frank Zalaznik; and two sisters, Jean Doran and Kathryn Martin.

MP

Daisy Georganna Smith Montgomery

Formerly worked at Blue Moon Drive-in

Daisy Georganna Smith Montgomery, 71, of Follansbee, W.Va., died Friday, July 2, 2004, in her home.

Mrs. Montgomery was born September 18, 1932, in Westland, a daughter of Harry L. and Clara Emory Smith.

She once worked at the former Blue Moon Drive-in, Wellsburg, W.Va.

Surviving are two sons, Harry "Packy" Lowe of Bethany, W.Va., and Gary (Doug) Lowe of Muskogee, Okla.; a daughter, Yogi Vanderbush of Follansbee; two brothers, Harry Smith of Georgia and Richard Smith of Kentucky; six sisters, Violet Riser of Washington, Viola Blasich of Pittsburgh, Patricia Wagoner of New Manchester, W.Va., Jean DiGicinto of Uniontown, Ohio, Kate Payne of Coventry, N.C., and Shiela Plants of Colliers, W.Va.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are her husband, Clyde Montgomery, who died in 1994; two sons, Larry Lowe, who died in infancy, and Harold "Butch" Lowe Jr.; and a sister, Harriet Hamilton.

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Dorothy P. Sprowls

Member of Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church

Dorothy P. Sprowls, 81, of Houston, died Thursday, July 1, 2004, in her home.

She was born in Canonsburg, a daughter of Jesse C. and Nell Taylor Sprowls.

Miss Sprowls was a graduate of Peters Township High School and was a lifelong member of Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church in Canonsburg, where she was an assistant treasurer for many years, a deacon and a member of Ruth Women's Circle.

She worked as a secretary for Jessop Steel Corp.

Miss Sprowls was a member of Presbyterian Senior Care, where she was secretary and a board member. She was a former officer of National Secretary Association, now known as International Association of Administrative Professionals.

Surviving are three nieces, Cheryl Wheat and Gretchen and Lizanne Sprowls; two nephews, Charles L. and David Hillbery; and 12 great-nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Robert T. Sprowls; and a sister, Ethel Jean Hillbery.

HC

Anna Golubofsky

Member of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church

Anna "Baba" Golubofsky, 91, of Slovan, died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born July 14, 1912, in Tarr, a daughter of Sam and Mary Mamula Hayden.

She was a member of Holy Resurrection Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church in Steubenville, Ohio. She enjoyed cooking, baking and playing games.

On June 28, 1928, she married Sagy Golubofsky, who died March 20, 1999.

Surviving are a son, George Golubofsky, at home; three daughters, Mary McGraw of Erie Mine, Helen Gagich of Willoughby, Ohio, and Sonia Lee of Champion, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are two brothers, Mike and Nick Hayden; four sisters, Dorothy Vranjes, Sophie Miladinovic, Mildred Grubor and Lillian Spanovich; and a grandson, Jimmy Lee.

MP

William D. Partin

Member of Oakdale Volunteer Fire Department

William D. Partin, 39, of Oakdale, North Fayette Township, died Tuesday, June 29, 2004.

He was born October 23, 1964, a son of Clifford L. Partin Sr. and Norreen Paulian Partin, who survive.

Mr. Partin was a construction worker for Wagner Excavation Services and previously was employed by Joy Dog Food for 18 years.

He was a member of Oakdale Volunteer Fire Department and a local steelworkers union.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his wife, Rachel Milliard Partin; a daughter, Lexie Partin; two brothers, Clifford Jr. and Michael Partin; and a sister, Debra Alonzo.

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A member of a crew installing stormwater lines in North Franklin Township died Tuesday afternoon when the trench he was working in collapsed, burying him and another worker in clay soil. Those at the scene said the crew was not observing proper safety precautions.

William Partin, 39, of Hoffman Drive, Oakdale, was spreading gravel at the bottom of a trench behind 194 Hazelwood Drive when the accident occurred about 1:30 p.m.

James A. Adair

Former pastor of First UP Church, Houston



The Rev. James A. "Revy" Adair, 78, of Monaca, formerly of Houston, died Thursday, July 1, 2004, in Medical Center of

Beaver.

He was born September 11, 1925, in Newton, Kan., a son of Dr. William and Lottie Matilda Hart Adair.

He grew up as a son of a missionary in Sudan, Egypt. He was a graduate of Schutz School in Egypt, Sterling College in Kansas and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

He was former pastor of First United Presbyterian Church in Houston, Ohio United Presbyterian Church in Hopewell Township and associate pastor of Third United Presbyterian Church in Uniontown.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Army Air Forces.

On August 28, 1947, he married Darlene Allen, who died July 21, 1997. On June 7, 2002, he married Mary Reed McCartney, who survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Pauline Taylor of Franklinville, N.J., Ruth Dey Dickmeyer of Overland Park, Kan., Mary Jean (Jeannie) Jones of Houston and Rosetta Wilson of Washington; a son, Steven Adair of Washington; seven grandchildren, Ty, Joshua and Jessica Taylor, Leah Barsky, Brittany and Mark Jones and Emma Adair; a great-grandson, a sister, Ann McGeoch of Wooster, Ohio; and a brother, John Adair of Santa Cruz, Calif.

Deceased are a son, John Allen Adair; a sister, Martha Blackwood; and a brother, the Rev. William Adair.

MP

Joseph Robert Dillon Sr.

Truck driver for Soffis & Co.

Joseph Robert Dillon Sr., 78, of Sturgeon, North Fayette Township, died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in his home.

He was born April 3, 1926, a son of John R. and Stella Mae Medlan Dillon.

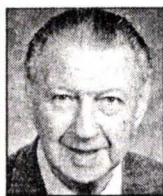
Mr. Dillon was a World War II veteran and worked as a truck driver for Soffis & Co.

His wife, Marjorie Jean Conklin Dillon, survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Joseph Robert Jr., John, Gordon and Dennis Dillon; two daughters, Vicky Fink and Karen Schultz; a sister, Elizabeth Brooks; a brother, Edward Dillon; 23 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren.

Leonard Desmet

*Lifelong resident
of South Fayette Township*



Leonard Desmet, 90, of South Fayette Township, died Saturday, July 10, 2004, in Country Meadows, South Fayette.

He was born February 8, 1914, in Gladden, a son of Leonard and Marie Von Royen Desmet.

Mr. Desmet was active in his family business, Desmet Lumber and Supply Co., serving as manager, treasurer and president.

Mr. Desmet was a longtime member of Gladden Presbyterian Church, where he was trustee emeritus.

His wife, Ellen Laing Desmet, died November 29, 1997. They had celebrated 63 years of marriage.

Surviving are three daughters, Jane Mitchell and Sandra Desmet, both of South Fayette, and Florine Rolin of Hickory; two sons, Leonard J. and Alan Desmet, both of South Fayette; 12 grandchildren, Cynthia Placek, Mark Mitchell, Lenny, Lionel and Alan Dean Desmet, Daneen Cellone, Johnalan, Sharon and Louis Brill Jr., Lori Ellen Peters, Rene Hasenzahl and Jennifer Hunter; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three sisters, Rose Kelly, Mellenna Sackett and Bertha Checca; and two brothers, Oscar and Alfred Desmet. RR

William Dalla Piazza

*Co-owner of Oakdale
trucking company*

William Dalla Piazza, 93, of Oakdale, died Monday, July 5, 2004, in Beverly HealthCare, Canonsburg.

He was born December 10, 1910, in Beadling, a son of Fortunato and Angelina Gumbalongo Dalla Piazza.

Mr. Dalla Piazza was co-owner and co-operator of Piazza Brothers Trucking Inc., Oakdale, until his retirement in 1975.

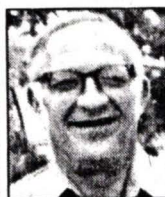
His wife, Helen Josvai Dalla Piazza, died February 9, 1999.

Surviving are two brothers, Bruno and Frendo Dalla Piazza, both of Oakdale; a sister, Olympia Mazzocco Elias of McDonald; and 21 nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Gilbert and Warren Dalla Piazza; and three sisters, Zelinda Montgomery, Carmella DeVandry and Ida Dellapiazza. RR

Edward F. Weishner

*Retired insurance salesman
from Muse*



Edward F. Weishner, 77, of Muse, formerly of Elizabethtown, died at 6:54 a.m. Friday, July 9, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born October 10, 1926, in North Strabane Township, a son of John and Frances Lucy Novisky Weishner.

Before retirement, Mr. Weishner was an insurance salesman for National Life Insurance Co. for 20 years. Previously, he had worked for Pennsylvania Transformer Co. in Canonsburg.

In 1969, he married Eva Phillips, who died October 18, 2003.

Surviving are six daughters, Deborah Udodow of Canonsburg, Valerie Rockovich of Muse, Melody Brown of Houston, Edwardine Weishner and Arlene Griffith, both of Canonsburg, and Mary Tilger of Muse; three brothers, Robert of Washington, Leonard of Harrisburg and George Weishner of the state of Texas; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Frank Weishner; two sisters, Betty George and Lori Weishner; and twin grandsons, Joshua and Scott Livingood. OS

James W. Medlen

*American Legion Post 902
member served in WWII*



James W. Medlen, 78, of Washington (Chartiers Township), died Friday, July 9, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born March 17, 1926, in Canonsburg, a son of Loring Lonzo and Anna Mae Wheeler Medlen.

His first wife was Mary E. Moore Medlen of Washington. His second wife, Mary S. Domladovac Medlen, died April 11, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Maryetta Saffell of Avella and Donna Jean Weaver of Scenery Hill; a son, James L. Medlen of Washington; a stepson, Edward F. Scafraniec of Houston; three brothers, Harold Medlen of Cleveland, Ohio, LeRoy Medlen of Sandusky, Ohio, and Kenneth Medlen of Rantoul, Ill.; and three sisters, Bernice Montgomery of Tennessee, Pearl Hutter of Washington and Barbara Wood of Greene County; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three brothers, Albert David and Loring and Melvin Medlen; and four sisters, Alice Carpenter, Angeline Myers, Elmay McVehil and Mary Hall. MP

Additional information was received for the obituary of James W. Medlen, published in Saturday's edition. A daughter, Nancy Medlen of Jefferson, survives. Deceased is a daughter, Mabelle Marie Medlen, who died in infancy.

Evelyn D. Kennedy

*Deacon of Trinity Presbyterian
Church, McDonald*

Evelyn D. Kennedy, 83, of McDonald, Mt. Pleasant Township, died Saturday, July 10, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born May 13, 1921, in McDonald, a daughter of Peter and Bertha Nimal Descutner.

Her husband, Paul Kennedy, is deceased.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two daughters, Pat and Linda Kennedy; a brother, Paul Descutner; and five sisters, Margaret Schaffer, Arlene Stisel, Wilma Descutner, Elma Lemon and Mildred Williamson. FL

Samuel W. Findling Jr.

Samuel W. Findling Jr., 47, of Orlando, Fla., died Sunday, July 11, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington. He had returned to Washington July 9, 2004.

He was born June 11, 1957, in Washington.

Surviving are his mother, Mildred Fiumara Findling of Meadow Lands; his father and stepmother, Samuel W. and Robert Findling of Washington; two daughters, Melissa Findling of Washington and Samantha Findling of Canonsburg; a son, Joshua Findling of Houston; three grandchildren, Mary and George Rogers and Michael Randolph; three sisters, Nancy Zavatski of Houston, Renee Findling of Cleveland, Ohio, and Lorraine Findling of Canonsburg; a brother, Timothy Findling of Charlotte, N.C.; a half sister, Sandra Chase of Pittsburgh; and several nieces and nephews.

Margaret L. Dampf

*Member of U.P. church donated
quilts to fund-raisers*

Margaret L. Dampf, 87, of Saxonburg, formerly of Strabane, died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, in Outlook Point Nursing Home, Saxonburg.

She was born January 7, 1917, in Fredericktown, a daughter of Anthony and Felicita Righetti Lombardi.

Mrs. Dampf is a member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church.

She enjoyed reading. She loved quilting and often donated quilts to local fund-raisers.

She attended Trinity High School.

On April 25, 1936, she married John W. Dampf Sr, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, John W. Dampf Jr of Butler; two granddaughters, Julie Ann Nini and Kimberly Jo Long; a great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Louis and Peter Lombardi; and three sisters, Mary Zampan, Louise Giacomet and Sabina Giacomet. Mrs. Dampf was the last surviving member of her immediate family. OS

Lillian M. Yarkosky-Algeo

*Member of South Canonsburg
Church*

Lillian M. Yarkosky-Algeo of Canonsburg died Monday, July 5, 2004, in her home, following a lengthy illness.

She was a daughter of the late Thomas and Hazel Hope.

Mrs. Yarkosky-Algeo was a member of South Canonsburg Church and Eagles Auxiliary of Canonsburg.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Radinsky of Canonsburg; a son, August D. Yarkosky of Greensburg; a brother, Paul Hope of Canonsburg; her former husband, August A. Yarkosky of Strabane; five grandchildren, Clint and Renae Phillips and Greg, Emily and David Yarkosky; two great-grandchildren; and seven nieces and five nephews.

Deceased are her husband, James W. Algeo, who died March 21, 1989; a brother, Melvin Hope; and five sisters, Lois, Margaret, Gladys, Laura and Ethel. OS

Mabel C. Rock

Slovan homemaker

Mabel C. Rock, 91, of Slovan, died Friday, July 9, 2004, in her home.

She was born December 19, 1912, in Avella, a daughter of Andrew and Mary Siders.

Mrs. Rock was a homemaker. Her husband, Paul Rock, died in 1974.

Surviving are two daughters, Shirley Rock of Slovan and Paulette Scott of Weirton, W.Va.; a son, Paul Thomas Rock of Slovan; a sister, Bertha Poplava of Lehigh, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Melanie Rodocker, Jeffrey Scott and Michael and Kelly Rock.

Deceased are a grandson, Paul Rock Jr.; two brothers, Fred Alvie and Byrle Siders; and three sisters, Katherine Kendo, Nell Boich and Ruth Napierkowski. WP

Margaret Ann Capitani

Foster mother
cared for 28 children



Margaret Ann Capitani, 84, of McDonald, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, in Beverly Health Care Center, Canonsburg.

She was born September 14, 1919, in Presto, a daughter of James and Anna Quinn Cairns.

Mrs. Capitani owned and operated La Petite Poodle Parlor, where she groomed dogs for 25 years. She also was a foster mother to 28 children over 20 years.

She was a Gold Star Mother, having lost a son in the Vietnam War.

On August 31, 1940, she married Hubert "Corky" Capitani, who died January 6, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters, Patricia Mihalich and Karen Stewart, both of McDonald, and JoAnn Trusnovic of Oakdale; and four grandchildren, Leigh Ann Quevi, Lisa Renee Knuth and Chris and Callie Stewart.

Deceased are a son, Daniel C. Capitani; five brothers, James, David, Daniel, Harry and Joseph Cairns; and two sisters, Eunice Kiefer and Evelyn Kramer. RR

James C. Jackson

Washington Steel retiree was pilot



James C. Jackson, 83, of Washington, died Friday, July 16, 2004, in Washington Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born February 20, 1921, in Washington, a son of John and Madeline Jackson.

Mr. Jackson was a member of Avery United Methodist Church, Washington, where he was active in the Avery Men's Group.

He attended Washington High School and worked for Washington Steel from 1949 until his retirement in 1982.

On November 9, 1947, in Lone Pine, he married Dorothy (Dottie) Houston, who died April 27, 1999.

Surviving are a son, James C. Jackson II of Claysville; two daughters, Sherry Melkerson of Jacksonville, Fla., and Brenda L. Jackson of Washington; three sisters, Gladys Ralston and Jean Carroll, both of Buffalo Village, and Millie Brownlee of Washington; five grandchildren, Richard A. III and Jennifer L. Melkerson and Daniel, Brian and Amalee Jackson; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, John Jackson, and a sister, Vera Keenan. W

Robert W. Little

Former co-owner
of funeral home

Robert W. "Wimpy" Little, 73, of Florida, formerly of Oakdale, died Monday, July 12, 2004, in Florida.

He was born January 6, 1931, in Pittsburgh, a son of Robert F. and Ruth Hopper Little.

Mr. Little was a graduate of Oakdale High School and a former district justice in McDonald and North Fayette Township and a deputy coroner for Washington County.

Mr. Little was former co-owner of Thomas-Little Funeral Home.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Mertie Cooper Little; a daughter, Jan Ehle of Florida; two grandchildren, Lindsay Longerman and Chad Ehle; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Richard Little of New Jersey; and a sister, Shirley Dolenc of Oakdale. RR

Denise Holder

Bulger resident
born in Canonsburg

Denise (Niece) Holder, 44, of Bulger, died Monday, July 12, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born September 23, 1959, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Edith Mae Seik Mickelson of McDonald and the late Glen Seik.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are a daughter, Meagan Ellen Holder of McMurray; a son, Brandan Allen Holder, at home; her stepfather, Robert Mickelson; two sisters, Shirley Mae Mucha and Rose Lewis-Jeffers, both of McMurray; a brother, Glenn Edward Seik of McDonald; and a niece and four nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her father, is her husband, Gregory Allen Holder, who died in 1992. RR

Kathryn Mrvos

Kirwan Heights resident
born in McDonald

Kathryn Mrvos, 76, of Kirwan Heights, Collier Township, died Monday, July 12, 2004, in Manor-Care Green Tree Nursing Home.

She was born March 14, 1928, in McDonald, a daughter of Paul and Katie Johnen Wauthier.

On October 26, 1955, she married George Mrvos, who died November 16, 1997.

Surviving are two brothers, Jules Wauthier of Presto and Ray Wauthier of Kansas; a sister, Norma Eiler of McDonald; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Lee and John Wauthier. RR

Luella M. Frenz Cox

Member of Chartiers Hill
United Presbyterian Church

Luella M. Frenz Cox, 86, of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, in Manor Care, McMurray.

She was born January 13, 1918, in Stonycreek Township, Somerset, a daughter of Norbert and Ida Landis Dupstadt.

Mrs. Cox was a member of Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church and a life member of Jefferson College Historical Society. She belonged to a bowling team and several bridge clubs.

She was a 1938 graduate of Duff's Iron City College, Pittsburgh. She and her first husband owned and operated Triangle Radio and Television, Dormont, until they retired in 1981.

On May 15, 1943, she married James R. Frenz, who died March 31, 1984. On March 17, 1995, she married Arvid B. Cox, who died June 11, 2001.

Surviving are four stepsons, Roger Cox of McDonald, Dennis Cox of McMurray, Daniel Cox of Joffre and Kevin Cox of Canonsburg; three stepgrandchildren, Jim, Wyatt and Travis Cox; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, Kevin Douglas Frenz; and a brother, Emmett D. Dupstadt. HC

Sophie M. Uram

Served on Chartiers
Sewer Authority

Sophie M. Uram, 84, of Houston, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, in McMurray Hills Manor.

She was born July 14, 1919, in Meadow Lands, a daughter of Andrew and Mary Horvat Mart-incheck.

Mrs. Uram was a member of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church in Canonsburg.

She had worked for the former Hazel Atlas Plant 1 and Washington Co. glass factories in Washington.

For 13 years, Mrs. Uram served on Chartiers Township Sewer Authority.

On October 15, 1944, she married Michael Andrew Uram, who died January 19, 1997.

Surviving are a son, Franklin E. Uram of Poway, Calif.; a daughter, Loraine Zawatski of Meadow Lands; a granddaughter, Emily Zawatski; and two sisters, Rose Yauch of Washington and Angela Clarke of Ft. Myers, Fla.

Deceased are a brother, Frank A. Martincheck, who died on Iwo Jima; a sister, Mary Yauch; and a grandson, Craig Andrew Uram. OS

William J. Fenwick

McDonald native
lived in New Jersey

William J. Fenwick, 84, of New Jersey, formerly of McDonald, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, in his home.

He was born September 15, 1919, a son of Thomas and Catherine Miller Fenwick.

He was a retired dental representative for Patterson Dental Co. and was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church, McDonald.

His wife, Florence Jean Cunningham Fenwick, died October 13, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Lynn Ellison of New Jersey; a son, Mark Fenwick of Japan; a grandson, Joel Morgan of Illinois; and two stepgrandsons, Jonathan and Jesse Ellison. MP

Samuel Reed Acheson

Worked for O'Hommel Co.
and Observer Publishing Co.

Samuel Reed Acheson, 71, of McDonald, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born July 6, 1933, in Blairsville, a son of Matthew and Roena Schroer Reed. He was a loading dock supervisor for O'Hommel Co. in Carnegie and retired from Observer Publishing Co. in 1988.

On July 30, 1951, he married Norma Jean Jones, who died October 17, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters, Judy Gromacki of Midway, Rebecca Travaglini of Canonsburg and Cindy Parks of Hickory; a son, Scott Acheson of Midway; seven grandchildren, Jennifer and Edward Fromacki, Julia Travaglini, Samuel, Timothy and Holly Parks and Scott Acheson Jr.; two sisters, Eileen Kendell and Carlotta Richie; and a brother, Matthew Reed.

Deceased are a son, Brian Acheson; a granddaughter, Laura Acheson; and a sister, Marsha Hines.

Jefferson Memorial Park,
Pleasant Hills

CORRECTIONS

Corrected information was received for the obituary of Samuel Reed Acheson, published in Wednesday's edition. Mr. Acheson retired from Observer Publishing Co. in 1998. A surviving brother should have been listed as Matthew Reed Acheson and a deceased sister as Marsha Hinds. Surviving grandchildren, Jennifer and Edward Gromacki, were incorrectly listed.

Robert E. Grady

Mayview State Hospital retiree

Robert E. Grady, 70, of Strabane, died Sunday, July 11, 2004, in his home.

He was born December 19, 1933, in Imperial, a son of Walter and Inia Johnson Grady.

Mr. Grady retired from Mayview State Hospital.

He enjoyed fishing, horseshoes and playing cards.

On August 17, 1974, he married Nancy Peterman, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, J.R. Grady of Strabane; two brothers, Richard Grady of Bridgeville and William Grady of North Carolina; two sisters, Alice Lee of Carnegie and Anita Grady of Bridgeville; and a grandson, Dalton Lee Grady.

Deceased are three brothers, Ralph, Vaughn and James Grady; and a sister, Helen Turoucy.

WF

Margaret Petrosky

Member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, McDonald

Margaret Petrosky, 93, of McDonald, died Monday, July 19, 2004, in Beverly Health Care, Mt. Lebanon Manor.

She was born January 9, 1911, in McDonald, a daughter of Phillip and Margaret Rummel Lauff.

Mrs. Petrosky was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, McDonald.

She retired from Pittsburgh Plate and Glass (PPG) in New Kensington.

Her husband, Joseph Petrosky, died March 11, 1984.

Surviving are a sister, Emma Grant of Midway; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are five brothers, John, Frank, Phillip, Joseph and Nick Lauff; and five sisters, Jenny Maga, Leah Palmer, Anne Shotton, Elizabeth Bozic and Josephine Lauff.

RR

Gary H. Almo

Western Center, Mayview employee from Eighty Four

Gary H. Almo, 51, of Eighty Four, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born January 17, 1953, in Canonsburg, a son of Elizabeth Stevens Almo of Meadow Lands and the late Herman Almo.

Mr. Almo was a 1971 graduate of Chartiers-Houston High School.

On June 3, 1978, he married Nina Scaers, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are a son, Patrick W. Almo of Washington; and two grandsons, Logan Dakota and Lee Herman Almo.

WF

Mary Louise Marley

Member of Ladies Auxiliary of Cecil Fire Company 3

Mary Louise Marley, 76, of Cecil Township, died Saturday, July 17, 2004, in IHS Greenery of Canonsburg.

She was born February 22, 1928, in Soissons, France, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Lerucur.

Mrs. Marley had been a resident of Cecil Township for 58 years.

She was a member of Venice Presbyterian Church, Ladies Auxiliary of Cecil Township Fire Company 3 and Chartiers-Houston Area Senior Citizens. She also was an avid bingo player.

Her husband, Lawrence (Larry) Marley, died April 27, 2004.

Surviving are three sons, Larry Marley of Cecil, Bill Marley of Waynesburg and Denny Marley of McKees Rocks; six grandchildren, Larry Jr., Brian, Bill Jr., Stacey, Amber and Tina Marley; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters living in France.

V

John A. McDonald

Muse construction truck driver



John A. McDonald, 63, of Muse, died Monday, July 19, 2004, in his home, following a lengthy illness.

He was born September 26, 1940, in Washington County, a son of the late George and Margaret Orum McDonald.

Mr. McDonald, who was retired, worked as a construction truck driver most recently for Golden Triangle and previously for 35 years at Ben Construction.

He was a member of Muse Italian Club, Westland Sportsman's Club and National Pike Gas-Horse-and Steam Association.

Mr. McDonald was a member of Muse Presbyterian Church.

On July 6, 1996, he married Christy Weaver, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John A. Jr. and Ronald McDonald, both of Sebring, Ohio, and John "Butch" Cumpston of Muse; five brothers, George, Wilbert and Albert, all of Muse, Walt of Canonsburg and Kenny McDonald of Washington; five sisters, Margaret Peterman of Coraopolis, Clara Bushko of Muse, Laura Andreolli of Washington and Dorothy Workman and Daisy Nock, both of Canonsburg; seven grandchildren, John III, Stephanie and David McDonald and Becky, Butchie, Tommy and Brian Cumpston; two step-grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

BURGETTSTOWN - A West Alexander man was killed about 11 a.m. Tuesday when his car was struck by a tractor-trailer carrying 7,200 pounds of fuel.

The crash marks the fourth time in three months that a motorist has died on a mile-long stretch of Route 18 in northern Washington County.

However, Smith Township police Chief Robert King said Tuesday's crash, unlike its predecessors, did not involve speed or alcohol.

Robert Michael Webb, 34, of West Liberty Road, was driving north on Route 18, about three-quarters of a mile north of Bavington Road, when he

was struck by a southbound tanker carrying fuel for Zappi Oil & Gas of Washington and driven by Carl Tucker of Graysville, Greene County. Washington County Coroner Tim Warco said Webb's car was struck either head-on or on the driver's side and pushed about 100 feet into a tributary of Raccoon Creek.

Warco said Webb died of multiple injuries, but he did not rule on the manner of death pending completion of an investigation.

King said Tucker had swerved into oncoming traffic to avoid striking the rear of another rig that had stopped in the road, waiting to turn into the driveway of RC Concrete Inc. King would not identify the driver of the second rig.

Robert Michael Webb

West Alexander youth baseball coach

Robert Michael Webb, 33, of West Alexander, formerly of Claysville, died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born October 10, 1970, in Washington, a son of Robert Louis and Clara Christine Plants Webb of Claysville.

A 1989 graduate of McGuffey High School, he was employed as a salesman for Auto Paint and Equipment, McDonald.

Mr. Webb coached the Shetland baseball team in West Alexander, played for the Church of the Covenant softball team and formerly refereed football at Brownson House in Washington.

On September 21, 1996, in Claysville, he married Christine Ball, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Tyler Michael Webb, at home; a brother, Matthew Steven Webb of Washington; and his maternal grandparents, Don and Louise Plants of Claysville.

Deceased are his paternal grandparents, David G. and Marilyn Webb.

WA

Sarah Orison Boyce

Joffre resident

Sarah Orison Boyce, 65, of Joffre, died Thursday, July 22, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born February 4, 1939, in Francis Mine, Burgettstown, a daughter of Jess and Mary Smith Orison.

Surviving are her husband, Robert L. Boyce of Joffre; a son, Francis Ayers of Ohio; a grandson, Jason Ayers; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lucille Harmon of Joffre and Patricia Noble of West Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, Albert Ayers; two sisters, Esther Winland and Lillian Hanlin; and two brothers, John and Robert Orison.

F

Delores J. Buyan

Florida resident formerly of Houston

Delores J. Buyan, 71, of Shalimar, Fla., formerly of Houston, died January 19, 2004, in her home.

She was born April 7, 1932, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Cecil and Minerva Bissell.

On February 14, 1952, she married Joseph John Buyan, who died in 1960.

Surviving are two sons, Mark Buyan of Ellsworth, Wis., and Joseph Buyan of Sumter, S.C.; two grandchildren, Sean and Tonya Chapman; a great-granddaughter; two sisters, Judy Brinkley of York Springs and Sara Stenger of Avela; and several nieces and nephews.

OS

Juliann Gauthier

Cecil resident enjoyed cooking

Juliann Gauthier, 83, of Cecil, died Friday, July 23, 2004, in HCR ManorCare, McMurray.

She was born June 17, 1921, in Morgan, a daughter of Stanley and Victoria Swetkauska Karosa.

She enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Her husband, Alex J. Gauthier, with whom she celebrated 52 years of marriage, died September 30, 1994.

Surviving are three sons, Glenn A. and Grant L. Gauthier, both of Cecil, and Gerald A. Gauthier of Lawrence; a daughter, Charmaine Quarture of Lawrence; two sisters, Margie Zelanka of Dearborn, Mich., and Isabell Kurchena of Cuddy; seven grandchildren, Amber, Amanda, Chad, and Chelsey Gauthier, Glenn A. Gauthier Jr., Amy Gutheil and Melissa Linton; and four great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two children, Gregg and Michele Gauthier.

RR

SAMUEL H. MALONE

Early Canonsburg amusement park struggled with mishaps

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For nearly a decade, from the late 1920s through the mid-1930s, motorists driving in South Strabane Township along Route 19 from Canonsburg to Washington could see the Brown Flyer rising above them, a half-mile-long roller coaster that served as the beacon to Maplevue Park.

But Maplevue's big wooden coaster, like the park itself, seemed doomed to a short, difficult run. Early access problems, the death of two customers, a riot and other financial challenges exacerbated by the Great Depression made it impossible for Maplevue to achieve the longevity of Kennywood or

Conneaut Lake Park, despite its attempts to remake itself.

But for a brief time, Maplevue, located just behind what is today Auggie's Road House along Route 19, was a magnet for those who wanted to while away a summer's day riding the rides, playing skill games or dancing to big band music far into the night.

An inauspicious start

In January 1927, a company called Maple View Recreation announced plans to build an amusement park on a 100-acre farm owned by R.G. "Bert" Lutton, a former Washington County sheriff, on Hill Church Road between Washington and Canonsburg. Lutton was the owner of the attraction, backed by several investors.

THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF MISHAPS AT MAPLEVIEW HAPPENED LESS THAN A MONTH AFTER ITS OPENING. ON JUNE 29, 1928, SAMUEL MALONE, 22, OF BURGETTSTOWN, WAS KILLED INSTANTLY AFTER HE FELL FROM THE BROWN FLYER.

Maplevue Park opened to the public on Memorial Day 1928, boasting the Ritz ballroom that could hold 3,500 people and included a restaurant dining room and picnic area; a large merry-go-round; a swing ride; the half-mile-long Brown Flyer roller

coaster, and promises of other amusements to be ready by July 4, including a swimming pool.

The additional amusements were added, but the pool would never be built.

The first in a series of mishaps at Maplevue occurred less than a month after its opening. On June 29, 1928, Samuel Malone, 22, of Burgettstown, was killed instantly after he fell from the Brown Flyer.

Following a jury trial in Washington County Court, Malone's mother, Annie Malone, was awarded \$10,435 on March 14, 1930. Defense attorneys attempted to prove the roller coaster was not dangerous, introducing expert testimony that no safety devices were needed on the cars when passengers held onto metal bars inside the cars. Malone's death was ruled accidental.

SON OF SAMUEL AND ANNA REBECCA (HUNTER) MALONE
BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

Wilma G. Scott

Housekeeper was member of Enon Baptist Church

Wilma G. Scott, 88, formerly of West Finley, R.D.2 (East Finley Township), died at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, in Washington County Health Center, Washington, after being in failing health for the past eight years.

She was born May 23, 1916, in Scenery Hill, a daughter of Harvey Ephram and Flora Margaret Salisbury McClellan.

On September 21, 1935, she married Winson Enlow Scott, who died December 9, 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Dittman of Boonsboro, Md.; two sons, Duane of Hickory and Roger L. Scott of West Finley R.D.2; a sister, Ruth Lough of Portersville; eight grandchildren, Kevin, Bryan and Eric Scott, Sharon Merckle, Mark and Matthew Dittman, Rebecca Corderman and Jody Thomas; nine great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a brother, Clayton McClellan; four sisters, Edna Fox, Mae Coen, Bernice Davis and Mildred Ritchie; and two sisters who died in infancy.

Enon Cemetery, Richhill Township, Greene County.

Carl P. Brigich

Hickory farmer worked for J&L Steel in Pittsburgh



Carl P. (Alf) Brigich, 62, of Hickory, died Monday, July 26, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born September 26, 1941, in Canonsburg, a son of Marko and Katherine Boyan Brigich.

Mr. Brigich was a farmer and had worked as a welder for Jones & Laughlin Steel, Pittsburgh.

From 1963 to 1965, he served with the Army National Guard.

He was a life member of Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 567, Canonsburg, Westland Sportsman Club, Westland, and American Legion Post 902, Houston.

Mr. Brigich enjoyed hunting. On June 8, 1990, he married Lorena M. Carter, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kara Brigich of Charleston, S.C.; a stepson, Kenneth Schulz of Washington; a grandson, Jake Schulz; two brothers, Joseph Brigich of Bridgeville and Marko Brigich Jr. of Canonsburg; a sister, Catherine Obenour of Hickory; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, John Brigich; and a granddaughter, Samantha Schulz. — MP

Eileen Filipponi

Owned Filipponi Dairy and News Store

Eileen "Babe" Filipponi, 69, of Canonsburg, formerly of Slovan, died Monday, July 26, 2004, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born April 14, 1935, in Francis Mine, a daughter of George and Rose Schrockman Mendak.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Filipponi and her husband owned and operated Filipponi Dairy and News Store in Slovan.

She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Burgettstown and Cameo Card Club.

She enjoyed cooking, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren and pets.

On June 25, 1958, in St. John Byzantine Catholic Church in Avella, she married Felix Filipponi, who died August 6, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Rudolph of Hookstown and Ronald Filipponi of Loxahatchee, Fla.; three daughters, Felicia Morgan of Washington, Beth Filipponi of Pasadena, Calif., and Diane Eannace of Canonsburg; and seven grandchildren, Jonathan, Bryan, Jordan and Erin Filipponi, Domenic and Dante Eannace and Jayde Eileen Morgan.

Deceased are two brothers, Joseph and Harry Mendak; and two sisters, Stephanie Yazevac and Josephine Mendak.

in Our Lady of Lourdes

John R. Cunningham

WWII veteran was lifelong Burgettstown resident

John R. (Jack) Cunningham, 79, a lifelong resident of Burgettstown, died Friday, July 23, 2004, after an extended stay in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born July 27, 1924, in Burgettstown, a son of Phil S. and Carolyn Richey Gray.

Mr. Cunningham was 1942 graduate of Union High School in Burgettstown.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery 287 Observation Battalion in the South Pacific.

Mr. Cunningham was past president of Burgettstown Senior Citizens and active in the Meals on Wheels program. He was past master of Richard Vaux Lodge 454, F&AM; and past commander and life member of American Legion Post 698 in Burgettstown.

He was a member and elder in Burgettstown Presbyterian Church.

On March 13, 1944, he married Hazel Cunningham, who survives and with whom he celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cheryl Hulick of Burgettstown and Shauna Hartman of Reading; three grandchildren, Stevan John Hulick and Alexie and Nicole Hartman; a great-grandson; and a sister, Phyllis Gray McElhaney of Selbyville, Del. — G

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Member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, McDonald

Margaret Petrosky, 93, of McDonald, died Monday, July 19, 2004, in Beverly Health Care, Mt. Lebanon Manor.

She was born January 9, 1911, in McDonald, a daughter of Phillip and Margaret Rummeler Lauff.

Mrs. Petrosky was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, McDonald.

She retired from Pittsburgh Plate and Glass (PPG) in New Kensington.

Her husband, Joseph Petrosky, died March 11, 1984.

Surviving are a sister, Emma Grant of Midway; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are five brothers, John, Frank, Phillip, Joseph and Nick Lauff; and five sisters, Jenny Maga, Leah Palmer, Anne Shotton, Elizabeth Bozic and Josephine Lauff. RR

Gary H. Almo

Western Center, Mayview employee from Eighty Four

Gary H. Almo, 51, of Eighty Four, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born January 17, 1953, in Canonsburg, a son of Elizabeth Stevens Almo of Meadow Lands and the late Herman Almo.

Mr. Almo was a 1971 graduate of Chartiers-Houston High School.

He worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 29 years.

On June 3, 1978, he married Nina Scaers, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are a son, Patrick W. Almo of Washington; and two grandsons, Logan Dakota and Lee Herman Almo. WF

Mary Louise Marley

Member of Ladies Auxiliary of Cecil Fire Company 3

Mary Louise Marley, 76, of Cecil Township, died Saturday, July 17, 2004, in IHS Greenery of Canonsburg.

She was born February 22, 1928, in Soissons, France, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Lerucur.

Mrs. Marley had been a resident of Cecil Township for 58 years.

Her husband, Lawrence (Larry) Marley, died April 27, 2004.

Surviving are three sons, Larry Marley of Cecil, Bill Marley of Waynesburg and Denny Marley of McKees Rocks; six grandchildren, Larry Jr., Brian, Bill Jr., Stacey, Amber and Tina Marley; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters living in France. V

Bertha Csuhata

Avella resident enjoyed gardening

Bertha Csuhata, 76, of Avella, formerly of Hickory and Cecil, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born June 15, 1927, in Cecil, a daughter of George and Mary Elizabeth Mitchell Eckels.

Mrs. Csuhata was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking, sewing and gardening.

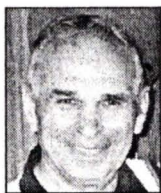
Her husband, Mike Csuhata, died September 28, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandra Brezinski of Washington and Carol Hoeflich of Avella; a son, Mike John Csuhata of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Dene Newbauer of Seattle, Wash.; three brothers, William Eckels of Jackson, Miss., and Robert (Bob) and George Eckels, both of Cecil; five grandchildren, Michael Csuhata, Connie Snedeker, Laura Porter, Gretchen Fuller and Jonathan Hoeflich; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are three sisters, Mary Cherry, Sadie Powell and Margaret Plute; and two brothers, Henry and John Eckels. WF

Melvin Leroy White

U.S. Army vet was retired truck driver for Judson Wiley & Sons



Melvin Leroy "Whitey" White, 67, of Washington, died Monday, August 2, 2004, in Washington Hospital, following a two-year illness.

He was born December 5, 1936, in Claysville, a son of Charles Robert and Ellen Gertrude Longstreath White.

On June 15, 1973, he married Julie May Headley, who survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David Leroy and Margaret White of Washington; two daughters and son-in-laws, Tami Jo and Charles Sr. Rogers of Washington and Tena Rae and Jim Harding of Bentleyville; four brothers, John William, Donald Wayne and Delbert Dean White, all of Claysville, and Paul James White of Taylorstown; a step-brother, Robert White of Elyria, Ohio; two sisters, Carol Camp of Claysville and Mary Jane Martin of Washington; five grandchildren, Charles Roy Rogers Jr., Jamie and Jason Harding and Heather and Rachel White.

Deceased are a grandson, Justin Daniel Rogers; a brother, Wray White; a sister, Jean Sprowls; and a step-brother, Bill White, who also died August 2, 2004. CL

Albert N. Bier

Owned and operated trucking business

Albert N. Bier, 68, of McMurray, died Wednesday, July 28, 2004, in Horizon Senior Care, Canonsburg.

He was born August 16, 1935, in Pittsburgh, a son of Stanley Dennis and Susan Clingan Bier.

Mr. Bier was a 1953 graduate of Bethel High School.

He owned and operated a trucking business. After retiring, he worked with his sons at A&S Landscaping Co.

He was a member of Canonsburg Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Lodge 846.

On December 17, 1959, he married Helen Rose Pugliano, who died October 29, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Connie Bier; two sons, Albert and Scott Bier; five grandchildren, Ryan, Justin, Jacob, Jessie and Austin; a brother, Carl Bier of the state of California; and two sisters, Mary Ann Smith of Maryland and Doris Simmons of Virginia. WF

Hilda M. Braxton

McDonald woman was loving wife and mother

Hilda M. Braxton of McDonald died Sunday, August 1, 2004.

She was a daughter of the late Babe and Louvenia Merman Celestine.

Mrs. Braxton was the beloved wife of the late Edward A. Braxton Sr. and was the loving mother of Celestine Braxton of McDonald and the late Andrew and Edward A. Braxton Jr.

Surviving, in addition to her daughter, is a grandson, Michael Braxton. RR

Stephen Bresnay Jr.

Member of McDonald VFW Post 567 was retired steelworker

Stephen Bresnay Jr., 57, of McDonald, died Saturday, August 7, 2004, in VA Medical Center, Aspinwall.

He was born June 28, 1947, in Canonsburg, a son of Stephen Bresnay Sr. of McDonald and the late Marie V. Crane Bresnay.

Surviving, in addition to his father, is his wife, Denise A. Klink of McDonald; two sons, Stephen Bresnay III and his wife, Michelle, of Oakdale and Michael Bresnay of McDonald; a sister, Brandi L. Bresnay and her husband, Jeffrey A. Bowland, of McDonald; and two grandchildren, Alyssa M. and Zachary J. Bresnay. RR

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Carole Ann Gongaware

Worked for Bobbie Brooks, co-owned C&G Industries



Carole Ann Gongaware, 57, of Washington, died Wednesday, July 28, 2004, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, following a three-month illness.

She was born December 24, 1946, in Washington, a daughter of George and Helen Mackey Loughman.

Surviving are two daughters, Jamie and Courtney Gongaware, both of Washington; a son, Blaze Gongaware of Washington; and a granddaughter, Sierra Glendenning.

Deceased is a sister, Connie Seibel. NB

Edmund Pelc

Worked for Local 66 Operating Engineers, Consolidation Coal

Edmund Pelc, 84, of McDonald, died unexpectedly Saturday, July 31, 2004, in his home.

He was born November 4, 1919, in McKees Rocks, a son of Frank and Stephania Marek Pelc.

Mr. Pelc worked for and was a member of Operating Engineers Local 66. He also worked as a dragline oiler for Consolidation Coal Co., where he retired in 1976.

On September 4, 1948, he married Rose Sowizral, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Stephen M. Pelc of McDonald and Richard E. Pelc of Leesburg, Va.; and four grandchildren, Geoffrey, Jason, Robert and Stephanie Pelc.

Deceased are a brother, Edward Walter Pelc; and a sister, Stella Macock. RR

Ida Joan Saut Haney

Member of Canonsburg Senior Citizens enjoyed dancing

Ida Joan Saut Haney, 91, of Canonsburg, formerly of Cecil, died Tuesday, August 3, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born February 8, 1913, in Canton, Ohio, a daughter of Joseph and Filomena DeSantis.

Her first husband, Alex Saut, died in 1980.

Her second husband, Corliss Haney, died in 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Sr. and Ronald Saut, both of Cecil; six grandchildren, Michele Colussy, Robert Jr., Rene Jean, Richard and Randy Saut and Rhonda Tregay; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Joan Saut, is deceased. V

Patsy Robert DeVuono

*Owner and operator of
DeVuono Asphalt Paving Co.*

Patsy Robert DeVuono, 67, of Slovan, Smith Township, died Saturday, August 14, 2004, in Beverly Health Care, Canonsburg.

He was born February 2, 1937, in Bulger, a son of Patsy and Rose Brun DeVuono.

Mr. DeVuono was the owner and operator of DeVuono Asphalt Paving Co. in Burgettstown.

His wife, Mary Guiddy DeVuono, whom he married October 11, 1954, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Brenda Bentz of Slovan and Toni DeVuono of Ohio; four grandchildren, Nicholas and Leanne Bentz, Mike Serish and Cassi Ballinger.

Deceased is a brother, Frank DeVuono.

Mary Ann Elias Polasky

*Homemaker was member
of Chartiers Hill U.P. Church*



Mary Ann Elias Polasky, 85, of Canonsburg, died Sunday, August 15, 2004, in Country Meadows, Bridgeville.

She was born May 20, 1919, in Washington, a daughter of Abraham and Anna Moses Elias.

On February 13, 1942, she married Paul J. Polasky, who died September 4, 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Paul Polasky of Washington and Robert A. Polasky of Bridgeville; three brothers, Nasime and James Elias, both of Washington, and Michael Elias of Trafford; five grandchildren, Nicholas, David, Aram, Jacob and Ariann Polasky; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Lois McBride and Sarah Higginbotham. **HC**

Robert N. Bush

Teledyne-Columbia retiree

Robert N. Bush, 73, of McDonald, died Thursday, August 12, 2004, in his home.

He was born April 2, 1931, in McDonald, a son of John Edward and Eva Ragland Bush.

His wife, Elizabeth Washington "Tootsie" Baker Bush of Washington, survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Barbara King of Bridgeville and Mildred Fletcher of Pittsburgh; three stepchildren; a sister-in-law; a brother-in-law; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers and five sisters. **RR**

Harry Ceyrolles Jr.

*McDonald crane operator
was WWII Navy veteran*

Harry Ceyrolles Jr., 82, of McDonald, died Thursday, August 12, 2004, in his home.

He was born July 16, 1922, in Imperial, a son of Harry Sr. and Margaret Morrison Ceyrolles.

Mr. Ceyrolles was a crane operator employed by Local 66 Operating Engineers for 47 years, retiring in 1989.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Stevenson D645.

Mr. Ceyrolles was a member of McDonald Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 567 and American Legion Post 485 of McDonald.

On February 21, 1948, he married Mary Julia Wasik Ceyrolles, who died September 8, 1988.

His special friend was Margie Kwiatkowski of Lawrenceville.

Surviving are four daughters, Peggy A. Nagy and Shirley M. Brackman, both of McDonald, and Donna M. Casey and Diana L. Hawkins, both of Crown Point, Ind.; two brothers, William and James Ceyrolles, both of Neville Island; a sister, Alice Massaro of Akron, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, John and Gabriel Ceyrolles; and four sisters, Mary Hahn, Caroline Webster, Lucille Nelson and Evelyn Jula. **RR**

Ralph R. Mull

*Faithful member of Venice
Presbyterian Church*

Ralph R. Mull, 84, of Cecil Township, died Tuesday, August 10, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born March 7, 1920, in Westland, a son of William and Lila Fisher Mull.

Mr. Mull retired from Pennsylvania Transformers in Canonsburg in 1985.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Houston American Legion Post 902.

On March 5, 1949, he married Catherine Dubrosky, who survives. Together they had celebrated 55 years of marriage.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cathy R. Mull of Crafton and Mary Lou (Jerry) Orbin of Cecil Township; two grandchildren, Christopher and Amanda Orbin; and two sisters, Mary Mull and Lila Wagner, both of Canonsburg.

Deceased are a daughter, Margaret Lila Mull; a sister, Margaret Mull; and six brothers, William, David, George Mull and Robert, Frank and Harry Atchison. **V**

Gail H. Droz Cooper

*Member of Oakdale United
Presbyterian Church, Oakdale*

Gail H. Droz Cooper, 94, of Conneaut Lake, formerly of Oakdale, died Sunday, August 1, 2004, in Mariner Health Care, Moon Township.

She was born January 29, 1910, in Ambridge, a daughter of Fred and Mary Cecilia Barr Droz.

Mrs. Cooper was a member of Oakdale United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mertie Little of Florida and Carol Gamble of Moon Township; four sons, James, Joseph, Douglas and Jeffery Cooper, all of Conneaut; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, are her husband, Gleason E. Cooper; a sister; and three brothers. **RR**

Ralph John Hunter

*Member of Grove U.P. Church
was Haddad and Brooks retiree*



Ralph John Hunter, 98, of Washington, died at 11:42 a.m. Sunday, August 15, 2004, in Kade Nursing Home,

following a two-year illness.

He was born May 17, 1906, in West Finley Township, Washington County, a son of John Hanna and Rebecca Winters Hunter.

Mr. Hunter was a member of Grove United Presbyterian Church of West Middletown, where he was an elder for 66 years.

He attended Penn State College and had been a farmer. He also drilled and leased oil and gas wells. He retired from Haddad and Brooks in 1984.

In 1929, Mr. Hunter placed first in a dairy-judging team in Ohio County, W.Va., and went on to Milwaukee, Wis., where he judged cattle, was first in judging Guernsey cattle and received a gold medal. He also showed cattle and sheep at Washington County Fairs.

On May 29, 1937, he married Eleanor Louise North, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Duane Hunter of Mechanicsville, Va.; two daughters, Angela Hunter of Avela and Elizabeth Shultz of Salem, Wis.; and five grandchildren, Vicki Lis, Heidi and Randall Shultz, and Heather and Dustin Hunter.

Deceased are two brothers, Robert and Garrett Hunter; and four sisters, Lillian Sampson, Eudora Hunter, Gladys Gittings and Margaret Pollock. **WA**

Richard D. Atchison

*Worked at Findlay Clay,
Mac Plastics*

Richard D. Atchison, 66, of Washington, died unexpectedly Thursday, August 5, 2004, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born June 11, 1938, in Westland, a son of Frank and Hazel Emery Atchison.

Mr. Atchison worked at Findlay Clay and Mac Plastics.

On December 5, 1958, he married Nellie M. Loar, who died December 2, 1999.

He made his home with Mary Mayle.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty Burgan of Bentleyville; a stepdaughter, Patty Semple of Canonsburg; a stepson, Dave Southard of Washington; two brothers, Thomas and Robert Atchison, both of Washington; a sister, Mary Ann Hughey of Bentleyville; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a brother, William Atchison; a son, Richard Atchison; a stepson, Donald Southard; and a great-grandchild. **FL**

Margaret A. Rettinger

*McDonald woman was active
in auxiliaries and clubs*

Margaret A. Rettinger, 87, of McDonald, died Tuesday, August 3, 2004, in her daughter's home in Greensboro, N.C.

She was born December 21, 1916, in Brentwood, a daughter of Everett and Margaret Koeffler Wilson.

On March 17, 1938, she married Edward J. Rettinger, who died June 21, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Edward David Rettinger of North Kingsville, Ohio, and William J. Rettinger of Coral Springs, Fla.; five daughters, Mary Ann Barnes of Greensboro, N.C., Dona Lynn Miller of Dunedin, Fla., Margaret Dallapiazza of McDonald, Kathleen McCombs of Waco, Texas, and Gayle Cunningham of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; three brothers, Donald C. Wilson of Pittsburgh, David C. Wilson of Bethel Park and Walter C. Wilson of Pleasant Hills; two sisters, Mary Agnes Dold of Aliquippa and Anna Mae Walker of Morrisdale; 22 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Charles E. Rettinger; a brother, George E. Wilson; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild. **RR**

Charles E. Mahan

West Alexander construction superintendent

Charles E. Mahan, 61, of West Alexander, died at 1:55 a.m. Monday, August 9, 2004, in his home.

He was born May 19, 1943, in Washington, a son of the late Charles Burdette Mahan and Mildred Raymer Mahan Bedillion. He resided in the Donegal Township and West Alexander areas all his life.

On November 2, 1989, he married Joyce Ann Hewitt Mahan, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Kandy and Michael Dunn of Cameron, W.Va., Ginger and Mitchell Arbogast of Cameron and Mary Ann and D.J. Duff of West Alexander; seven grandchildren, Clifford, Cinnamon and Jasper Arbogast, Chandra and Jared Dunn, Jim and Beth Ann Duff; a brother, Gary Mahan of Wheeling, W.Va.; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Theda and Lonnie Church of Triadelphia, W.Va., Rose and Voyne Omph of Columbia Station, Ohio, Patty and Clifford Sr. Fordyce of West Alexander, and Kay and Bill Dillie of Claysville; two stepsisters, Mary Jane Bedillion Boyle and her husband, Don, of Claysville and Ruth Bedillion Dorsey and her husband, Vance, of East Finley; and two stepbrothers, Lee Bedillion and his wife, Shirley, of West Alexander and Ernie Bedillion and his wife, Sandy, of East Finley.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Claysville Christian Church, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 12, with the Rev. Meade Lacock officiating. Interment will follow in West Finley Cemetery. The family suggests

John J. Demo

Postal Service employee

John J. Demo, 93, of Bulger, died Friday, August 20, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born May 30, 1911, in Russelton, a son of Andrew and Helen Kudj Demo.

Mr. Demo was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service, where he received several superior accomplishment awards.

Mr. Demo was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 15040 in Large and St. Ann Roman Catholic Church in Bulger.

On July 7, 1956, he married Marguerite Freville, who died May 7, 2000.

Surviving are four nieces and five nephews; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Michael F. Dimun; and a sister, Ann Jacanin.

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Maurice J. Dellenbaugh

WWII vet was retired from Weirton Steel Corp.

Maurice J. "Moe" Dellenbaugh, 84, of Eldersville, died Sunday, August 15, 2004, in his home.

He was born October 2, 1919, in Sturgeon, a son of John and Josephine Deleuce Dellenbaugh.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Dellenbaugh worked for Weirton Steel Corp.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Burgettstown.

Surviving are three sisters, Norma Paul, Anna May Delich and Leona May, all of Eldersville; a stepson, Charles Jackson of Los Angeles, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Lorraine Goodman of Weirton, W.Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are his wife, Thelma Jackson Dellenbaugh; a son, Maurice Dellenbaugh Jr.; and a sister, Bertha Thomas. **BE**

Lois McCreary Ahwesh

Presbyterian Home volunteer was nurse for C-M schools

Lois McCreary Ahwesh, 83, of Strabane Trails Village, formerly of Canonsburg, died on her birthday, Tuesday, August 10, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born August 10, 1921, in Morning Sun, Ohio, a daughter of Homer Wilson and Martha Burnside McCreary.

Mrs. Ahwesh graduated from University of Cincinnati with a degree in nursing. Before retiring, she worked as a school nurse in Canon-McMillan School District.

On November 26, 1944, she married Philip Ahwesh, who died February 5, 2004.

Surviving are three sons, David Ahwesh of Charlotte, N.C., Michael Ahwesh of Oakdale and Philip Ahwesh of Bethel Park; two daughters, Lynn Ahwesh Thieblemont of Camp Hill and Peggy Ahwesh of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a brother, Reid McCreary of Oxford, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Pete, Amanda, Sam, Monica, Jennie and Philip Ahwesh and Homer Briggs; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 p.m. Friday in Sollon Funeral Home Ltd., 30 East College Street, Canonsburg, J. David Sollon, supervisor, where services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, August 13, with the Rev. Donald Austin, pastor of Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church, officiating. Personal

Roy Toland

PENNDOT retiree formerly of Claysville

Roy L. Toland, 87, formerly of Claysville, died Tuesday, August 10, 2004, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born May 11, 1917, in Marshall County, W.Va., a son of Wilse Henry and Cora Huff Toland.

Prior to retiring, Mr. Toland was an equipment operator for Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

He enjoyed playing country western music on violin, guitar and piano; horseback riding; and hunting.

On September 13, 1935, he married Lois Z. Dillie, who died September 29, 1979.

Surviving are a two sons, Wilbur J. "Web" Toland of Washington and Delmar L. Toland of Bakers Station; two daughters, Zuleika Isabelle Atchison and Linda Cumer, both of Washington; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three brothers, six sisters, a grandson and a great-grandson.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Hummel and Barnhill Memorial Chapel, 350 West Chestnut Street, Washington, where services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, August 13, with the Rev. Mary J. Sprowls officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. View Cemetery, Dallas.

Joseph S. Zawacki Jr.

WWII vet worked for J&L Steel and operated family farm

Joseph S. Zawacki Jr., 78, of McDonald, died Sunday, August 15, 2004, in Greenery Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, North Strabane Township.

He was born December 4, 1925, in McDonald, a son of Joseph S. Sr. and Agnes "Busha" Verneck Zawacki.

Mr. Zawacki worked in the furnace department of J&L Steel for 33 years, during which time he also operated the family farm.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys Morrison Zawacki of McDonald; three sons, Joseph S. Zawacki III of Imperial, Arthur Zawacki of McDonald and James M. Zawacki of Washington; a daughter, Patricia Ann Zawacki of McDonald; five grandchildren, Jamie, James Jr., Joseph IV, Tracy and Amy Zawacki; and three great-grandchildren, Tyler, Joshua and Austin Zawacki.

Deceased are a brother, John; and two sisters, Julie Koloczynski and Mary Striker. **RR**

Edna Mary Phillips

Midway homemaker was a member of Center U.P. Church

Edna Mary Phillips, 90, of Midway, died Friday, August 13, 2004, in Manor Care Health Services, Peters Township.

She was born June 21, 1914, in Midway, a daughter of William and Mary Eft Daudet.

Mrs. Phillips was a homemaker.

She was a member of Center United Presbyterian Church of Midway and Midway Senior Citizens.

On March 10, 1938, she married Robert E. Phillips, who died September 25, 1981.

Surviving are a son, William R. Phillips of Wexford; a daughter, Karen Bartosh of Midway; two brothers, Howard and James Daudet, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Ruth Mumper of Midway; five grandchildren, William M. Phillips, Ronald and Randy Bartosh and Paul and Amanda Funnaro; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, John and George Daudet; and a sister, Esther Hornack.

Alvin Emery Ford

Heavy equipment operator served in Air Force



Alvin Emery Ford, 82, of Waynesburg, formerly of Washington, died Wednesday, August 18, 2004, in Rolling Meadows

Long Care Nursing Home, Waynesburg, where he had been a patient since January.

He was born July 3, 1922, in Eighty Four, a son of Samuel Maurice and Laura Smith Ford.

Mr. Ford was a 1942 graduate of Trinity High School and served with the 9th Air Force from 1942 until 1945, participating in five European campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

In 1982, he retired from Columbia Gas Distribution Center after 32 years as a heavy equipment operator.

On July 5, 1945, he married Helen Edna Mounts, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Alvin Randolph (Randy) Ford and Gary Lynn Ford, both of Lone Pine; two brothers, Kenneth Ford of Waynesboro, Va., and Paul Ford of Eighty Four; five grandchildren, Thomas Ford, Lori Ann Pentland and Andrew Ford, all of Washington, and Ginger Ford and Troy Smith, both of Waynesburg; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, Carl Emery Ford; four brothers; and two sisters. **CL**

Karen Elaine Hunter

Member of Christian
Missionary Alliance Church



Karen Elaine Hunter, 59, of Washington, died at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 25, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington, following a lengthy illness.

She was born March 31, 1945, in Washington, a daughter of Ralph Sr. and Klova Hunt Vorhes.

Mrs. Hunter graduated from Avella High School in 1963 and attended Fort Wayne Bible College for one year.

On November 24, 1972, she married John Leroy (Lee) Hunter, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Ronald L. and Mark E. Hunter, both of Carnegie, James D. and John R. Hunter, husband of Julee, both at home; four brothers, Ralph Vorhes of Carlisle, Blaine Vorhes of Hickory, Edison Vorhes of Buffalo Village and David Vorhes of Chambersburg; two sisters, Charolette Schimansky and Norma Jean Vankirk, both of Washington; and several nieces and nephews. **WM**

Ashley Kay Bruce

Avella High School honor
student, active in music and art



Ashley Kay Bruce, 17, of Avella, died Saturday, August 21, 2004, in Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, following a lengthy illness.

She was born June 22, 1987, in Washington, a daughter of Donald L. Jr. and Sandra Forney Bruce of Avella.

Ashley was a senior at Avella High School, where she was active in marching band, concert band,

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are her maternal grandparents, James A. and Delilah Forney of Washington; her paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Bruce of Washington; her paternal great-grandfather, Harry Keeler of Washington; a brother, Joel J. Halmi of Pittsburgh; two sisters, Rachel L. Halmi of Pittsburgh and Christy Bruce of McCandless Township; a nephew, Chaz Bruce; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Additional information was received for the obituary of John J. Demo, published Saturday. Deceased are two sisters, Mary Hesick and Jules Jugan. Memorial donations may be made to Donnell House, Leet Street, Washington.

Shirlee A. Stollar

Teacher's aide at McGuffey
elementary schools

Shirlee A. Stollar, 59, of West Alexander, died Monday, August 23, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born January 13, 1945, in Wheeling, W. Va., a daughter of Elizabeth Berberich Minch of Claysville and the late Alfred Minch.

On September 6, 1963, in Winchester, Va., she married William E. Stollar, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Michael W. Stollar of Louisiana; a daughter, Laurel A. Stollar of West Alexander; two sisters, Jackie DeGarmo and Margie Newman, both of Washington; four grandchildren, Hailee and Justin Richards, and Chelsea and Ainsley Stollar; and several nieces and nephews. **WA**

Arthur A. Bershok

Member of St. Patrick Church,
Canonsburg

Arthur A. Bershok, 66, of Canonsburg, died Thursday, September 2, 2004, in St. Clair Memorial Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

He was born May 30, 1938, in McKeesport, a son of Peter Bershok of McDonald and the late Helen Bershok.

On December 30, 1961, he married Ruth Ann Wagner, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert Bershok of Shelby, Ohio, and Randy and Allen Bershok, both of Canonsburg; two daughters, Elizabeth Bershok Bakaitus of Bridgeville and Rhonda Bershok of Aurora, Colo.; a brother, Russell Bershok of McDonald; and six grandchildren, Randy, Matthew and Adam Bershok, Jeanette Bershok Ames, Kyle Bershok Ames and James Anderson.

Deceased is a grandson, Brian Bershok. **FL**

Margaret L. Donaldson

Born in Canonsburg

Margaret L. (Peggy) Donaldson of Pittsburgh (Oakland), formerly of Canonsburg, died August 24, 2004, in Shadyside Hospital.

She was born July 12, 1922, in Canonsburg.

Miss Donaldson was a college administrator.

She was a daughter of D. Halsey and Alice G. Donaldson.

Surviving are a brother, David H. Donaldson, M.D., and a sister, Gretchen G. Donaldson, J.D.

Deceased is a sister, Elizabeth F. Donaldson. **OS**

A.J. Spanogians

WWII flight surgeon served as
community doctor for 53 years

Dr. Angelo J. Spanogians, 93, of Burgettstown, died peacefully in his home Wednesday, August 18, 2004.

He was born June 15, 1911, in Samos, Greece, a son of James and Rose Spanogians.

In 1922, Dr. Spanogians came to Burgettstown from Greece. He graduated from Union High School, Burgettstown, University of Pittsburgh and Georgetown University Medical School, Washington, D.C.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps in the China-Burma-India Theater as a flight surgeon. He was honorably discharged as a major.

He was a member of Richard Vaux Lodge 454 F&AM, Slovan Veterans of Foreign War and Burgettstown Lions Club, where he was named Citizen of the Year.

He served his community as a physician for 53 years, devoting his life to the care of hundreds and delivering countless babies.

He and his wife of 61 years, Frances Huber, were married July 31, 1943.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three sons and daughters-in-law, James G. and Elsie Spanogians, John M. and Kristin Spanogians and Christopher Angelo Spanogians; three daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela J. and Andrew Meilton, Victoria L. and Timothy Duran and Rebecca K. Allyn; 16 grandchildren, Jason, Jill, Sabrina, Allyson, Rob, Brian, Samuel, Daniel, Christy, Abigail, Andrea, Evan, David, Hali, Jennifer and Peter; two great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Jack; and two sisters, Mary Karakis and Despina Bikakis. **G**

Farley Brett Hunt

Shortwave radio operator
had a master's from Cal U.

Farley Brett Hunt, 42, of California, died Thursday, August 12, 2004.

He was born November 24, 1961, in Natrona Heights, a son of the Rev. Norman C. and the late Judith Brutout Hunt.

Surviving, in addition to his father, nephews and niece, are a beloved stepmother, Judy E. Hunt of California; his maternal grandmother, Belle Brutout of Charleroi; a brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Melissa Odgers of Hanahan, S.C.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Carrie and Mark Kennedy of Pennsauken, N.J., and Lisa and Jeff Buday of California; a great-niece, Alyssa Driegers; and numerous aunts and uncles. **WA**

Juliann Krezanosky Kalasky

Bethel Park woman taught
in Peters Township for 17 years

Juliann Krezanosky Kalasky, 92, of Bethel Park, died Monday, August 16, 2004, following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Morgan but was raised in Independence and Patterson Mills near Avella.

She graduated from Hickory High School with honors in 1932 and earned her teaching degree from Slippery Rock Normal School.

A public-school teacher for more than 33 years, Mrs. Kalasky taught in Cedar Grove, Patterson Mills, Morgan and Muse. In 1953, she began teaching eighth-grade English and social studies in Peters Township School District. She remained there until her retirement in 1970.

Surviving are two sons, Frank J. Kalasky Jr. of Sturgis, Mich., and Thomas L. Kalasky of Bethel Park; a daughter-in-law, Sarah Wetzel Kalasky; three grandchildren, Meghan Musloff of Chicago, Ill., Kate Kalasky of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Matthew Kalasky of Sturgis; a brother, Al Kress; and a sister-in-law, Emma Dranikoski of Cuddy.

Deceased are her parents, Thomas and Agatha Salones Krezanosky; her husband, Frank J. Kalasky Sr.; four brothers, Frank Kess and Louis, William and Thomas Krezanosky; and five sisters, Mary Casciola, Anne Mitkus, Veronica Gross, EvaLou Litvak and Alice Krezanosky.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Paul L. Henney Memorial Chapel, 5570 Library Road, Bethel Park. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at noon Thursday, August 19, in Holy Child Parish/St. Agatha Church, Bridgeville.

Fernal Pierson Jr.

Canon-Mac custodian was
St. Genevieve Church member

Fernal Pierson Jr., 77, of Canonsburg, died Friday, September 3, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born October 23, 1926, in McDonald, a son of Fernal Sr. and Mary Charlier Pierson.

On June 7, 1947, he married Betty Jane Land, who died December 10, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter, Rae Ann Boyle of Houston; two sons, Joseph Allan and David Arthur Pierson, both of Canonsburg; a sister, LaVerne Herron of Elyria, Ohio; a brother, Joseph Pierson of North Port Charlotte, Fla.; three grandchildren, Michele and Lisa Humphreys and Patrick Boyle; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased is an infant sister, Doris Mae Pierson. **RR**

Samuel S. Autrey

Sanitation engineer
from Canonsburg

Samuel S. Autrey, 61, of Canonsburg, died Monday, August 23, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born April 11, 1943, in Ohio, a son of the late Lonnie Autrey and Wayver Mae Lewis McClain.

Mr. Autrey worked as a sanitation engineer for Edmunds Trucking and Martin Trucking.

Surviving are a son, George Grayson of Washington; two sisters, Nancy Harris of Delaware and Theresa Mae McClain of Canonsburg; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, David McClain, is deceased. OS

Eleanor J. Fullick

McMurray resident was member
of Center Presbyterian Church



Eleanor J. Fullick, 89, of McMurray, died Monday, August 30, 2004, in her home.

She was born June 1, 1915, in Canonsburg, a daughter of John B. and Ella Buchanan Johnston.

Mrs. Fullick was a member of Center Presbyterian Church, McMurray.

She enjoyed needlepoint and crocheting.

On May 6, 1938, she married Clark Fullick, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, John Fullick and wife Maureen of West Haverstraw, N.Y.; three grandsons, Jonathon and wife Danielle, Christopher and Ryan Fullick; and a great-granddaughter, Katie Fullick. OS

Mary A. Moxon

Oakdale Boys Home counselor
from McMurray

Mary A. Moxon, 85, of McMurray, died Thursday, September 2, 2004.

She was born May 17, 1919, in Canonsburg, a daughter of John and Grace Hensel Morron.

Mrs. Moxon worked as a youth development counselor for Oakdale Boys Home and was an avid Pittsburgh Pirates fan.

On May 23, 1939, she married Joseph Moxon, who died April 30, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Moxon of McMurray; a son, John (Karen) Moxon of Cecil; a granddaughter, Amanda Moxon of Carrick; two sisters, Jeanne Ford of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jackie Mayer of Parma, Ohio. OS

John F. Monticello

Longtime employee
of Alex E. Paris Construction

John F. Monticello, 75, of Avella, died at 8:19 p.m. Saturday, August 28, 2004, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

He was born December 25, 1928, in Avella, a son of Peter and Stella Costello Monticello.

Mr. Monticello was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, Avella.

For 28 years, he worked for Alex E. Paris Construction Co. of Atlasburg, retiring in 1984.

On June 19, 1952, he married Anna Ghelfi, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Allen (Valorie) Pannett of Weirton and Kathleen Monticello of Avella; and two sisters, Jean Marcott of Avella and Katherine Marcott of Hickory.

Deceased are a son, Dennis John Monticello, who died August 15, 1971; three sisters, Margaret Zebrasky, Eleanor Monticello and Elizabeth Taczak; and three brothers, Peter, Julian and Harry Monticello. WP

Additional information was provided for the obituary of John F. Monticello, published in Monday's edition. Also deceased is a sister, Marie Romanetti. Two surviving sisters should have been listed as Jeanne and Kathryn Marcott.

Jesse Louis Park

Coen Oil retiree from Valley Grove

Jesse Louis "Parks" Park, 78, of Valley Grove, W.Va., died Thursday, September 2, 2004, in Wheeling (W.Va.) Hospital.

He was born December 13, 1925, in Valley Grove, a son of Jesse and Ruie Devine Park.

He was a 1943 graduate of Triadelphia (W.Va.) High School.

Mr. Park served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He retired from Coen Oil in Washington after 45 years and was a lifelong farmer.

Mr. Park was a member of American Legion Post 656, West Alexander, and enjoyed bowling and playing dartball and golf.

On December 31, 1945, in Clairton, he married Betty V. (Pat) Pattison, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robert L. (Barbara) Park of Valley Grove; two daughters, Debra L. (Jim) Plummer and Patricia A. (Scott) Paetzold, both of Mount Olivet, Wheeling; a sister, Eleanor West of Avella; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Minnie Craig and Helen Peacock. WA

Anthony Silvio Capozzi

Custodian at Friendship Village

Anthony Silvio Capozzi, 73, of Washington, formerly of Canonsburg, died Thursday, August 26, 2004, in Neads Personal Care Home, Claysville.

He was born July 6, 1931, in Canonsburg, a son of John Leonard and Ermelinta Pastore Capozzi.

Mr. Capozzi attended First Ward School and Canonsburg High School.

He enlisted and served in the Army Air Force from 1955 to 1957.

He worked many years as a custodian at Friendship Village and South Hills Village, both in Upper St. Clair.

On September 5, 1976, he married Daryl Hallam, formerly of Greentree, who survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Emily Capozzi Smith, of Canonsburg; and eight nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Concetta Capuano; and a brother, John Vincent Capuano. OS

Paul J. McCloud

Foreman for Wagner
Development of Coraopolis

Paul J. McCloud, 43, of McDonald, died Saturday, September 4, 2004, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born March 23, 1961, in Washington, a son of Lois Keplinger McCloud of McDonald and the late Thomas Edward McCloud.

Mr. McCloud was a 1981 Fort Cherry High School graduate.

He was a foreman for Wagner Development, Coraopolis, and attended Noblestown United Presbyterian Church.

On September 14, 1996, he married Sandra Kovach, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Julia R. McCloud; two brothers, Thomas E. McCloud Jr. of McDonald and Kenneth (Gwen) McCloud of Burgettstown; three sisters, Diana (Robert) Eisel of Canonsburg, Karen (Lawrence) Kelly of Amity and Donna McCloud of McDonald; his father and mother-in-law, Gilbert and Elsie Kovach of McDonald; a brother-in-law, Timothy (Kimberly) Kovach of McDonald; two sisters-in-law, Patricia (Dayne) Crowley of McDonald and Jennifer (Christopher) Goodwin of Weirton, W.Va.; and 10 nieces and nephews. RR

William C. Ringling

Washington resident
was born in Pittsburgh

William C. Ringling, 60, of Washington, died Thursday, September 16, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born November 23, 1943, in Pittsburgh, a son of John and Louise Ringling.

On August 17, 1964, he married Alberta (Pearl) Muscovitch, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, William Joseph Ringling of Las Vegas, Nev., Brian David Ringling of Canonsburg and Jay Lee Ringling of Houston; two daughters, Tracy Lynn Winfield of Washington and Tina Marie Moyer of Cuddy; nine grandchildren; and two sisters, Jackie Ringling of Ohio and Linda Nagy of Finleyville. WF

Mary E. Sprowls

Longtime Brockway Glass-Libby
Owens Ford employee

Mary E. "Libby" Sprowls, 80, of Alum Creek, W.Va., died Saturday, September 4, 2004, in CAMC Memorial Hospital, Charleston, W.Va.

She was retired from Brockway Glass-Libby Owens Ford, Washington, with 42 years of service.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Lady Hogue Rebekah Lodge 102 IOOF of Washington.

Surviving are her special family, Jeff, Charlene, Justin and Cristina Ray, all of Alum Creek, W.Va.

Deceased are her parents, John and Elizabeth Sprowls; and a brother, Vincent Sprowls. CL

Joseph Floyd Robson

Giant Eagle employee



Joseph Floyd Robson, 54, of Washington, died Sunday, September 12, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born March 7, 1950, in Imperial, a son of the late Joseph and Lena Marie Hootman Robson.

Mr. Robson was a 1969 graduate of West Allegheny High School and worked in the maintenance department at Giant Eagle.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting. His companion of eight years was Laura.

Surviving are two daughters, Jennifer Robson of Florida and Tina Robson of Canonsburg; two brothers, Russell and Ralph Robson, both of Imperial; a sister, Janice Kanish of Robinson Township; and four grandchildren. RO

Robert R. Cowden

Board member for county fair
worked as truck driver



Robert R. Cowden, 79, of Avella, died at 1:10 a.m. Thursday, September 16, 2004, in Washington Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born February 19, 1925, in Hickory, a son of Robert Thompson and Mina Rumbaugh Cowden.

Mr. Cowden worked as a truck driver for Mill Service Inc. for 30 years. He was formerly a self-employed truck driver, hauling steel from Washington to Chicago.

He was a member of Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Cowden was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the invasion of Normandy during World War II. Mr. Cowden received the European Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal.

On August 20, 1947, he married Lois Lee, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Leslie Danley of Avella; two brothers, Ernest Cowden of Hickory and Paul E. Cowden of Houston; three sisters, Virginia Hudak of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Nova Jones and Florence Masteller, both of Pittsburgh; and three grandchildren, Sgt. Beth Ann Colvin, Tim Danley and Robert John Cowden.

Deceased are two sons, Rodney Alan and Kenneth Cowden; a grandson, Joshua Miller; and a brother, Wayne L. Cowden. **UP**

John William Durfee

Tow truck driver
from Claysville

John William Durfee, 49, of Claysville, formerly of Mt. Lebanon and Beechview, died Wednesday, September 15, 2004, in his home.

He was born May 18, 1955, in Cleveland, Ohio, a son of John Pierce II and Suzanne Cavanaugh Durfee of Mt. Lebanon.

He made his home with his fiancée, Marcia Read of Claysville.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a son, William Durfee, and two daughters, Janelle and Daniëlle Durfee, all of Clinton; a brother, Peter C. Durfee of Columbus, Ohio; and two sisters, Linda D. Sakmar of Madison, Conn., and Marcia D. Reed of East Hampton, N.Y. He was previously married to Dawn Schoenbeger, who survives. **WA**

Frances Ellenor Dodd

Formerly employed
at Canonsburg greenhouse



Frances Ellenor "Red" Dodd, 76, of Canonsburg, died at 2:45 a.m. Monday, September 6, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital. She had been ill since July 9, 2000, since suffering a stroke.

She was born October 20, 1927, in Washington County, a daughter of Harry K. and Alice Grimes Ullom.

Mrs. Dodd was a member of South Canonsburg Church.

On March 4, 1947, she married Daniel Wellington Dodd, who died September 1, 1996.

Surviving are a son, Daniel W. Dodd Jr. and wife Bonnie of Canonsburg; two daughters, Hazel and her husband, Larry Donahue, of Sidney, Ohio, and Patricia and her husband, Steve Sevak, of Sulfur Springs, Ark.; a brother, James Ullom of Washington; three sisters, Betty J. Bower of Hickory, Shirley A. Gizzoni of Washington and Jean M. Dodd of Canonsburg; eight grandchildren, Larry and Karen Donahue, Heather, Leanna and Stephanie Sevak and Daniel III, Douglas and Dawna Dodd; and a great-granddaughter, Alana Dodd.

Deceased are two sisters, Ruth E. Roach and Geraldine Russell; and five brothers, Thomas R., George R., Harry K. Jr., William C. and Ova E. Ullom. **FL**

Corrected information was received for the obituary of Frances Ellenor Dodd, published Tuesday. The name of a sister, Shirley A. Gisoni, was misspelled.

Thomas Nicholas Ulrich

Owned High Ridge Dairy
in Bulger

Thomas Nicholas Ulrich, 56, of Bulger, died Saturday, September 11, 2004, in his home.

He was born October 12, 1947, in Bulger, a son of Betty Kramer Ulrich of Bulger and the late Nicholas Ulrich.

Mr. Ulrich was a 1965 graduate of Fort Cherry High School.

He was employed by Champion Processing Coal Co. and owned and operated High Ridge Dairy in Bulger.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Sandra Yamber Ulrich; two daughters, Bethany and Corrie Ulrich, and two sons, Thomas Jr. and Tyler Stephen Ulrich, all at home; two sisters, Betsy Bozic of McMurray and Martha Markivich of Bulger; and several nieces and nephews.

James A. Smith

Heavy-equipment operator and
veteran formerly of McDonald

James A. Smith, 58, of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, formerly of Ohio and McDonald, died Saturday, September 11, 2004, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born March 23, 1946, in Pittsburgh, a son of the late James A. Sr. and Clara Petel Smith.

A 1963 Fort Cherry High School graduate, he served in the U.S. Air Force and was an Operating Engineers Local 3 heavy-equipment operator in Honolulu, Hawaii.

On June 3, 1989, he married Dawn Jenkins, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Patrick Smith and wife Chrissandra of McDonald; three daughters, Ronnelle Boburka and husband John of Robinson Township, Amy Dunn and Terri Smith, both of Oakdale; seven grandchildren, Kristina, Stefanie, Gianna, Annamaria and Hallie Boburka and Payton and Brennon Smith; two brothers, Vern Smith of McDonald and Dale Smith of Bridgeville; and two sisters, Marion Jeannette of Midway and Lisa Speicher of McDonald; and several nieces and nephews.

Russell Dunkle

Russell Dunkle, 89, of Zephyrhills, Fla., formerly of Avella R.D.1, died at 1 p.m. Monday, October 30, 1989, in East Pasco Medical Center, Zephyrhills.

He was born August 21, 1900, a son of John H. and Etta Meloy Dunkle.

Mr. Dunkle was a farmer until his retirement and a member of Grove United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a nephew, Lloyd Dunkle of Zephyrhills; and two nieces, Mrs. Willard (Mary) Haney of Washington R.D.5 and Mrs. Van (Bonnie) Cowden of Hickory.

Deceased are a brother, Homer R. Dunkle; and a nephew, Donald Dunkle.

Burial was held at Chapel Hill Gardens.

Ann Marty

Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.
cashier enjoyed traveling

Ann Marty, 88, of Ford City, formerly of Pittsburgh, died Monday, September 13, 2004, in Sugar Creek Rest Home, Butler.

She was born May 16, 1916, in Rich Hill, a daughter of Peter and Lucy Krucika Moravosky.

Surviving are two sisters, Frances Scandola of Weirton, W.Va., and Pearl Harosky of Ford City; seven nieces and nephews; 13 great-nieces and -nephews; and five great-great-nieces and -nephews, who loved her dearly.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, are a brother, George Moravosky; and a sister, Mary Tepsic. **MP**

David W. Lemasters

West Virginia excavator
was Marine veteran

David W. Lemasters, 36, of Valley Grove, W.Va., died Sunday, September 12, 2004.

He was a self-employed excavator, a U.S. Marine veteran and a member of Viola Sportsman's Club.

Surviving are his wife, Christy L. Vdovjak Lemasters; his parents, Robert Lemasters and Barbara Shriver Lemasters, both of Valley Grove; a brother, Douglas James Lemasters of Valley Grove; two sisters, Michelle White of Glen Rose, Texas, and Pam Lemasters of Fort Worth, Texas; two nephews, D.J. and Dillon Lemasters; three nieces, Amanda Lemasters, Kelsey White and Hannah Muth; several aunts and uncles, including Susanne Shriver and Dan and Goldie Shriver, all of Valley Grove, Ron Shriver of Claysville, Boz and H.P. Shriver of Avella and Tom Shriver of Indiana state.

A brother, Robert Lemasters, died in April 1971. **WA**

Evelyn C. Fidler

50-year member
of Claysville UM Church

Evelyn C. Fidler, 85, of Claysville, died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, September 13, 2004, in her home after being in failing health for three months.

She was born April 13, 1919, in New Castle, a daughter of William and Grace Edmondson Warwick. She had resided in Washington prior to moving to the Claysville area in 1946.

Mrs. Fidler was a member of Claysville United Methodist Church for more than 50 years.

On February 17, 1940, she married James Alfred Fidler, who died April 12, 1973.

Surviving are two daughters, Grayce Klein and husband Robert of Claysville and Barbara Garden and husband Vince of Baldwinsville, N.Y.; a son, Richard J. Fidler and wife Mary McConn Fidler of West Alexander R.D.2; nine grandchildren, Mike and Mark Klein, Christopher and Kim Garden, Kerri Garden Izzo, Heather Fidler Boone, Jeanette and J.R. Fidler, and Christina Fidler Poggi; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Fred D. Fidler, who died July 30, 2002; two grandsons, James Earl (Jay) Fidler, who died July 3, 2001, and Keith Alan Fidler, who died in infancy July 26, 1978; a brother, James H. Warwick; and two sisters, Elizabeth Chamberlain and Christine Warwick. **CL**

Donna J. Klinger

First woman inductee in Union Hall of Fame

Donna J. Klinger, 67, of Canonsburg, died Monday, September 13, 2004, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

She was born July 29, 1937, in Canonsburg, a daughter of William Sr. and Pearl Loman Dixon.

Mrs. Klinger was a member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church, attended Chartiers Township schools, and retired as an activities aide for Washington County Health Center in July 1992 after 25 years.

A member of Washington-Greene Central Labor Council, Mrs. Klinger was a retired SEIU president, Local 585, and became the first woman Union Hall of Fame inductee in 1993.

On July 2, 1954, she married Robert F. Klinger Sr., who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert F. Klinger Jr. of Muse, Gary A. Klinger of Athens, Ohio, and Richard J. Klinger of Houston; three sisters, Bertha Golden and Dolores Young, both of Canonsburg and Judy Elliott of Eighty Four; and two brothers, Robert Dixon of Florida and Larry Dixon of Atlanta, Ga.

Andrew W. Cummins

Assistant district attorney was solicitor for Peters Township

Andrew W. Cummins, 94, of McMurray, died Wednesday, September 15, 2004, in his home.

He was born February 1, 1910, in Houston, a son of George and Rachel Peacock Cummins.

Mr. Cummins graduated from Dartmouth College in 1932. He received his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1935 and was a member of Washington County Bar Association since 1936.

He was admitted to practice in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, the Pennsylvania Superior Court and the Federal Court.

Surviving are his wife, Marian Becker Cummins; a daughter, Elizabeth Jollay of Richmond, Va.; two grandchildren, Marian O'Leary of Richmond and Dr. Samuel C. Dudley Jr. of Atlanta Ga.; a great-grandson, Nicholas Dudley; and a sister, Gladys McConnell.

Dorothy J. Frankovitch

Member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church

Dorothy J. Frankovitch, 86, of Strabane, died Saturday, September 25, 2004.

She was born January 28, 1918, in Houston, a daughter of Frank and Amelia Hoffer Frankovitch.

Surviving are a sister, Margaret Etherington of Frackville; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Paul Chesnik, Stanley Frankovitch and William Frankovitch; and two sisters, Evelyn Winseck and Angeline Skiddle. **OS**

Mary Olive Paul Dalton

Florida retiree and former nurse born in Hickory

Mary Olive Paul Dalton, 85, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Tuesday, September 28, 2004, in Shady Rest Care Pavilion, Fort Myers.

She was born September 14, 1919, in Hickory, a daughter of Vincent and Edna Paul.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas J. Dalton; two daughters, Lynn (Dale) and Anne (Oliver) Martin; two sons, Tom (Lois and children John and Lauren) and Jack; and a sister, Loraine (Boyd) Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mary Olive Paul Dalton Memorial Fund at Shady Rest Care Pavilion, 2310 North Airport Road, Fort Myers, FL 33907, where a memorial garden will be established.

George C. Powell Sr.

Operated Powell's Construction Co.

George C. Powell Sr., 83, of Washington, died Tuesday, September 21, 2004, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born March 21, 1921, in Washington, a son of William Dodd and Marie Fischer Powell.

Mr. Powell attended Trinity High School.

He was a self-employed custom home builder and stone mason, operating Powell's Construction Co. until his retirement in 1982.

Mr. Powell enjoyed gardening and hunting with his sons and grandsons.

On October 25, 1941, he married Agnes Young, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, James R. of Victorville, Calif., and George C. Jr. and Mark D. Powell, both of Washington; three daughters, Dolores J. Powell at home, Nancy K. Baures of Arcadia, Wis., and Sally Collins of Washington; five brothers, Tom of Lewistown, Mont., Bill of Salenas, Kan., Harry and Howard of Meadow Lands and Donald Powell of Eighty Four; four sisters, Jane Schusler of Houston, Elsie Dixon of Taylorstown, Margaret Berry of Canonsburg and Beverly Campbell of Hickory; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Jack, Jim and Richard Powell; a sister, Mary Lou Schurr; and a grandson, Stephen William Collins.

George F. Kearns

Member of Raccoon Presbyterian Church, Bulger

George F. Kearns, 73, of Bulger, died Monday, September 20, 2004, in his home.

He was born April 6, 1931, in Sistersville, W.Va., a son of Thomas Edward and Ella Davis Kearns.

Mr. Kearns was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member of Raccoon Presbyterian Church in Bulger.

On November 1, 1961, he married Jeannette Rose Dagan, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Randa Perko and Guen McCallister, both of Oakdale, and Penny Zielinski of Castle Shannon; a son, George F. Kearns of Langloth; a sister, Elizabeth Belz of North Hills; seven grandchildren, George Aten Jr., Natalie Perko, Leaha Morrida, Jacob and Kelsey McCallister, Ryan Fluharty and Iann Kearns.

A brother, Joseph Edward Kearns, is deceased. **R**

Nick Borovich

U.S. Army vet was retired from Shenango in Neville Island

Nick Borovich, 82, of Midway, died Friday, September 17, 2004, in his home.

He was born September 21, 1921, in McKinleyville, W.Va., a son of Joseph and Susan Borovich.

Mr. Borovich was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

After 42 years, he retired from Shenango, Neville Island, in 1982.

He enjoyed golfing, bingo, computer solitaire.

He was a member of USWA.

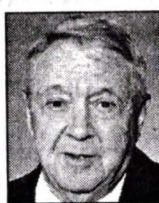
On February 21, 1976, he married Shirley Mae Augustine, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Pete and Jeffrey Borovich, both of Bulgar, and Daniel Borovich of Midway; two daughters, Constance Gilbert of Joppa, Md., and Judy Schmak of Clinton; a step-daughter, Susan Smith of Hanover Township; two sisters, Sophia Samanski of Midway and Marie Daidone of Florida; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Deceased are four brothers, Pete, Bert, Daniel and Samuel Borovich; and two sisters, Zora Busic and Bessie Smith. **RR**

Donald M. Scott

WWII veteran was retired Brockway Glass machinist



Donald M. Scott, 85, of Claysville, died at 6 a.m. Sunday, September 26, 2004, in his home, after being in failing health for several years.

He was born October 11, 1918, in Dunn Station, Morris Township, Washington County, a son of William Isaac and Cynthia Miller Scott.

Mr. Scott worked as a machinist for Brockway Glass Co. in Washington for 38 years before retiring in 1980.

On October 4, 1941, he married Margaret Jean Sprows, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Donald M. Jr., husband of Carol Morris Scott, and William R., husband of Sharon McDowell Scott, both of Washington, and Gary L., husband of Melody Armstrong Scott, and Randy L. Scott, both of Claysville; a daughter, Kathy, wife of Robert McAnallen II, of Prosperity; a brother, W. Paul Scott of Nineveh; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Gaylord, Glenn and Roy Scott; and a sister, Claire Ealy. **CL**

Stanley Paul Moore

Plumber, pipefitter and welder



Stanley Paul Moore, 64, of Washington, died at 5 a.m. Wednesday, September 15, 2004, in his home.

He had been ill

since January.

He was born February 2, 1940, in Pine Bank, a son of Myrtle Moore of Graysville and the late John Moore.

Mr. Moore was a member of Avery United Methodist Church.

He was a plumber, pipefitter and welder who worked for Pittsburgh Local 27 for 35 years.

On November 8, 1968, he married Rebecca A. Coulter, who survives.

Also surviving are the following children, Jeffrey Chappel and Shawna Patterson of Washington, Linda Burnquist of Muse, William and Kevin Moore, both of Washington, and Brian Moore of Pittsburgh; a brother, Harold Moore of Graysville; a sister, Louise Tenney of Washington; and seven grandchildren, Caitlyn Myers, Jordan Chappel, Justine Burnquist and Lucas, Haley Jo, Tyler and Emily Moore. **UB**

William Stanley McCoy

Army veteran worked at Brockway, Tygart Valley



William Stanley McCoy, 70, of Washington, died at 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 29, 2004, in The Greenery, Canonsburg. He had been ill since February.

He was born August 1, 1934, in Washington, a son of William Carl and Lulu Blanche Davidson McCoy.

Mr. McCoy was a mechanic and operator at Brockway Glass and Tygart Valley Plant 7. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of Edwin Scott Linton American Legion Post 175 and a former member of VFW Post 927 Hawkins Post Home.

He enjoyed walking.

On October 19, 1973, he married Margaret Sabocheck, who survives.

Also surviving are three brothers, Edward and Robert McCoy, both of Washington, and Richard McCoy of Canonsburg; and two sisters, Margaret Brodnick of Meadow Lands and Mary Grace Grimm of Buffalo Township.

Deceased are two brothers, John McCoy and Joseph McCoy, who died in infancy. **W**

Phoebe Alberta McKee

Longtime Avella resident

Phoebe Alberta McKee, 82, of Avella, died at 7:20 p.m. Sunday, September 19, 2004, in her home.

She was born November 25, 1921, in Broughton, a daughter of George and Sarah Frances Beam Hall.

An Avella resident since 1939, she enjoyed her garden, pets, spending time with her family and bingo.

On August 25, 1951, she married Urson J. McKee, who died in 1962.

Surviving are a daughter, Frances J. Marquis of Avella; four sons, Urson J. McKee of Wellsburg, W.Va., Thomas E. McKee of West Alexander and William G. McKee and Donald A. Hall, both of Avella; nine grandchildren, Andrew D. and Dustin A. Hall, Amanda A. and William G. McKee, Nathan J. and Katelyn R. Marquis and John M., Thomas E. and Jesse S. McKee; two sisters, Ida Moore of Wellsburg and Dorothy McMullen of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, John D. McKee; six sisters, Sarah Belle Hall, Mildred Elizabeth Buchanan, Anna Mae Hall, Murble Albertha Hall, Hilda Georgetta Holland and Edna Frances Fraley; and two brothers, Lemuel Clifford Hall and George Andrew Hall. **T**

Raymond T. Sherman

ARMCO retiree born in Midway

Raymond T. Sherman, 92, formerly of Ambridge, died Wednesday, September 22, 2004, at the Masonic Village of Sewickley.

He was born October 21, 1911, in Midway, a son of James and Lydia Adams Sherman.

His wife, Anna Belle Sherman, died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and his wife, Richard J. and Elizabeth Zane Sherman of Reisterstown, Md.; three grandchildren, James Sherman of Pasadena, Md., and Douglas Z. and Megan Sherman, both of Reisterstown.

Deceased are two brothers, Herbert and Clyde. **MP**

Donald W. Miller Sr.

U.S. Army Airborne vet was retired radiology administrator

Donald W. Miller Sr., 69, of Burgettstown, died Saturday, September 25, 2004, in Humbert Lane Health Care Center, Washington.

He was born August 7, 1935, in Burgettstown, a son of Dell S. and Mary Ellen Davis Miller.

Mr. Miller was a 1953 Union High School graduate, Burgettstown, and served in the U.S. Army Airborne.

He retired after 40 years as a radiology administrator with Weirton (W.Va.) Hospital.

Mr. Miller was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Burgettstown, and Cherry Valley Sportsman Association.

His wife, Anna Mae Heiber Miller, died March 4, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Cynthia (Joseph) Ziembra of Florida; two sons, Donald W. (Gabrielle) Miller Jr. and Dell S. (Debra) Miller II, both of Oakdale; six grandchildren, Sarah K. Miller, Frank J. Higgins, Audrianna L. Miller, Dell S. Miller III, Maddison K. Miller and Sean M. Miller; and two sisters, Mary Ellen Karch of Eldersville and Rosalie Craig of Burgettstown. **RR**

Timothy T. Demnyan

McMurray man was born in Canonsburg

Timothy T. Demnyan, 47, of McMurray, died Tuesday, October 5, 2004, in McMurray Manor Care.

He was born April 15, 1957, in Canonsburg.

Surviving are a sister, Darlene and husband Cory Clark of McMurray; three nephews, Matthew, Michael and Daniel; his father, George and wife Lynn Demnyan; his mother, Loretta, and husband Harry Manes; his grandmother, Martha Lesniakowski; and his aunt, Mary Lesniakowski. **WF**

Sandra Jean Duursma Kobaly

Member of Air National Guard



Sandra Jean Duursma Kobaly, 45, died Sunday, September 19, 2004, in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born February 15, 1959, in New Rockford, N.D., a daughter of Monica Marvin of Minnesota and Hank Duursma of North Dakota.

Mrs. Kobaly attended First Baptist Church, Midway.

She was a member of the 171st Air Refueling Wing of the Air National Guard.

She was the beloved wife of Russell O. Kobaly, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters; Candace (Ken) Bush of North Huntingdon and Patricia (Brian) Boggs of Burgettstown; a son, Russell M. Kobaly of Hickory; two sisters, Sheila Erickson and Bobbi Jo Garcia; three brothers, William, Mike and Allan Duursma; her grandmother, Nellie Duursma; and a grandson, Zachary Bush.

Deceased are two sisters, Mary Hammer and Christine Presler; her grandparents, Joe and Margaret Hammer and Ralph Duursma; and a granddaughter, Rachael Boggs. **MP**

Mary Jane Neal-Lyle

Homemaker was Westminster Presbyterian Church member

Mary Jane Neal-Lyle, 94, of Burgettstown, died Sunday, September 26, 2004.

She was born January 9, 1910, in Bulger, a daughter of John and Eva Alice Davis Matchett.

Mrs. Lyle was a homemaker.

She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown, where she attended Sunday school all of her life. She was a member of Burgettstown Senior Citizens.

On March 5, 1930, she married Charles A. Neal, who died January 30, 1971.

On June 30, 1973, she married Joseph Lyle, who died January 30, 1982.

Surviving are two grandchildren, Keith Neal and Melissa Cox; and a stepson, Walter Lyle of Allison Park.

Deceased, in addition to her husbands and parents, are a son, LeRoy S. Neal; and a brother, Charles Matchett.

Friends will be received from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m., the hour of service, Tuesday, September 28, in Lee and Martin Funeral Home, 73 Highland Avenue, Burgettstown, with Robert Davison officiating. Private interment will follow in Millcreek Cemetery, Hookstown. **C**

William H.R. Willkens

Baptist pastor, college professor

The Rev. William H.R. Willkens, Ph.D., 85, of South Strabane Township, died at 4:45 a.m. Monday, September 20, 2004, in Washington Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born August 5, 1919, in New Britain, Conn., a son of Fred H. and Emma Langefeld Willkens.

He was a graduate of Oliver High School in Pittsburgh and University of Pittsburgh with bachelor of arts, master's of education and doctorate degrees and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School with a bachelor of divinity degree.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Office of Censorship as a German translator in 1942 and on active duty in the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1942 to 1945, achieving the rank of lieutenant.

The Rev. Willkens held many positions as a pastor and professor, including pastor at Lincoln (N.Y.) Baptist Church, 1946-50; pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, 1950-57; Alderson-Broadus College, professor of education, chairman of department of education, academic dean, 1957-60; Crozer Theological Seminary of Chester, professor of Christian education, director of studies, 1960-68; acting dean of School of Arts and Sciences, director of student teaching, chairman of administration, supervision and field services department at Slippery Rock University from 1968 until he retired in 1983 as professor emeritus. He also served as stated supply pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, Washington, in the 1990s.

In 1944, he married Rose Mary Gardner, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, David (Barbara) Willkens of Hickory and Daniel (Candace) Willkens of Springfield, Va.; three granddaughters, Becky, Kathy and Danielle Willkens; two sisters, Jane Liberty of Tulsa, Okla., and Ruth (Eugene) Emerson of Watsonville, Calif.; a cousin, Robert (Madge) Willkens of Seattle, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

Martha S. Ball

Worked for Witco Oil, Midway Phone Co.

Martha S. Ball, 71, of Midway, died Wednesday, September 22, 2004.

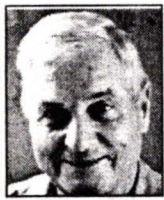
She was born May 15, 1933, in Midway, a daughter of George and Olla Rohde Windsheimer.

On May 13, 1955, she married William Ball Sr., who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathy Webb of Midway and Helen Massey of Burgettstown; a son, William Ball Jr. of Midway; a sister, Helen of Georgia; four grandchildren, Michelle DeVos, Shawn and Zachary Webb and Scott Massey; and a great-grandchild. **C**

Sylvester Casciola

Retired Cross Creek Township dairy farmer



Sylvester Casciola, 88, of Cross Creek Township, Burgettstown, died Tuesday, September 28, 2004, on his farm.

He was born November 6, 1915, in Morgan, a son of Alfonso and Mary Krezanosky Casciola.

Mr. Casciola was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church of Avella and Cross Creek Valley Senior Citizens.

He was a 1934 graduate of Hickory High School.

When he was 16, his grandfather, Thomas Krezanosky, set him up in dairy farming, renting the Boyce Homestead. He retired in 1977, but continued to work the farmland.

He was a resident of the Avella area since he was five.

On September 30, 1950, he married Evelyn Mencarelli, who survives.

Also surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter, Tana M. Casciola of Eighty Four; a son and daughter-in-law, Dean F. and Sharon L. Casciola of Cross Creek Township, Burgettstown; two grandsons, Dean R. and Aaron L. Casciola; a sister, Mary Novotny of Canonsburg; a niece, Donna Sapone of Philadelphia; and a nephew, Allan Casciola of Andover, Ohio.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, is a brother, Alfonso (Duke) Casciola.

St. Michael Cemetery.

Archie Richard Fisher Sr.

CONSOL retiree attended Christian Center Church

Archie Richard Fisher Sr., 74, of Avella, died Wednesday, October 6, 2004, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born September 7, 1930, in Eldersville, a son of Edward L. and Mina J. Wright Fisher.

Mr. Fisher was employed by Consolidation Coal for 20 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of UMWA.

He attended Christian Center Church of Belle Vernon.

On September 23, 1950, he married Edith "Buffy" Fowler, who died June 11, 1985.

Surviving are a son, Archie Jr. of Avella; four daughters, Vicki Thompson of Weirton, W.Va., Becky McGraw of Burgettstown, Nancy Kern of Avella and Shirley Fisher of West Newton; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Howard Fisher of Coraopolis and Floyd Fisher of Washington; and a sister, Hazel McGinnis of Ohio.

Deceased, in addition to his wife, are four brothers, Robert, Harry, Edward and Walter Fisher; and two sisters, Edith Bergner and Blanche Revella. **BE**

Charles E. Bezusko Sr.

U.S. Navy vet was retired Mt. Pleasant Twp. police chief

Charles E. Bezusko Sr., 75, of Hickory, Mt. Pleasant Township, died Friday, October 8, 2004, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born June 23, 1929, in Langeloth, a son of Michael and Frances Sonnenberg Bezusko.

Mr. Bezusko served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He was retired from J & L Steel, Aliquippa, and Fort Cherry School District, where he was a maintenance supervisor. He also served as a police officer for Mt. Pleasant Township and retired as police chief.

On October 13, 1951, he married Vera Boni, who survives. Together they renewed their vows in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church 26 years ago.

Also surviving are three sons, Charles E. Bezusko Jr. and wife Tamara, Robert E. Bezusko and wife Nancy and Jeffrey A. Bezusko, all of Hickory; and five grandchildren, Stacey Mayle, Jessica Bezusko, Lauren Chickis, Nikki Bezusko and Jeffrey A. Bezusko Jr.

Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in Lee and Martin Funeral Home, 73 Highland Avenue, Burgettstown. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 12, in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Burgettstown, with the Rev. Robert Connolly, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will follow with full military rites Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Burgettstown.

Eleanor C. Kidd

Member of Eldersville UM Church

Eleanor C. Kidd, 73, of Eldersville, died Saturday, October 16, 2004, in her home with her family.

She was born March 4, 1931, in Marianna, a daughter of Stanley and Hannah Anderson Collins.

Mrs. Kidd was an active member of Eldersville community and Eldersville United Methodist Church for 49 years.

An avid gardener, she enjoyed painting, crocheting and ceramic.

Her first husband, Charles Barr, and her second husband, Robert Kidd, are deceased.

Surviving are four children, Linda Riggle, Bruce Barr and Debbie Meyers, all of Eldersville, and Eugene R. Barr of Upper St. Clair; a sister, Louise Pettit of Amity; and seven grandchildren, Natalie Pappson, Bruce Jr., Gina, Luke and Grant Barr and Meghan and Alexander Meyers.

Deceased are a brother, Evan Collins; and a sister, Jo Ann Bullock. **BE**

George J. Pattison

Taylorstown American Legion founding member

George J. (Pat) Pattison, 82, of Taylorstown, died Tuesday, October 12, 2004, in Kindred Hospital, Oakdale, after a five-month illness.

He was born February 21, 1922, in McDonald, the only child of George A. and Mildred J. Pattison.

Mr. Pattison was a 1940 graduate of Trinity High School and served as a bomber pilot in the Army Air Forces during World War II from 1942 to 1945.

From 1940 to 1985, he was employed at Washington Oil Co., Taylorstown Natural Gas Co. and later at Claysville Gas Co.

On June 9, 1945, in Lincoln, Neb., he married Jessie Hodgens of Taylorstown, who died in 1989.

Surviving are four children and four grandchildren: George W. Pattison and wife Debbie of South Park and their children, Heather Stine and husband Andrew of Hanover and George W. Pattison Jr. of Warren; retired Lt. Col. Jack E. Pattison and wife Anne of Marietta, Ga., and their children, Ashley and Benjamin; Michael K. Pattison and wife Gloria of Claysville; and Bonnie E. Pattison of Washington. **CL**

Geraldine Coleman

Canonsburg U.P. Church member worked at Mayview



Geraldine Alderson Coleman, 85, of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, October 26, 2004.

She was born October 10, 1919, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Anthony and Edith Rathbone Alderson.

She was a lifelong Canonsburg resident, a member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church, past chief of Pythian Sisters, a member and past president of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 191

Surviving are two sons, George R. Coleman Jr. and wife Darlene and Harold "Buddy" Coleman and wife Fran, all of Canonsburg; three brothers, Kelly Alderson of Canonsburg, Wayne T. Alderson of Pleasant Hills and Howard Alderson of Washington; two sisters, Lillie Shannon and Jeanne Alderson, both of Washington; four grandchildren, James, George and Shawn Coleman and Jamie Price; four great-grandchildren, Shane, Krysten and Melissa Coleman and Sydnee Price; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are her husband, George L. Coleman Sr.; and a brother, Donald T. Alderson. **OS**

Sandra Lee Napierkowski Ralston

Member of Wellsburg Christian Church

Sandra Lee Napierkowski Ralston, 60, of Wellsburg, W.Va., died Saturday, October 23, 2004, in her home surrounded by her loving family after a long bout of cancer.

She was born August 2, 1944, in Avella, a daughter of Francis and Ruth Marie Siders Napierkowski.

Mrs. Ralston was a homemaker and a member of Wellsburg Christian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Charles L. Ralston; a son, Todd Ralston and wife, Kelly, of Morgantown, W.Va.; a daughter, Crystal Clatterback and husband, Doug, of Wheeling, W.Va.; two sisters, Mary Lahosky and husband, Ed, of Washington and Nellie Oliver of Avella; two grandchildren, Ashley and Kayla Clatterback of Wheeling; two sisters-in-law, Rosemary Napierkowski of Gassaway, W.Va., and Marion Hoffman and her husband, Paul, of Fenton, Mo.; her mother-in-law, Vera Waugh Ralston of Fenton; and several nieces and nephews. Deceased are a brother, Francis (Frank) Napierkowski; and father-in-law, Charles R. Ralston. **WP**

Calvin F. Gano Jr.

Longtime employee of Bridgeville Car Wash

Calvin F. "Junior" Gano Jr., 65, of Carnegie, died Friday, October 22, 2004, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

He was born November 13, 1938, in Meadow Lands, a son of the late Calvin and Ruth Helmick Gano Sr.

Surviving are five sisters, Dorothy Fountain of Oakdale, Margie Voloskie and Mary Lewis, both of McDonald, Betty Salmon of Carnegie and Anne Fratini of Canonsburg; two brothers, Edward Gano of Oakdale and James H. Gano of Carnegie; and several nieces and nephews. **RR**

Angelina C. Cusumano DeMann

South Fayette Twp. resident

Angelina C. Cusumano DeMann, 78, of South Fayette Township, died Tuesday, October 26, 2004, in her home after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond J. DeMann; a daughter, Jacqueline (John) Fibbi of Carroll Township; and two grandchildren, Angela and Christopher Fibbi both of Carroll Township.

Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 30, in St. Agatha Church of Holy Child Parish, Bridgeville. Please add a tribute at www.woodrufffamily-services.com.

Joseph Lawrence Cowden Jr.*Columbia Gas retiree, WWII vet*

Joseph Lawrence Cowden Jr., 82, formerly of Horn Head Road, Mt. Pleasant Township, McDonald, where he resided on his family farm, died Sunday, October 24, 2004, in Hawthorne Woods, Washington.

He was born March 29, 1922, in McDonald R.D.3, a son of Joseph L. Sr. and Alice Thelma Rumbaugh Cowden.

He was a Hickory High School graduate and member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Cowden served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a radioman. He received the World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with one star and the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Cowden once worked at RCA in Canonsburg. He was retired from Columbia Gas, working more than 25 years in the communication department.

He enjoyed bowling and golf.

Surviving are two brothers, William E. Cowden Sr. of Washington and Russell Cowden of Prosperity, with whom he most recently made his home; three sisters, Lois Cowden King of Houston, Belva White of Mercer and Evelyn Athey of Hickory; and 27 nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Ila Snyder and Nancy Schmidt; and a brother, Alvin Cowden. **MP**

Elsie M. Zubenko*Chartiers High School graduate worked as secretary*

Elsie M. Zubenko, 79, of Strabane, died at 3 a.m. Thursday, October 21, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born July 6, 1925, in Midland, Chartiers Township, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Feist Codol.

Mrs. Zubenko was a member of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Canonsburg.

She graduated from Chartiers High School.

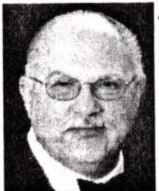
Mrs. Zubenko was employed as a secretary in Fort Pitt Bridge Works, Canonsburg, for 35 years.

On August 3, 1963, she married John Zubenko, who died January 15, 1999.

Surviving are three brothers-in-law; a sister-in-law; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Deceased is a brother, Howard Codol.

Mrs. Zubenko was the niece of Fred and Anna Feist, who raised her from childhood. **OS**

John David Ostovic*Washington County Courthouse maintenance supervisor*

John David Ostovic, 55, of Washington, died at 4:39 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, 2004, at UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh, as the result of a brain injury. He was surrounded by his family.

He was born October 26, 1949, in Fredericktown, a son of the late Francis B. "Bronko" and Marie Yurechka Ostovic.

Mr. Ostovic was a graduate of Bethlehem-Center High School, attended the University of Pittsburgh and graduated from California State College (now California University). While at Pitt, he was in the Air Force ROTC program.

Mr. Ostovic held numerous certifications in electrical engineering.

On June 30, 1979, he married Mary Ann Thomas, his best friend, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sarah Jane McCoid of Washington; a granddaughter, Molly Ann McCoid of Washington; two brothers, Francis B. Ostovic and wife Darla of Laurel, Md., and Michael Ostovic and wife Nancy of Chardon, Ohio; his mother-in-law, Mary E. Thomas of Washington; 11 nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. **MP**

Paul Steffick*Steelworker, member of First Baptist Church, Washington*

Paul Steffick, 87, of Washington, died Thursday, October 21, 2004, in Donnell House Hospice of Washington.

He was born September 6, 1917, in Washington, a son of John and Susan Steffick Szarzek.

Mr. Steffick was a steelworker who retired from Universal Cyclops of Bridgeville in 1979.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Washington.

On April 28, 1941, he married Vica L. Cunningham Steffick, who died September 7, 2001.

Surviving are two children, John S. and his wife, Jeanette Steffick of McMurray and Larry W. and his wife, Susan, Steffick of Washington; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Susan Paulette Herceg; and a step brother, Joseph Czotka. **CL**

Sandra K. Sitzer*Waitress at the former Jimmie's Restaurant*

Sandra K. Sitzer, 43, of Claysville, died Monday, October 18, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born October 20, 1961, in Indianapolis, Ind., a daughter of Clara Shipman Sutterfield and the late Robert Sutterfield.

Mrs. Sitzer was a waitress at the former Jimmie's Restaurant in McMurray.

Surviving are her husband, John Sitzer; two daughters, Christina Marie Varner and Carrie Michelle Varner; a grandson, Cody Lee Petrie; six siblings, Rita, Steve, Sarah, Tina, Bobby and Teresa; and several nieces and nephews. **CL**

Washington County worker dies after fall

A Washington County maintenance supervisor who was injured Friday when the railing he was leaning against gave way at the Washington County Courthouse died Tuesday at a Pittsburgh hospital.

John Ostovic, 55, of Washington, fell nearly 5 feet backward into a stone window well when a portion of the metal bar around the well collapsed.

He died at UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh.

Bernice M. Holland*Worked for All American Co.*

Bernice M. Holland, 87, of Burgettstown, died Thursday, October 28, 2004, in Country Club Manor, Steubenville, Ohio.

She was born December 6, 1916, one of four children and the older daughter of Jack T. and Sarah (Sadie) Smith McCarty.

On July 9, 1938, in Cumberland Md., she married Truman H. Holland. The couple celebrated 50 years of marriage in 1988, a year prior to Mr. Holland's death on April 18, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter, Glenda Stavroulakis, and a son-in-law, John, of Hanover Township; two granddaughters, Cristol Stavroulakis and attorney Diana Stavroulakis, both of North Hills; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, are her stepfather, William Howard; an infant son, Truman Claire Holland; two brothers, Arthur "Bud" McCarty and Thomas Dickson McCarty; and a sister, Dorothy V. McCarty. **MP**

Speed is believed to have been a factor in a crash Tuesday in which a 45-year-old Burgettstown man was killed.

Nelson Robert Jones Jr. was driving a sport utility vehicle west on Cross Creek Road in Cross Creek Township about midnight when he failed to negotiate a left bend in the road, state police said. The vehicle went into a culvert, becoming airborne. The Ford Explorer then hit a utility pole, severing it. The vehicle came to rest on its driver's side.

Nelson R. Jones Jr.*Worked for Anderson Equipment, Bridgeville*

Nelson R. "Nel" Jones Jr., 45, of Burgettstown, died unexpectedly Wednesday, October 20, 2004.

He was born February 5, 1959, in Ohio Valley Hospital, McKees Rocks, a son of Nelson R. Jones Sr. of Barkeyville and Frances E. Roedler Jones of Dormont.

Mr. Jones was a 1977 graduate of Keystone Oaks High School. He was employed by Anderson Equipment Co., Bridgeville.

Surviving are his wife, Laura A. McKee Jones of Burgettstown; two children, April R. and Brian N. Jones, both at home; a brother, Michael (Luanne) Jones of Green Tree; six sisters, Brenda Jones of Clinton, Marene (Keith) White of Green Tree, Joyce Zickefoose (Fred) of Barkeyville, Amy (Tom) Pacini of Philadelphia, Sherry (Bill) Puccio of Scott Township and Holly (John) Bashaw of Bridgeville; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a brother, Corey Jones. **OA**

Ann M. Krieger*Retired aide for Woodville State Hospital*

Ann M. Krieger, 92, of Midway, died Thursday, October 21, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital, Canonsburg.

She was born June 4, 1912, in Bulger, a daughter of Peter Sr. and Frances Lukan.

Mrs. Krieger was a retired aide for Woodville State Hospital.

Surviving are a son, Fritz G. Krieger of McDonald; two grandchildren, William Krieger of Washington and Carrie Kohnen of Pittsburgh; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Tori Kohnen.

Deceased are her husband, Fritz F. Krieger, who died May 8, 1984; and two brothers, Frank Lukan and Peter Lukan Jr. **C**

William Robert McIlvaine

Dentist lived life to fullest

Dr. William Robert McIlvaine, 75, of North Palm Beach, Fla., died Monday, October 18, 2004.

He was born August 24, 1929, in Washington, and had resided in North Palm Beach since 1961.

Dr. McIlvaine was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

He was a graduate of Berkshire Prep School, Washington & Jefferson College and University of Pittsburgh School of Dentistry. He was a practicing dentist for 43 years, and he loved his work, his patients and his staff.

He had a true love for life and lived life to the fullest. He was an avid sports fan and will be remembered for his booming voice, which announced swim meets and football games. He touched many lives and "to live in ones heart is not to die and his is in all our hearts."

To honor and cherish his memory is his devoted wife of 47 years, Jo. To carry on his legacy are his five loving children and adopted son, Beth Dyack and her husband, Dan, Judy Schmalhausen and her husband, John, Lucy Berckmans and her husband, Bruce, Nancy Maas and her husband, Willem, Bill McIlvaine and his wife, Lora, and Kevin Stant.

Also surviving are a loving sister, Sara Donnan and her family; two cousins, Emsie McIlvaine Parker and her family and John McIlvaine and his family; and seven grandchildren, Daniel and Amanda Dyack, Sara and Hunter Parker, Ella Berckmans and Gunner and Jagger McIlvaine. **W**

Paul Daniels

Member of St. Alphonsus Church, McDonald

Paul Daniels, 72, of McDonald (Robinson Township), died Wednesday, October 27, 2004, in Horizon Senior Care, Canonsburg.

He was born June 16, 1932, in McDonald, a son of Rupert and Teresa Whalen Daniels.

Mr. Daniels was employed as a painter with Coopers Painting and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was a member of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church in McDonald.

Surviving are four sisters, Mildred Cowden of McDonald, Margaret Albertini of West Virginia, Ruth Ann Gentile of Tarentum and Flavia Lucarini of McDonald; and five brothers, Arthur, William, Carl, Edward and Richard Daniels, all of McDonald.

Deceased are two brothers, Regis and Leo Daniels. **FL**

Raymond S. Growden

Florence man retired from trucking company

Raymond S. Growden, 72, of Florence, died Thursday, October 21, 2004, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh, following a brief illness.

He was born March 25, 1932, in Irwin, a son of Harvey and Mabel Wolf Growden.

Mr. Growden was a retired employee of Weir-Cove Trucking.

He was a member of Frankfort Presbyterian Church, Frankfort Springs, where he served on the session.

Mr. Growden was a former Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 1351 in Burgettstown.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Davidson Growden; a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Patty Lin Growden of Bulger; two daughters, Pamela Growden of Florence and Susan Growden of Bulger; three brothers, Merle Growden of Tennessee, Donald Growden of McDonald and Robert Growden of Midway; and a sister, Mary Carlton, Midway.

A sister, Esther Bykens, is deceased. **G**

Roland A. Taggart

Ford Motor Co. retiree formerly of Washington

Roland A. Taggart, 67, of Streetsboro, Ohio, formerly of Washington, died Monday, November 1, 2004, in Akron City Hospital, Akron, Ohio.

He was born September 22, 1937, in Washington, a son of Alvin and Wilda Allison Taggart.

Mr. Taggart lived in Streetsboro since 1956 and retired in 2003 from Ford Motor Co. in Walton Hills, Ohio, after 46 years.

A 1955 Trinity High School graduate, he was active for many years in youth and high school wrestling.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Ritchey Taggart; sons, Thomas Taggart of Gunnison, Colo., and William (Christine) Taggart of Suffield, Conn.; a daughter, JoEllen (Bob) Rice of Tucson, Ariz.; grandchildren, Alicia, Thomas and Daniel; brothers, Eugene (Eleanor) Taggart of Burgettstown, Halden (Robbie) Taggart of Hickory and Duane (Shirley) Taggart of Washington; his mother-in-law, Ellen Ritchey of West Middletown; and brother-in-law and best friend, James (Twila) Ritchey of Washington.

His sister, Floradale Gray, is deceased. **WM**

Albert Cyril Johnson

Farmer, truck driver was WWII veteran



Albert Cyril Johnson, 90, of Washington, died at 7:15 a.m. Friday, October 29, 2004, in his home following a three-year illness.

He was born February 11, 1914, in Triadelphia, W.Va., a son of John Jr. and Anna Billick Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was Methodist.

He began his education in Triadelphia and was a graduate of Trinity High School.

Mr. Johnson was a farmer and truck driver who drove for Kaplan Trucking for more than 40 years. He had earlier worked for Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway Co.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Forces in the Pacific Theater as an aerial gunner with the 868th Bomb Squadron.

On December 31, 1952, he married Elsie M. Smiley-Newman, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robert L. Johnson of Avella and stepson, Addison Newman of Pensacola, Fla.; two daughters, Lois Clifford and Karen Blackhurst, both of Washington; a sister, Mildred Gantz of Leesburg, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, Brian and Brandon Johnson, Robert and Cassandra Clifford, Natalie, Bethany and Vanessa Blackhurst, Joseph Doxtator, Lori Walker and William and John Newman; and four great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three brothers, Clifford, Lawrence Raymond and Edgar Johnson; a sister, Lois Johnson; a stepson, William David Newman; and a stepdaughter, Barbara Newman Doxtator. **NB**

Doris McFeely

Member of Chartiers Hill UP Church

Doris P. Frazee McFeely, 71, of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, November 9, 2004.

She was born June 20, 1933, in Washington, a daughter of Dee and Mae Cain Frazee.

On August 26, 1950, she married Richard I. McFeely, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Richard L. McFeely of Eighty Four; a daughter, Kathy McFeely of Washington; two brothers, Harry P. Frazee and Boyd R. Frazee, both of Washington; two grandchildren, Holley Moysenko and James McFeely; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. **HC**

Deceased are three brothers, Leland, Freeman and Dee Frazee Jr.; and a sister, Evelyn Rock.

Benjamin Cardillo

Retired carpenter for Best Feeds and Farm Supply

Benjamin Cardillo, 87, of Oakdale, South Fayette Township, died Sunday, October 31, 2004, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

He was born October 24, 1917, a son of Benedetto and Columbia DeFanti Cardillo.

Mr. Cardillo was a retired carpenter for Best Feeds and Farm Supply.

His wife, Opal Mae Hixon Cardillo, died February 28, 1988.

Surviving are children, Bonnie Kunkel of Georgia, Sandy Whitney of Texas, Benjamin Cardillo Jr. of McDonald, David Cardillo of Greenville and Rose Shearer of Rennerdale; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Thresa Sailer and Virginia Socha, both of Ohio; and three brothers, Albert of Oakdale and Mike and John Cardillo, both of Sturgeon.

Deceased are three brothers, Andrew, Julius and Henry Cardillo.

Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Thomas-Little Funeral Home Inc., 314 West Lincoln Avenue, McDonald, where a blessing service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 4. Interment will follow in Oakdale Cemetery. **OA**

Jane Lucille Eckert Richmond

Worked at Washington Hospital

Jane Lucille Eckert Richmond, 83, of Washington, died at 10:15 a.m. Monday, November 1, 2004, in her home.

She was born June 27, 1921, in West Finley, a daughter of John R. and Ethel Scherich Wood.

She was a 1939 graduate of Claysville High School.

She was a member of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Washington, where she was an elder, a member of ladies aid and the choir.

Mrs. Richmond was employed at Washington Hospital, where she worked in the food service department for four years and then in medical records until her retirement.

On November 17, 1984, she married Clyde L. Richmond, who died October 21, 2001.

Surviving are four daughters, Susan, wife of Craig Kosarko, of Maple Heights, Ohio, Kathy Northburg of Brainard, Minn., Beth Eckert of Crafton and Becky, wife of Robert F. Wise, of Washington; a stepdaughter, Sharon Sue, wife of Charles Crouser, of West Alexander; two sisters, LeDora Heinlein of McDonald and Esther, wife of Clark Marshall, of Cranberry Township; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a sister, Theo Zalaznik. **W**

Helen E. Kelso

Helen E. Eberle Kelso of Lancaster, N.Y., formerly of Monroe, Mich., died Monday, November 1, 2004, in Buffalo, N.Y.

Surviving are her husband, Dr. S. Newton Kelso Jr.; her children, Gail (Richard) Butz, Samuel (Bunny) Kelso III and Paula (Ron) Lawlor; three grandchildren, Laura and Hannah Butz and Amanda Lawlor; and a brother, Paul Eberle.

Graveside services and burial were held in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

Mary Arvay Diesel Oliver

Member of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church



Mary Arvay Diesel Oliver, 84, of Houston, died at 8:55 a.m. Saturday, November 6, 2004, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, after a three-week illness.

She was born October 12, 1920, in Nemaocolin, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Kish Arvay.

On June 9, 1938, she married her first husband, Ferdinand Diesel, who died April 17, 1966.

On July 3, 1969, she married her second husband, John Oliver, who died October 7, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters, Faye (Diesel) and husband, Randall Glunt, and Suzann (Diesel) and husband, Timothy Glass, both of Houston; five grandchildren, Randall (Randy) and Lori Glunt, Bernard "B.J." Diesel and Timothy and Erick Glass; five great-grandchildren, Dana, Alicia and Kristen Glunt and April and Holly Simonelli.

Deceased are a son, Bernard "Fish" Diesel; a brother, Andrew Arvay; and two sisters, Elizabeth Craig and Anna Zipko. **OS**

John Lusakow

Welder for Bologna Coal Co. was member of Legion Post 0643

John Lusakow, 83, of Weirton, W.Va., formerly of Avella and Aiken, S.C., died Monday, November 8, 2004, in Palliative Care Unit of Valley Hospice, Steubenville, Ohio.

He was born October 1, 1921, in Enterprise, a son of Joseph and Adria Lestapada Lusakow.

Surviving are a son, Daniel E. Law of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother, Andrew Lusakow of Weirton; and a sister, Mary Stack of Washington.

Deceased are his wife, Mary Fusarelli Lusakow, whom he married August 18, 1947; and two sisters, Christine L. Vance and Ann Lusakow. **WP**

Robert C. Schwenger

WWII vet worked for Pittsburgh Railways and McGraw Edison



Robert C. Schwenger, 85, of Canonsburg, formerly of Bethel Park, died at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, November 2, 2004, in

Washington Hospital, following a two-year illness.

He was born May 29, 1919, in Carrick, a son of Clarence and Emma Marie Ebeck Schwenger.

Mr. Schwenger was a graduate of Bethel High School. He was Catholic.

He had been employed as a streetcar operator for Pittsburgh Railways and McGraw Edison, Canonsburg.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces in the European Theater during World War II and was awarded the European/African/Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

He married twice. His first wife, Virginia F. Ulmer Schwenger, is deceased. On May 12, 1999, he married Melda Cave McDonald, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robert T. Schwenger of Wapakoneta, Ohio; a stepson, Larry Eugene McDonald of Cecil; three stepdaughters, Joyce Ann Fink and Karen Lynn O'Hare, both of Canonsburg, and Sandra Kay Costello of Washington; two grandchildren, Robert and Rebecca; six stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-granddaughters.

Deceased are two stepgrandchildren, Jeffrey O'Hare and Jeremy Fink. **QH**

William George Hunter

Vietnam vet formerly of Washington



William George Hunter, 58, formerly of Washington, died Sunday, October 31, 2004, in Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington, Va.,

following a four-month battle with cancer.

He was born February 22, 1946, in Canonsburg, a son of the late Walter and Anna Mary Miller Hunter.

He was employed by Olympus Auto Parts in Merrifield, Va.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Elaine Baskette; two daughters, Kimberly and Katrina Hunter, both of Arlington; a brother, Walter Ed Hunter and his wife, Karen Schutte Hunter, of Washington; a nephew, Edward Eric Hunter, and a niece, Stacey Mechele Hunter Willis, both of Centreville, Virginia. **NB**

Kenneth E. Lee

Served 32 years in military



Kenneth E. Lee, 66, of Prosperity, died unexpectedly Monday, November 1, 2004, in the Canonsburg General Hospital emergency department.

He was born November 24, 1937, in Washington, a son of Earl Ray and Blanche A. Espey Lee.

Mr. Lee was a graduate of Trinity High School Class of 1957.

He was employed for more than 20 years as a machinist for National Annealing Box until its closing in 1984. He then drove truck for BJR Trucking until his retirement.

Mr. Lee was a veteran of Desert Storm and retired from the 911 Tactical Air Group of Pittsburgh after 32 years of military service. He formerly served with the Army Reserves.

On August 30, 1963, he married Arlena M. Ealy Lee, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Kenneth A. Lee of Atlanta, Keith E. Lee of Burlington, Wis., and Kevin E. Lee of Washington; two daughters, Katrina L. Lee of Claysville and Kimberly A. Lee, residing at home; a sister, Evelyn Lee Sandusky of State College; 10 grandchildren, Joseph and Jessica Gregg, Nicole Lee, Lauren Lee and Keith E. Lee Jr., Cherish, Danielle and Selina Lee and Cassie and Brian Lee. **CL**

Catherine C. Miller

Catherine C. (Katie) Miller, 77, of Claysville, died Sunday, October 31, 2004, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born April 21, 1927, in Donegal Township, a daughter of Henry A. and Edith Reynolds Clutter.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Claysville Christian Church and was a 1944 Claysville High School graduate.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed reading and playing cards.

On April 21, 1946, at Dutch Fork Ministers Home, she married Francis E. (Pete) Miller, who died May 19, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce, wife of John Reeves, of Claysville; and a grandson, Troy Reeves of Radford, Va.

Deceased is a sister, Marilyn Dryer.

Mrs. Miller was the last of her immediate family.

All services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Michael H. Heinrich Funeral Home, Claysville.

Curtis W. McGaughey

Longtime Avella dairy farmer delivered mail on horseback



Curtis W. McGaughey, 101, of Avella, died Monday, November 1, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital following a

brief illness.

He was born October 2, 1903, a son of Edgar R. and Elizabeth Montgomery McGaughey.

Mr. McGaughey was a member of Grove United Presbyterian Church, where he had served as elder and trustee.

He was a retired mailman who delivered mail in Avella for more than 37 years, part of which was on horseback.

Mr. McGaughey was a dairy farmer, working until the age of 84, and was a lifelong member of the grange. The farm, which was originally in his wife's family, now is known as Hamilton Brothers' Farm and is owned by his twin grandsons, Curt and Chris Hamilton.

Mr. McGaughey enjoyed guns, hunting, fishing and sharing humorous stories with friends and family.

On June 1, 1935, he married Mary Scott, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Martha (Marcy) Hamilton Helsel of Avella; a brother, Joe McGaughey of Charleroi; two grandsons, Curt and Chris Hamilton of Avella; and eight great-granddaughters.

Deceased are two sisters, Eva Starbuck and Wilnetta Maloy; and three brothers, John, LeRoy and Merle McGaughey. **WM**

Joanna May Rocher

St. Clair Hospital retiree from McDonald

Joanna May Rocher, 67, of McDonald, died Monday, November 1, 2004, in her home.

She was born January 4, 1937, in McDonald, a daughter of Joseph and Anna Stewart Hookey.

Mrs. Rocher was a graduate of McDonald High School and Duff's Business Institute.

On February 14, 1958, she married Paul William Rocher, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Joseph Robert Rocher of Crystal Springs, Fla.; a daughter, Pamela Dawn Nuckels of Nemaocolin; a sister, Cynthia Failor of McDonald; four grandchildren, Bradley James and Brandon William Nuckels and Edward William and Danielle Renea Rocher; and a great-grandchild, Martele Renea Nuckels.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 3, in McDonald Alliance Church, North McDonald Street, McDonald, PA 15057. Arrangements are under the direction of Nation Funeral Home Inc., McDonald.

Gordon E. Boak

Served in the ministry
for more than 55 years



The Rev. Gordon E. Boak, 88, of Washington, died Friday, November 5, 2004, in Grove Manor, Grove City.

He was born February 13, 1916, in Venice, a son of Erle and Meredith Harper Boak.

He was a 1933 Cecil High School graduate. He attended Carnegie Mellon School of Drama and was a 1942 Muskingum College graduate. He attended Oberlin Theological Seminary and in 1949 graduated from Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary. He received a doctorate of divinity from Muskingum College in 1958 and also from Westminster College in 1986.

He served in the ministry for more than 55 years, having pastored in Bethel United Presbyterian Church, Monroeville; Second United Presbyterian Church, Steubenville, Ohio; East Main United Presbyterian Church, Grove City; Glenshaw Presbyterian Church; and numerous churches in the Pittsburgh and Washington Presbyteries. For 38 summers, he served Wells Memorial Presbyterian Church in Avalon, N.J.

During World War II, he was in the U.S. Army Air Forces from 1942 to 1946.

On July 12, 1946, he married Vivian DuCarme.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian Boak; a son, the Rev. Bruce Boak of Pittsford, N.Y.; two daughters, Bonnie Lewis of Latrobe and Betsy Craig of Grove City; a brother Gale Boak, of DeBary, Fla.; and five grandchildren. Deceased is a brother, Jack Boak.

Margaret D. Bonnet

Robinson Township
tax collector

Margaret D. "Mag" Bonnet, 81, of McDonald, died Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

She was born April 3, 1923, in Dinsmore, a daughter of Michael and Anna Cibinic Tizik.

On January 28, 1950, she married Edward Joseph Bonnet, who died November 9, 1995.

Surviving are a son, Mark and wife, Karen, Bonnet of Moon Township; a daughter, Roberta (Bobby) Bonnet of California; a brother, John Tizik of Bulger; three sisters, Mary Bokulich of Midway, Anna Belle MacFarland of Canonsburg and Evelyn Connelly of North Hills; and four grandchildren, Elyssa, Brittany, Colin and Jared Bonnet.

Deceased are a sister, Helen Heider; and a brother, Michael Tizik.

RR

Lila Mae Lackner

Active member of Trinity
Presbyterian Church, McDonald

Lila Mae Lackner, 84, of Thornton, Colo., formerly of McDonald, died Friday, November 5, 2004, in Elms Grove Nursing Center, Thornton.

She was born October 27, 1920, in McDonald, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Kehm Ayres.

Mrs. Lackner worked as a sales clerk for the former Eleanor's Clothing Store in McDonald for 11 years and for the former Hyman's Men's Clothing Store for 20 years before retiring in 1983.

She was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, McDonald, where she served as a deacon, was in the chancel choir and on the kitchen and church fellowship committees.

On July 28, 1960, she married Henry D. Lackner, who died December 25, 1982.

Surviving are a sister, Dorothy Lacock of Charleston, S.C.; four nieces, Kathryn Ciezadlo of Thornton, Patricia Johnson of Hampton, Conn., Carol Meadows of Charleston and Cathy Walker of McDonald; a sister-in-law, Gloria Ayres of McDonald; four great-nieces; two great-nephews; three great-great-nieces; and a great-great-nephew.

A brother, Gerald Ayres, is deceased.

RR

Reepa Barto Fuller

Bulger homemaker
was seamstress

Reepa Barto Fuller, 79, of Bulger, died Tuesday, November 9, 2004, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born July 3, 1925, in Slovan, a daughter of Paul and Lucaria Sederoff Barto.

She was a member of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Old Believers Church in Marianna and Burgettstown Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Andrew Fuller, died August 7, 1990.

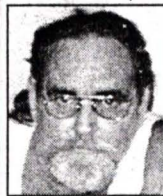
Surviving are a daughter, Bernadette Froats of Burgettstown; three sons, Bob Fuller of Burgettstown and Paul and Richard Fuller, both of Moon Township; a brother, David "Duffy" Barto; three sisters, Anne Kempa of Pittsburgh, Nell Panameroff of Erie and Vera Bumbara of Daytona Beach, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, Bob and Ryan Fuller, Melissa Spotti, Rachelle Havelka, Alexandra McElroy, Richie Froats, Katie and Justin Fuller and Zachary, Gabriel and Benjamin Fuller; and four great-grandchildren, Elle and Avery Havelka and Nicholas and Olivia Spotti.

Deceased are five brothers, Steve, Sergi, John and Fred Barto and a brother who died in infancy; and a sister, Pauline Guidy.

MP

Gary Michael Kelley

Presbyterian Medical Center
employee



Gary Michael Kelley, 46, of Washington, died at 7 a.m. Monday, November 8, 2004, in Washington Hospital, following a four-year illness.

He was born April 1, 1958, in Washington, a son of Cyrus Edward Kelley Sr. of Washington and the late Darlene Wright.

Mr. Kelley attended Trinity and McGuffey high schools and served stateside in the U.S. Army.

His wife of 11 years, Rosemary Finelli Kelley, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dana Kimble of Washington; three brothers, Cyrus Edward Kelley Jr. of Washington, Dale Kenneth Wright Jr. of McDonald and Donald Allen Wright of Meadow Lands; a brother-in-law, Frank Ancrile of Ohio; two sisters, Bonnie Johnston of Waynesburg and Sherry Gasior of Finleyville; two stepsisters, Judy Caldwell of Front Royal, Va., and Lisa Adams of Clarksville; three grandchildren, Lindsay Wigner, Raven Kimble and Travis Whitlock; his stepfather, Dale Kenneth Wright Sr. of Meadow Lands; his stepmother, Barbara Kelley of Washington; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Deceased are an infant son who died at birth; and two infant brothers.

MB

Alice M. McElhaney

Active member of Central
Assembly of God Church

Alice M. McElhaney, 92, of Canonsburg, died Thursday, November 11, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born February 12, 1912, in Imperial, a daughter of John and Anna Cramer Kerin.

Her husband, Earl McElhaney, died February 22, 1965.

Surviving are a son, Wayne E. McElhaney and wife Jean of Houston; three daughters, Dolores Kantorzyk of Bridgeville, Shirley Eakin and husband William of Avella and Sandra Richards and husband Kenneth of Houston; a brother, Valentine Kerin of Lakeland, Fla.; a sister, Virginia Pellman of Houston; 11 grandchildren, Danny and Dean Eakin, Natalie Vester, Brian and Mark Montecalvo, Lisa Nagle, James and Martin Kantorzyk and Richard, Christopher and Wayne Jr. McElhaney; two stepgrandchildren, Kenneth Richards and Kimberly Brown; 14 great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Deceased are a grandson, Dale Eakin; six brothers; and three sisters.

OS

Raymond Miller Thomas

Army veteran was truck driver



Raymond Miller Thomas, 68, of Washington, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday, November 5, 2004, in his home.

He was born March 20, 1936, in Hickory, a son of Mary Edna Neal Thomas of Washington and the late Raymond H. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was a truck driver and worked part time for Rusty's Amoco.

He attended Hickory High School and was a member of Crossroads Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Thomas served eight years in the U.S. Army. He was trained as a paratrooper, and while stationed in Alaska helped test the Cold Bar diving uniform.

He had an interest in military subjects and enjoyed building model cars and railroads.

On June 27, 1958, he married Alice Ethel Kita, who survives.

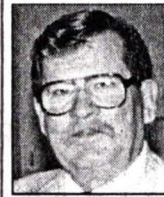
Also surviving are two sons, Raymond S. Thomas of Canonsburg and Adam R. Thomas of Nineveh; three daughters, Gwendolyn Ann Dawkins of Ocala, Fla., Mary Alice Wojcuch of Washington and Betty S. Dawkins of High Springs, Fla.; two sisters, Mary Ann Ostovic and Betty Camden, both of Washington; and 13 grandchildren.

A brother, Alvin Neil Thomas, is deceased.

FL

Lucius J. Bradbury

Bricklayer for Local 9



Lucius J. (Jack) Bradbury, 73, of Mt. Hope Ridge Road, Claysville, died at 6:40 a.m. Tuesday, November 9, 2004, in his home.

He was born October 20, 1931, in Yelvinton, Fla., a son of Charley L. and Sallie E. Barthlow Bradbury.

On October 2, 1954, he married Velma Christine Pattison, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James O. Bradbury (Cynthia Beddow) and Ralph W. Bradbury (Pamela Libicer), all of Claysville; a brother, James M. Bradbury of St. Augustine, Fla.; a sister, Effie Sheffield of Palatka, Fla.; two grandchildren, Summer Amos (Mark) and James O. Bradbury II (Heather), all of Claysville; and a great-granddaughter, Faith Noel Amos.

Deceased are five sisters, Gladys Fisher, Agnes Johnston, Sadie Warnick, Janette Murray and Sarah Britton; and six brothers, Lee, Stanley, Luke, Dallas, William and Edward Bradbury.

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Sandra S. Fitzgerald

Woodville State Hospital
psychiatric aide for 30 years

Sandra (Sandy) S. Fitzgerald, 66, of Muse, died Sunday, November 14, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born June 8, 1938, in Muse, a daughter of Luther Clark and Vada Lee Boyd.

Mrs. Fitzgerald was a member of Muse Presbyterian Church. She also was secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary of Muse Fire Department.

For 30 years, Mrs. Fitzgerald was a psychiatric aide at Woodville State Hospital.

On August 31, 1955, she married Jefferson R. "Fritz" Fitzgerald, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Pamela and husband Paul Czarniecki of Washington; a brother, Robert "Bubble Gum" and wife Colleen Boyd of Canonsburg; a sister, Shirley Garber of Muse; a grandson, Jason and wife Stacy Weyandt; a great-granddaughter, Emma JasonLeigh Weyandt; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. OS

Mary J. Kelley

First female taxi driver
in Washington area



Mary J. Kelley, 67, of Washington, formerly of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Tuesday, November 16, 2004, in Washington Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

She was born November 13, 1937, in Washington, a daughter of Dorwin and Ada Margaret Lafferty Roberts.

Mrs. Kelley was a graduate of Claysville High School and was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Washington.

Prior to returning to Washington, she lived 30 years in Colorado Springs and had worked as a professional limousine driver for Grey Line Tours. While in Colorado, she had been a volunteer for various non-profit organizations. She en-

On March 17, 1954, she married James F. Kelley, who survives. Also surviving are four daughters, Peggy L. Kelley of Security, Colo., Cheryl A. Kelley of Colorado Springs and Donna L. Rogan Kelley and Mary J. Miller Kelley, both of Washington; a sister, Bonnie S. Gallegos of Boise, Idaho; six grandchildren, Mary Mosely, Jeremy Moore, James W. and Karen L. Havener, Shannon Sandoval and Shaun P. Rogan; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a grandson, John F. Rogan II; and a brother, George A. Jackson. CL

Lilly Pearl Brown Ostrander

Claysville woman graduated
from Waynesburg H.S.



Lilly Pearl Brown Ostrander, 60, of Claysville, died Monday, November 15, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born June 20, 1944, in Avella, a daughter of the late Joseph Sr. and Cleo Pearl Randolph Brown.

Mrs. Ostrander was a graduate of Waynesburg High School.

She enjoyed crochet, yard work and solving crossword puzzles.

In 1966, she married Harry Edward Ostrander, who died August 14, 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Harry E. Ostrander III of Bloomsburg and Robert Howard Ostrander of Cameron, W.Va.; two daughters, Rhonda Sue Watts of Shomokin and Billie Jo Work of Marianna; five brothers, Michael Brown of Washington, Norman Brown of Waynesburg, Roy Brown of Sarasota, Fla., Walter Brown of Canonsburg and William Brown of Washington; three sisters, Flora Chase of Amity, Trudi King of Washington and Ellen Littell and son James Littell Jr. of Claysville, with whom she made her home; six grandchildren, Richard Ostrander, Stanley, Timothy and Robert Work, Stevie Cosky and Robert Ostrander; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are twin sons, Patrick Lee and Jack Daniel Ostrander; two brothers, Pat O'Donnell and Joseph Brown; and a sister, Betty Jo Wieland. MP

Bernard K. Walters

Worked for Forbes Steel
and at The Meadows

Bernard K. Walters, 67, of Canonsburg, died at 10:57 a.m. Saturday, November 13, 2004, in Canonsburg Hospital.

He was born March 9, 1937, in Pittsburgh, a son of Edward and Elizabeth Kadora Walters.

Mr. Walters served in the Army from January 1956 to December 1957.

Surviving are two sons, K.J. Walters of Muse and K.C. Walters of Utah; two daughters, Kelly Windhorst of Brookline and Karen Hammond of Landsdale; two brothers, David Walters of Canonsburg and Charles Walters of San Ramon, Calif.; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Ronald Walters and a brother who died in infancy. WF

Sadie Margaret Jeffrey

Cross Creek postmistress
for 13 years

Sadie Margaret Jeffrey, 91, of Eldersville, died Wednesday, November 11, 2004, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born May 14, 1913, in Greene County, a daughter of Walter H. and Elsie Polen Riggs.

Mrs. Jeffrey was postmistress of Cross Creek Post Office for 13 years.

She was a member of Church of Christ in Langeloth and a member of Cross Creek Village Grange. An avid gardener, she enjoyed reading and needlework.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna Jeffrey of Eldersville and Peggy Patrick, wife of Wayne, of Cantonment, Fla.; a son, Wayne Jeffrey, husband of Janet, of Eldersville; nine grandchildren, Lora Spagnolo, Jan Ellyn Thebeau, Adrienne Bicanich, Kiersten Fraser, Callie Cooper, Christopher and Craig Jeffrey and Michael and Matthew Patrick; and eight great-grandchildren.

Her husband, C. Dwight Jeffrey, died January 15, 1993. Also deceased are four brothers, Sanford, John, Cecil and Woodrow Riggs. FL

Herman L. Kerns

West Alexander man retired
from sawmill

Herman L. "Bush" Kerns, 95, of West Alexander, died at 8:55 p.m. Sunday, November 14, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born July 15, 1909, in Buffalo Township, a son of Reese and Cora Hewitt Kerns.

Mr. Kerns lived all his life in the West Finley and West Alexander areas.

On July 29, 1927, in Cadiz, Ohio, he married Georgie Bernice Tustin Kerns, who died July 17, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Frances Elizabeth, wife of Frank Garrison of West Alexander; and two sons, Herman J., husband of Patty McAdoo Kerns of West Alexander, and Paul Lavern Kerns of Brookville; his grandchildren, Lucinda, Randall, Brenda, Barbara, Joan, Maria, Julie, Jane, Paul Jr. Kerns, Debra Kerns, wife of Mike Czulewicz, Kim Garrison, wife of Jim McAnany, Jerry Garrison, husband of Frankie Beatty, and Pam Garrison, wife of Randy Wolfe; 26 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the last of nine children. Deceased are three sisters; Goldie Black, Blanche Lohr and Grace McKluskey; five brothers; Reese, Daniel, Gaylord and Frank Kerns and an infant brother; a grandson, Richard Kevin Garrison; and a great-grandchild. WA

Lawrence E. McCartney

Vietnam vet was retired truck
driver for John T. Subrick Inc.



Lawrence E. McCartney, 55, of Washington, died unexpectedly Friday, November 12, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born December 16, 1948, in Washington, a son of the late Charles and Emma Diamond McCartney.

Mr. McCartney was a 1968 Washington High School graduate.

On July 2, 1970, he was married to Bonnie L. Scott, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dennis S. and Scott E. McCartney, both at home; two brothers, Charles A. McCartney of Washington and Wallace McCartney of North Carolina; two sisters, Stella Maloy of Washington and Emma Newman of South Carolina; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Deceased is a sister, Linda Sullivan. W

Dale Clark Armstrong

Member of North Buffalo
Presbyterian Church



Dale Clark Armstrong, 40, of Washington, died Friday, November 12, 2004, in Washington Hospital. He had been ill since the age of 13.

He was born May 25, 1964 in Albany, Ga., a son of Duane and Leora Reese Armstrong of Washington.

Mr. Armstrong was a member of North Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

Goldie Mahramus Price

Lifelong Canonsburg resident
attended Central Assembly

Goldie Mahramus Price, 72, of Canonsburg, died Sunday, November 7, 2004.

She was born January 28, 1932, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Taverneris Mahramus.

Surviving are two sons, Michael and Jesse Price, both of Canonsburg; a daughter, Jamie Lamb of Riverside, Calif.; two brothers, Manuel Mahramus of Mims, Fla., and William Mahramus of Houston; a sister, Freda Rowe of Fort Smith, Ark.; two grandchildren, Shawn Lavin and Jessica Price; and several nephews and nieces.

Deceased are three brothers, Anthony, Nick and George Mahramus; and a half brother, Nick Manos. OS

Harry Austin Wilson

Worked for A&P,
East Washington Borough

Harry Austin Wilson, 79, of Washington, died Sunday, November 14, 2004, in his home.

He was born January 7, 1925, in Bridgeville, a son of Harry L. and Rebecca B. Cox Wilson.

Mr. Wilson was a graduate of Washington High School and attended Covenant Life Fellowship Church.

He was employed by A&P in Washington where he worked for many years managing the produce department. After the store closing, he worked for East Washington Borough street department.

Mr. Wilson was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a life member of American Legion Post 945.

He enjoyed model trains, small engine repair and working hard.

On January 4, 1947, in Washington, he married Beverly J. Chivers, who died April 7, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters, Pamela J. and Prue E. Molinaro, both of Washington; a brother, John Paul Wilson of Williamsport; two sisters, Dorothy James of Washington and Gloria Weber of Hickory; seven grandchildren, Guy A., Daniel W., Julie Anne and James E. Molinaro, Jenny L. and Perry V. Reihner and Jason T. McCormick; two great-grandchildren, Caitlin Olivia Temple and Nadia Christine Conklin; and several nieces and nephews.

A daughter, Penny Sue Wilson Reihner, is deceased. W

Shirley Ann Pasquale

Burgettstown resident
and homemaker

Shirley Ann Thomas Pasquale, 69, of Burgettstown, died Sunday, November 14, 2004, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born October 23, 1935, in Indiana, a daughter of Wilbur and Rose Forester Thomas.

She was a Midway High School graduate and a homemaker.

On November 17, 1954, she married Michael Pasquale Sr., who died October 26, 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Pasquale Jr. and wife Mary of Avella and Mark Pasquale of Burgettstown; three grandsons, Derek, Stephen and Michael Pasquale; a stepgrandson, Devan Miles; a great-grandson, Zachary Pasquale; a sister, Janis Krawchyk of Cherry Valley; and two brothers, Jay Thomas of Florida and Don Thomas of Oregon.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, are a sister, Rosalie Balus; and three brothers, Gene, Rex and Roland Thomas.

Eleanor Estella Saffle Robson

Jehovah's Witnesses member
from West Virginia

Eleanor Estella Saffle Robson, 86, of Colliers, W.Va., died Monday, November 15, 2004, in Pine Wood Elder Care, Wellsburg, W.Va.

She was born November 12, 1918, in New Cumberland, W.Va., a daughter of Charles and Minnie Hooper Saffle.

Mrs. Robson was a homemaker and a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Follansbee, W.Va., congregation.

Her husband, William Robson Jr., died in 1980.

Surviving are a son, Ron J. Robson and wife Pauline of Hurricane, W.Va.; a daughter, Judy Coulter and husband John of Avelia; a brother, Charles Saffle Jr. of Weirton, W.Va.; a sister, Olive Hinchee of Weirton; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a brother, Robert Saffle; and a sister, Helen Moore.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Reasner Funeral Home, 1515 Charles Street, Wellsburg, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 18, with John Duffield officiating. Interment will follow in Kadash Chapel, Beech Bottom, W.Va.

Keith A. Christner Sr.

Engineer for Aquatech
International, Canonsburg



Keith A. Christner Sr., 52, of Muse, died at 1:17 a.m. Sunday, November 21, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital, after a brief illness.

He was born June 11, 1952, in Canonsburg, a son of the late Rufus L. "Duke" and Mildred Beleno Christner.

Mr. Christner was a 1970 Canon-McMillan High School graduate and was an engineer for Aquatech International in Canonsburg.

He was a member of Muse Italian Club and was a social member of Muse Volunteer Fire Department. He was a Cecil Township Eagle Scout.

Mr. Christner enjoyed fishing, camping and computers.

He was Protestant.

On December 14, 1974, he married Bernice Horvath, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Keith A. (Amy Evans) Christner Jr. of Muse; two sisters, Lynn Bish and Marilyn Garrett, both of Canonsburg; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased is an infant sister, Dale Ellen Christner. OS

Mary E. Beard

Member of Westminster
Presbyterian Church

Mary E. Beard, 92, of Burgettstown, died Monday, November 15, 2004, in Humbert Lane Nursing Home, Washington.

She was born September 1, 1912, in Burgettstown, a daughter of Jim and Carrie Bailey Andrews.

Mrs. Beard was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Burgettstown.

Her husband, Ralph H. Beard Sr., died March 22, 1971.

Surviving are two sons, Ralph H. Beard Jr. of Langeloth and Raymond Beard of Michigan; two grandchildren, Amy and Brandy Beard; and a great-grandchild, Courtney May Gordon.

A daughter, Juanita G. Beard, is deceased.

Esther A. Torelli

Member of Calvary
Presbyterian Church

Esther A. Torelli, 91, of McDonald, died Wednesday, November 17, 2004.

She was born May 21, 1913, in Clinton, Ind., a daughter of Joseph and Noemi Tonoli Albertini.

Mrs. Torelli was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church in McDonald.

She was the beloved wife of Anthony Torelli, who died April 13, 1960.

Surviving are two brothers, Carl Albertini of McDonald and Albert Albertini of Moundsville, W.Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Baptist, Arthur and Amel Albertini; and a sister, Margaret Tustin. RR

Ruth L. Bain

Member of Center UP Church,
Midway

Ruth L. Bain, 89, of Midway, died Wednesday, November 24, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born October 28, 1915, in McDonald, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sawhill.

Her husband, Law Bain, died March 17, 2000.

Surviving are a son, John Bain of Midway; two sisters, Gert Motte of Sturgeon and Peg Bennett of California state; a brother, Don Montgomery of DuBois; six grandchildren, Terry Bain, Susan D'Angelo, John Michael Bain, Timothy Bain, Bobbie Jo Waugh and Keith Gillis; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Robert Law Bain, who died in 1967; and three brothers and three sisters. RR

Teens' conditions still critical after blast, fire

Two McGuffey High School students burned in a fire and explosion at a Buffalo Township home Friday afternoon remained in critical condition Sunday at a Pittsburgh hospital.

Billy Poland, 18, and John Martin, 17, were reportedly cleaning out the garage at Poland's home at 325 Reese Road when the explosion occurred.

Both teens were taken to Washington Hospital and transferred to the burn unit at West Penn Hospital.

Jonathan Levi Gower Martin

Honor student
at McGuffey High School



Jonathan Levi Gower Martin, 17, of West Alexander, died Tuesday, November 23, 2004, in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, as a result of injuries sustained in a fire.

He was born March 18, 1987, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon, a son of Douglas Martin and Sherri Gower Martin of West Alexander.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his brother, Zachary Michael Martin; maternal grandparents, Joseph and Eileen Gower of Canonsburg; maternal aunts and uncles, Lisa and Clyde Knupp and their children, Heather and Kyle Knupp, and Lori and John Warabow and their children, Joseph and Elizabeth Warabow; paternal grandparents, David and Estella Martin of Washington; and paternal aunts and uncles, David and D. Elizabeth Martin and their children, David Ian (Heather) Martin and Jared Martin, Dennis Martin and his children, Dennis II (Candice), Gina and Alison Martin, Jewel and John Brown and their children, Justin, Jessica, and Janna Brown, and Jill and Darrell Briggs and their children, Darrell Jr. and Daunice Briggs. WA

Marie L. Witzel

Marie L. Witzel, 75, of Oakmont, formerly of Houston, died Friday, December 10, 2004.

Visitation: 2-4, 7-9 p.m. Monday in Burket-Truby Funeral Home. Mass: Tuesday, December 14, in St. Irenaeus Church.

MARIE (CORLAZZOLI) WITZEL
HAD MARRIED JOSEPH
WITZEL WHO WAS KILLED
IN AUTO ACCIDENT IN
1960.

Kathleen L. Cole

Retired Gladden Trucking Co.
secretary

Kathleen L. Cole, 62, of Cambridge Springs, formerly of Washington, died Tuesday, November 30, 2004, in St. Vincent Health Center, Erie, after a year-and-a-half illness.

She was born September 23, 1942, in Washington, a daughter of William and Leanna Miller Nichols.

Mrs. Cole was a graduate of Trinity High School and Penn Commercial and worked as a secretary for Gladden Trucking Co., retiring in 1983. Prior to that, she worked for AAA as a secretary and travel agent.

She enjoyed gardening and animals.

On May 6, 1967, she married Carl M. Cole, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Mark Cole and wife Debbie of Washington and Theodore and Daniel Cole, both of Cambridge Springs; two brothers, William Nichols of Claysville and David Nichols of Washington; a sister, Linda Steele of Ashburn, Va.; and three grandchildren, Mark, Samantha and Toni. **WA**

George H. Duvall

Canonsburg pizza shop owner
served in the U.S. Navy

George H. "Skinny" Duvall, 76, of Canonsburg, died Friday, December 3, 2004 in HCR Manor Care, McMurray.

He was born September 9, 1928, in Houston, a son of George H. and Jean Campbell Duvall.

Mr. Duvall was a machine operator at McGraw-Edison and owned/operated Skinny's Pizza Shop, both in Canonsburg.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Mr. Duvall attended First United Methodist Church, Canonsburg, and Canonsburg schools.

He was a member of VFW Post 191, Canonsburg, and Washington County Buckskinners.

On September 26, 1948, he married Cora Jane Hall, who died April 27, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce Chambers of Canonsburg; two sons, Thomas Duvall of Canonsburg and David Duvall of Meadow Lands; four grandchildren, Scott Chambers and Thomas, Tammy and David Duvall; a great-grandson, Chase Chambers; a brother, Gary Duvall; and three sisters, Lois Ann Jackson, Shirley Nordquist and Mary Lou Campbell, all of Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. **OS**

Helen J. Vladich

Food service union boss
at Pittsburgh airport

Helen J. Vladich, 72, of Slovan, died Sunday, November 28, 2004, in her home.

She was born January 11, 1932, in Bridgeville, a daughter of Joseph and Barbara Ambrose.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Vladich was employed by A&P in Burgettstown, Farm Restaurant in Hanover Township and Gladioux Food Services at Greater Pittsburgh Airport where she was a union boss.

She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Burgettstown, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Slovan and Slovan Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

Mrs. Vladich was a constable for the election board and was a Boy Scouts den mother.

Her husband, Joseph "Yovo" Vladich, died August 21, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter, Paula Noble of Slovan; three sons, Joseph "Yovo," Eric (Vic) and Robert Vladich, all of Slovan; two sisters, Barbara Pekuliar of Robinson Township and Theresa Sloan of Riverside, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a granddaughter, Nicole Vladich; a sister, Elizabeth Turner; and a brother, John Ambrose. **MP**

Lawrence W. Jemison

Westland steelworker worked
at Stephen's Hair Salon

Lawrence W. "Tweety" Jemison, 49, of Westland, died Wednesday, November 24, 2004, in Washington Hospital of natural causes.

He was born November 24, 1955, in Washington, a son of Edith Jemison of Westland and the late George L. Moye.

Mr. Jemison was a 1975 graduate of Fort Cherry High School.

He worked as a steelworker for 13 years at Washington Steel in Houston and at the former Volkswagen assembly plant in New Stanton. He also was a hair dresser, working in the Westland area and had worked for Stephen's Hair Salon in McMurray.

Mr. Jemison was a member of First Baptist Church in Westland.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his stepfather, Joseph Jemison; a brother, William Jemison of Westland; two sisters, Patricia Partee of Upper Marlboro, Md., and Toni A. Jemison of Houston; a stepbrother, Dwight Constant of Meadow Lands; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

A brother, Joseph Jemison, died as a young child.

Corrine Boyle

Homemaker was member
of St. Mary Church in Cecil

Corrine Boyle, 77, of Hendersonville, died Tuesday, November 23, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

She was born December 7, 1926, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of John and Cecelia Gates.

Mrs. Boyle was a homemaker who resided in Hendersonville for 53 years and was a member of St. Mary Church, Cecil.

On August 7, 1946, she married James P. Boyle, who survives. They celebrated 58 years of marriage.

Also surviving are a daughter, Arlene and husband Joseph Morgan, and two sons, James C. and wife Annette Boyle and Kenneth P. and wife Catherine Boyle, all of Hendersonville; a sister, Irene McVay; eight grandchildren, Lisa Beckwith, James J. Boyle, Valerie Ober, Joseph P. Morgan, Tammy Kauffman and Eric, Michael and Kristi Boyle; and four great-grandchildren, Sarah, Jessica and Robert Beckwith and Tonia Boyle. **FL**

Brian W. Vernau

Coach in Chartiers-Houston
youth programs



Brian W. Vernau, 43, of Houston, died unexpectedly Tuesday, November 30, 2004, in Canonsburg General Hospital, Canonsburg.

He was born July 24, 1961, in Jeannette, a son of the late Thomas and Eleanor Reber Vernau.

Mr. Vernau was a 1979 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School and received an engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1984.

At the time of his death, he was employed by DBT-America in Houston.

He was a member of Chartiers Crossroads Presbyterian Church, On August 31, 1985, he married Beth Buckley, who survives.

Also surviving are his stepmother, Patricia Vernau of Canonsburg; two daughters, Stephanie and Kellie Vernau and a son, Andrew Vernau, all at home; two brothers, Thomas (Tami) Vernau of Harrisburg and Michael (Denise) Vernau of Washington; a sister, Jean (Steve) Zyglowitz of Leesburg, Va.; and several nieces and nephews; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Buckley Jr. of Canonsburg.

Frances H. Hospodar

Worked at Woodville State
Hospital for 22 years

Frances H. Hospodar, 76, of McDonald, died Tuesday, November 23, 2004.

She was born November 8, 1928, in Avenue Station, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob and Frances Picyuluk Hook.

A 1946 McDonald High School graduate, she was a member of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, McDonald.

Mrs. Hospodar worked in the revenue department of Woodville State Hospital, where she worked for 22 years. Prior to that, she worked for Bell Telephone for nine years.

On June 2, 1947, she married Edward "Hoss" Hospodar, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael Hospodar of Venetia, Dr. Mark Hospodar of Pittsburgh and Robert Hospodar of Georgetown; eight grandchildren, Jacob, Rachel, Kevin, Elizabeth, Kelly, Matthew, Sean and Kathleen Hospodar; three sisters, Angela McGreevy of Aliquippa, Leona Shimek of Pittsburgh and Mildred Dhanse of Canonsburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are six sisters, Leona and Pauline Hook, Helen Gibson, Charlotte Burtis, Vera DeBlander and Agnes Calley.

Russell C. Snyder Sr.

Active member of the First U.P.
Church in Houston



Russell C. Snyder Sr., 76, of Houston, died Sunday, November 28, 2004, in Washington Hospital.

He was born April 18, 1928, in Castle Shannon, a son of Edward and Mary Ellen Ritson Snyder.

Mr. Snyder was an active member of First United Presbyterian Church, Houston, where he served as a deacon, had been a choir member and did volunteer work.

He was a member of United Steel Workers. He had worked for the former Electric Weld, McGraw-Edison and Cooper Power Systems, all of Canonsburg, retiring in 1990.

On August 11, 1948, he married Kathryn Evanovich, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Russell C. Snyder Jr. and wife Dawn of Lumberton, N.C., and Edward C. Snyder and wife Alesia of Pottstown; two sisters, Dorothy Sibert of Pittsburgh and Darlene Brown of Canonsburg; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a brother and two sisters. **WF**

Robert Owen Bellaire

Electrician served in U.S. Army

Robert Owen Bellaire, 62, of McDonald, died Saturday, November 27, 2004, in Beverly Health Care, Canonsburg.

He was born November 19, 1942, in McDonald, a son of the late Harry Jr. and Leah Charlier Bellaire.

Mr. Bellaire was a U.S. Army veteran and a graduate of McDonald High School and was employed as an electrician for Bellaire Electric.

Surviving are a son, Mark Bellaire of McDonald; two brothers, Howard Bellaire and Harry Bellaire, both of McDonald; and three sisters, Ruth Zilich of McDonald, Diana Lloyd of Canonsburg and Carla Lindley of McDonald.

Deceased are a brother, Lyman Bellaire.

Also surviving are two stepchildren, Troy and Tiffany Arnold.

Concetta Dalverny

Retired nurse's aide
at Woodville State Hospital

Concetta "Chatta" Dalverny, 91, of Leesburg, Ind., formerly of Bulger, died Saturday, December 4, 2004, in Miller's Mary Manor, Warsaw, Ind.

She was born June 4, 1913, in Bulger, a daughter of Pietro Antonetti. Her mother died when she was four, and she was raised with the Bianchi family in Bulger.

Her husband, Alban Dalverny, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Marius "Moe" Dalverny of Leesburg; two grandchildren, Carly Boos and Jeffrey Dalverny; and five great-grandchildren, Simone, Austin, Alex, Kendall and Leah.

Deceased are a son, Henry E. Dalverny; and four brothers. RR

Virginia L. Perenic

Former Virginia voter registrar
was McDonald-H.S. grad

Virginia L. Perenic, 63, of Washington, died Saturday, December 4, 2004, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born November 22, 1941, in Washington, a daughter of Grace H. Cagnon Gilbert of McDonald and the late Raymond Gilbert.

Mrs. Perenic was a 1959 graduate of McDonald High School. She was a deputy voter registrar for 13 years in Prince William County, Va., before retiring in 1997.

She was a member of Association of Voters Registrars.

On May 9, 1964, she married Robert F. Perenic, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and mother, are a son, Robert F. Perenic of Washington; and two grandsons, Devon and Karson Perenic. FL

Lorraine Growden

Active member of Center United
Presbyterian Church, Midway

Lorraine Growden, 65, of Midway, died Friday, December 3, 2004, in Trinity Medical Center West, Steubenville, Ohio.

She was born June 13, 1939, in Manasquan, N.J., a daughter of the late Edward and Angela Stires Naden.

Mrs. Growden graduated from Manasquan High School and entered the U.S. Air Force, where she met her husband.

At the time of her death, she worked as a cashier for Groceries Plus More, McDonald.

Mrs. Growden was a member of Center United Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder and Sunday school treasurer and had previously served as a Sunday school teacher and deacon.

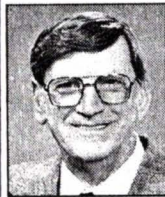
She as an avid reader and enjoyed traveling and camping.

On November 25, 1959, she married Robert John Growden Sr., who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Valerie J. (Joe) D'Amico of Gettysburg; a son, Robert J. (Eddie) Growden Jr. of Gordonsville, Va.; two sisters, Barbara Deufel of Toms River, N.J., and Eva Applegate of West Belmar, N.J.; a brother, Edward Naden Jr. of Manasquan; and a granddaughter, Sylvia J. Growden. C

Donald Carl Hampe

National Annealing Box
employee served in Korea



Donald Carl Hampe, 74, of Washington, died at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 9, 2004, in Washington Hospital, following a

lengthy illness.

He was born August 9, 1930, in Washington, a son of Fred Sr. and Pearl Fisher Hampe.

He was a former member of Allison Avenue Baptist Church.

Mr. Hampe was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Korea as a private first class and earned the Korean Service Medal with four bronze stars.

On November 7, 1953, he married Ruth Elizabeth Huber, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cynthia H. Riggle of Washington; two brothers, David Glenn Hampe and Fred Hampe Jr., both of Washington; a sister, Beatrice Hergert of Kissimmee, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Ashley R. and Kelley D. Riggle.

Deceased are a brother, Thomas Hampe; and two sisters, Marie Rhoades and Alma Mull. W

Edward L. Grudevich

Canonsburg man
loved the outdoors

Edward L. "Piney" Grudevich, 88, of Canonsburg, died at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born January 17, 1916, in Raccoon, a son of Leon and Josephine Suska Grudevich.

On June 9, 1945, he married Mary E. Shuba, who died January 8, 1991.

Surviving are a son, Edward S. Grudevich of North Strabane Township; a daughter, Anne L. Altieri of Cecil; and two granddaughters, Sarah and Maria Grudevich.

Deceased are two brothers, Aloizy "Pie" and Felix Grudevich; and four sisters, Lucy Churilla, Theresa Stacko, Tillie Chuba and Cecelia. OS

Blanche M. Kloska

Houston homemaker

Blanche M. Kloska, 93, of Houston, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday, December 10, 2004, in her home.

She was born March 8, 1911, in Westland, a daughter of Charles and Catherine Pociacha Winseck.

On August 22, 1934, she married Frank T. Kloska, who died May 1, 1984.

Surviving are a son, Richard T. Kloska of Washington; three daughters, Patricia K. Kouklakis of Houston, Kathleen F. Jordan of Palmer, Alaska, and Arlene F. Sharik of Gastonia, N.C.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are five brothers, John, Walter, Joseph, Michael and Carroll Winseck; and two sisters, Ann Koziel and Stella Chyko.

Mrs. Kloska was the last of her immediate family. OS

Robert L. Hoberek

A-Positive Electric laborer
from Burgettstown

Robert L. Hoberek, 50, of Burgettstown, died Tuesday, December 28, 2004, in his home.

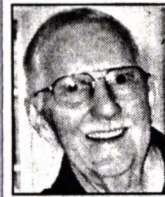
He was born October 11, 1954, a son of the late Stanley F. and Margaret Windland Hoberek.

Mr. Hoberek was a laborer with A-Positive Electric, Slovan.

He was a devoted father to Matthew and Katie Hoberek, both at home; a brother to Natch Hoberek of Burgettstown, Otha Hoberek of Eldersville, Stanley Hoberek and Shirley Ringer, both of Ohio, David Hoberek of Langeloth, George Hoberek and Mary Jane Prevost, both of Burgettstown, and Freda Bongorni and Marty Ammon, both of Avela.

Robert C. Speer

Ministered at Beverly
Nursing Home



The Rev. Robert C. Speer, 74, of Washington, died Sunday, December 12, 2004, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh, after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 27, 1930, in Oakdale, a son of William and Susan "Syvilla" Smith Speer.

Mr. Speer was a graduate of Hickory High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He retired as a driver for Dillie Motor Freight after 39 years and later worked for Gary Krikorian, CPA/CFP.

He attended South Hills Assembly of God Church in Bethel Park and had a nursing home ministry at Beverly Nursing Home in North Strabane Township. He sang with New Day Assembly Ensemble in Upper St. Clair and taught home Bible study.

Mr. Speer enjoyed traveling and visiting family.

On February 5, 1955, in Washington, he married Esther Sedora, who died September 3, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Debbie (Gary) Krikorian of McMurray; three brothers, Lee of Burgettstown, William of Houston and Donald of Lubbock, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Thomas, is deceased. FL

James Lawrence McQuillan

WWII vet was retired from
Teamsters Local 249

James Lawrence McQuillan, 81, of Midway, died Wednesday, December 15, 2004, in McMurray Hills Manor.

He was born May 4, 1923, in Hazel Hurst, a son of Thomas and Grace Curtin McQuillan.

Mr. McQuillan was a Kane High School graduate and served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a mechanic during World War II. He earned an Army Air Force certificate of appreciation for war service.

He was a truck driver for Chemical Leaman Tank Lines of Paris

Surviving are his wife, Mona Laverne Dowler McQuillan; two daughters, Nina McQuillan of Delaware and Nyla Buyan of Canonsburg; four sons, Thomas McDonald, Dale of Midway, Martin of Washington and Richard McQuillan of Hickory; 12 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and three sisters, Elizabeth Zaney of McDonald, Madolyn Rence of Minnesota and Gracie Snyder of Pittsburgh.

Deceased is a sister, Maida Howell. C

Robert Fredrick Bonner

U.S. Navy vet and schoolteacher built Scotty's Restaurant

Robert Fredrick Bonner, 89, of Washington, formerly of Florida, died Friday, December 10, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington, following a six-month illness.

He was born October 7, 1915, in Minnie, Wetzel County, W.Va., a son of John Wesley and O. Ella May Boggs Bonner.

After graduating high school, Mr. Bonner graduated from Glenville (W.Va.) State College.

He built Scotty's Restaurant and operated it for some time. He later taught school in West Virginia and Florida.

Mr. Bonner was a member of Fairhill Manor Christian Church, Washington, and enjoyed making crafts from wood and seashells.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving as a lieutenant in the Pacific Theater and Hawaii after Pearl Harbor.

On October 6, 1946, he married Margaret Ann Jordan, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John R. Moninger of Washington, Delbert Duane Moninger of Santee, S.C., and Edward Arthur Moninger of Houston, Texas; a sister, Estelle Moses of Buffalo, N.Y.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two daughters, Audrey Jean Moninger and Phyllis Ann Swats; a brother, John Bonner; and two sisters, Ethel Moore and Mary Jane Mearns.

MP

Mary Lou Tustin

Mary Lou Tustin, 58, of Sloan, died Tuesday, December 14, 2004.

She was the mother of Barbara Brown, Louanna Dawson and Frank Flannigan.

Visitation and services: Friday in Nation Funeral Home, McDonald, at times to be announced

Robert K. (Joe) Scott

St. Regis Paper Co. retiree was avid golfer

Robert K. (Joe) Scott, 88, of McMurray, died Saturday, January 29, 2005.

Mr. Scott retired from St. Regis Paper Co. in 1982.

He was an avid golfer and member of St. Benedict's Golf League.

He was the beloved husband of 63 years to Irene Brennan Scott; a loving father of Barbara Ann (Stephen) Avetta; brother of Julia Belle Smiley, Paul, Sam and the late Walter Jr. and Wayne Scott.

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SON OF WALTER AND MATHILDA (COOK) SCOTT

William C. Bedillion

Truck driver was member of Houston U.M. Church

William C. Bedillion, 74, of Canonsburg, died at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, December 21, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born April 12, 1930, in Washington, a son of Jack and Bessie Milligan Bedillion.

Mr. Bedillion was a graduate of Chartiers High School, Class of 1948. He was a truck driver for 42 years and was a member of Houston United Methodist Church.

In 1954, he married Frances D. Phillips, who died February 2, 1996.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda M. Godwin of Washington and Susan Bedillion and Kathy Bedillion, both of the state of California; three sons, Michael K. "Dude" Bedillion of Canonsburg, Richard W. Bedillion of Washington and Russell Bedillion of California; six grandchildren, Briana Bedillion, Michelle McCracken, Maggie Bedillion, Angel Lloyd, Ricki Bedillion and Michael Heider; four great-grandchildren: a sister, Lilyan Blough of Meadow Lands; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a daughter, Beverly Martino; and two sisters, Ruth Arnold and Florence Bedillion. Interment will be in North Ten Mile Baptist Church Cemetery.

William A. Hixenbaugh

Member of Claysville United Methodist Church

William A. Hixenbaugh, 68, of Claysville, died Thursday, December 16, 2004, in his home after being in failing health the past five years.

He was born January 16, 1936, in Washington, a son of Lester Vaughn and Mary Catherine Gromo Hixenbaugh. He had resided in Ohio as a young child and had resided in the Claysville area since his pre-teen years.

On May 30, 1957, he married Carolyn Kay Gilbert, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters; Nancy, wife of Charles Yanniello, of Waynesburg, Cheryl, wife of James Wilson, of Washington and Debbie Hixenbaugh and her companion, Vernon "Buzz" Stevens, of Washington; a grandson, James Wilson II; a granddaughter, Megan Wilson; several stepgrandchildren; a brother, Vaughn, husband of Kathryn Closser Hixenbaugh, of Avella; a sister, Jean, wife of William Gibson, of Claysville; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, is a brother who died in infancy.

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James A. Ackroyd

Former resident of Canonsburg

James A. Ackroyd died at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, December 16, 2004, in Hospice House, Fort Myers, Fla., following a lengthy battle with cancer, with his wife, Nancy, by his side, where she had been for the past 54½ years.

He was born July 2, 1928, a son of Ruth E. Wales Ackroyd and Alfred Ackroyd in Canonsburg.

Mr. Ackroyd attended grade school and high school in Canonsburg, graduating from Canonsburg High School in 1946. He attended Carnegie Mellon Institute for two years. He began working part-time as a postal clerk at Canonsburg Post Office during his high school days. After graduation, he went to work at Pennsylvania Transformer Co., which later became Cooper Industries. Mr. Ackroyd worked at the plant in Canonsburg for 42 years, ending his career as a plant production manager.

OS

Mary Barbara Pelhan

Peters Township graduate

Mary Barbara Pelhan, 87, of Louisville, Ky., formerly of Peters Township, died Tuesday, December 14, 2004, in Regency Care Facility, Louisville.

She was born August 14, 1917, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Rudolph and Barbara Pokepec Jurick.

She was a graduate of Peters Township High School and attended the College of William & Mary.

Surviving are six sons, Dennis, Alan, John, Steven, Bill and Ralph Pelhan; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mildred Brown of Silverspring, Md.

OS

Dorothy Helay

Western Center retiree was active church member, volunteer



Dorothy Helay, 79, of Canonsburg, died in her sleep December 15, 2004.

She was very active in the community, supporting area food banks and volunteering in Children's Learning Center of Canonsburg Public Library.

She was retired from Western Center in Canonsburg. Prior to that, she worked as a secretary for TV Guide in Pittsburgh.

Surviving are a brother, Herman R. Helay and sister-in-law Lillian R. Helay of Canonsburg; a niece, Laura R. Helay of Canonsburg; a nephew, Michael S. Helay of Upper St. Clair.

Deceased are her parents, Mike and Anna Helay; and a sister, Lillian Helay Baker.

OS

Alvin Homer Simpson

WWII veteran, truck driver formerly of Hickory



Alvin Homer Simpson, 90, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Hickory, died Saturday, December 18, 2004, at home, following a brief illness.

He was born December 20, 1913, in Rea, a son of Homer and Velma Roney Simpson.

Mr. Simpson attended Hickory schools.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and served in Germany, where he received the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with three bronze stars and a Purple Heart after being wounded March 24, 1945. He was a member of American Legion in Tempe, Ariz.

Mr. Simpson was a truck driver throughout his life and a member of Teamsters Union. He drove for Suwak Trucking, Hull Resurfacing in Butler and Koppers in Wellsburg, W.Va.

On June 15, 1934, he eloped to Wellsburg, and married Nora Jean Davidson, who is deceased.

Surviving are three children, Richard Simpson and wife, Carolyn, of Queen Creek, Ariz., Nancy Willis and husband, Edward, of Washington and Ruth Ann Easton and husband, Harland, of Mesa; a sister, Jean Moore of Hickory who visited him several weeks each year in Arizona; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, who loved him and whom he loved dearly.

Deceased are brothers, Lyle and Ross; and a sister, Dorethea.

MP

Sandra E. Nice

McDonald woman worked at Hills, Ames

Sandra E. Nice, 69, of McDonald, died Monday, December 27, 2004, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born April 21, 1935, in Wellsburg, W.Va., a daughter of Arthur and Lucy Boyd Coulter.

On January 9, 1954, she married Donald A. Nice, who died September 17, 2002.

Surviving are a son, Curt A. Nice of McDonald; a granddaughter, Tiffany Berthold; three sisters, Betsy Aiken of Canonsburg, Sally Shrader of Prosperity and Bonnie Caseley of Shepherdstown, W.Va.; and three brothers, Doug and Ronald, both of Cecil, and John Coulter of Avella.

A brother, Robert Coulter, is deceased.

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EAKIN CASELY

James A. Hines Jr.

Longtime employee for MAC
Plastics, Falcon Plastics

James A. Hines Jr., 45, of Washington, died Friday, December 24, 2004, as a result of injuries sustained in a fire at the North Strabane Township residence of his brother and sister-in-law, Kevin and Heather Hines.

He was born January 11, 1959, in Washington, a son of James Albert and Marguerite Ramage Hines.

Mr. Hines was a 1977 Trinity High School graduate and had worked for 25 years for MAC Plastics and then Falcon Plastics of Washington, where he was a tow motor operator.

Surviving, in addition to his brother and sister-in-law, are a nephew, Devin Anthony Pettit; a niece, Stephanie Hines; his stepmother, Linda Maye Hines of Amity; an aunt, Sharon Miller of Amity; and several cousins.

Deceased are his parents and two nieces.

Horne Cemetery, Marianna.

M. LaRue Frampton Aivalotis

M. LaRue Frampton Aivalotis, 81, of Wheeling, W. Va., formerly of Midway, died Monday, December 20, 2004, in her home.

Her husband of 61 years, Harry William Aivalotis, survives.

Arrangements by Kepner Funeral Homes, Wheeling.

Kelsey Nicole Hines

South Central Elementary
School student

Kelsey Nicole Hines, 6-year-old daughter of Kevin S. and Heather McCallister Hines of North Strabane Township, died Friday, December 24, 2004, as a result of a fire in the family residence.

She was born January 6, 1998, in Sacramento, Calif.

She was a first-grade student at South Central Elementary School of Canon-McMillan School District.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are her 10-year old brother, Devin Anthony Pettit; a sister, Stephanie Hines of Rockland, Calif.; her maternal grandparents, Cheryl Dilkes Sickles and husband Bill of Washington and Wid McCallister of Sarasota, Fla.; her paternal grandmother, Linda Maye Donaldson Hines of Amity; her maternal aunt, Tiffany Dobbin of Washington; her maternal uncle, Damon McCallister of Finleyville; five great-aunts; and several cousins.

Deceased are a sister, Alexis Hines; her paternal grandfather, James Albert Hines Sr.; and her paternal uncle, James A. Hines Jr.

Robert E. Powers

Avella carpenter
was volunteer fireman



Robert E. Powers, 74, of Avella, died at 10:15 a.m. Monday, December 27, 2004, in his home.

He was born September 25, 1930, in Cleveland, Ohio, a son of Michael P. and Laura Butler Powers.

Mr. Powers was a resident of Avella for 73 years and a 25-year member of Avella Volunteer Fire Department.

He was employed as a carpenter for Weirton Steel Corp. for 36½ years.

On May 11, 1952, he married Wanda J. Prevost, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Powers of Apopka, Fla., and Leonard Powers of Avella; two daughters, Catherine Ann Anderson of Beech Bottom, W. Va., and Karen Adams of Avella; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers, Michael and Edward Powers, both of Avella, and David Powers of Chester, W. Va.; and a sister, Nellie Thomas of Slovan.

Deceased are two brothers, Hobart and Joseph Powers; and two sisters, Sylvia Powers and a sister who died in infancy.

Isabell G. McBride

Homemaker was member
of I.C. Church, Washington

Isabell G. McBride, 90, of South Strabane Township, died at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, December 25, 2004, in Washington County Health Center, Washington, following a lingering illness.

She was born April 25, 1914, in Washington, a daughter of Jeal and Norma Dandron Barrows.

Mrs. McBride was a homemaker.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, where she was involved in Christian Mothers/Rosary Society.

On May 15, 1935, she married Ralph S. McBride, who died November 11, 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlotte A. (David) Gault of Washington; three sisters, Anna McCormick of Monroe, Mich., Betty McClain of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Myrtle Barnett of Washington; three grandchildren, David and Mark Gault and Cheryl Miller; and four great-grandchildren, Zachary, Christopher, Lindsey and Haley Gault.

Deceased are two brothers, Grant and Earnest Barrows.

Helen W. Wargo Dreyer

Avella homemaker
born in Eldersville

Helen W. Wargo Dreyer, 86, of Avella, died Wednesday, December 29, 2004, in Weirton Medical Center, Weirton, W. Va.

She was born March 6, 1918, in Eldersville, a daughter of John and Sophia Petrina Wargo.

Mrs. Dreyer was a member of Ohio Valley Christian Center in Steubenville, Ohio.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing.

Her husband, Frederick Dreyer, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Frederick Paul Dreyer and wife Kathleen of Mobile, Ala., and Richard Michael (Mike) Dreyer and wife Lisa of Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Kathy Gundrum and husband Al of Colliers, W. Va.; a sister, Betty Pratt of New Cumberland, W. Va.; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Deceased are seven brothers, Steve, John, Mike, George, infant brother Adam, Paul and Andy Wargo.

Charles William Gallo

Self-employed handyman



Charles William Gallo, 66, of Washington, died Wednesday, January 5, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital, following a brief illness.

He was born August 7, 1938, in Bulger, a son of John William and Martha Elizabeth Campbell Gallo.

On June 20, 1987, he married Margaret Briggs Dinch, who survives.

Also surviving are five stepsons, Thomas Dinch of Marianna, Leroy Dinch of Daisytown, Frank Gallo of West Alexander, Jude Gallo of Washington and James McCombs of South Carolina; two daughters, Martha Elizabeth Copestick and Hanna Jane Copestick, both of Washington; three stepdaughters, Sherry McCombs, Frances Gallo and Wendy Gallo, all of Washington; three brothers, George Gallo of South Park, Frank Gallo of Canonsburg and Robert Gallo of Pontiac, Mich.; four sisters, Evelyn Harps and Vyiona Wilk, both of Washington, Joyce Babiard of Bentleyville and Alma Jackson of Amity; two grandchildren, whom he raised, Angie and Charlie Gallo, and several other grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are five brothers, John Thomas, Terry, Alvin, Ellsworth and his twin, Clarence Gallo.

AVELLA MAN IS KILLED AT WORK

Kenneth Donald Rohr Fatally
Hurt While Working With
Construction Company at
Nant-y-Glo.

FUNERAL IS ON THURSDAY 1913—1934

AVELLA, Feb. 5.—Word was received here tonight of the death of Kenneth Donald Rohr, 21, who was killed today at Nant-y-Glo while working for the Highland-Patterson Construction Company.

A graduate of Independence Township High School and a student for two years at Carnegie Tech, Rohr had been working for the company for the past 10 months.

While living here he made his home with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Shaff. He married Miss Margaret Perrin, who survives with a small daughter, Shirley Jean Rohr. His mother, Mrs. Minerva Deatrick, and step-father, Simon Deatrick, and a brother, Herbert Rohr, all of Lima, O., also survive.

He was a member of the Avella Presbyterian Church, having joined the congregation at the age of 12 years.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. in the Avella Presbyterian Church, in charge of Rev. N. E. Coulter, assisted by Rev. E. L. Stehman, of Brownsville. Interment will be in the West Midletown Cemetery.

Anna Majernik

Member of Slovan Presbyterian
Church

Anna Majernik, 89, of Beaver, died Wednesday, December 29, 2004, in Beaver Valley Medical Center, Beaver.

She was born August 9, 1915, in Joffre, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beharry.

Surviving are three sons, Richard (Carol) of Brownsville, Michael (Betty) of Aliquippa and Paul (Patty) of Michigan; a daughter, Barbara (Martin) Beach of Maryland; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret Wojtowski.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, are her husband, Michael Majernik, who died in 1997; three sisters; and a brother.

Richard A. Smittle

Eighty Four resident was retired
from heating, AC industry

Richard A. "Bud" Smittle, 64, of Eighty Four, died unexpectedly Friday, January 7, 2005, in his home.

He was born April 7, 1940, in Canonsburg, a son of the late Charles and Anna Burchik Smittle.

Surviving are a daughter, Leslie, wife of Robert Croyle Jr. of Crystal River, Fla.; two brothers, Ronald and Robert Smittle, both of Canonsburg; a sister, Carol Ellis of Eighty Four; two grandchildren, Alex and Kiersten Croyle; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a brother, Donald Smittle.

Elizabeth Raineri

Homemaker was St. Alphonsus
R.C. Church parishioner

Elizabeth Gima Raineri, 87, of Primrose, Mt. Pleasant Township, died Friday, January 7, 2005, in Horizon Senior Care, Canonsburg.

She was born August 22, 1917, in Primrose, a daughter of Andrew and Mary Gima.

Mrs. Raineri was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking, baking and playing bingo.

She was a parishioner of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, McDonald.

Her husband, Romeo Raineri, died March 3, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Rosemary M. Prevost and husband Merle of Primrose; two sons, Robert A. Raineri and wife Cheryl of Primrose and Dennis M. Raineri of Eldred; 10 grandchildren, Lisa Smith, Dalene Quinn, Jennifer Vitte, Sherri Windburn and Deborah, Denise, Dale, Robert, Dennis Jr. and Jessica Raineri; and several great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are a son, David L. Raineri; four sisters, Ann Sacco, Mary Raineri, Marge Kuzma and Julia Schmac; and four brothers, George, Andrew, John and Mike Gima. **RR**

David M. Henderson

Claysville construction worker



David M. Henderson, 59, of Claysville, died at 12:25 p.m. Monday, January 3, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington. He had been ill since October.

He was born October 2, 1945, in Washington, a son of the late Kelsey F. and Mary Katherine McMasters Henderson.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors.

On May 19, 1970, he married Patsy D. Parkinson, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David M. Henderson of Claysville and Charlie F. Henderson of Washington; four daughters, Linda Patton (John) and Bobbie Jo (John) McMasters, both of Claysville, Tricia (James) Marshall of Surprise, Ariz., and Rosalee Miller of Washington; a brother, Kelsey F. Henderson Jr. of Washington; two sisters, Inez Hixenbaugh of Claysville and Linda Hunter of Washington; an uncle, Kenneth McMasters of Claysville; an aunt, Verina Bennett of Claysville; 18 grandchildren; a great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, John Henderson, and a sister, Betty Green. **FL**

William Kyluck Sr.

Retired carpenter for
Weirton Steel Corp.

William "Boots" Kyluck Sr., 74, of Burgettstown, died at 3:35 p.m. Saturday, January 1, 2005, in his home.

He was born October 6, 1930, in Avella, a son of Yustin and Anna Pollack Kyluck.

On March 17, 1951, he married Kathryn Fernandez, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kathryn Ann Kyluck of Imperial; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Jane Kyluck Jr. of Imperial; and four grandchildren, Kristian and husband Jason Stickle, Aaron and Kurt Kyluck and Marco Torreano.

Deceased are four sisters, Norma Weincek, Mary Johns, Jean Hassler and Eleanor Kyluck. **WP**

Gladys Mae Zawacki

McDonald homemaker was
St. Alphonsus Church member

Gladys Mae Zawacki, 73, of McDonald, died Sunday, January 2, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born May 31, 1931, in McDonald, a daughter of Frank and Grace Crawford Morrison.

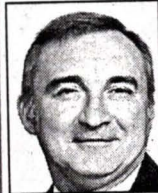
On October 8, 1949, she married Joseph S. Zawacki Jr., who died August 15, 2004.

Surviving are three sons, Joseph S. Zawacki III of Imperial, Arthur Zawacki of McDonald and James (Sue) Zawacki of Washington; a daughter, Patricia Ann Zawacki of McDonald; a brother, Bill Morrison of Beloit, Ohio; five grandchildren, Jamie, James Jr., Joseph IV, Tracy and Amy Zawacki; three great-grandchildren, Tyler, Joshua and Austin; five nieces; and five nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Merle Morrison; and a sister, Hazel Jean Howe. **RR**

Eugene P. Walk

Glass tower retiree from Avella



Eugene P. Walk, 67, of Avella, died at 11:55 a.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2005, in his home.

He was born November 3, 1937, in Elizabeth, a son of Harry T. and Rose Lyons Walk.

Mr. Walk was a 20-year resident of Avella, where he made his home with Shirley Taylor, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Eugene P. Walk of Bradley Beach, N.J., Christopher Todd Walk of Howell, N.J., Karl G. Taylor of Midway and Kevin Taylor of Quantico, Va.; a daughter Sheryl A. Rodwick of Pittsburgh; six grandchildren, Richie, Jackie, Alex, Rylee, Steven and Elizabeth; a sister, Patricia Beisler of Avella; and two brothers, Harry Walk of Wexford and Larry Walk of Williamsburg, Va.

A brother, Joseph Walk, is deceased. **L**

Dawn Gregg

Lifelong Canonsburg resident

Dawn Elewski Gregg, 56, of Canonsburg, died unexpectedly Monday, January 3, 2005.

She was born January 14, 1948, in Canonsburg, a daughter of the late Chester Sr. and Edna Wilson Elewski.

Mrs. Gregg was a lifelong Canonsburg resident and graduated from Canon-McMillan High School in 1965. She was employed in the radiology department of Ohio Valley Hospital as an administrative clerk.

She leaves behind a friend, Sam.

Surviving are two sons, Ardeth Smith of Plano, Texas, and Kelly Smith, at home; a brother, Chester Jr.; a sister, Dale; a niece; and two nephews. **OS**

Lola Jean Davis

Homemaker was member of
First Baptist Church, Claysville

Lola Jean Davis, 79, of Thomas Campbell Apartments, Washington, formerly of Claysville, died Thursday, January 6, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born April 25, 1925, in Claysville, a daughter of Arthur Stuart and Luvica Jackson Hersey.

Mrs. Davis enjoyed sewing, baking and making crafts.

On September 6, 1947, in Claysville, she married Lloyd E. Davis, who died July 3, 1983.

Surviving are a son, Thomas S. Hersey of Washington; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Arthur W. and Walter E. Hersey; and a sister, Dorothy A. Day. **CL**

Wanda Ruth Peterson Somplatsky

Beloved mother, grandmother
and friend



Wanda Ruth Peterson Somplatsky of Avella, formerly of Follansbee, W.Va., died Tuesday, January 4, 2005, in her son

William's home in Paris after a brief illness.

She was born November 2, 1927, in Cedar Grove, a daughter of Julius and Rachel Roadway Peterson.

Mrs. Somplatsky graduated from Avella High School in 1945.

Her husband, William Somplatsky Sr., died February 25, 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William Jr. and Connie Somplatsky of Paris; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and William Somplatsky-Jarman of Louisville, Ky.; a daughter and son-in-law, Beth Ann Somplatsky and Paul Martori of Southlake, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard Somplatsky and Sandy Pysh of Shaler; two brothers, Elmer and Charles Peterson, both of Avella; a sister, Mrs. Otto (Jean) Gruber of Canoga Park, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Valerie Starinsky and Roger Palmer.

Deceased are three brothers, Edward, Kenneth and Wayne Peterson; and three sisters, infant Naomi Peterson, Wilda Bobich and Dorothy Corgnati. **WP**

Antoinette (Toni) Ranalli

Member of St. Patrick Parish,
Canonsburg 2005



Antoinette (Toni) Ranalli, 83, of Canonsburg, died Monday, January 10, 2005, in Masonic Home of Sewickley after a brief illness.

She was born April 20, 1921, in Clairton, a daughter of Ilija and Mara Misetic.

Mrs. Ranalli was a 1939 graduate of Clairton High School and worked for U.S. Steel Irvin Works in West Mifflin until her son was born.

She was an avid bowler and a member of Jefferson Bouquets of Canonsburg for many years.

Mrs. Ranalli enjoyed gardening, swimming, her cat Harley and being with her family.

She was a member of St. Patrick Parish in Canonsburg.

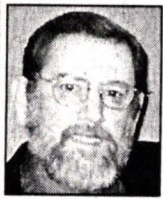
On May 15, 1948, in Sacred Heart Church, McKeesport, she married Mario Ranalli Sr., who died August 31, 2000.

Surviving are a son, Mario R. Ranalli Jr. and wife Rana of Canonsburg; a sister, Donna Kasunich of McKeesport; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Anne; and three siblings who died in infancy. **OS**

Michael N. Bertovich

*Vietnam vet, coal miner,
devoted husband, father*



Michael Nick Bertovich, 58, of Avella, died Monday, January 10, 2005, in UPMC-Shadyside hospital, Pittsburgh, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was born July 21, 1946, at home in Jefferson Township, a son of the late George J. and Elizabeth B. Simon Bertovich.

Mr. Bertovich attended Burgettstown High School then joined the Marines and served in the Vietnam War.

He was a coal miner for 30 years at Windsor Coal, retiring in 2004.

On October 21, 1976, he married Margaret Miller, who survives.

Together they had three children, Michelle Bertovich of Bridgeville and Amber Bertovich and Michael Bertovich Jr., both of Avella.

Also surviving are seven brothers and four sisters, Elizabeth (Shore), wife of Ed; Raymond and wife Wilda; Eleanor (Crowe), wife of Louis (deceased); John and wife Susan; Charlie and wife Sharon; Frank and wife Elizabeth; Sue; Carol (Torboli), wife of Danny; Danny and wife Wilma; Billy and wife Darlene; and Dave. He also leaves behind a large extended family.

A brother, George Jr., is deceased. **WP**

Patsy Fred Papa

*Avella miner fostered more than
80 children*

Patsy Fred Papa, 72, of Avella, died at 3:50 p.m. Monday, January 10, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born March 14, 1932, in Power, W. Va., a son of Patsy and Josephine Capp Papa.

Mr. Papa served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a coal miner for Starvaggi Mine for 20 years, retiring in 1976.

On December 12, 1975, he married Patricia Adams, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gary Pike of Utica, N.Y.; 11 daughters, Pamela Snyder of Charleston, W. Va., Patricia Bowman of Elm Grove, W. Va., Paula Galeta of Canonsburg, Michelle Kelvington of Avella and Chelsea, Jessica, Tonya, Tiffany, Jasman, Iesha and Elexis Papa, all of Avella; a sister, Lucille Smith of North Carolina; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A brother, Robert Papa, is deceased. **I**

Charles W. Bartolich

*U.S. Marine veteran
of World War II*



Charles W. Bartolich, 80, of Southview, died Thursday, December 30, 2004, in his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born August 7, 1924, in Midway, a son of Charles and Jennie Klemencic Bartolich.

Mr. Bartolich was a 1942 Hickory High School graduate and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He worked as a weighmaster for 39 years at Consolidation Coal Co. and for two years with Champion Processing Inc. of Imperial. He also helped at Buggy's Garage in Cecil.

On June 18, 1949, he married Gladys Dinardo, who survives. Together they had celebrated 55 years of marriage.

Also surviving are two daughters, Diane M. and husband Ron "Buggy" Abruzzi of Southview and Carla M. and husband Larry Horcick of Cecil Township; a sister, Clara A. Dempe of Oakdale; five grandchildren, Sheila M. Rozanc, Sherri L. Rozanc, Shelley M. Hohn, Chad M. Horcick and Branden J. Abruzzi; and four great-grandchildren, Cory, Michaelene, William III and Trinity.

**Jane Anne Wallace
McCreight**

*Lifelong member of Church
of the Covenant, Washington*



Jane Anne Wallace McCreight, 90, of East Washington, died Saturday, January 8, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born July 8, 1914, in Washington, a daughter of Oliver Clare and Gertrude Henderson Wallace.

Mrs. McCreight graduated from Washington High School in 1932 and Indiana State Teachers' College in 1934.

On June 15, 1940, in Washington, she married John Borland McCreight, who died February 24, 1984.

Surviving are three children, Rebecca Anne (John R.) Wharton, John Wallace McCreight and Nancy Alice McCreight, all of Washington; four grandchildren, the Rev. Emily (David) Koehler of Pittsburgh and Susan (Steven) Robertson, John McAnulty McCreight and Amanda Rose McCreight, all of Washington; four great-grandchildren, Ian and Sarah Koehler and Marshall and Jack Robertson; and numerous nieces and nephews. **W**

Helen A. Porter

*Carnegie homemaker was born
in Burgettstown*

Helen A. Porter, 85, of Carnegie, died Saturday, January 1, 2005, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

She was born November 1, 1919, in Burgettstown, a daughter of Kelldoda and Antoina Dallesandra.

Mrs. Porter was a homemaker. Her husband, William E. Porter, is deceased.

Surviving are seven children, Guy (Phyllis) Porter of Glendale, Betty Curtis of Oakdale, Raymond (Irene) Porter of Midway, Jessie (Dave) Hertzler of Moon Run, Wayne (Pat) Porter of Carnegie, Bill (Sue) Porter of Avonmore and Dawn (Sam) Reno of Midway; more than 100 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Johnny Dallesandra of Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sons, Jack and Thomas Porter.

Patricia Lee McCord

*Member of Fourth Presbyterian
Church, Washington*



Patricia Lee McCord, 56, of Washington, died unexpectedly Sunday, January 2, 2005.

She was born September 5, 1948, in Washington, a daughter of Harry Clyde and Mary Ellen Watson Peacock.

Mrs. McCord was a graduate of Trinity High School and a homemaker and enjoyed playing bingo.

Additionally, she was a member. Surviving are two sons, Jason McCord, who is stationed with the U.S. Army in Iraq, and his wife, Kathy, and David McCord of Washington; two sisters, Mary Joan Lytle of Bridgeville, and Barbara Richmond of McMurray; and a grandchild, Lisa Washington. **W**

Dixie E. Dayton

Western Center nurse's aide

Dixie E. Dayton, 49, of Canonsburg, died at 6:03 p.m. Thursday, January 13, 2005.

She was born February 12, 1955, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of the late Wilbur and Eleanor Ramsey Dayton.

Surviving are a stepbrother, William George (Carol) Dayton of Reddington Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Donna (Mike) Stutts of Canonsburg and Diane (Michael) Burns of Washington; two brothers, Jack (Diana) Dayton of Canonsburg and Jerry (Kathy) Dayton of Mt. Holly, N.J.; and 16 nieces and nephews. **OS**

Betty Mae Simms

Lifelong resident of Canonsburg

Betty Mae Schussler Simms, 82, of Canonsburg, died Monday, January 10, 2005.

She was born May 26, 1922, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Thomas and Bertha Arnold Schussler.

Surviving are a son, Richard G. Simms Jr. and wife Sandra of Houston; a daughter, Marsha J. Martin and husband David of Canonsburg; a sister, Lillian Flick of McDonald; four grandchildren, Richard III and wife Brooke Simms, David and wife Jen Simms, Gregory and wife Deana Simms and James and wife Pamela Rambeau; five great-grandchildren, Connor, Alexis and Mason Simms and Benjamin and Dante Rambeau; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are her husband, Richard "Bud" Simms; and a brother, Frederick (Ted) Schussler. **OS**

Evelyn Gontz Meredith

*Member of First UP Church
of Houston*

Evelyn (Eve) Gontz Meredith, 75, of Houston, died unexpectedly Tuesday, January 11, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born February 18, 1929, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Nicholas and Mary Kundrat Gontz.

Surviving are her husband, George D. Meredith; a daughter, Melissa Weiss of Washington; two brothers, Nicholas and Michael Gontz, both of Canonsburg; two sisters, Ann Skittle and Mary Popeck, both of Canonsburg; two grandchildren, Matthew and Meredith Russo; and several nieces and nephews. **OS**

Velma Jayne Golubosky

*Canonsburg resident
for past 50 years*

Velma Jayne Bargerstock Golubosky, 77, of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, January 11, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born August 1, 1927, in Armstrong County, a daughter of Leroy and Frances Fulton Bargerstock.

Surviving are two daughters, Cheryl Wolford and husband James and Aimee Morris, all of Canonsburg; two sons, Denis Ball and wife Lorraine of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Kevin Acheson and wife Tamara of Burgettstown; a sister, Gail Horne of Meadow Lands; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three husbands, Theo Ball, Reed Acheson and John (Ivan) Golubosky; and a daughter, Laurie, and a brother, both of whom died in infancy.

Granville A. Cohenour

*Air Force veteran owned
Hickory personal care home*



Granville A. Cohenour, 77, of Hickory, died Friday, January 14, 2005, in his home, following a lengthy illness.

He was born December 8, 1927, in Blue Sulphur Springs, W. Va., a son of Andrew and Elsie Bryant Cohenour.

Mr. Cohenour was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving in Alaska.

He worked as a time getter at Norfolk and Western Railroad, working in Mingo Junction, Ohio.

Mr. Cohenour and his wife owned Cohenour Personal Care Home, Hickory, for 23 years.

He enjoyed garage sales and auctions.

On October 4, 1980, he married Hannah J. (Betty) Medlen, who survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Dale Cohenour of Gilbert, W. Va.; and two sisters, Betty Ellis of Gillbert, W. Va., and Dorrie Hemrick of Alderson, W. Va.

Deceased are six brothers and three sisters. **MP**

Walter K. Chwala

*WWII veteran retired from
Universal Cyclops, Bridgeville*

Walter K. Chwala, 80, of Venice, died Saturday, January 15, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born August 4, 1924, in Brenizer, a son of Kasper and Anna Buduch Chwala.

Prior to his 1986 retirement, Mr. Chwala worked for 42 years at Universal Cyclops, Bridgeville.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Cecil American Legion Post 793 and SNPJ of Imperial.

Mr. Chwala had been a resident of Venice for 47 years.

On September 29, 1951, he married Viola Cook, who survives. Together they had celebrated 53 years of marriage.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Janet and husband James MacFarland of Cecil and Marianne Chwala of Canonsburg; a son, Greg and wife Carol Chwala of Paris; and four grandchildren, Luke and Suzanne Chwala and Jennifer and Gary J. Andreis.

Deceased is a sister, Olga O'Korn. **V**

Robert Wilson

*Worked for W&J as
rental property manager*



Robert (Pete) Wilson, 77, of Washington, died Thursday, January 6, 2005, in Southmont of Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington.

He was born May 1, 1927, in Washington, a son of Gordon A. and Maude Bauer Wilson.

On May 2, 1963, in Washington, he married Jacqueline E. Porter, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Roberta Lynn (Michael) Marody of Washington; three brothers, Gordon A. Jr. and Charles L. Wilson of Washington and John E. Wilson of Deerfield, Fla.; a sister, Mary E. Ferguson of Orlando, Fla.; his stepmother, Dorothy Hobbs Wilson of Rosemont; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are his wife, Ellen McClenathan Wilson; and a brother, A. Glenn Wilson.

Walter E. Decker

*Member of First United
Methodist Church, McDonald*

Walter E. Decker, 75, of Avella, died at 9:30 p.m. Friday, January 14, 2005, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born July 7, 1929, in Canonsburg General Hospital, a son of Walter E. Sr. and Mary H. Gibson Decker.

Mr. Decker was a member of First United Methodist Church of McDonald, Independence Grange 179 and 5th-degree Pomona Grange.

A 1948 Trinity High School graduate, he worked 20 years at Universal Cyclops and 10 years at Teledyne Steel. He was a Canon-McMillan School District bus driver for 10 years.

He enjoyed Steelers football, fishing, boating and gardening.

On September 25, 1954, he married Wilma J. Cox, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Thomas Decker of Wind Ridge and William Decker of Monongahela; a daughter, Jane Decker McCullough of Cranberry Township; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. **NB**

Betty Jane Bower

*Hickory woman employed
at J.C. Penney, Bridgeville*



Betty Jane Bower, 85, of Hickory, Mt. Pleasant Township, died at 8:25 p.m. Thursday, January 20, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital, following a two-week illness.

She was born May 18, 1919, in Chartiers Township, Washington County; a daughter of Harry Kibe and Alice Henrietta Grimes Ullom.

Mrs. Bower was employed as a clerk at J.C. Penney in Bridgeville for 24 years.

She was a member of Ladies Auxiliary of Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department and enjoyed bingo, fishing, cooking and baking pies.

On November 25, 1942, she married Arnold Scott Bower, who died February 12, 1973.

Surviving are a daughter, Roxanna Ullom of Hickory; a brother, James J. Ullom of Washington; two sisters, Jean Dodd of Canonsburg and Shirley Gisoni of Washington; a granddaughter, Michele (John) Pozonsky of Hickory; and a great-grandchild, Jordyn Pozonsky of Hickory.

Deceased are five brothers, William, Ova, Harry, George and Thomas Ullom; and three sisters, Ruth Roach, Geraldine Russell and Frances Dodd. **MP**

Thomas F. Atchison Sr.

*WWII veteran was winder
at McGraw-Edison*



Thomas F. Atchison Sr., 78, of Washington, died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 2, 2005, in Washington Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born November 20, 1926, in Cherry Valley, a son of Frank and Hazel Emery Atchison.

Mr. Atchison worked as a winder for McGraw-Edison for 38 years.

He was a lifetime member of Westland Sportsman's Club and a 1946 graduate of Hickory High School.

Mr. Atchison was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, earning the Army of Occupation Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

On September 29, 1950, he married Carol Melvin, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Thomas F. (Eliza) Atchison Jr. of Avella; four daughters, Sharon (Steve) Welch, Kathy Comer, Debra (Alan) Harps and Debbie (Harry) Reedy; a brother, Robert L. Atchison of Washington; a sister, Mary Anne Hughey of Bentleyville; 16 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, William and Richard Atchison. **FL**

Marie E. Dunkle

*Retired Washington Hospital
nurse's aide*

Marie E. Dunkle, 77, of Washington, died at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, January 13, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born October 26, 1926, in Hopewell Township, a daughter of William L. and Nettie Mae Crawford Dunkle.

Surviving are a sister, Pearl Cale of Clarion; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are four brothers, James, William, Glenn and Norvil Dunkle; and a sister, Viola Naylor, who died February 6, 2003. **CL**

Raymond Dewayne Evans

*Longtime Claysville Cemetery
employee*

Raymond Dewayne "Tarzan" Evans, 62, of Claysville, formerly of West Finley, died Friday, January 21, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born June 6, 1942, in West Finley, a son of Delbert Lindsay and Mabel Irene Grinnage Evans.

Mr. Evans was a longtime employee of Claysville Cemetery. He had previously worked for John Dieckmann and Sons Florist, Wheeling, W. Va.

He was known for his favorite activity, bicycling.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Rosemarie Harris; a brother, James Delbert Evans of Binghamton, N.Y.; and an aunt, Opal Grinnage of West Finley.

Deceased is a sister, Shirley Louise Hunt. **CL**

Gaylord L. Sheller

*President of Soil Conservation
of Washington County*



Gaylord L. Sheller, 96, of Claysville, died Wednesday, January 12, 2005, in Humbert Lane Health Care Center, Washington.

He was born April 14, 1908, in Washington County, a son of James G. and Cora M. Hammett Sheller.

On August 19, 1938, in Winchester, Va., he married Mae Strope, who died June 23, 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Samuel L. (Marilyn R.) Sheller of Fairfax, Va., and Gene R. (Consuello K.) Sheller of West Alexander; a daughter, Mrs. Bernard R. (Jane W.) Teagarden of Claysville; two brothers, Paul D. Sheller of Washington and Frederick E. Sheller of California; a sister, Elizabeth Scrocco of Fowler, Ind.; four granddaughters, Melissa Yetter of Claysville, Maria Sheller of Youngstown, Ohio, Gena Sheller of Lexington, Ky., and Samantha Sheller of Port Elizabeth, South Africa; and a great grandson, Julian Yetter.

Deceased are a son, Donald W. Sheller, who died at age 9; a grandson, Timothy Teagarden; and six brothers, James, Carl, Robert, Howard, Wayne and Edgar Sheller. **CL**

John H. Margerum

Trigon and Columbia Steel machinist served in Marines

John H. Margerum, 72, of McDonald, died Wednesday, January 12, 2005.

He was born January 5, 1933, in Midway, a son of Henry and Ora Chambon Margerum.

Mr. Margerum served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a graduate of McDonald High School Class of 1953 and was a machinist at Trigon (Dynamet), McMurray, and Columbia Steel, Carnegie.

He was a PIAA umpire and a member of Chartiers Valley Umpire Association. He was a member of American Legion Post 485, McDonald.

He was a drummer in local bands, including B. Vinton, Don Anthony and Frank Palombi. He enjoyed dancing, playing golf, bowling, fishing and, especially, his grandchildren.

On April 29, 1960, he married Connie Scott, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Tami (Jim) Windsheimer of McDonald; two sons, Shannon (Cindy) Margerum of Brookline and John (Marcia) Margerum of Akron, Ohio; two brothers, Shannon (Ether) Margerum of Midway and Gary (Joyce) Margerum of McDonald; a sister, Leslie Neil (Wayne) Boatner of Mississippi; and seven grandchildren.

Ethel L. Hutchison Rush

West Middletown dairy/poultry farmer



Ethel L. Hutchison Rush, 83, of Rural Avenue, Washington, formerly of West Middletown, died unexpectedly Monday, January 17, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born March 26, 1921, in Claysville, a daughter of W. Delbert and Mildred Grimes Hutchison.

On September 15, 1945, she married John Alexander Rush, who died June 8, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathie and husband Wayne Hunnell of Cranberry Township and Susan Kepler of Washington; two sons, Jay V. and wife Joyce Rush of West Middletown and John D. (Jack) and wife Patricia Rush of Leawood, Kan.; two sisters, Phyllis and husband Robert Hamilton of Claysville R.D.2 and June and husband Sig Socransky of Brookline, Mass.; eight grandchildren, Dale, Michael, Erin, John E. and Kathryn Rush, Kelley Hunnell Bright and Nathan and Ryan Kepler; two great-grandchildren, Todd Bright and John C. Rush; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Dean Hutchison; and a son-in-law, Earl Kepler. WM

Leona Theiss Broadwell

Active member of McDonald Bible Methodist Church

Leona Theiss Broadwell, 90, formerly of McDonald, died Monday, January 24, 2005, in Pitman, N.J.

She was born February 6, 1914, in Primrose, a daughter of Peter and Catherine Hillen Theiss.

On August 23, 1935, she married her beloved William C. Broadwell, who died November 2, 1996.

Surviving are a son, David W. Broadwell of Falls Church, Va.; a daughter, Beverly Broadwell Davis of Glassboro, N.J.; six grandchildren, Kathy Davis Drissel, Kimberly Broadwell Leonard, Susan Davis Donaldson, David W. Broadwell II, Amy Davis Smith and William D. Broadwell; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are five brothers, Charles, Louis, Edmund, Norman and Clarence; and five sisters, Louise, Frances, Anna, Agnes and Emily. RR

John A. Sweton

Former J&F Tire Co. truck driver was KSKJ member

John A. Sweton, 90, of Canonsburg, died at 12:07 p.m. Saturday, January 22, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born July 23, 1914, in Strabane, a son of John and Anna Mose Sweton.

On July 31, 1938, he married Clara E. Seibert, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, John F. Sweton of Locust Grove, Va.; two daughters, Marian L. Sweton of Cleveland, Ohio, and Eva Sweton of Canonsburg; a sister, Josephine Pshick of Denville, N.J.; two grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Frank Sweton; and a sister, Mary Progar. WF

Alice M. Montgomery Varner Ellison

Member of First Christian Church, West Alexander

Alice Margaret Montgomery Varner Ellison, 84, of Valley Grove, W.Va., died Tuesday, January 25, 2005, in Wheeling (W.Va.) Hospital.

She was born January 7, 1921, in West Finley, a daughter of John H. and Mary Linville Montgomery.

Her husbands, Joseph Varner and Garnet (Pete) Ellison, are deceased.

Surviving are five step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husbands, are a stepson, A.J. Varner; two sisters, Leah M. Henderson and Dorothea I. Wilson; and three brothers, Guy L., Nelson L. and William Montgomery. WA

Hilda M. Ware

Homemaker was member of Hickory UP Church



Hilda M. (Peg) Ware, 81, of Hickory, died Friday, January 14, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born June 4, 1923, in Wheeling, W.Va., a daughter of George (Dewey) and Bertha Bromer Yates.

Mrs. Ware was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, where she was a former deacon.

She was a 1940 Triadelphia High School graduate.

A homemaker, Mrs. Ware worked for Lang's department store for seven years.

She was a member of Women's Club, Senior Citizens Club and 500 Club, all of Hickory.

On October 16, 1942, in Kansas, she married Lester V. Ware, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Hedy L. (Ron) Kubarek of Limerick, Lina K. (Jack) Hilferty of North Brunswick, N.J., and Kathy (Dave) James of Jacksonville, Fla.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a brother, George Yates. MP

Dolores J. Eckels

Retired food server worked for Hancock County schools

Dolores J. Eckels, 74, of Weirton, W.Va., died Saturday, January 22, 2005, in Weirton Medical Center.

She was born June 3, 1930, in McDonald, a daughter of James and Jennie Behling Crowe.

She worked as a food server and was employed by Hancock County schools until her retirement in 1987.

She enjoyed playing bingo.

On April 2, 1948, she married Duncan Johnston Eckels Sr., who died March 7, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Diana Lynn Minger of Weirton; three sons, Duncan J. Eckels Jr. and Richard Dwayne Eckels, both of Weirton, and James Alan Eckels of Follansbee, W.Va.; two sisters, Wilma June Davis of McDonald and Sandra L. Kress of Oakdale; a brother, James L. Crowe Jr. of Oakdale; five grandchildren, Melissa D. Minger, Jennifer B. Townsend, Danielle R. and Jason D. Eckels and Brent Klepack; and four great-grandchildren, Megan and Courtney Homol and Thomas and Emma Grace Townsend. RR

Ruth E. Ashmore Mounts

Oldest member of Taylorstown Presbyterian Church

Ruth Elizabeth Ashmore Mounts, 93, of Claysville (Buffalo Township), died Wednesday, January 26, 2005, in Southmont of Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington.

She was born July 26, 1911, in Crothers Station, a daughter of Robert E. and Emma Hair Ashmore.

On April 14, 1938, she married Cephas Stanley Mounts, who died January 22, 2003.

Surviving are three daughters, Emma Jayne, wife of William J. Rush, of Claysville, Carolyn, wife of John Penn Jr. of Washington, and Nancy Lee, wife of John Devenney of Washington; nine grandchildren, Shaun Rusmisl Jr., John F. Penn III, Caren Shadeck, Nancy Engle, Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rush, John Devenney Jr. and Jay and Jeff Devenney; 18 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mounts was the last of her immediate family. Deceased are four brothers, Melvin, Frank, Andrew and LeRoy Ashmore. CL

Mildred Couch Noga

Born in Mather

Mildred Couch Noga, 78, of Washington, died Monday, January 31, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born April 8, 1926, in Mather, a daughter of Joseph W. and Sarah Bennett Couch.

Her husband, Frank Noga Sr., died March 23, 1974.

Surviving are a son, Frank Noga Jr. of Carnegie; two granddaughters, Lisa and Amy; a great-grandchild, Madison; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are six brothers and five sisters. MP

Gary M. Markovich

Mechanic at Testa Machine Inc. of Slovan

Gary M. Markovich, 47, of McDonald, Cecil Township, died Monday, January 24, 2005.

He was born March 12, 1957, in Pittsburgh, a son of George and Anna Belle Imhoff Markovich.

Surviving are his wife, Christine Thomas Markovich; a daughter, Desiree Markovich, at home; a son, Travis Markovich, at home; two sisters, Geraldine McComas of Iowa City, Iowa, and Denise Rodgers of Washington; two brothers, George Markovich of McDonald and Dale Markovich of Presto; his mother-in-law, Genevieve Thomas of South Fayette; a sister-in-law, Cynthia Manias of Columbus, Ohio; and two brothers-in-law, Tom Thomas of South Fayette and Pete Thomas of McMurray. OS

**Mary Ellen Scott
McGaughey**

Retired Avella schoolteacher



Mary Edith Scott McGaughey, 93, of Avella, died Thursday, January 27, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital, following a brief illness.

She was born June 2, 1911, in Greeley, Colo., a daughter of Aaron Halden and Edith Fuller Scott, and came to Pennsylvania as a child where she resided near West Middletown on her parents' dairy farm.

On June 1, 1935, she married Curtis W. McGaughey, who died November 1, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter, Martha (Marcy) Hamilton Helsel of Avella; two grandsons, Curt and Chris Hamilton; three sisters, twins Lola Hughes of Washington and Lila Brewer of Columbus, Ohio, and Florence Carpenter of Washington; nine grandchildren, April Hamilton Waltz, Chelsea, Kennedy, Cassandra, Tiffany, Natalie, Mallory and Benjamin Hamilton and Kaitlyn Muncie; and several nieces and nephews.

WM

**Nancy White Murdock
Smith**

Nancy White Murdock Smith, 85, of West Middletown, died at 1:40 p.m. Sunday, January 30, 2005, in her home after a six-month illness.

She was born October 15, 1919, in Washington, a daughter of James White and Phoebe Stewart Acheson Murdock.

Mrs. Smith attended Manchester School and Avella Grade School until the fall of 1929 when the family moved to West Middletown. She graduated from East Washington High School in 1937 and from Transylvania College in Kentucky in 1941.

While working for the Tuberculosis Association, she met Peter H. Smith, whom she married November 22, 1947. During and following her husband's employment by Washington County, they raised stock and farmed at their property in West Middletown. He died May 9, 1998.

1973. She kept track of West Middletown Cemetery records for several years following the departure of Roy Thompson.

Surviving are three children, Geoffrey James Smith, Ellen S. Armstrong and Cleason Peter Smith; six grandchildren, Paul Geoffrey Smith, William P. Reichl, Phoebe Stewart Armstrong, Jonathan Peter Smith, Christen Jane Smith and Wyatt Cleason Smith; and a sister, Jane M. Fulcher.

WM

Donald Franklin Adams

Korean War veteran

Donald Franklin Adams, 71, of Sebring, Fla., formerly of New Cumberland, W.Va., died at 4:14 a.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2005, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring, after being in failing health since June.

He was born March 19, 1933, in Scott, W.Va., a son of Robert and Maysel Stewart Adams.

On December 26, 1968, he married Norma Jean Stout Adams, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffrey, husband of Robin Hankins Adams of Glendale, W.Va.; a daughter, Denise, wife of Mario Lombardi of Follansbee, W.Va.; and a brother, John, husband of Isabel Goff Adams of Wellsburg, W.Va.

WA

Albert L. Dougherty

*Columbia Gas
Transmission retiree*

Albert L. (Andy) Dougherty, 76, of West Alexander, died at 6:45 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 2005, in Wheeling (W.Va.) Hospital Medical Park.

He was born November 10, 1928, in West Finley Township, a son of Albert Winters and Nellie White Dougherty.

Mr. Dougherty had been a West Finley Township resident all of his life.

On June 24, 1950, he married Elaine Gladys Hanlin, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Debra, wife of Thomas Williams of West Alexander; two grandsons, Thomas Lee "T.L." and Timothy James "T.J." Williams; and a brother, James Dougherty of Yadkinville, N.C.

Deceased are a daughter, Annette Dougherty; and two sisters, Lena Kennedy and Ida Belle Booth.

WA

JOSEPH H. TAYLOR

Joseph H. Taylor, 58, died in his home, Buffalo Township, Washington R.D. 5, Saturday, October 19, 1957, at 5:40 a.m., following a several months' illness.

He was born in Littleton, W. Va., October 30, 1898, a son of Alex and Eva Barnard Taylor.

The deceased moved to Pennsylvania when he was nine years old and for a time lived near West Alexander.

Mr. Taylor was a member of the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church and of Buffalo Grange.

October 17, 1917, he was united in marriage with Bessie McCoy.

Surviving are his wife and four sons, Joseph H. Taylor, West Alexander R.D.; Charles G. Taylor, Martins Ferry, R.D.; George C. Taylor, Warwood, W. Va.; and John A. Taylor, Phoenix, Ariz.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren.

Additional information was received for the obituary of Jack E. Dowler, published Thursday. Deceased are three brothers, Harry, Robert and Charles Dowler; and a sister, Martha Thompson.

Incorrect information was received for the obituary of Jack E. Dowler of Bath, Maine, which was published Thursday. He was born August 30, 1921, a son of Harry and Mary Yost Dowler.

Josephine H. Jones

*Member of Trinity
Presbyterian Church*

Josephine H. Jones, 94, of Florida, formerly of McDonald, died Thursday, January 27, 2005, in Florida.

She was born October 8, 1910, in McDonald, a daughter of Silas H. and Jessie Adams Hamilton.

Mrs. Jones was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, McDonald, and McDonald Garden Club.

Her husband, R. Harry Jones, whom she married November 21, 1929, died March 8, 1982.

Surviving are a son, Robert H. (Edith) Jones; six grandchildren, Robert S. Jones, Kimberly Kroll, Gregory H. Jones, Tracy Foster, Kristiann Jones and Sean D. Jones; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her parents and husband, is a sister, Margaret (Peg) Roberts, who died in 2001.

RR

Eugean H. Hill Sr.

*Korean War veteran
from Hanover Township*

Eugean H. (Gene) Hill Sr., 72, of Hanover Township, died Friday, January 28, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born June 7, 1932, in Charleston, W.Va., a son of Robert and Ada Tucker Hill.

He was a member of McDonald Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 567 and McDonald Belgian Club.

On January 31, 1953, he married Anna H. Walker, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Eugene (Joyce) Hill Jr. of McDonald and Robert (Kathy) Hill of Canonsburg; two daughters, Cathy Jo (Kenneth) Boyer and Teresa (Ron Bogo) Matthews, both of Hanover Township; a sister, Elsie Cantley of Whitesville, W.Va.; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Edward Hill; a son-in-law, Douglas Matthews; five brothers, Frank, Junior, Bob, Jack and Harry; and two sisters, Leona and Mildred.

RR

Jack E. Dowler

*Maine resident born
in Washington*

Jack E. Dowler, 83, of Bath, Maine, died Tuesday, January 25, 2005, in Midcoast Hospital, Brunswick, Maine.

He was born August 30, 1921, in Washington, a son of Harry and Mary Coulter Dowler.

Mr. Dowler was employed with Conrail and was a member of Richard Vaux Lodge in Burgettstown.

His wife, Leota Goleski Dowler, died in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Cheryn Isbell of Washington; two sons, Jack Dowler Jr. of Ohio and Thomas M. Rose of South Carolina; two grandchildren, Brian Russell of Topsham, Maine, and Thomas M. Rose III; a great-grandchild, Adeline Russell; and four sisters, Mary Lou Gilson of Langeloth, Betty Toth of Cherry Valley, Freda Ostrowski of West Virginia and Nancy Malantoni of Florida.

RR

Dorothy Marie Scott

*Virginia woman born
in McDonald*

Dorothy Marie Scott, 80, of Manassas, Va., formerly of Bridgeville, died Saturday, January 22, 2005, in Anaburg Manor, Manassas.

She was born November 28, 1924, in McDonald, a daughter of Harry and Margaret Rodgers Bondy.

Mrs. Scott was a 1942 graduate of McDonald High School.

On June 13, 1942, she married Edward J. Cryblskey. On November 3, 1951, she married Paul E. Scott, who died April 8, 1972.

Surviving are four children, Harry Cryblskey of Fairfax, Va., Thomas Cryblskey of Essexville, Mich., Paul Scott of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Beth Scott of Manassas; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Her remains will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at a date and location to be determined.

Ernest R. Morris

*Canonsburg United
Presbyterian Church member*

Ernest R. Morris, 90, of Canonsburg, died Friday, February 11, 2005, in McMurray Hill Manor.

He was born December 17, 1914, in Washington.

Mr. Morris was a lifelong Washington County resident and was a member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mary E. Martincic Morris; a son, William Morris; and two stepsons, David Midofer and Dennis Midofer, all of Florida; two daughters, Susan Romano of Altoona and Rebecca Skupus of South Carolina; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a sister.

OS

Velma L. Philips

Miller Hardware retiree
was private caregiver

Velma L. Philips, 82, of Washington (Lone Pine), died at 11:12 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 2005, in the home of her daughter, Lorraine Kraeer.

She was born April 14, 1922, a daughter of Byron and Marie Olive Horner Knight.

Mrs. Philips had retired from Miller Hardware, McMurray, after many years of service. She later became a private caregiver.

She attended Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church, Canonsburg.

Mrs. Philips enjoyed quilting, canning and playing Scrabble with her grandchildren.

Surviving are a son, Donald H. Philips and wife Edwynna of Lone Pine; two daughters, Lorraine E. Kraeer and husband Sam and Carol A. Main and husband Willard, both of Washington; a brother, Byron H. Knight of Cape Coral, Fla.; two sisters, Florence Orr of Belle Vernon and Mary Ellwood of Byesville, Ohio; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are her husband, Harvey T. "Bud" Philips, who died June 24, 1999; a son, David L. Philips, who died in infancy; two brothers, Clark L. and William L. Knight; and a sister, Mable E. Knight. **HC**

Adalyn Reed Hunter

Longtime McGuffey teacher



Adalyn Reed Hunter, 91, of West Alexander, died Wednesday, February 2, 2005, in Breese's Personal Care Home,

Claysville.

She was born January 14, 1914, in West Alexander, a daughter of James P. and Laura Craig Reed.

Mrs. Hunter was a lifelong member of West Alexander Presbyterian Church, where she was a former Sunday school teacher, trustee, choir member and willing worker.

On May 16, 1936, in her parents' home, she was married by the Rev. G. Karl Monroe to J. Garrett Hunter, who died September 3, 1998.

Surviving are three sons, John (Judy) Hunter of West Alexander, James (Scarlett) Hunter of Magnolia, Ohio, and Dwight (Becky) Hunter of West Alexander; six grandchildren, Gary, John Mark, Richard and Jeff Hunter, Kathy Hunter Morgan and Shelli Hunter Arnold; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a granddaughter, Jill Lynn Hunter; and two brothers, Frank E. and Roy C. Reed. **WA**

Anna Pauline McDaid

Retired Washington Hospital
nurse's aide



Anna Pauline McDaid, 94, of Washington, died at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, January 30, 2005, in Presbyterian Medical Center, following

a four-year illness.

She was born April 19, 1910, in New Freeport, a daughter of Perry and Emma Phillips Watson.

On August 19, 1965, she married Joseph McDaid, who died in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Virginia Lee and husband Melvin Carl of Washington; two grandchildren, Mary Ann and husband Jay Crawford and Melvin Carl Jr.; and a great-grandson, J. J. Crawford.

Deceased are four brothers, George, John, Ralph and James Watson; and three sisters, Helen McQuay, Mary Boyan and Alice Craig. **W**

ISAAC O. GRIMES DIES IN CLAYSVILLE HOME

CLAYSVILLE, Jan. 30.—Isaac O. Grimes, aged 76 years, died in his home in Elm street here this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A son of John and Mary Post Grimes, Mr. Grimes was born in East Finley Township February 25, 1857. When a young man, he moved with his family near Taylorstown and after his marriage to Mary Wright settled in East Finley Township, east of Claysville, where he lived until 1920 when he retired and moved here.

He leaves his wife and the following brothers and sisters: Collins M., who made his home with Mr. Grimes; Robert C., of Claysville; James W., of Washington; Mrs. Orpha Foster, of Washington; Miss Nannie J. Grimes, of Washington, and Mrs. R. J. McCleery, of West Alexander.

Funeral services will be held in the late home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of Rev. H. L. Henderson. Interment will be in Claysville Cemetery.

Andrew Bardosky

Retired from Laborer Combined
Funds of Pennsylvania

Andrew Bardosky, 71, of Atlasburg, died Saturday, February 26, 2005, in Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington.

He was born September 2, 1933, in Atlasburg, a son of John and Katherine Poskosky Bardosky.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Bardosky worked at Laborer Combined Funds of Western Pennsylvania.

Surviving are a sister, Virginia Matijevich of Atlasburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Mary Ann Alsko. **MP**

Charles A. Gifford

Minister of the Gospel of Christ



The Rev. Charles A. Gifford, 89, of Washington, died Monday, January 31, 2005, in Presbyterian Medical Center, Washington.

He was born August 13, 1915, in Findley Lake, N.Y., a son of Frank and Nellie Stetson Gifford.

The Rev. Gifford was ordained to the Christian ministry in October 1942. From August 1, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1965, he served as pastor of Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Cecil (formerly Union Gospel Mission).

His first wife, Alma Canning Gifford, died August 28, 1978.

On July 31, 1992, he married Mary Ruth Mayne Paxton, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Nell and husband Alfred Martin of Winston-Salem, N.C., Ruth and her husband Gary Brown of Washington and Joyce and husband Donald Wilson of Huntersville, N.C.; two sons, John C. and wife Maria Gifford of Milton, Vt., and Walter S. and wife Jenny Gifford of Cumming, Ga.; a stepdaughter, Hazel Contorakes of Washington; seven grandchildren, Jeffrey, Marty and Greg Waite, Paul David Gifford, Kenneth and Scott Klavonie and Jennifer Gifford; a stepgrandchild, Joseph M. Selva; five great-grandchildren, Celsey J. and Cody J. Waite, Tyler Shane and Justin Klavonie and Mariah A. Selva; and four brothers, Arthur, Merle, Frank and Burton Gifford.

Deceased are four brothers, George, Robert, Kenneth and Richard Gifford. **HC**

Van W. McWreath

Union Township truck driver
was Vietnam veteran

Van W. McWreath, 58, of Union Township, formerly of North Strabane Township, died Wednesday, February 2, 2005, in his home.



He was born June 22, 1946, in Monongahela, a son of Lillian • McWreath

Wiersema and the late William "Red" McWreath.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife of 34 years, Joan Davidovich McWreath; his pride and joy, sons Chad W. McWreath of Pittsburgh and Van E. McWreath (Traci) of Burton, Ohio; two grandchildren, Breanna Camryn and Delaney Jo McWreath; his stepfather, Richard Wiersema; a stepbrother, John Wiersema of Dolton, Ill.; and a stepsister, Cheryl Vonbroucek of Bradenton, Fla. **WF**

David W. Hall Sr.

J&L Steel millwright
from McDonald

David W. Hall Sr., 79, of McDonald, North Fayette Township, died Sunday, January 30, 2005, in his home.

He was born May 25, 1925, in Indian Head, a son of Jessie and Elizabeth Gilpin Hall.

Mr. Hall was a millwright with J&L Steel for 28½ years.

He enjoyed camping at his cabin and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Curtis Hall; a son, David W. Hall Jr. of Eldersville; three daughters, Kathleen Aller of Clarksville, Andrea Aller of Burgettstown and Teresa Melwin of West Virginia; two brothers, Jesse and Merle Hall, both of Maryland; a sister, Honey Lou Webster of Midway; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased are six brothers and sisters; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild. **MP**

Otis Hugh McGahee

Retired steelworker
formerly of Midway

Otis Hugh McGahee of Vidalia, Ga., formerly of Midway, died Sunday, January 2, 2005, in Georgia.

He was born September 14, 1930, in Truet County, Ga., a son of Lee and Beatrice Cooper McGahee.

Surviving are four daughters, Brenda (Paul) Halloran, Shirley (Rick) Wise and Peggy (Randy) Wise, all of Conway, S.C., and Sally Pilgrim of Dexter, Mo.; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Deceased are his wife, Jean Marie Main McGahee; a daughter, Judy Diegelmann; a brother, John McGahee; and two sisters, Thelma Taylor and Geneva McGahee. **RR**

Armelda M. Norman

Chartiers High School graduate

Armelda M. Norman, 70, of Washington, died Sunday, February 6, 2005, in Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington.

She was born November 23, 1934, in Midland, Chartiers Township, a daughter of Charles and Rosetta Keen Patterson.

Surviving are her husband, John K. Norman of Canonsburg; two sons, John Norman of West Middletown and Eugene Patterson of Canonsburg; three daughters, Elaine Norman of Lewisville, Texas, Terri Patterson of Canonsburg and Kim Chandler of Washington; three grandchildren; and a brother, Eugene Patterson of Houston.

Deceased are two brothers, Charles and Richard Patterson. **OS**

Charlotte Darlene Gault

Washington Hospital secretary



Charlotte Darlene Gault, 44, of Canonsburg, died Sunday, February 6, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born December 16, 1960, in Uniontown, a daughter of the late Francis and Mary Hicks.

A 1979 Trinity High School graduate, Mrs. Gault attended Bradford Business School.

She was an information systems secretary at Washington Hospital and enjoyed baking and home decorating.

On September 8, 1990, she married David Mark Gault, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Tom Hicks of the state of California and Kenneth Hicks of Washington; four sisters, Susan Oliverio and Mary Hicks, both of Washington, Blanche Wingrove of Uniontown and Josephine Hardy of Florida; and nieces and nephews, Audrey Baumgardner, Regina Russell, Zachary, Lindsey and Haley Gault and Kristopher and Karen Hicks.

Deceased are a sister, Nancy Russell; and two brothers, James and Jacob Hicks. **FL**

Lucy Bongiovanni Andreoli

Former Duncan Miller and Hazel-Atlas glassworker



Lucy Bongiovanni Andreoli, 82, of Washington, died Saturday, February 12, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington, after a brief illness.

She was born July 12, 1922, in Washington, a daughter of Anthony and Nicolina Nester Bongiovanni.

On August 9, 1958, in West Brownsville, she married Dominick Andreoli, who died September 18, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Nicole (Nickie) Andreoli of Washington; two stepdaughters, Mary Ann Kelvington of Meadow Lands and Betty Ann Klanchesser of Portsmouth, N.H.; a stepson, Richard Bongiovanni of Meadow Lands; a brother, Anthony Bongiovanni of Washington; two sisters, Sarah Allegro of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Frances Villers of Washington.

Deceased are a stepson, Dominick Andreoli; two brothers, John and Dominick Bongiovanni; and two sisters, Minnie Colosi and Helen Harding. **OS**

should have been Richard Andreoli of Meadow Lands.

Frances C. Williams

Nurse in post-war India

Frances C. Williams, 90, formerly of Conklin Road, North Strabane Township, died at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, February 5, 2005, in Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington.

She was born August 5, 1914, a daughter of W. Allan and Lydia Lyon Conklin.

Her husband, Dale K. Williams, died in 1994.

Surviving are a sister, Virginia and brother-in-law Stephen Hopkins of South Hadley, Mass.; two nephews, Mark Hopkins of Hanover, N.H.; and Giles Hopkins of Northampton, Mass.; a niece, Jeanne Hopkins Honore of San Leandro, Calif.; and six great-nephews and nieces. **HC**

John Hart Jr.

Owner/operator of former Community Meat Market

John Hart Jr., 91, of McDonald, died Thursday, February 10, 2005, in McMurray Hills Manor, McMurray.

He was born March 3, 1913, in Wendel, W.Va., a son of John and Ann Lesco Hart Sr.

Mr. Hart owned and operated the former Community Meat Market in McDonald for 30 years before retiring in 1979.

He was a member of St. Alphonse Roman Catholic Church and a life member of McDonald Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are three daughters, Nancy Briggs of Avella, Helen Hart Becker of Wilmington, Del., and Patricia Wyrick of McDonald; five grandchildren, Griff Briggs, Wesley Briggs, Janet Wyrick, Karen Wyrick and Leanna Tumminello; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a sister, Helen Davis. **RR**

Additional information was received for the obituary of John Hart Jr., published Friday. On September 20, 1937, he married Helen Burkovinsky, who died June 12, 1989. Omitted were two deceased sisters, Ann and Mary Hart.

Josephine Celestine O'Brien

Scott Township resident born in Avella

Josephine Celestine O'Brien, 83, of Scott Township, died Monday, March 7, 2005, in Kane Hospital, Scott Township.

She was born July 12, 1921, in Avella, a daughter of Celestin J. and Margaret Winters Dumas.

In 1954, she married Jack O'Brien, who died in 1974.

Surviving are a brother, Emil Dumas of Toledo, Ohio; and nine nieces and nephews. **RR**

Fred C. Kohring

WWII vet, member Central Assembly of God Church



Fred C. Kohring, 79, of Chartiers Township (Houston) died Wednesday, February 2, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born May 27, 1925, in Canonsburg, a son of Fred H. and Miriam Reese Kohring.

Mr. Kohring was a 1943 graduate of Canonsburg High School.

He attended Asbury College, Connally Vocational School and University of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Kohring was a mechanical design draftsman employed by United Engineering and Foundry, which later became Wean United Rolling Mill Division in Pittsburgh. After 30 years of service, he retired in 1990, with several patents. He also wrote an engineering article published in the AISE June 1995 publication of Iron and Steel Engineer.

On May 16, 1948, he married Angeline M. Freno, with whom he celebrated 56 years of marriage.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Karl E. Kohring of Bridgton, Maine, and Robert J. Kohring of Stockbridge, Ga.; a granddaughter, Katharine E. Core of Eighty Four; a great-granddaughter, Emma E. Adair of Eighty Four; a sister, Florence M. Reed of Martinsburg; and several cousins and nephews.

Deceased are a son, Fred W. Kohring; and a brother who died at birth. **OS**

Nancy Renae Phillips

Clerk at Claysville truck stop



Nancy Renae Phillips, 43, of West Alexander, died Friday, February 4, 2005, in Washington Hospital, following a brief illness.

She was born March 11, 1961, in Washington, a daughter of Nancy Allen Phillips Jako of West Alexander and the late Harry A. Phillips Jr.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband, Daniel Hawkins; two sons, Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua Alexander (Victoria) Phillips of Abilene, Texas, and James Catlin Phillips at home; a daughter, Sarah Renae Phillips at home; a brother, Harry (Brenda) Phillips III; two sisters, Kimberly, wife of Paul Dearing, and Melissa, wife of Brian Frye; two grandchildren, Jaydon Nevan and Jasmine Nicole Phillips; her paternal grandfather, Harry A. Phillips Sr. of Claysville; three nephews and a niece.

A nephew, Jacob Dearing, is deceased. **WA**

Merle E. McAdoo

Beloved husband and father



Merle E. (Gene) McAdoo, 75, of Claysville, died peacefully in his home Friday, February 4, 2005, surrounded by his loving wife and children.

He was born July 11, 1929, a son of Margaret McBroom and Alai C. McAdoo.

Mr. McAdoo was Protestant.

He was a mechanic for Valley Camp Coal Co. and Marietta Coal Co.

Mr. McAdoo was a Korean War veteran and member of American Legion Post 656 of West Alexander for 52 years.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Betty J. Cunningham McAdoo; two daughters, Diana Newland (Russ) of Houston, Texas, and Bonnie McAdoo of Normalville; two sons, Dr. Mark E. McAdoo (Debbie) of Athens, Ohio, and Michael C. McAdoo (Lori) of Gibsonia; six grandchildren, Zachary, Elizabeth and Shannon McAdoo and Lauren, Megan and Sean McKee; a sister, Adelaide Hilliard; and two brothers, Clifford and Ross McAdoo.

Deceased are five sisters, Bernice Thompson, Elizabeth Sutherland, Ethel Allen, Alma Whitehead and Mildred Carman; and three brothers, Fred, Orville and Albert McAdoo. **WA**

Mary Timcisko Davis

Homemaker operated Davis' Market in West Alexander

Mary Timcisko Davis, 77, of West Alexander, died Friday, February 4, 2005, in Greenery Rehabilitation Center, Canonsburg.

She was born August 7, 1927, in Czechoslovakia, a daughter of John and Anna Babanic Timcisko.

On March 11, 1949, she married John A. (Jack) Davis, who died May 22, 2004.

Surviving are three sons, John "Tex" Davis of New Fairfield, Conn., Rick Davis of West Alexander and Dan Davis of Lewisberry; a daughter, Virginia Dille of Valley Grove, W.Va.; a brother, Joe Olack of Aliquippa; a sister, Dorothy Peterson of Aliquippa; seven grandchildren, Heather, April, Devin, Erika, Amanda, Matt and Chris; and two great-granddaughters, Sidney and Faith.

Deceased is a brother, John Timcisko. **WA**

Allene S. Nichol

Chartiers-Houston teacher

Allene S. Nichol, 89, of Claysville, died Thursday, February 10, 2005, in the home of her niece, Jane C. Noble.

She was born September 17, 1915, in Claysville, a daughter of Charles H. and Allena Crumrine Somerlade.

Mrs. Nichol was a member of Claysville United Presbyterian Church, where she had served as an elder, deacon and clerk of session. She also was a dedicated member of the women's association.

A graduate of Claysville High School and Waynesburg College, Her husband, John R. Nichol, died April 1, 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlene Belle Nichol; a nephew, Dr. William E. Noble; a niece, Jane C. Noble; a great-nephew, William Egan Noble II; and a great-niece, Candice Noble-Greathouse.

Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, are three sisters, Mildred S. Noble and Viola and Myrtle Somerlade; and a brother, Arthur Somerlade. **CL**

Henry W. Wheat Jr.

Graduate of West Alexander High School

Henry W. "Bud" Wheat Jr., 85, of Wheeling, W.Va., died Tuesday, February 8, 2005, in Peterson Rehabilitation Hospital and Geriatric Center, Wheeling, following an extended illness.

He was born July 10, 1919, in Wheeling, a son of Henry Wagner Wheat Sr. and Mabel Stamm Wheat. He lived most of his adult life in West Alexander.

Mr. Wheat graduated from West Alexander High School in 1938. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Oct. 29, 1940, and was a member of Company H 110th Infantry Division.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Margaret Hare Wheat; a daughter, Barbara Anne Wheat Yost and her husband, Charles C., of Newport News, Va.; a son, David Henry Wheat and his wife, Cheryl Hillberry Wheat, of Pickerington, Ohio; a daughter, Margaret Helena Wheat Hutchison and her husband, David, of West Alexander; four grandchildren, David A. Wheat and his wife, Melanie Smith Wheat, Alexander P. Wheat and his wife, Regina Bell Wheat, Charles C. Yost III and his wife, Candice Sullivan Yost, and Amy E. Yost; and three great-grandchildren, Logan A. Wheat, Hunter S. Yost and Brittany Bell.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, are a sister, Nancy Wheat McCrerey in 1951; a brother, Robert C. Wheat in 1991; a great-granddaughter, Anastasia Wheat in 1994. **WA**

Rory L. Dami

Manager at King's Family Restaurant



Rory L. Dami, 36, of Canonsburg, died at 2:39 a.m. Friday, February 11, 2005, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born August 9, 1968, in Frankfurt, Germany, a son of Richard D. Dami of McDonald and Darlene V. Rotella Dami of Canonsburg.

Mr. Dami was a member of St. Patrick Church in Canonsburg.

He was a 1986 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School, where he was very active with wrestling during his high school years and after graduation.

Mr. Dami was a manager for King's Family Restaurant.

On August 19, 2000, he married Cynthia M. Hoffman, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are a son and daughter, R.J. and Madison Dami, both at home; a stepson and stepdaughter, David and Lauren Snyder, both of Scott Township; stepmother, Melissa Dami of McDonald; four brothers, Rich (Terri) Dami of Canonsburg, Ron (Michele) Dami of Washington, Jason (Kim) Dami of Cecil and Luke Dami and girlfriend Erin Cain of McDonald; paternal grandmother, Mildred Dami of Canonsburg; maternal grandfather, Joseph Rotella of Canonsburg; and several nieces and nephews. **FL**

David E. Powers

U.S. Navy vet, VFW member worked for Dravo Corp.

David E. Powers, 62, of Locust Hill Road, Chester, W.Va., died Saturday, February 12, 2005, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born May 30, 1942, in Avella, a son of the late Michael P. and Laura Shorts Powers.

Mr. Powers had been disabled since 1977 and had worked for Dravo Corp.

His wife, Regina Puskar Powers, whom he married August 6, 1977, survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, David E. Powers Jr. and fiancée Michelle Chechuck of Langeloth; two daughters, Barbara Ann Newman and fiancée Anthony McKee of Bulger and Bonnie Ann Boozer and husband Michael of Decatur, Ala.; two brothers, Michael and Edward Powers of Avella; a sister, Nellie Thomas of Slovan; five grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Donald, Joseph and Robert Powers; and two sisters. **WP**

Dale C. Hoge

WWII U.S. Army infantry vet

Dale C. Hoge, 87, of Washington, died Saturday, February 12, 2005 in Washington Hospital, after a long illness.

He was born February 27, 1917, in Burton, W.Va., a son of John Clyde and Eliza Poland Hoge.

Mr. Hoge was employed by Consolidated Freightways, formerly Schneider Trucking, for over 30 years.

His first wife, Jane Wilson Hoge, died October 28, 1989.

On December 24, 1989, he married Geraldine E. Main Hoge, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Richard Hoge of Tucson, Ariz.; a granddaughter, Lois Renee Hut of Virginia; and several nieces and nephews. **WM**

Deceased are a son, James Hoge; and a sister, Mary Rodgers.

Mary Zanolli

Member of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church

Mary Zanolli, 90, of Westland, died Saturday, February 12, 2005, in her home following a lengthy illness.

She was born October 3, 1914, in St. Justina, Italy, a daughter of Tony and Antoinette Giazzoni Dalla Rossa.

In December 1932, she married John B. Zanolli, who died November 27, 1981.

Surviving are three sons, John J. Zanolli of Westland, Charles R. Zanolli and wife Rose Ann of Cheswick and Mario Zanolli and wife Betty of McKees Rocks; two sisters, Edith Perri of Houston and Emma White of Roseville, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. **QH**

Additional information was received for the obituary of Mary Zanolli, published Monday. Deceased are a son, Angelo Zanolli; a brother, Victor Dalla Rosa; and a sister, Josephine Zofchak.

Margaret E. Shaffer

Hickory resident raised African violets

Margaret E. Shaffer, 80, of Hickory, died Friday, February 18, 2005, in Bird House Assisted Living Residence, Washington.

She was born April 4, 1924, in Bloomsburg, a daughter of Reuben and Helen McHenry Creasy.

On February 9, 1946, she married Clyde Shaffer, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Clyde Shaffer Jr. of Hickory; two brothers, Maurice and Phillip Creasy, both of Bloomsburg; and a sister, Lois Tyson of Bloomsburg.

A daughter, Ruby Jean Shaffer, died at birth. **OS**

Thelma Joan Levers

Member of St. Genevieve Worship Site, St. Patrick Parish

Thelma Joan Frankosky Levers, 82, of Canonsburg, died Saturday, February 12, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born September 27, 1922, in Westland, a daughter of John and Josephine Piatkowski Frankosky.

Her first husband, Frank Anthony, died in action during World War II.

She later married Fred Levers, who died in 1970.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol Holley and Charlotte Higgins, both of Canonsburg; a son, Fred Levers of Columbus, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Robert Frankosky; and three sisters, Mary Gibbs, Josephine Gump and Rachael Lazorchak. **FL**

William N. Elias

William N. Elias, 75, of Florida, formerly of Canonsburg and Pittsburgh, died Sunday, February 13, 2005.

Private services and burial are Friday in Oak Spring Cemetery.

William Lee Rothwell

Hopewell Township outdoorsman



William Lee Rothwell, 63, of Avella (Hopewell Township), died unexpectedly Monday, February 14, 2005, in his

home.

He was born June 7, 1941, in Washington, a son of the late Charles O. and Martha Elizabeth Shook Rothwell.

He was a 1960 graduate of Claysville High School and a 1961 graduate of Vale Tech, Blairsville.

Mr. Rothwell was employed in the maintenance department of Wal-Mart, Washington, for the past three years and previously worked for the road department of Blaine Township for eight years.

On April 24, 1961, in West Alexander, he was married by Rev. DeBolt to Carol A. Westfall, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kreed William Rothwell of Avella; two daughters, Kim Winona Teichmann and Kena Wryn, wife of Lynn Cowell, both of Avella; four granddaughters, Cheyenne Deven Rothwell and Amanda Lynn, Courtney Mariah and Brooklyn McKenna Cowell; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

William Bodnar

Formerly of Canonsburg



William "Pappy" Bodnar, 74, of Meadville, formerly of Canonsburg, died at 3:41 a.m. Thursday, February 17, 2005, in Meadville Medical Center.

He was born July 30, 1930, in Canonsburg, a son of Alexander and Rose Urban Bodnar.

On January 24, 1984, he married Barbara Lewis, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Louann (David) DeJohn of Canonsburg; two sons, William Charles (Karen) Bodnar and Gary Lee (Janice R.) Bodnar, both of Cochran; three stepdaughters; many grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Sincek and Elizabeth (Betty) Little, both of Canonsburg.

Deceased are his first wife, Joyce Ann Hopkins, who died January 10, 1981; a son, Bruce Allen Bodnar; three brothers; and three sisters. OS

Gail M. Daum

Earned degree in home economics from Penn State

Gail M. Daum, 67, of State College, died Monday, February 14, 2005, in Mt. Nittany Medical Center, State College.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Born September 1, 1937, in Canonsburg, she was a daughter of William P. and Kathryn Maines Griffith.

On June 13, 1959, she married Donald R. Daum, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters, Debra D. Thunberg and her husband, Thomas, of Cherry Hill, N.J., and Karen L. Peoples and her husband, Edward, of State College; a son, Alan E. Daum of State College; and three grandchildren.

Deceased is a brother, William P. Griffith Jr.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Koch Funeral Home, 2401 South Atherton Street, State College.

G. Roger Masquelier

Westinghouse engineer from Colorado

G. Roger Masquelier, 88, of Aurora, Colo., died Wednesday, February 9, 2005, in Aurora.

He was born October 5, 1916, in McDonald, a son of Georges and Angel (Hazel) Masquelier, and grew up in the Pittsburgh area.

Mr. Masquelier graduated from Wilkinsburg High School and studied engineering at Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh.

He worked for Westinghouse for 42 years, primarily in Mansfield, Ohio, beginning in engineering. Surviving are his wife, Helen Culp Masquelier; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Margi Masquelier of Reno, Nev., and Aurora; a daughter, Meredith Martin, of Dublin, N.H.; two stepsons; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are his first wife, Edna Windsheimer Masquelier; a brother, Howard Masquelier; and a stepson.

Memorial services were held February 14 in Aurora. OS

Ruth Camille Graytock

Homemaker worked at Canonsburg Pottery

Ruth Camille Graytock, 87, of Canonsburg, died at 10:43 a.m. Monday, February 14, 2005, in Manor Care, McMurray.

She was born February 5, 1918, in Cecil, a daughter of Godlieb Jack and Myrtle Arnold Bender.

Mrs. Graytock was a homemaker and had worked several years at Canonsburg Pottery.

On February 17, 1940, she married George J. Graytock, who died May 1, 2001.

Surviving are a son, Randall L. Graytock of Canonsburg; three sisters, Lois Curtis of Saginaw, Mich., Betty Devine of Strabane and Patricia DeFillippo of Canonsburg; two grandchildren, Garrett Alderson and Aaron J. Graytock; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, Wayne David Graytock, who died September 9, 1967; two brothers, Sam and Jim Bender; and a sister, Mid Bender. OS

Florence Z. DeBlasio

Member of St. Patrick Parish



Florence Z. DeBlasio, 85, of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, February 15, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born October 10, 1919, in Export, a daughter of William and Anna Smolenski Zgorliski.

Surviving are a daughter, Florence M. DeBlasio of Canonsburg; three grandchildren, Diana Bruno, Terri Dami and Brian Cox; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Anthony DeBlasio, died June 20, 1985.

Also deceased are a daughter, Elouise Cox; seven brothers, Mitchell, Chester, Felix, Walter, William, Raymond and Henry Zgorliski; a sister, Tillie DeBaker; and two granddaughters, Laura Spin and Dawn Hilderbrand. OS

BY HEIDI PRICE, Staff writer
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A McDonald teen died Tuesday afternoon after losing control of his motorcycle on Morganza Road in North Strabane Township.

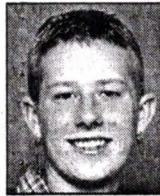
Derek Edward Staples, 19, of Cecil-Reissing Road, was driving north on Morganza, about a half-mile north of Weaver-town Road, about 5:10 p.m. when his motorcycle drifted onto rumble strips in the center lane, North Strabane Officer Bonnie Downing said Tuesday night. Staples lost control of the motorcycle, which began to slide into oncoming traffic, Downing said.

Staples was ejected from the motorcycle and landed on the pavement in the southbound lane of Morganza, according to Washington County Coroner Tim Warco. The motorcycle continued sliding into oncoming traffic, striking three southbound vehicles before coming to rest in the southbound lane.

Staples was taken to Canonsburg General Hospital, where he died.

Derek Edward Staples

2003 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School



Derek Edward Staples, 19, of Cecil Township, died Tuesday, February 15, 2005.

He was born August 25, 1985, in Washington, a son of Rhonda Hainaut Staples of Cecil Township and Timothy Staples of Cecil.

Derek was a 2003 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School.

His girlfriend was Kendra Kasulin of South Fayette Township.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are two sisters, Samantha Staples and Suzanne Staples; two brothers, Scott Staples and Timothy E. Staples; maternal grandparents, Beverly and Frank Hainaut of Scott Township; and paternal grandmother, Pauline Staples of Blackstone, Mass.

Paternal grandfather, George Staples, is deceased.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in Eugene C. Coleman Funeral Home, Route 50, Cecil. Friends are requested to meet for services at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 19, in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bower Hill Road, Scott Township, with the Rev. Lawrence Isbell officiating. Interment will be in Jefferson Memorial Park, Pleasant Hills.

Donald Keenan Smith

Had last all-Guernsey herd in Washington Co.



Donald Keenan Smith, 72, of Avella, died at 5 a.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born April 2, 1932, in Washington, a son of Verner Farrar and Ilah Keenan Smith.

Mr. Smith was a 1950 graduate of Avella High School.

On September 1, 1962, he married Elaine H. Dryer, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Gary Donald Smith and wife Mary Jo of Avella and Jonathan Lee Smith of Hermitage; two grandchildren, Thomas Keenan Smith and Molly Kathleen Smith; a sister, Darlene Blanchard of Annandale, Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is an infant daughter, Kimberly Susan. WM

Alvin Tournay

Retired from Weirton Steel

Alvin "Crow" Tournay, 75, of Canonsburg (Cecil Township), died Tuesday, February 15, 2005, in Shadyside Hospital.

He was born November 27, 1929, in McDonald, a son of Gregory and Yvonne Roberts Tournay.

His wife, Edna Mae Campbell, died March 15, 1993.

Surviving are a son, Gregory A. Tournay of Canonsburg; a stepson, Benjamin McGinnis of Harrisburg; two grandchildren, Makenzie and Gregory A. Tournay; and two step-grandchildren, Michelle McGinnis and Payge Strogish.

Deceased are a daughter, Yvonne Tournay; two sisters, Alice Leonard and Norma Hunter; and two brothers, Merle and Ralph Tournay. V

John Stolarski

Retired from Cooper Industries

John Stolarski, 71, of Canonsburg, died at 5:50 a.m. Thursday, February 17, 2005, in his home, after a lengthy illness.

He was born March 1, 1933, in Canonsburg, a son of Barney and Josephine Wysocki Stolarski.

On May 10, 1958, he married Rose Marie Neal, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Stolarski of Canonsburg and John T. Stolarski of Avella; a sister, Theresa Sullivan of Grove-ton, N.H.; and a brother, Peter Stolarski of Cresson; two granddaughters, Barbara Ann and Jessica Lynn Stolarski; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three sisters, Frances Zanaglo, Mary Leppa and Rose Buroke; and two brothers, Walter and Enoch Stolarski. WF

Deborah Dubina Heinz

1974 graduate of
Canon-McMillan High School



Deborah Dubina Heinz, 48, of Bentleyville, formerly of Canonsburg, died Saturday, February 19, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born December 28, 1956, in Washington, a daughter of Nicholas and Helen Matteson Dubina.

Surviving are two daughters, Tracy Dubina of Cokeburg and Stacey Dubina of California; two sons, Robert Nicholas Heinz and Christopher Heinz, both of Bentleyville; a grandson, Sheldon Terrett of Cokeburg; two brothers, Nicholas and Michael Dubina, both of Washington; two sisters, Emma Gudac of Canonsburg and Carol White of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Clyde Dubina, is deceased. OS

Mary C. Mounts

Enjoyed quilting



Mary C. Mounts, 94, of Washington, died at 9:35 a.m. Monday, February 21, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington, following a three-year illness.

She was born October 2, 1910, in Claysville, a daughter of Maurice and Jennie Hunter Craft.

Mrs. Mounts was a member of Lighthouse Community Church, Washington.

She graduated from Prosperity High School and Penn Commercial.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed quilting and was a member of Lagonda Neighborhood Club and Lagonda Home Economics Club.

On March 29, 1933, she married Howard Mounts, who died April 25, 1979.

Surviving are two sons, Jack Mounts of Lagonda and Eugene Mounts of West Alexander; two grandchildren, Lori Polan (Randy) of West Alexander and Debbie Gardner (Ron) of Claysville; three great-grandchildren, Josh Polan of Pittsburgh, Jeremy Polan of West Alexander and Brandon Gardner of Claysville.

A brother, David Craft, is deceased. W

Marian E. Rollinitis

'Angel Lady' was
Langeloth homemaker

Marian E. Rollinitis, 77, of Langeloth, died Monday, February 28, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born September 13, 1927, a daughter of Thomas and Helen Jeanette (Nettie) Fox LONG.

Her husband, Leroy C. Rollinitis, died September 10, 1992.

She made her home with John Popp.

Surviving are three daughters, Lois J. (Chuck) Nimal of McDonald, Donna L. (James) Sanders of Georgia and Eileen Denise Rollinitis of Cross Creek; a brother, Charles S. Long of California state; a sister, Martha J. Cowden of Washington; 11 grandchildren, Charles Jr., Bill, Jason and Jaime Lynne Nimal, Bruce Jr., Chad and Brad Workmaster, Leroy Daniels, Michelle and Timmy Cheplic and Alea Rollinitis; and nine great-grandchildren. MP

John Edwin Grice Jr.

Owned Grice's Chocolates

John Edwin Grice Jr., 80, of Washington, died Monday, February 21, 2005, in Beverly Health Care, Waynesburg, following a lengthy illness.

He was born December 1, 1924, in Philadelphia, a son of John Edwin and Margaret Henrici Grice Sr.

On November 22, 1951, he married Doris G. Clark, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John E. (Judy) Grice III of Washington, Bruce C. (Becky) Grice of Washington and Todd A. (Jane) Grice of Columbia; three daughters, Doris Kathleen (Bill) Colborn of Verona, Cynthia J. (Smittie) Brown of Grantville and Peggy (Ken) Kammerer of Bel-Air, Md.; a sister, Milicent Johnson of Washington; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a brother, Donald Grice.

Erla F. Young

Formerly of McDonald

Erla F. Young, 70, of Cordia Commons, Meadville, formerly of McDonald, died Wednesday, February 23, 2005, in Meadville Medical Center.

She was born February 22, 1935, in Midway, Washington County, a daughter of Louis N. and Viola B. Finney Lepro.

Mrs. Young enjoyed her grandchildren.

Surviving are a son, Christian (Chris) Winters (Dolores) of Alonce, Mich.; a daughter, Mary B. Johnson (Troy) of Meadville; a brother, Louis H. Lepro of Avella; two sisters, Beryle L. DeSantis of Midway and Irene M. Berthold of Oakdale; and six grandchildren, Amanda N., Jessica L., Justin M. and Amy M. Grey and Tessa and Steven Johnson.

Deceased is a brother, William H. Lepro.

Christine Mastnock

Homemaker was former
Meadow Lands resident

Christine Mastnock, 98, of Washington, died Saturday, February 26, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington, following a brief illness.

She was born July 22, 1906, in Austria, a daughter of George and Mary Savavetz.

Mrs. Mastnock was a homemaker.

She had lived in Meadow Lands

On January 18, 1932, she married Frank Mastnock, who died December 30, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Jack Mastnock of Washington and Frank R. Mastnock of Greensburg. OS

Mary Kotyk

Member of St. John the Baptist
Orthodox Church, Canonsburg

Mary Kotyk, 87, of Canonsburg, died Sunday, February 27, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born July 18, 1917, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Michael and Fannie Nagy Sedlitsky.

On February 23, 1935, she married Steve "Pink" Kotyk, who died August 29, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Lillian M. Cherenko and husband Joseph of Valencia and Dolores J. DelBene and husband Charles of Canonsburg; a son, Daniel S. Kotyk and wife Karen of South Park; two grandchildren, Kristin Keegan and Daniel S. Kotyk Jr.; six great-grandchildren, Colin, Conner, Brandon and Brian Keegan and Alexis and Sydney Kotyk; three sisters, Julie Sopiak and Ann Ofiara, both of Canonsburg, and Margaret Clark of Maryland; and a brother, John Sedlitsky of Florida.

Deceased are three brothers, Michael, Julius and her twin brother, Frank Sedlitsky; and two sisters, Helen Koch and Ann Sedlitsky, who died in infancy. OS

Helen E. Testa

Member of Our Lady
of Lourdes Church

Helen E. Testa, 90, of Slovan, died Monday, February 28, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born June 6, 1914, in Avella, a daughter of Joseph and Theresa Marusak.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Testa was employed by Filipponi's Grocery in Slovan.

Her husband, Sam Testa, died in 1966.

Surviving are three daughters, Dolores, wife of Frank Hanlin, of Slovan, Loretta Mihok of Aurora, Ohio, and Ruth Ann Hall of North East; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are four brothers, John, Alex and Joseph Meyers and Paul Marusak; three sisters, Theresa Luzier, Anna Hajak and Mary Meyers; and a great-grandson. Our Lady of Lourdes

LeRoy A. Marquis

Maryland construction
superintendent from Greensboro

LeRoy A. Marquis, 89, of Greensboro (Cabbage Flats), died at 7:55 a.m. Thursday, February 24, 2005, in his home.

He was born July 4, 1915, in Cross Creek, a son of Charles M. and Elizabeth Jeffries Marquis.

On December 5, 1936, he married Lila A. Rohrbaugh, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald (Bonnie) Marquis of Phoenix, Ariz., and Gary (Peggy) Marquis of Greensboro (Cabbage Flats); a daughter, Faye Ellwood of Odenton, Md.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Jean Mohr of Greenville; a brother, Kenneth Marquis of Cottonwood, Ariz.; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a grandson, Robert Marquis; and six brothers and sisters.

Monongahela Hill Cemetery, Mapletown. WA

Jenny Bowman

Owned Bowman Sanitation,
West Alexander

Jenny (Geneva) Marie Bowman, 63, of West Alexander, died Tuesday, March 1, 2005, in Wheeling (W.Va.) Hospital.

She was born February 17, 1942, in Mozart, W.Va., a daughter of John and Eileen Craig Oliver.

She attended the former Church of God, Wheeling.

Along with her husband, Pete, she owned and operated Bowman Sanitation, West Alexander, in ad-

dition to doing all of the book-keeping.

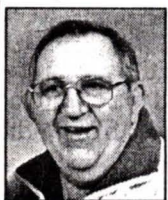
She enjoyed playing piano, gardening and doing jigsaw puzzles.

On September 15, 1962, in Mozart, W.Va., she married Carl (Pete) Bowman, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Steven Bowman, at home; a daughter, Gini Lynn Hoover of Kittanning; two brothers, Jerry and John J. Oliver, both of Wheeling; two sisters, Ellen Wood of Wheeling and Nina Willison of McMechen; a granddaughter, Miranda Hoover of Florida; and several nieces and nephews. WA

Richard Mihalich

*Mt. Pleasant Twp. supervisor
was electrician*



Richard (Sam) Mihalich, 67, of McDonald, died Friday, March 4, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born May 29, 1937, in Bulger, a son of Michael and Anna Bozic Mihalich.

Mr. Mihalich was a graduate of Burgettstown High School and attended Purdue University and University of Georgia on football scholarships.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Berlin Crisis and Vietnam War.

He was an electrician employed by International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for more than 30 years.

Mr. Mihalich was a Mt. Pleasant Township supervisor and road master for eight years, before retirement in 1993.

He was a member, head usher and former deacon at Independent Bible Presbyterian Church in McDonald and was a member of Chartiers Lodge 297 F&AM in Canonsburg.

Mr. Mihalich loved his miniature black poodle, Louie.

On June 12, 1965, he married Patricia Capitan, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Leigh Ann (Henry) Quevi of McDonald and Lisa Renee (fiancee Michael Durbin) of Charlotte, N.C.; a sister, Mary Ann Heasley of Cecil. **RR**

Sue Getsinger

*Burgettstown native
was homemaker*

Sue (Suzanne) Getsinger, 85, of Weirton, W. Va., died Sunday, February 27, 2005, in her residence.

She was born October 29, 1919, in Burgettstown, a daughter of John and Anna Obschnik Fedorsin.

Surviving are two sons, Father Ronald A. Getsinger of Weirton and Ernest (Sherry) Getsinger of Eighty Four; a daughter, Linda Sue (Tom) Gyrp of Merlin, Ontario, Canada; two brothers, Michael Fedorsin of Las Vegas, Nev., and John Fedorsin of Youngstown, Ohio; a grandson and his companion, Anthony Thomas Reed and Judy Eskbar of Burlington, Ontario, Canada; and a great-grandson, Ayden Jose Getsinger Reed.

Deceased are her husband, Anthony Getsinger Jr.; two infant brothers, John and Michael; and four sisters, Anna Yadrick, Mary Louder, Julia Brower and Margaret Newman. **MP**

John L. Baker

*Artist studied in Europe, bred
and trained Ara-Appaloosas*

John L. Baker, 77, of McDonald, died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born March 27, 1927, in McKees Rocks, a son of Nicholas J. and Theresa May Baker.

Mr. Baker had three passions in life: his family, his art and his horses. He and his beloved wife, Nancy, raised seven children and had 16 grandchildren. All of their children and grandchildren live near the family farm.

He began art lessons at a young age at St. Joseph School of Practical and Fine Arts in East Liberty and graduated from St. Mary School in McKees Rocks. After serving in the Army during World War II, he studied at Art Institute of Pittsburgh and Melbourne School of Art in Pittsburgh. He traveled to Europe to study at Academie Julian in Paris, France, and at Academie of Fine Arts in Florence, Italy.

On November 27, 1952, he married Nancy R. Ducci, who survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Susan M. Reboul, Nanette M. Battista, Renee G. Lucas and Janine A. Willy, all of McDonald; three sons, Paul L. Baker of Burgettstown and Mark A. Baker and John M. Baker, both of McDonald; four sisters, Amelia Hartner of Cranberry Township, Mary Baird of Bethel Park, Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll of McKees Rocks and Ethel Kosmar of Kennedy Township; two brothers, Dr. Robert Baker of Beaver Falls and Raymond Baker of Fredericktown, Md.; a sister-in-law, Mary Snyder of McDonald; and 16 grandchildren.

Deceased are a brother, Paul M. Baker; and a sister, Dorothy Rennekamp. **In-**

terment will be private in the Baker family cemetery. In lieu of flow-

CURTIS DIAMOND

Curtis Diamond, 79, of 222 West Second Avenue, Langeloth, died Thursday, March 20, 1986, in the Washington Hospital.

Born March 4, 1907, in Butler, he was the son of John and Annie Houghton Diamond.

He was a former employee of the American Zinc and Chemical Company and had worked for the Langeloth Townsite Company and the Smith Township Water Authority.

Surviving are his wife, Violet Mader Diamond; a son, Curtis, at home; seven daughters, Hazel Nemeth and Ruth Slopek, both of Burgettstown; Joanne Littleton of Weirton, West Virginia; Claudia Machek of Langeloth; Judy Strobe and Linda Kennedy, both of Eldersville; and Hope Michael of Paris; a sister, Alta Adamson of Langeloth; 38 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

A son, Benjamin; a daughter, Emma McCartney; a brother, John; and a sister, Viola Mader, are deceased. **F**

Hazel M. Kerr

*Was oldest living member
of Venice Presbyterian Church*



Hazel M. Kerr, 101, of Cecil, died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in Horizon Senior Care, Canonsburg.

She was born August 23, 1903, in Bishop, a daughter of Henry and Bertha Breit **Kerr. FEHL**

A lifelong resident of Cecil Township, Mrs. Kerr had been the oldest living member of Venice Presbyterian Church, where she was an active member of the BBC Sunday school class, a member of Venice Quilters and a past member of Millers Run Grange.

Her husband, James A. Kerr, died October 28, 1972.

Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy M. Kerr of Cecil; and two grandchildren, Jeffrey R. Kerr and Dianne L. Kerr.

Deceased are a son, James R. Kerr; four sisters, Katherine Freeze, Moynelle Hollaway, Sadie DeBoe and Bessie Kirby; and a brother, Homer Fehl. **V**

Maxine Sarah Kimble

*Member of Grove UP Church,
West Middletown*



Maxine Sarah Kimble, 86, of Washington, died at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in Washington Hospital, fol-

lowing a two-week illness.

She was born May 24, 1918, in Donegal Township, a daughter of Albert Bentley and Rose Matilda Gilbert Main.

Mrs. Kimble was a homemaker and a member of Grove United Presbyterian Church of West Middletown. She joined Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church as a child.

On June 30, 1937, in Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church parsonage, she married Merle Edison Kimble, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Bruce Alan Kimble of Claysville; four daughters, Maxine Elizabeth (Betty) McKuhn of Deltona, Fla., Kathleen K. Putorti of Washington, Nancy Louise Richmond of Washington and Frances Marie Craft of Woodruff, S.C.; a twin sister, Geraldine Elizabeth Hoge of Washington; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, George Merle Kimble; a grandson, Daniel J. DePetro; four brothers, Clarence Emerson Main, Stanley Ray Main, Kenneth Howard Main and Glenn R. Main; and a sister, Goldie Mae Miller. **I**

David A. Diaz Jr.

*Burgettstown school employee
was WWII veteran*

David A. "Dizer" Diaz Jr., 87, of Langeloth, died Monday, March 7, 2005, in Humbert Lane Personal Care Home, Washington.

He was born November 20, 1917, in Caney, Kansas, a son of David A. Sr. and Carmina Menendez Diaz.

Prior to retirement, Mr. Diaz was employed by Burgettstown School District.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Slovan.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Mae Taylor Diaz; two sons, Ronald "R.J." Diaz and Rick Diaz, both of Burgettstown; a grandson, Emmanuel David Diaz; and a sister, Pansy Diaz of Langeloth.

Deceased are a brother, Joe Diaz; and two sisters, Anita Dubich and Louisa Borio. **F**

Stephen S. Slopek

*Climax Molybdenum retiree was
WWII veteran*

Stephen S. Slopek, 78, of Burgettstown, died Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in Weirton (W. Va.) Medical Center.

He was born December 30, 1926, in Slovan, a son of Joseph and Marie Slopek.

Surviving are his wife, Erma Bailey Slopek; two sons, Steven of Midland and Robert Slopek of Langeloth; a daughter, Janet Dotson of Somerset; four grandchildren, Jessica Koonse and Robert, Susan and Stephen Slopek; a great-grandson, Evan Koonse; and a sister, Margaret Pescho of Washington.

Deceased are five brothers, Joseph, Julius, Charles, Edward and David Slopek; and a sister, Alma Windsheimer. **F**

Lucille Harmon

*Joffre resident
born in Burgettstown*

Lucille Harmon, 70, of Joffre, died Thursday, March 10, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born March 22, 1934, in Burgettstown, a daughter of Jess and Mary Smith Orison.

In 1970, she married David Harmon, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary Lou William Harris of Joffre; a grandchild, Jessica Harris; a sister, Patricia Noble of West Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are four children, Theresa, Debbie, David and William Harmon; two brothers, John and Robert Orison; and three sisters, Esther Winland, Lillian Hanlin and Sarah Boyce. **F**

Virginia Mary Bain

Homemaker was member of First U.M. Church, McDonald

Virginia Mary Bain, 87, of McDonald, died Saturday, March 12, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born September 12, 1917, in McDonald, a daughter of Alexander and Mary Paquet Fountain.

She was a homemaker and member of First United Methodist Church in McDonald.

She enjoyed spending time with her family.

On March 28, 1936, she married William Bain, who died June 25, 1990.

Surviving are two sons, William A. (Karen) Bain of Monaca and James A. (JoAnn) Bain Sr. of Weirton, W.Va.; two daughters, Barbara A. (Bob) Ackman of McDonald and Deborah A. (Bill) Elias of Sturgeon; nine grandchildren, Nikki Bugay, Kelly Homan, Scott, James A. Jr., Jason and Jarett Bain, Tara McClain and Courtney and Justin Elias; 11 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Deceased are a brother, Raymond Fountain; and a sister, Eva Prevade. RR

Mary Ellen Malone

Member of Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church

Mary Ellen Malone, 92, of Linden, North Strabane Township, died Saturday, March 12, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born February 1, 1913, in Monessen, a daughter of James and Lottie Risher Ferguson.

Mrs. Malone had worked as an occupational therapist at Mayview State Hospital.

She was a member of Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church, Canonsburg.

Her husband, Wilmer Aiken Malone, died August 7, 1992.

Surviving are a son, Richard Malone and wife Beryl of East Derry, N.H.; two grandchildren, Chad Malone and wife Erin and Amanda Kate Malone and husband Chris Vinton, all of East Derry; a great-granddaughter, Molly Malone Vinton; and a sister, Leona Sokel of North Strabane Township.

Deceased are three brothers, Howard, Wayne and Blair Ferguson; and a sister, Alice Mosier. HC

Walter J. Kania

Proud veteran of WWII from Canonsburg

Walter J. Kania of Canonsburg died Friday, March 11, 2005.

He was born September 6, 1921, in Carnegie, a son of John and Mary Kania.

Mr. Kania was a 1939 graduate of Canonsburg High School and was a member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church.

On April 26, 1947, he married June Lucille, who died March 4, 2000. ECKLES

Surviving are children Dawn Mortimer of McMurray and Randy of Oakdale; grandchildren Randi, Marc and Renee Kania, all of Oakdale; and two brothers, Edward and Arthur, both of Canonsburg.

A daughter, Lynne Kania, died in infancy. OS

M. Glynn McAnulty

Union carpenter, farmer served in Merchant Marines

M. Glynn McAnulty, 85, of Denbo, died Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in Monongahela Valley Hospital, Carroll Township, following a brief illness.

He was born January 10, 1920, in Rogers, Texas, a son of Bartow and Addie Victoria Mann McAnulty.

On the day after Labor Day in 1946, he married Alice Chambers, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Thomas G. McAnulty and his wife, Rita, of Denbo, and Bruce E. McAnulty and his wife, Mary Jo, of Bentleyville; two daughters, Vera S. McAnulty and her partner, Janine of Pittsburgh and Virginia J. de Cortie and her husband, Rob, of Denbo; a sister, Nelda S. Walker and her husband, Otis, of Austin, Texas; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, are a daughter, Mildred A. McCreight, who died in 1998; and several brothers and sisters. OS

Mildred E. Harde

Former South Fayette Township secretary

Mildred E. Harde, 84, of South Fayette, died Monday, March 7, 2005.

She was born September 21, 1920, in Imperial, a daughter of Col. Wilbur and Gertrude Kaufmann Seabright.

On January 11, 1963, she married Charles R. Harde, who died in October 1995. On December 7, 1941, she married Harry G. Drain, who died in 1960.

Surviving are two nephews, George (Ann) Simpson of Fairfield, Va., and Bud (Marlene) Drain of Cecil. RR

Elsie C. Neal

Presbyterian was former clerical records keeper

Elsie C. Neal, 94, of Bulger, died Saturday, March 5, 2005, in Asbury Heights Nursing Facility, Mt. Lebanon.

She was born January 24, 1911, in Candor, a daughter of Oliver J. and Belle Ackelson Neal.

She was a 1929 graduate of McDonald High School.

Deceased are six brothers, George, Jack, Jim, Sam, William and Charles Neal; and a sister, Mary Millis. KECIAN

Hasen M. Pastovich

32-year miner for Consolidation Coal



Hasen M. (Mike) Pastovich, 74, of Canonsburg, died at 8:55 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born July 8, 1930, in Westland, a son of Michael (Mike) and Alice McCartney Pastovich.

On July 7, 1956, he married Lillian Kocain, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Diane (Robert) Macurak of Canonsburg; two sons, Michael H. (Janet) Pastovich of Taylorsville, Ga., and Brian K. Pastovich of Washington; four grandsons, Jeffrey A. Jr., Joshua A. and Jordan A. Florian and Michael Brian Pastovich; two sisters, Charlotte Kelley and Rose Moore, both of Washington; a brother, Gordon Pastovich of Canonsburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Alice Pizuti; and a brother, Homer Pastovich.

Amelia Verakis

Member of St. Patrick Church

Amelia (Billie) Verakis, 91, of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born January 3, 1914, in Somerset County, a daughter of Angelo and Marietta Terlingo DelVecchio.

Her husband, Edward Verakis, died February 11, 1975.

Surviving are a son, Terrence E. Verakis and wife Adelia M. of Canonsburg; a granddaughter, Lisol Milliren of Amesbury, Mass.; a great-granddaughter, Carly Milliren; and a brother, Angelo DelVecchio of Clairton.

Deceased are four brothers, John, Ned, Clyde and Anthony DelVecchio; and a sister, Yolanda Palette. OS

James Henry McMasters

Brownson House caretaker



James Henry "Jingles" McMasters, 63, of Brownson House, Washington, died unexpectedly at 10:30 a.m. Monday,

March 7, 2005, in the Washington Hospital emergency room.

He was born December 20, 1941, in Brush Run, a son of the late James and Sadie Ross McMasters.

Surviving are three sisters, Betty Jean Hellman and husband Lew of Washington, Norma Stanley and husband Jack of Fairbanks and Goldie Ewing and husband Phil of Washington.

Deceased are two sisters, Pearl McMasters and Clara Riggle Ross. W

Helen Mae Butka

Retired Washington County employee

Helen Mae Butka, 80, of Washington, formerly of Canonsburg, died at 4:58 p.m. Sunday, March 6, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born June 16, 1924, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Clinton and Emma Barnes Meeks.

Mrs. Butka was a member of St. Patrick Church in Canonsburg.

On November 30, 1944, she married Edward Luke Butka, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Bonnie Raspanti of Upper St. Clair, Darlene Butka of Cecil and Sharon Butka of Canonsburg; two sons, Edward G. Butka of New Jersey and John J. Butka of Richmond, Va.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. OS

Margaret H. Stricko

Member of Slovak Society of McMurray

Margaret H. Stricko, 88, of Bethel Park, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 18, 2005, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

She was born July 24, 1916, in Adena, Ohio, a daughter of Andrew and Susan Valko Madera.

Mrs. Stricko lived in Bethel Park since 1954 and was a member of Slovak Society of McMurray.

On January 6, 1947, she married Steve Stricko, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Steven Alan Stricko of Trafford; three grandchildren, Tara Stricko-Neubauer, Lucina D. Stricko and Steven M. Stricko; and a sister, Helen Shaver of Menomonee, Wis.

Deceased are a son, Lawrence Dennis Stricko; a brother, Andrew Madera; and two sisters, Ann Magee and Susan Nary. I

Edith Ellen Wallace

Loving Christian mother

Edith Ellen Wallace, 74, of Canonsburg, died Sunday, March 13, 2005, in her home.

She was born March 31, 1930, in Emoryville, W. Va., a daughter of James and Laura Gregory McCloud.

In 1955, she married Archie Wallace, who died in 1989.

Surviving are a son, Robert Craig (Sylvia) Wallace of Canonsburg; a daughter, Mary Ellen (Mark) McFadden of Canonsburg; three brothers, James McCloud and Robert McCloud, both of Sturgeon, and Cecil McCloud of Imperial; two grandchildren, Ian and Laretta Wallace; and four stepgrandchildren, Melissa, Amanda, Katie and Robert McFadden.

Deceased are four brothers, Thomas Edward, Clarence, Charles and Kenneth McCloud.

Gladys L. Jones Pialet

Nurse's aide at Woodville State Hospital

Gladys L. Jones Pialet, 80, of Bridgeville, died Thursday, March 17, 2005.

She was born September 4, 1924, in Gladden, South Fayette Township, a daughter of David and Adelaide Yeates Jones.

Her husband, Joseph Pialet, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Joseph Pialet of Willowick, Ohio; a brother, Tom Jones of Presto; three sisters, Dorothy Petronsky of Presto, Mary Dodds of Oakville, Conn., and Luella Boris of Washington; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Adelaide Henry and Mabel Godwin.

Jean Marie Kovalcik

Member of North Buffalo Presbyterian Church



month illness.

She was born April 18, 1925, in Washington, a daughter of George and Laretta Buchanan Wilhelm.

Her husband, Joe Kovalcik, died in 1980.

Surviving are a son, Rick Kovalcik of Avella; two sisters, Gladys Anderson and Sarah Brownlee, both of West Middletown; two grandchildren, Joe and Erica Kovalcik; and several nieces and nephews.

Charles A. Medlen

Operated Medlen Dom Care

Charles A. Medlen, 79, of South Franklin Township, died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, in Washington Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 26, 1925, in Avella, a son of Charles M. "Shorty" and Mary Hutton Medlen.

On July 13, 1944, he married Georganna E. Harris, who died March 26, 1994.

On December 17, 1994, he married Mabel Kelly Ondrik, who survives.

Also surviving are 11 children, Patience E. Medlen, at home, Charlene Toward of Prosperity, Charles James Medlen of Graysville, Margaret (Peg) Teagarden of Washington, John Medlen of Claysville, George Medlen of Stockdale, Lorrin (Ed) Medlen of Claysville, Dianna Johnston of Eighty Four, Carol Woleber Flaherty of Robinson Township, Patricia Pruitt of Benwood, W. Va., and Deborah Hewitt of Claysville; four stepchildren, Denise DeBlasio of Washington, John Ondrik Jr. of Fredericktown, Raymond Ondrik of Claysville and Peter Ondrik of Rayland, Ohio; 43 grandchildren; and 57 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Harold Donald Medlen; two daughters, Catherine Lavon Medlen and Mary Ann Medlen; a brother, James Medlen; four sisters, Stella Dillon, Mary Myers, Margaret Brooks and Josephine Hutton; two grandchildren, Jonathan Medlen and Charlotte Jean Darnley.

Myrtle B. Culley

Cook at Horne's department store

Myrtle B. Culley, 95, of Crossville, Tenn., died Tuesday, March 15, 2005.

She was born November 2, 1909, in Noblestown, a daughter of William E. and Mary Ellen Schefler Speer.

Mrs. Culley was a cook at Horne's department store.

Her husband, Charles Culley, died August 6, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlene J. (Vincent) Richardson, with whom she resided; a son, Charles B. (Wendy) Culley Jr. of Yukon; a nephew, Melvin (Pete) (Wendy) Culley of Harrisville, whom she raised as a son; 24 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Myrtle B. Pearsol, died June 7, 2002; and a son, Delmas Culley, died in 1944.

In the obituary of Myrtle B. Culley, published Thursday, a nephew she raised as a son should have been listed as Melvin (Pete) (Babe) Culley of Harrisville.

O.W. Wilkerson

Retired Merchant Marine from Claysville

O.W. "Wilkie" Wilkerson, 87, of Claysville, died Monday, March 21, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born December 24, 1917, in Bisbee, Ariz., a son of Norman G. and Sally Roberta Mitchner Wilkerson.

On November 6, 1936, in San Angelo, Texas, he married Agnes Fox, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons: Harold G. (Linda) and Don Mack (Brenda) Wilkerson, both of Claysville; a daughter, Janice I. (Jay H.) Dutton of Claysville; three sisters, Dorothy Hamilton of Mertzton, Texas, Pearl Young of San Angelo and Cora Fay Ashmore, of Talpa, Texas; nine grandchildren, Joy Dutton Kish, Joe Wilkerson, Jeff Dutton, Brad Dutton, Scott Wilkerson, Heath Wilkerson, Coy Wilkerson, Lori Wilkerson, and Holly Wilkerson Stewart; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a sister, Ida Mae Baze.

Charlotte Neill

Certified nursing assistant was 1967 grad of Canon-Mac

Charlotte Neill, 56, of Canonsburg, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born January 20, 1949, in Washington, a daughter of Thomas and Henrietta Conkle Deakin.

Mrs. Neill graduated from Canon-McMillan High School in 1967. She had worked as a certified nursing assistant for area state hospitals.

On January 29, 1983, she married James Neill, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Thomas DeWalt and his wife, Kandi, of Washington; and two grandchildren, Bailey and Aiden DeWalt.

Jean R. Fullerton

Active at Meadows racetrack

Jean R. Fullerton, 83, of Houston, died Thursday, March 17, 2005, in her home.

She was born May 4, 1921, in Turtle Creek, a daughter of Frank and Zelma Byers Hazelton.

Mrs. Fullerton, along with her late husband, maintained a stable at The Meadows racetrack, where they were fixtures from 1963 to 1996.

Her husband, Richard T. Fullerton, died in 1996.

Surviving are a son, Richard T. Fullerton III and wife Corinne of Oakdale; three grandchildren, Virginia Cummings, Laura Gaunt and Sam Fullerton; two great-grandchildren; and a niece, Victoria Parsons of Chicago, Ill.

Peter R. Kuhner

WWII vet was retired truck driver, dispatcher

Peter R. Kuhner, 76, of Federal, died Saturday, March 19, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born May 30, 1928, a son of Peter and Mary Coleman Kuhner.

Mr. Kuhner served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was retired from Preston Trucking Co. and Eazor Trucking Co., where he was a truck driver and dispatcher.

Mr. Kuhner was a member of Federal Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Peter Kuhner and wife Debbi of Southview; two daughters, Mary Margaret Hartman and husband Richard of Florida and Christine Lazzini and husband Jack of Federal; seven grandchildren, Erica Henry and husband Jason, Nicole Kuhner, Richard C. Hartman and wife Wendee, Jennifer Hartman-Fox and husband Art, Melanie Hartman-Palmer and husband Steve and Richard and Angela Lazzini; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Hettman of Hickory and Mary Louise Stein of Arizona; and his former wife, Dolores Guyaux Lukan of McDonald.

Deceased are two sisters, Juliette Mortorana and Etta Bentrem.

Interment will follow in St. Barbara's Cemetery, Bridgeville.

Josephine Frazier

Longtime Cecil Township resident born in Avella

Josephine Frazier, 88, of McDonald, died Thursday, March 17, 2005, in Beverly Healthcare of South Hills.

She was born October 23, 1916, in Avella, a daughter of Guy and Virginia Bonaventura.

Mrs. Frazier was a resident of Cecil Township for more than 50 years.

She enjoyed knitting and crocheting for her family.

Her husband, Homer Frazier, died in 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Rose Capps of Hartsville, S.C., and Margaret Williams of Winter Park, Fla.; three sons, Joe and John Gunther, both of McDonald, and Tony Frazier of Canonsburg; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Joseph and Nelson Bonaventura, both of Philadelphia.

Deceased are four sisters, Sarah Sweeter, Genny Patoski, Rose Bonaventura and Mary Magaloni; and a brother, Tony Bonaventura.

According to the wishes of the deceased, private services were held Saturday, March 19, with arrangements by Eugene C. Coleman Funeral Home, Cecil.

Eulalia Hess

Retired bartender for American Slavic Citizens Club, Slovan

Eulalia Hess, 78, of Burgettstown, died Saturday, March 19, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born July 28, 1926, in Cross Creek, a daughter of Harry and Mary Hannan Latshaw.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Hess was a bartender for American Slavic Citizens Club in Slovan.

Surviving are five daughters, Jenny Pierce, wife of Russell, of Burgettstown, Billie Bittinger, wife of Harold, of Burgettstown, Wilma Prevost of Washington, Leona Silvers, wife of Michael, of Slovan and Martha Hess of Bentleyville; and two sons, Raymond Latshaw of Washington and Edward Hess of Bellaire, Ohio; 24 grandchildren; and 42 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are her husband, Richard Hess; three sons, Richard, Eugene and Clyde Hess; and a daughter, Bonnie Hess. **R**

Thomas Francis Fodor

Loving father and grandfather

Thomas Francis Fodor, 83, of Washington, died at 6:15 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005, in Washington Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born February 5, 1922, in Avella, a son of Louis and Rosa Berzig Fodor.

On October 6, 1951, he married June Campbell, who died December 10, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Thomas (Tim) Fodor Jr. of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; a daughter, Linda Kalich of Washington; a sister, Ann Zick of Burgettstown; and three grandchildren, Michael Fodor (Susan) Kalich, Timothy Andrew Fodor and Lori Almino.

Deceased is a brother, William Fodor. **WP**

Amelia Meriage

Joseph Horne Co. baker for 47 years

Amelia "Millio" Meriage, 92, of Primrose, died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, in her home.

She was born April 21, 1912, in Primrose, a daughter of Stanley and Mary Bassar Meriage.

Miss Meriage was a baker for Joseph Horne Co. for 47 years.

She was a member of St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Midland and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of McDonald.

Surviving are a sister, Ann (Sally) Chiff of Primrose; two brothers, Paul Meriage of McDonald and Michael Meriage of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, George, Larry and Nick Meriage. **RR**

Alex A. Bentz Sr.

Former dairy farmer in West Middletown

Alex A. Bentz Sr., 77, of Buffalo Township, died unexpectedly at 7:15 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005, in his home.

He was born May 1, 1927, in Snowden, a son of Andrew and Elizabeth Manco Bentz.

On July 1, 1950, he married Leona Bushko, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Alex A. (Drew) Bentz Jr. and wife Debbie of Avella; a daughter, Rose Marie Shultz and husband Gary of Washington; a brother, Robert Bentz of Prosperity; two sisters, Lois Gazvoda and Martha Kanish of Canonsburg; three grandchildren, Lea Chase and Gary and Kristen Shultz; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Alton Chase; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a granddaughter, Amy Luanne Bentz; and three sisters, Betty Mirisciotta, Agnes Randolph and Margaret Zalazniki. **FL**

Sophie M. Wagner

Canonsburg homemaker was St. Genevieve Church member

Sophie M. Wagner, 78, of Canonsburg, died at 11:45 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2005, in The Greenery, North Strabane.

She was born November 27, 1926, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Stanislav and Bronislav Andresiac Czarniecki.

On June 30, 1951, she married John Henry Wagner, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John Edward Wagner (Marian) of Houston and Robert J. Wagner of Hickory; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three sisters, Victoria Kiarella, Ann Demaria and Helen Hall; and three brothers, Frank, Edward and John Czarniecki. **FL**

Alvin E. McMillan

McDonald VFD life member was steelworker

Alvin E. "Smokey" McMillan, 90, of McDonald, died Monday, March 14, 2005, in McMurray Hills Manor.

He was born October 27, 1914, in Westland, a son of John Hunter and Louette Ayres McMillan.

On February 8, 1939, he married Emily J. Gonda, who died March 2, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet L. Christy and Esther Danna, both of Joffre; a son, Raymond J. (Buck) McMillan of Virginia Beach, Va.; seven grandchildren, Carol Jo Everhart, Janice Christy, Sharon Pulver, Joseph Christy, Renee Marie Stokes, Melanie Dhans and Justin Danna; and eight great-grandchildren. **FL**

Eva Lee Farrell

Member of First United Methodist Church, Canonsburg

Eva Lee Farrell, 97, formerly of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, in her daughter's home.

She was born August 26, 1907, in Fallston, a daughter of James Howard and Mary Ellen Gallagher Springer.

Mrs. Farrell was a member of First United Methodist Church, Canonsburg.

On January 30, 1937, she married Patrick W. Farrell, who died July 5, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Wheatley of Confluence; four grandchildren, Patrick, Daniel, Andrew and Vanessa Wheatley; three stepgrandchildren, Becky Bankes and John and Michael Wheatley; 16 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

Deceased are a great-grandchild, Matthew Wheatley; a son-in-law, Dr. John Wheatley; four brothers, Charles, Wilbert, Howard and Roy Springer; and five sisters, Mary Ellen Huber, Clara Webb, Edna Fife and Lila and Lottie Springer. **OS**

Susan Chase

Member of First Baptist Church in Midway was baker

Susan Chase, 53, of McDonald, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, in her home.

She was born September 6, 1951, in Canonsburg, a daughter of June Bish Davis of McDonald and the late William Davis.

Mrs. Chase enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

On January 25, 1997, she married Donald L. Chase, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Holly Sue McIntyre of Leesville, La., and Sonya June Zirwas of Cecil; a son, Matthew A. Zirwas of Cecil; two sisters, Sandra D. Nadolny of McDonald and Joyce June Sohyda of Muse; a brother, William Davis of Monongahela; and 14 grandchildren, Melinda, Damon, Trevor, Shane, Aaron, Rhiannon, Courtney, Johnathan, Madison, Caitlin, Darryl, Dana, Hayley and Ryan.

Deceased is a sister, Barbara Irene Davis. **RR**

Robert Lambert

Robert Lambert, 56, formerly of Bulger, died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 22, 2005, in Virginia.

Survived by three children and five grandchildren. Graveside services will held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at Midway Cemetery. **C**

Myrtle Virginia Fitzgerald Grimm

Devoted wife and mother



Myrtle Virginia Fitzgerald Grimm, 90, a lifelong resident of West Alexander, died Friday, March 25, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born January 20, 1915, in Vesuvius, Va., a daughter of Austin and Mary Drawbond Fitzgerald.

On December 6, 1935, she married William A. Grimm, who died February 2, 1984.

Surviving are two sons, Carl W. (Cathy) Grimm of Panama City, Fla., and James (Roberta) Grimm of West Alexander; a daughter, Thelma V. (Norman) Cox of Canton, Ohio; 19 grandchildren, Deborah, Sandra, Brenda, Linda, Dolly, Norman Dean, Rhonda, Samuel, Joe, Jon, Jim, Mike, Danny, William, Michael, Steven, Patty, James Jr. and Shellie; nine great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Grimm was the last of her immediate family.

Deceased are a daughter, Vivian (Jim) King; six brothers; three sisters; and two grandsons, Norman Dale Cox and Charlie King. **WA**

Anna Virginia Wilson

Enjoyed Center in the Woods

Anna Virginia Wilson, 94, of Coal Center, died at 12:20 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2005, in Mon Valley Care Center, Monongahela.

She was born September 6, 1910, in Canonsburg, a daughter of John W. and Emma Perry Williams.

Mrs. Wilson was a 1929 graduate of Canonsburg High School.

She worked at Vitte's Hardware and Gift Shop in Donaldsons Crossroads, prior to retiring in 1981.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of Unity Presbyterian Church in Graysville.

One of her greatest joys was being able to attend the adult day care at Center in the Woods, California.

On April 22, 1940, she married William Arthur Wilson, who died April 20, 1977.

Surviving are a son, William A. Wilson II and wife Patricia of Coal Center, with whom she made her home; a grandson, William A. Wilson III and wife Vicky of Graysville; two stepgrandsons, Samuel Wilson and wife Jeannie of Graysville and Mark Faieta and wife Cindy of Mather; two great-grandchildren, Caleb and Jacob Wilson; and three stepgreat-grandchildren, Roxanne and Angela Wilson and Kacee Caster.

Deceased are a sister, Bess Stewart; and four brothers, Benjamin, Charles, James and Howard Williams. **OS**

Harold W. Butler

Woodville State Hospital
nurse's aide

Harold W. Butler, 70, of Canonsburg, died Monday, March 21, 2005, in his home.

He was born September 11, 1934, in Westland, a son of Wilfred and Beatrice Smith Rogers.

Mr. Butler had worked as a nurse's aide in the psychiatric department of the former Woodville State Hospital.

He enjoyed collecting antiques. Surviving are six sons, Harold W.G. Butler of Pittsburgh, Clarence Butler, Daryl Butler (Denise) and Darwin Butler, all of Canonsburg, Troy Butler of Atlanta, Ga., and William Kelley of McKees Rocks; six daughters, Candyce Davis of Pittsburgh, Tamara Williams (Leonard), Beatrice Butler, Rhonda Butler and Lisa Kelley of Canonsburg and Singulla Odom of Washington; a brother, Joseph R. Butler of McDonald; 27 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Marie McClain and Dorothy Lavaughn Butler, are deceased.

Sylvia Daniels

Raised multitudes of orchids

Sylvia Daniels, 80, of McDonald, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, in her home.

She was born June 23, 1924, in Imperial, a daughter of Jacob Sr. and Frances Pustovrh Zitko.

Her first husband, Charles Matyaz, died in 1957.

On September 24, 1966, she married Edward J. Daniels, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cheryl Matyaz DeFigio of Cuddy; two brothers, Jacob (Genevieve) Zitko Jr. and Joseph Zitko, both of Coraopolis; a sister, Frances (Richard) Fox of Nashville, Tenn.; and two grandchildren, Daniel (Paige) and Anthony (Lida) DeFigio.

Deceased are two brothers, Edward and Frank Zitko.

Burial will be held in Resurrection Cemetery, Moon Township.

Calvin Timothy Lowe

2-year-old from Canonsburg



Calvin Timothy Lowe, 2-year-old son of Timothy Lowe and Tammy L. Bock of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, March 22,

2005, in his home, following a lengthy illness.

He was born August 7, 2002, in Washington.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are four siblings, Jocelyn and Brandyn Bock, at home, Jesse Clause of Canonsburg and Ashley Moss of Washington; his maternal grandmother, Dorothy Scott Coen of Canonsburg; his maternal great-grandmother, Vesta Grace Scott of Canonsburg; two maternal aunts, Tina Sroka of Canonsburg and Marie Saieva (James) of Houston; a maternal uncle, Timothy Sroka of Canonsburg; a paternal uncle, Harrison Benjamin of Pittsburgh; and many cousins.

Deceased are his maternal grandfather, Clyde Coen; and his paternal grandparents, Carl Richard and Evangline Scott Lowe. OS

Faye G. Grim

Supervisor for Bobbie Brooks Co.

Faye G. Grim, 76, of Washington, died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2005, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born April 10, 1928, in Finleyville, a daughter of James H. and Bessie Schneider Wray.

Her husband, Charles L. Grim, died May 13, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter, Sherry L. Crawford of Eighty Four; three sons, John J., Leonard A. and Alan R. Svetz, all of Washington; three sisters, Harriet Montana of Ohio, Irene Newhouse of Bridgeville and Roberta Morrison of Elrama; two grandchildren, Lorie Shinsky of Eighty Four and Alan R. Svetz Jr. of Washington; and two great-grandchildren, Corbin and Ryan Shinsky, both of Eighty Four. CL

Mary Louise Armstrong Philabaum

West Alexander homemaker

Mary Louise Armstrong Philabaum, 73, of West Alexander, died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, in her home.

She was born December 4, 1931, in Dallas, W.Va., a daughter of James E. and Sylvia A. Riggle Armstrong.

Her husband, Paul E. Philabaum, died in 1986.

Surviving are two sons, Michael E. Philabaum (Catherine) of Claysville and Donald W. Philabaum (Tara) of Dallas; three daughters, Carol L. Frye (John) of Valley Grove, W.Va., Debra J. Nash (John) of Triadelphia, W.Va., and Vickie L. Crowe (Robert) of West Alexander; a brother, Leroy Armstrong of Waynesburg; two sisters, Maxine Frye of Dallas and Marjorie Conaway of West Alexander; 18 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

A son, Mark Douglas Philabaum, died in 1977. WA

Inda Mae Cain Pettit

Worked for Washington Co.
in personal property department



Inda Mae Cain Pettit, 91, of San Lerao, Calif., died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, in Evergreen, Carson City, Nev., following a two-week illness.

She was born March 23, 1914, in Waynesburg, a daughter of Jonathan M. and Celia Johnson Cain.

Mrs. Pettit was a graduate of Trinity High School and Penn Commercial College and was employed in the personal property department for Washington County before retiring. She was formerly a member of Liberty United Methodist Church and the Mt. Herman Baptist Church choir.

Mrs. Pettit enjoyed playing golf, oil painting, dancing at the senior citizens center and being involved with Red Hat Society.

Her husband, Francis E. Pettit Sr., died in 1985.

Surviving are a stepson, John C. Pettit of Washington, district attorney of Washington County; a stepdaughter, Maxine (Trevor) Beecham of Tuscon, Ariz.; three nephews, Richard P., Arley B. and Michael Cain, all of Washington; and a niece, Karen Trivitt of Carson City.

Deceased are a daughter, Alma Jean Pettit Miller; a stepdaughter, Cheerful Pettit Fox; a stepson, Francis E. Pettit Jr.; a sister, Violet Purtle; and a brother, John Paul Cain.

David Kenneth Briggs

Horseman on county fair board



David Kenneth Briggs, 90, of Washington, died at 10:15 a.m. Friday, March 25, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington, following a four-year illness.

He was born March 23, 1915, in Hickory, a son of Andrew Cummins and Elizabeth Mae Durbin Briggs.

Mr. Briggs worked for Penn Manufacturing as a steam hammer operator for 35 years.

On March 26, 1938, he married Harriet (Mabel) Shrontz, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Kenneth Alvin (Mary Lou) Briggs of Washington, David Lawrence (Elaine) Briggs of Lincoln, Mass., Lloyd Dorsey Briggs, at home, and Hugh Rodney (Kathy) Briggs of Washington; a daughter, Sandra (Martin) McCann, who is a missionary in Tanzania; a sister, Robert Alrutz of Washington; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three sisters, Ethel Null, Georgie Powell and Dorothy Johnson.

Oliver E. Liggitt Jr.

Oliver E. Liggitt Jr., 66, of Kreidersville, formerly of Southview, died March 15, 2005.

Surviving are wife, Rose; seven children; 13 grandchildren; sister Marlene Kencee; and brother Gerald.

Deceased are parents Oliver and Angileen Liggitt.

John Paul Fuller

Member of Our Lady of Lourdes
Church, Burgettstown

John Paul Fuller, 93, of Burgettstown, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, in his home.

He was born March 18, 1912, in Cherry Valley, a son of Joseph and Mary Shuhya Fuller.

Surviving are a daughter, Irene Hernandez of Burgettstown; four grandchildren, Robert, Jeffrey and Brian Hernandez and Michele Orr; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased are his wife, Stella Pozniko; four brothers, Joseph, Frank, Andrew and Steven Fuller; and two sisters, Rose Bianchi and Ann Sterckle. F

Olive Jean Galbraith George

Former Canonsburg resident
from Florida

Olive Jean Galbraith George, 79, of Lakeland, Fla., died Sunday, March 13, 2005.

She was born March 26, 1925, in Canonsburg, a daughter of William Kerr and Mary Adams Galbraith.

Her husband, William R. George, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Willard (Kim) of Lakeland; a daughter, Karen (David) Minnetti of Newburyport, Mass.; five grandsons, Joshua, Tucker, William and Zachary George and Tyler Minnetti; two brothers, George Galbraith of Canonsburg and William Galbraith of Twinsburg, Ohio.

Mary Ann Roner

Member of St. Ann Church, Bulger

Mary Ann Roner, 78, of Bulger, died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, in Palms West Hospital, West Palm Beach, Fla.

She was born October 29, 1926, in Homer City, a daughter of Geno and Bertha Barbarini.

On April 6, 1946, she married Hubert James Roner, who died April 28, 2003.

Surviving are a son, James Roner of Burgettstown; three daughters, Judy Dhans of West Palm Beach, Rosemary Longo of Langeloth and Debbie Hollihan of West Palm Beach; a brother, Leo Barbarini of Erie; a sister, Geneva Lazor of Homer City; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, is a brother, Fred Barbarini. C

Donzella Brown

*Longtime Shop 'n Save cashier
was active church member*

Donzella (Donna) Brown, 77, of McDonald, died Saturday, April 2, 2005.

She was born February 5, 1928, in Burgettstown, a daughter of Harry Blain and Elsie May Kelley Fullum.

Mrs. Brown was a cashier at Shop 'n Save in McDonald for more than 15 years.

On October 31, 1947, she married Frank R. Brown Sr., who died November 24, 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Robert (Bob) Brown of Coraopolis and Frank R. Brown Jr. of York; a daughter, Donna M. (Austell) Cammon of Riverdale, Ga.; a sister, Jean (Fred) Sales of Pittsburgh; a sister-in-law, Mildred M. Kemp of Canonsburg; a brother-in-law, Russell Washington of Pittsburgh; five grandchildren, Michael, Aaron, Loren and Marc Brown and Darren Cammon; a great-grandchild, Rachel Brown; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three sisters, Vera L. Washington, Bertha V. Bolden and Edna Webster. RR

Edward Parkinson Miller

Avid golfer

Edward Parkinson "E.P." Miller, 89, formerly of Allison Plan, Houston, died Sunday, April 3, 2005, in Southminster Place, Washington.

He was born August 31, 1915, in Woodrow, a son of Edward P. and Hermena Somerlade Miller.

Mr. Miller graduated from Hickory High School and was a truck driver for McWreath Dairy in Washington and was the former owner of Houston News.

He was an avid golfer.

He was twice married. His first wife, Marie Burns, died November 12, 1981; and his second wife, Pauline R. Gray, died April 7, 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Toni Corsie (John) of Washington and Cathy Petrick (Edward) of Arlington, Va.; a son, David Michael Miller (Erika) of Fairbanks, Alaska; five grandchildren, Barbara Harris, Thomas and David Miller and Alyssia Cook and Aaron Corsie; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lois Cowden and husband William E. of Washington.

Deceased are a brother, William Miller; and five sisters, Mary Belle Gordon, Elva Miller, Clara Troutman, Dorothy Laws and Elsie Lynette Miller, who died in infancy.

Larry R. Kobertz

*Fort Pitt Bridge Works
steelworker was U.S. Army vet*

Larry R. Kobertz, 66, of Washington, died Thursday, March 31, 2005, in his home, after a lengthy illness.

He was born September 20, 1938, in Canonsburg, a son of Stanley and Mary Kobertz.

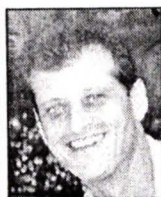
On April 21, 1962, he married Kathryn (Kay) Keller, who survives.

In addition to his wife, surviving are three daughters, Julie Watkins of Charleston, W.Va., Jennie Hewell of Taylor, S.C., and Mary Lou Samila of Washington; a son, Larry Kobertz Jr. of Washington; two brothers, Richard (Dick) Kobertz and Ronald (Ronnie) Kobertz, both of Canonsburg; a sister, Margie Wagner of Hickory; seven grandchildren, Stephen and Michael Watkins, Donnie and Elizabeth Hewell and Caitlin, Jennifer and Meeghan Samila; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, deceased is a brother, Ernie Kobertz. NB

Richard W. Hoyes

*1976 Trinity H.S. graduate
was accomplished actor*



Richard W. Hoyes, 46, of Valencia, Calif., died in his home Thursday, March 10, 2005, after a lengthy illness.

He was born June 14, 1958, a son of June Hoyes of Washington and the late Charles W. Hoyes.

During his acting career, Mr. Hoyes appeared in the film "The Bear," the NBC television series "Matlock" and on stage in the critically acclaimed play "Poor Richard."

He was an independent contractor for San Fernando Valley Transit Co.

On May 23, 1992, he married Sharon Haught, a Washington native who survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are two sisters, Diane Mackie of San Diego, Calif., and Dr. Pamela Beehler of Wichita, Kan.; a brother, Charles of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; a grandmother, Vera Thomas of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, March 15, in Valencia, Calif., and was attended by a legion of friends and family.

Irene C. Porter

*Nurse's aide at Woodville and
Mayview state hospitals*

Irene C. Porter, 68, of Midway, died Wednesday, April 6, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born February 11, 1937, in Hickory, a daughter of Fred and Maggie Albertini Tustin.

Mrs. Porter was a graduate of McDonald High School and was employed as a nurse's aide at Woodville and Mayview state hospitals for 32 years, retiring in 1996.

She enjoyed crocheting.

On October 15, 1966, she married Raymond E. Porter, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, James E. Porter and his wife, Elizabeth, of Oakdale; a grandson, Jonathan M. Geisler; a brother, Joe Tustin of Burgettstown; her stepmother, Alberta Tustin of Slovan; four stepsisters; and a stepbrother. RR

Robert Leonard Hobbs

*Georgetown dairy farmer
was WWII honoree*

Robert Leonard (Bob) Hobbs, 88, of Georgetown, died Sunday, April 3, 2005, in Kindred Hospital Heritage Valley, Beaver.

He was born June 5, 1916, in Hookstown, a son of Leonard B. and Jesse Quigley Hobbs.

Mr. Hobbs graduated from Chester (W.Va.) High School.

As an employee of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., Aliquippa Works, during World War II, he and his fellow employees were honored by the War Department for their fine record in the production of needed war materials. The January 6, 1943, ceremony included the presentation of the Army-Navy Production Award for Excellence in War Production.

After the war, Mr. Hobbs was owner-operator of Hobbs Dairy in Georgetown from the 1940s until the mid-1970s.

He was a member of Mill Creek Presbyterian Church of Hookstown for many years and served as an elder.

His wife, Helen Martha Moore Hobbs, died in 1970.

Surviving are his wife, Martha Adamson Hobbs; four sons and three daughters-in-law, David and Geri Hobbs of Woodbridge, Va., Paul and Jan Hobbs of Columbia, Mo., Dr. John and Judy Hobbs of Hookstown and Edwin Hobbs of Aurora, Colo.; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Bruce Hobbs of Georgetown; and three sisters, Emily Way of Port Matilda, Helen Boone of Poland, Ohio, and Kathleen Chapman of Mars.

Deceased are an infant son, Robert Franklin; and a brother, Craig Hobbs.

Interment will follow in Mill Creek Hill Cemetery, Hookstown.

Hannah J. Cohenour

*Owner/operator of Hickory
personal care home*

Hannah J. (Betty) Cohenour, 78, of Hickory, died unexpectedly at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2005, in her residence.

She was born May 5, 1926, in Washington, a daughter of Russell and Margaret Medlen Brooks.

Mrs. Cohenour was owner/operator of Cohenour Personal Care Home, Hickory.

On October 4, 1980, she married Granville Andrew Cohenour, who died January 14, 2005.

Surviving are a brother, Charles (Melvin) Brooks of Washington; and a sister, Emily Harris of Washington.

Deceased are a sister, Nora Jean Brooks; and a brother, Wilmer Brooks. MP

Virginia Strobe Cunningham

*Owned and operated
Eldersville beauty shop*

Virginia Ann (Gini) Strobe Cunningham, 57, of New Cumberland, W.Va., formerly of Eldersville, died Monday, March 28, 2005, in Trinity Medical Center, Steubenville, Ohio.

She was born March 12, 1948, a daughter of Mary Mermon Strobe of Eldersville and the late Harold A. Strobe.

Mrs. Cunningham was a 1966 graduate of Burgettstown High School and a graduate of Pittsburgh Beauty Academy and West Virginia Northern Community College with high honors.

She was a member of Eldersville United Methodist Church and Cross Creek Grange. She, along with her brothers and sisters and some other choir members, performed programs for various organizations in the tri-state area.

Mrs. Cunningham enjoyed gardening and, especially, spending time with her family.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband of 31 years, Thomas Cunningham; two sons, Jason T. Cunningham of New Cumberland and Thomas, husband of Jackie Cunningham of Florence; a daughter, Lyn Renee Newman; four brothers, Merle Strobe, husband of Micki of Sugar Grove, Ohio, Tom Strobe, husband of Judy of Eldersville, Harold Strobe, husband of Nancy of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Jerald Strobe, husband of Jackie of Eldersville; three sisters, Janet Jeffrey, wife of Wayne of Eldersville, Sherie Esno, wife of Stanley of Burgettstown, and Brenda Smitzky, wife of Bob of Eldersville; and 10 grandchildren, Michael, Shianne, Joey, Nikita, Eddie, Christopher, Timothy, Jesse, Cody and Ryan.

Violet Helen Gualteri

A gentle and caring woman



Violet Helen Gualteri, 74, of Washington, died Wednesday, April 6, 2005, in her home.

She was born July 11, 1930, in Dundalk, Md., a daughter of Max and Edith Kolstrom Schultz.

Mrs. Gualteri was a graduate of Chartiers High School and Penn Commercial Business School.

A gentle and caring woman, Mrs. Gualteri was a homemaker who enjoyed volunteering at Brownson House. She was a member of St. Hilary Roman Catholic Church. She enjoyed gardening, bingo, cooking and crocheting.

On July 21, 1955, in Cumberland, Md., she married Samuel Gualteri, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Janice Stickle and Frances Triplett, both of Washington; three sisters, Patricia Wargo of Strabane, Maxine Gillenwater of Cantonment, Fla., and Rose Marie Anderson of Panama City, Fla.; four grandchildren, Michael Randolph, Jimmie Hammond and Cody and Morgan Triplett; a great-grandson, Michael Anthony Randolph; and her stepmother, Mary Schultz. **VB**

Ellen Yvonne Brown Littell

Worked at Garfield's, was involved in Special Olympics



Ellen Yvonne Brown Littell, 52, of Claysville, died Thursday, April 7, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington, after a brief

illness.

She was born July 12, 1952, in Washington, a daughter of Joseph Sr. and Cleo Pearl Randolph Brown.

Mrs. Littell worked as a prep cook for Garfield's restaurant for three years and was Protestant.

She once was involved with Special Olympics and enjoyed collecting cookie jars.

Surviving are two sons, James Littell of Claysville and Jayson Littell of Washington; five brothers, Mike Brown of Washington, Norman Brown of Waynesburg, Roy Brown of Sarasota, Fla., Walter Brown of Canonsburg and William Brown of Washington; two sisters, Trudi King of Washington and Flora Chase of Amity; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Pat O'Donnell and Joseph Brown; and two sisters, Betty Jo Weiland and Lilly Ostrander.

Leora Rosland Reese Armstrong

Active in Moose Lodge 22 of Washington



Leora Rosland Reese Armstrong, 64, of Washington, died Friday, April 8, 2005, in Washington Hospital, following a lengthy

illness.

She was born January 17, 1941, in Washington, a daughter of the late Earl and Mary Mancini Reese.

On March 6, 1961, she married Duane Armstrong, who survives.

Also surviving are three brothers, William, Earl and John Reese, all of Washington; two sisters, Deanna Lesneski and Kathy Huff, both of Washington; and 19 nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a son, Dale Clark Armstrong. **NB**

Virginia Margaret Abbott

Burgettstown resident

Virginia Margaret Abbott, 85, of Burgettstown, died Saturday, April 2, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born April 25, 1919, in Eldersville, a daughter of Adolph and Tina Rhinehart Kotouch.

Surviving are her husband, James Arthur Abbott of Burgettstown; two sons, James J. and Arthur Lee (Shirley), both of Burgettstown; two grandchildren, Arthur R. Abbott and Joseph M. (Michelle) Abbott; four great-grandchildren, RaeAnn, Travis, Steven and Jonathan Abbott; a sister, Josephine Sugick of Eldersville; and a brother, Vincent Kotouch of Eldersville.

Deceased are three brothers, John, Herbert and Adolph Kotouch; and two sisters, Frances Alison and Eleanor Reck. **G**

Dorothy Jean Ammons

Claysville homemaker

Dorothy Jean Ammons, 78, of Claysville, died Saturday, April 9, 2005, in Ohio Valley Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born January 13, 1927, in Claysville, a daughter of Carl E. and Della M. Meadville Ammons.

Surviving are three brothers, Kenneth Ammons of Claysville, Donald Ammons of Taylorstown and James R. Ammons of West Alexander; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Clair, Charles and Robert Ammons.

Veronica Marie McFarland

St. Patrick Church member was retired from Hahn's Greenhouse

Veronica Marie McFarland, 94, of Canonsburg, formerly of Westland, died at 8:55 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2005, in The Greenery, North Strabane Township.

She was born August 26, 1910, in Westland, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine Popeck Schmidt.

Mrs. McFarland was a member of St. Patrick Church, Canonsburg.

She retired as an inspector from RCA, Canonsburg, in 1960 and from Hahn's Greenhouse in 1978.

Mrs. McFarland was a Canonsburg resident since 1978 but spent most of her life in Westland.

On January 20, 1932, she married James A. McFarland, who died October 1, 1943.

Surviving are a son, James (Maria) McFarland of Houston; a daughter, Donna Jean (John) Kumer of Hickory; a sister, Sophie Avsec of Cleveland, Ohio; five grandchildren, Cindy Poland, Ralph Kumer, Terri McGinnis, Greg Kumer and Tracy Dillie; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Deceased is a brother, John Schmidt.

Patrick Church, with burial in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Jennie Oliver Tirimacco

Active Meadow Lands United Methodist Church member

Jennie Oliver Tirimacco, 88, formerly of Meadow Lands, died Friday, April 8, 2005, in Baltimore, Md.

She was born September 7, 1916, in Meadow Lands, a daughter of Luigi and Anna Maria Oliverio Cimino.

Her first husband, Louis Oliver, died March 13, 1956.

Her second husband, Mario Tirimacco, died in May 1975.

Surviving are three daughters, Barbara Bohner and husband David of Timonium, Md., Lorna Stinebiser and husband Dan of Brockport, N.Y., and Linda Kirr and husband Jim of Evans, Ga.; two sons, Patrick Oliver of Hoboken, N.J., and Anthony Tirimacco and wife Margaret of Sewickley; nine grandchildren, Louis and Ben Stinebiser, Neil Kirr, Amy Tiemann, Brooks Headley, Ann Killian and Lisa, Kara and Amy Tirimacco; three great-granddaughters, Miranda Tiemann and Delaney and Mikayla Kirr; and a sister, Julie Urbanic and husband George of Washington.

Deceased are a sister, Katie Graff; and two brothers, Sam and Tony Cimino. **OS**

Ruth E. Pcsolinski

Member of Burgettstown Presbyterian Church

Ruth E. Pcsolinski, 78, of Burgettstown, died Monday, April 11, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born April 30, 1926, in Avella, a daughter of Daniel Earl and Eva Jackson Cline.

Mrs. Pcsolinski was a homemaker and a member of Burgettstown Presbyterian Church.

Her husband, Paul Pcsolinski, died May 17, 1978.

Surviving are two sons, Gary D. Pcsolinski of Burgettstown and Paul D. Pcsolinski of Newport News, Va.; two sisters, Nadine Malone, wife of Minnie of Burgettstown, and Hazel McGraw of Burgettstown; five grandchildren, Gary D. II and Paul Jo Pcsolinski, Shauna McCreight and Barrett and P.J. Pcsolinski; and a great-granddaughter, Savannah Pcsolinski.

Deceased are a son, Carl Pcsolinski, who died July 7, 1966; and a sister, Elsie Mae Skover. **F**

Martha K. Lesniakowski

Retired RCA line worker enjoyed quilting, gardening

Martha K. Lesniakowski, 86, of Canonsburg, died at 8:25 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born October 23, 1918, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Rade and Mary Mervosh Kosanovich.

Mrs. Lesniakowski attended Pittsburgh area schools.

She retired as a line worker from RCA, Meadow Lands.

Mrs. Lesniakowski was Serbian Orthodox.

She enjoyed quilting, crocheting and gardening.

On November 14, 1936, in Wellsburg, W.Va., she married Richard F. Lesniakowski, who died April 9, 1968.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Z. (Evelyn) Lesniakowski and Robert (Agnes) Lesniakowski, both of Canonsburg, and Norbert T. Lesniakowski of the state of California; two daughters, Loretta (Harry) Manes of Peters Township and Mary Lesniakowski of Canonsburg; a sister, Betty Brown of Riverside, Calif.; six grandchildren, Darlene Clark, Keith, Kevin and Leslie Lesniakowski, Robert Steven Lesniakowski and Melissa Sanger; two stepgrandchildren, Jeff Wudkwyck and Michele Pfaff; numerous great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Ralph and Louis Kosanovich; two sisters, Millie Mervosh and Sophie Terbovitz; and a grandson, Timothy Demnyan. **OS**

Susan L. Zanaglio

Worked for New Channels
cable television



Susan L. Zanaglio, 50, of Houston, died Sunday, April 10, 2005, in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, after a lengthy battle

with cancer.

She was born August 29, 1954, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Andrew Zanaglio of Houston and the late Frances L. Stolarski Zanaglio. Her stepmother, Muriel Boling Zanaglio, also is deceased.

Miss Zanaglio was a 1972 graduate of Chartiers-Houston High School and graduated in 1974 from Penn Commercial Business School of Washington.

Her dearest friend was Nancy R. Gaul.

Surviving, in addition to her father, are a brother, Andrew Zanaglio Jr. and wife Pamela Ann (Geho) of North Strabane Township; three nieces, Andrea Lee, Angela Marie and Alexandra Louise Zanaglio; and three stepnephews and a stepniece.

OS

Mildred L. Wright

Fairmount U.M. Church
member was longtime farmer



Mildred L. Wright, 81, of East Finley Township, died at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington,

after being in failing health for the past year and seriously ill for the past four months.

She was born June 26, 1923, in East Finley Township, a daughter of Leroy Elmer and Eva Belinda Martin Wright.

Miss Wright and her late brother, Elmer, were self-employed dairy farmers for 49 years prior to 1990, and raised beef cattle and sheep until selling the farm in July 2001.

Surviving are two nieces, whom she raised from small children and who referred to her as "Mom," Bonnie, wife of Jerry Brownlee Sr. of East Finley Township, and Karen Wright Bamberger, wife of Thomas Farabee of Amity; three great-nephews, Shelby Bamberger, Jerry Brownlee Jr. and Mike Brownlee; two great-nieces, Eva Harris and Donna Ealy; seven great-great-nephews; and four great-great-nieces, who all referred to her as "Grandma Mid".

Deceased are a brother, Elmer Martin Wright; a nephew, John Carter Wright; and a great nephew, William Reed Bamberger.

CL

Betty Jean Abbott

Psychiatric aide
at Mayview State Hospital

Betty Jean Abbott, 54, of Burgettstown, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, in her home.

She was born March 9, 1951, in McDonald, a daughter of the late John and Valera Leary Bowland.

Mrs. Abbott was a psychiatric aide at Mayview State Hospital for 13 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

On August 2, 1969, she married Domonic Abbott Sr., who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Amey Abbott (John) Stover of Burgettstown; a son, Domonic (Cheryl) Abbott Jr. of Burgettstown; 10 grandchildren, Linda, Joye, Bambi, Michael, Megan, Chad, Daniel, John, Shane and Kelsey; four brothers, Charles A. Bowland and companion Nina Parry of Canonsburg, Jack L. (Centa) Bowland of Paris, Richard L. Bowland of Eldersville and John M. (Pam) Bowland of Burgettstown; five sisters, Valera "Babe" (Louis "Bud") Menke of Bavington, Vivian "Bib" Abbott and companion Bill Skarupa of Bulger, Brenda (Bradley) Carter of Canonsburg, Pamela Bowland of Bulger and DeeDee Dickinson of Bulger; her father- and mother-in-law, William and Ida Mae Knisley; a sister-in-law, Judy Bowland of Slovan; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, is a sister-in-law, Sandra Harris.

G

Edith M. Miller

'Granny' assisted
at Lindley auctions



Edith M. Miller, 88, of Washington, formerly of Prosperity, died Monday, April 18, 2005, in her home.

She was born September 7, 1916, in Buffalo Township, a daughter of Robert S. and Alice Brownlee McCalmont.

Mrs. Miller attended Trinity High School and was a homemaker.

On October 18, 1934, in Washington, she married Ben F. Miller, who died November 28, 1993.

Surviving are a son, Richard (Mary) Miller of Girard; three daughters, Dolores Collins and Barbara (William) McCullough, both of Washington, and Marilyn (John) Lindley of Prosperity; two sisters, Lela Keenan and Jean Mazza, both of Washington; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Eleanor Whalon; a brother, Robert McCalmont; and two sisters, Mary Helen Farrar and Anna Carl.

WM

Anna P. Gordon

Longtime Avella resident



Anna P. Gordon, 91, of Avella, died at 5:55 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born June 29, 1913, in Hahntown, a daughter of Charles and Frances Cheslukosky Petosky.

She lived in Avella since 1933.

On February 3, 1934, she married John Gordon Jr., who died December 14, 1977.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Carl (Gloria) Manni of Atlasburg; a son, James F. and wife Marion Gordon of Avella; eight grandchildren, Denise Knowlton, Carla Acklin, Carl Manni, Jana Diamond, and James, Jeffery, Alan and Lori Gordon; 11 great-grandchildren, Billy, Darin and Alyssa Acklin, Blaise and Blaine Knowlton, John and Jacyn Diamond, Christina and James Gordon and Hannah and Hunter Gordon; and two great-great-grandchildren, Lauren and Kailey Acklin.

Deceased are a son, John Gordon III; four brothers, Walter, Frank, Julius and Alexander Petosky; and two sisters, Stella Circoloff and Pearl Rudnick.

WP

Kathryn Quader

Retired Washington Hospital
nurse's assistant

Kathryn "Dolly" Quader, 76, of Atlasburg, died Saturday, April 16, 2005, in her home.

She was born June 3, 1928, in Eldersville, a daughter of Anton and Mary Bertovich Puskarich.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Quader was employed as a nurse's assistant in central supplies for Washington Hospital.

She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Burgettstown, where she was a member of Christian Mothers.

Surviving are a son, Ron Quader of Cross Creek; five daughters, Debbie Sinnett of Weirton, W.Va., Rosemary Quader of Burgettstown, Karen Quader and Melissa Rogers, both of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Jackie Phillips of Irwin; two brothers, Matt Puskarich of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Ed Puskarich of Bentleyville; a sister, Betty Stechly of Bentleyville; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Deceased are her husband, Anthony Quader, who died in November, 1970; a grandson, Nathan Quader; two brothers, Tony and Frank Puskarich; and two sisters, Rose Resnik and Frances Mikus.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Betty A. Growden

Weirton Steel retiree
from Florence



Betty A. Growden, 72, of Florence, died unexpectedly Friday, April 15, 2005, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born January 3, 1933, in Georgetown, a daughter of Ralph and Leola Campbell Davidson.

Mrs. Growden retired as an administrative assistant with Weirton Steel Corp.

She was a member of Frankfort Presbyterian Church.

Her husband, Raymond S. Growden, died October 21, 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Patty Lin Growden of Bulger; two daughters, Pamela Growden of Florence and fiancé Paul Chappell and Susan Growden of Bulger; two brothers, Kenneth Davidson of Georgetown and James Davidson of North Carolina; and a sister, Pearl Morey of Georgetown.

G

Luann N. Wilson

Burgettstown resident

Luann N. Wilson, 33, of Burgettstown, died Sunday, April 17, 2005, in her home.

She was born February 6, 1972, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Esther M. Nation Wilson of Burgettstown and the late Thomas Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson made her home with her mother and two nephews, Joseph Wilkinson and Thomas Stuckwish.

Also surviving are three brothers, John Malesky of Imperial, Marty Malesky of Alapaha, Ga., and Thomas Wilson of Nashville, Ga.; a sister, Lisa Wilson of Johnstown; and her maternal grandmother, Birdella Stitsel.

A sister, Tina Stuckwish, is deceased.

Emily Kathleen McQuillan

Beloved daughter

Emily Kathleen McQuillan died at 11:03 a.m. Monday, April 11, 2005.

She was born at 11:03 a.m. April 11, 2005, weighing 5 pounds 8 ounces, and was 17½ inches long.

Surviving are her parents, Lou and Suzanne Herriott McQuillan of McDonald; her grandparents, Sarah and David Herriott, Marie and Bill Schottenheimer and Tom and Helene McQuillan; her great-grandparents, Gertrude Janssens, Leonard and Sara Plance and Mona McQuillan; two uncles, David Herriott and T.L. McQuillan; and numerous great-uncles and aunts.

RR

Grace E. Blanton

WWII aircraft factory worker
owned cleaning business

Grace E. Haight Blanton, 89, of Blaine Township, died Friday, April 15, 2005.

She was born July 21, 1915, a daughter of Roy Haight and Mary Swihart Haight.

She spent most of her adult life in Bristol, until her retirement, when she moved to Blaine Township.

She enjoyed bowling and gardening, particularly growing roses. She was interested in baseball and enjoyed following the Pittsburgh Pirates. She had a great love for her dog and cats.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Hughes of Avella; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Lindsey Haight and Elmer "Dutch" Haight. **CL**

Carl H. Basinger

Charter member of Hanover
VFD, J&L Steel retiree

Carl H. Basinger, 73, of Clinton (Hanover Township), died Sunday, April 17, 2005, in Rochester Manor following a lengthy illness.

He was born March 20, 1932, a son of Harry and Edna Stillwagon Basinger.

Surviving are his wife, Martha Jean Knight Basinger; two sons, Daniel Basinger of Hookstown and Bruce Basinger of Springfield, Ill.; a daughter, Debra Burrows of Hudson, Ohio; four grandchildren, Brittany, Robert and Bryan Burrows and James Basinger; five brothers, Robert of Greene County, James, Douglas and Gene, all of Ohio, and Donald Basinger of Aliquippa; and two sisters, Betty Greenwell and Bonnie Shipman, both of Ohio.

Deceased are two brothers, Harry and Raleigh Basinger; and a sister, Peggy Vanderpool. **G**

Larry Bailey

Burgettstown resident

Larry Bailey, 49, of Burgettstown, died Thursday, April 21, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

He was born December 11, 1955, in Hancock, a son of the late Owen A. and Edith Jackson Bailey.

Mr. Bailey enjoyed working on the computer and reading the Bible.

Surviving are two sisters, Anna Mae Flannigan of Burgettstown and Sheila Skidmore of Avella; two brothers, Lewis and John Bailey, both of Burgettstown; a half sister, Rose Meto; and many nieces and nephews.

A brother, Owen Bailey, is deceased. **G**

Edward Luke Butka

Sports Hall of Fame inductee
played for Senators

Edward Luke Butka, 89, of Canonsburg, died at 1:25 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2005, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born January 7, 1916, in Canonsburg, a son of Julius and Lena Tumicki Butka.

Mr. Butka was a former Canonsburg Borough dispatcher and a member of St. Patrick Church, Canonsburg.

He was a major league baseball player in the early 1940s for the Washington Senators and was a member of Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association.

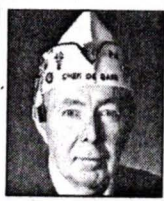
On November 30, 1944, he married his beloved wife, Helen Mae Meeks, who died March 6, 2005.

Surviving are three daughters, Bonnie Raspanti of Upper St. Clair, Darlene Butka of Cecil and Sharon Butka of Canonsburg; two sons, Edward G. Butka of Clark, N.J., and John J. Butka of Richmond, Va.; nine grandchildren, Kelly Polinsky Goldwait, Amy Polinsky Holtzman, Wendy Polinsky Capristo, Tony Raspanti, Lexi Raspanti, Glenn, Chris and Allison Meloni and Jackie Butka; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Louis Butka of Houston.

Deceased are four brothers, Stanley, Walter, Harry and Joe Butka; and a sister, Martha Gruden. **OS**

William E. Caldwell

Longtime post commander
of Avella American Legion



William E. Caldwell, 76, of Washington, died at 7:14 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2005, in Washington Hospital after being in failing health for the past year.

He was born August 20, 1928, in Wellsburg, W.Va., a son of Walter Edgar and Goldie Esta Ralph Caldwell.

On June 30, 1989, he married Phillis Washabaugh Sim, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Randy Caldwell of Tampa, Fla.; a stepson, Randy Sim of Felton, Del.; three daughters, Gretchen (Gene) Jenkins of Pittsburgh, Susan Linner of Pittsburgh and Judy Manning of Green Acres, Fla.; two brothers, James Caldwell of Wellsburg and Walter Ray Caldwell of Wheeling, W.Va.; five sisters, Imogene Patterson, Marcella Grimm, Norma Chivers, Ida Mae Hoyte and Clarabale Dight, all of Wellsburg; and six grandchildren, Jessica and Jennifer Jenkins, Scott and Anna Caldwell and Kyle and Katy Linner. **I**

A sister, Rita Ernest, is deceased.

Harry C. Kristoff

Burgettstown man retired
from J&L-LTV Steel



Harry C. Kristoff, 76, of Burgettstown, died at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born September 7, 1928, in Cross Creek Township, a son of Julius and Florence Edna Kuhns Kristoff.

Mr. Kristoff served in the U.S. Army as a corporal during the Korean War and was employed by J&L-LTV Steel Corp. in Aliquippa for 27 years, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of American Legion Post 902 of Houston and Moose Club 22 of Washington.

Mr. Kristoff was a resident of Burgettstown since 1954.

Surviving are four sisters, Evelyn Hofricter and Joan Utter, both of Bridgeville, Carol Strobe of Upper St. Clair and Bernice Kristoff of Burgettstown; and three brothers, Donald Kristoff of Columbus, Ohio, and Robert and William Kristoff, both of Burgettstown.

Ronald Herriott

Vietnam veteran owned
Herriott Trucking

Ronald L. Herriott, 64, of Hickory, died Friday, May 6, 2005, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born June 4, 1940, in Canonsburg, a son of Lawrence and Helen Hawkins Herriott.

Mr. Herriott had worked as mechanic for the former Suwak Trucking in Washington and was owner/operator of Herriott Trucking.

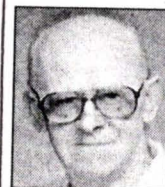
He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and served with the U.S. Navy.

His memberships included American Legion Post 902, Houston, Westland Sportsman Club and Vietnam Nam Vets Motorcycle Club.

Surviving are his wife, Debra Kehn Herriott, whom he married August 14, 1992; four sons, Ronald Herriott Jr. and Ryan Herriott, both of Canonsburg, Randy Herriott of Wilmington, N.C., and Travis Herriott of Hickory; a stepdaughter, Heather Ross of Hickory; nine grandchildren, Lindsay, Emma, Brandon, Aaron, Elijah, Dalton and Faith Herriott, John Ross and Jake Tkach; four brothers, David Herriott of Hickory, Bill and Jim Herriott of Canonsburg and John Herriott of Southview; and two sisters, Mary Jane Rosenwald of Canonsburg and Bonnie Moses of Westerville, Ohio.

Albert J. Ezarik

Camco Inc. retiree was WWII
vet, Meadowcroft volunteer



Albert J. Ezarik, 83, of Avella, died at 6:10 a.m. Saturday April 23, 2005, in his home.

He was born February 25, 1922, in McKees Rocks, a son John Andrew and Elizabeth Gyurasko Ezarik.

Mr. Ezarik was a 1941 Avella High School graduate.

On August 11, 1948, he married Lois Strobe, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Alan Ezarik of Tulsa, Okla., David Ezarik of Houston, Texas, Mark Ezarik of San Francisco, Calif., and Gary Ezarik of Jacksonville, Ariz.; ten grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Deceased are five sisters, Mary Wolanski, Anna Branchik, Agnes Strobe, Margaret Tranquill and Josephine Matello; and three brothers, Joseph, John and Andrew Ezarik. **WP**

Florence May Kemp

Retired Colliers Steel welder

Florence May Kemp, 79, of Burgettstown, died Friday, April 22, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born October 11, 1925, in Hanlin Station, a daughter of Mary Wells Dawson.

Surviving are two sons, Charles E. (Barbara) Kemp Jr. and Robert W. (Sharon) Kemp Sr., both of Burgettstown; five grandchildren, Janine Strobe and Douglas, Robert Jr., Steven and Chad Kemp; and four great-grandchildren.

Deceased is her husband, Charles E. Kemp Sr., who died in 1990. **G**

Matilda Pigford

Licensed practical nurse

Matilda (Jane) Pigford, 70, of Cecil, died Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

She was born December 1, 1934, near the Van Buren section of Washington, a daughter of Leroy Havenwood and Ola R. Stella Chadwick Cummins.

On June 1, 1953, she married James Pigford in Winchester, Va. He died July 19, 1990.

Surviving are two sons, James (Catherine) and Roger (Shawna), both of Cecil; four grandchildren, Jim and Jason Pigford and Roger and Jesse Pigford; a sister, Goldie Barnhart; and a brother, Melvin Cummins of Prosperity. **MP**

Lydia Spinosa Mark

Active member of First Christian Church of Canonsburg

Lydia Spinosa Mark, 91, formerly of Canonsburg, died Monday, April 25, 2005, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

She was born January 4, 1914, in Rich Hill, growing up in Meadow Lands, a daughter of Salvatore and Christina Marcantonio Spinosa. She was truly "proud to be a coal miner's daughter."

Mrs. Mark attended Trinity High School. She was an active member of First Christian Church of Canonsburg for many years and particularly enjoyed singing in the church choir.

On April 18, 1936, she married Albert Mark. They remained happily married for 57 years until Mr. Mark's death in July 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol J. Testa and husband Mark of Wellington, Fla.; two sons, Donald A. Mark and wife Judith of Albany, N.Y., and Alan P. Mark and wife Charlene of Malibu, Calif.; five grandchildren, Douglas Mark, Rebecca Bowman, Tony Mark, Chad Testa and Craig Testa; four great-grandchildren, Douglas R. and Katherine Mark, Caden Mark and Kelsey Bowman; a sister, Adeline Colusci of Canonsburg; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Ida Masters and Elda Meggyssesy; two brothers, Elio Spinosa and Mario Monaco; and an infant daughter, Janet Rose Mark. OS

Richard D. Smith

U.S. Army vet was carpenter for Allegheny County Airport

Richard D. "Smitty" Smith, 69, of Sturgeon, died Friday, April 22, 2005, in his home.

He was born January 19, 1936, in McDonald, a son of John A. and Doris Lillian Payne Smith.

Mr. Smith was a 1953 Midway High School graduate and served in the U.S. Army.

Surviving are three sons, David Smith and wife Judy of West Palm Beach, Fla., Richard Smith of McDonald and Perry Smith and wife Dawn of Cherry Valley; two daughters, Linda Szyjko and husband Donald of Cecil Township and Lori Ganchuk and husband Douglas of Sturgeon; three grandsons; four granddaughters; a great-grandson; and two brothers, John C. Smith of Scott Township and Edward Smith of Bethel Park.

Also surviving are his companion of seven years, Ruby Mitchem; and his former wife, Rosemarie Smith. He will be missed by all.

RR

Rose Marie Hollenbach

Houston resident born in Westland

Rose Marie Hollenbach, 73, of Houston, died Monday, April 25, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born January 19, 1932, in Westland, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Bollin Merigo.

Mrs. Hollenbach was a member of St. Patrick Church, Canonsburg, prior to moving to Clermont, Fla., in 1979.

While in Florida, she belonged to Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts in Clermont.

She relocated to Houston in 2003. In 1951, she married Paul E. Hollenbach Sr., who died August 4, 1998.

Surviving are seven sons, Anthony "Skook" Hollenbach of Meadow Lands, Franklin "Wicko" Hollenbach of Howey, Fla., John Hollenbach of Fall River, Mass., and George, Timothy, Jeremy and Eric Hollenbach, all of Clermont; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four brothers; and seven sisters.

Deceased are two sons, Paul "Buggsy" Hollenbach Jr. and Timothy "Teet" Hollenbach Sr.; five brothers; and five sisters.

CORRECTION

Additional information was received for the obituary of Rose Marie Hollenbach, published Tuesday. Surviving are seven sisters, Dorthy Antosh, Gloria Malesky, Loraine and Sandy Dourlain, Edith Seely, Norma Jones and Caroline Osuna; and four brothers, Leonard, Albert, Eddie and Tom Merigo. Deceased are two siblings, Helen Solomon and Victor Merigo.

Virginia St. Clair

Former resident of Washington Arbors

Virginia St. Clair, 81, of Washington, formerly of Washington Arbors, died Friday, April 22, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born June 30, 1923, in Hickory, a daughter of Joseph Blair Sr. and Ellen May Fleming Kehn.

She was a homemaker and lived most of her adult life in Colorado.

Surviving are a brother, Joseph B. Kehn Jr. of Hickory; a sister, Shirley E. Richman of Washington; a grandson, Liberty Huffman; and two great-grandchildren, Jocelyn and Gabriel Huffman.

Deceased are two daughters, Patricia K. Huffman and Eve Amber St. Clair; and a brother, Robert L. Kehn.

Lawrence J. Cox

Worked as a miner and truck driver

Lawrence (Larry) J. Cox, 85, of McDonald, died Tuesday, May 3, 2005, in the Greenery, North Strabane Township.

He was born December 2, 1919, in Trevyskyn, a son of Lawrence and Isabelle Thompson Cox.

Mr. Cox worked as a miner for H.C. Frick in Muse for 16 years. He later worked as a truck driver for Hardy and Rankin in Canonsburg, which later became Donaldson Supply. He retired from there in 1981.

He was a member of McDonald Alliance Church, Teamsters Union and United Mine Workers of America. He enjoyed camping and cars, but he enjoyed his family most of all.

On July 27, 1940, he married Vera Brinkman, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Richard (Janet) Cox of Oakdale; a daughter, Donna Cox of Alum Bank; and a grandson, Jason Richard (Christina) Cox of Castle Shannon.

Deceased are two brothers, George and Harry Cox; a sister, Ona Bushmire; and a grandson, Eric Wayne Cox. RR

Herbert Francis Speer

WWII and Korean War vet was member of Our Lady of Lourdes

Herbert Francis Speer, 84, of Bulger, died Monday, May 2, 2005, in his home.

He was born December 5, 1920, in Pittsburgh, a son of Herbert O. and Susan Foley Speer.

Mr. Speer was a retired fire lieutenant from Pittsburgh Fire Department. He served his country in the Air Force during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Lawrenceville.

He was a longtime member of Civil Air Patrol and Pittsburgh Savoyards.

Mr. Speer also was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Burgettstown. He was a member of Burgettstown Grange and Ancient Order of Hibernians in Lawrenceville.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Mary Jean Johnston Speer; two sons, Herbert Thomas Speer, husband of Beverly, of Gibsonia and Vincent Paul Speer of Connelville; two daughters, Nancy Holmes, wife of John, of McDonald and Rebecca O'Connor, wife of Michael, of Sewickley; and seven grandchildren, Joshua Holmes, Alysha Grenko, Nathan and Maura Holmes and Herbert, Lauren and Justin Speer. G

George E. Liggitt

Aliquippa and Southern RR employee from Oakdale

George E. (Al) Liggitt, 76, of Oakdale, died Sunday, May 8, 2005, in the home of his son in Brockway.

He was born August 28, 1928, in Oakdale, a son of Muriel and Amanda Walton Liggitt.

Mr. Liggitt was employed by Aliquippa and Southern Railroad.

On June 8, 1949, he married Ruth Wolfe, who died May 18, 2003.

Surviving are three daughters, Ruth Bell of McDonald, Linda Gardner of Hickory and Pearl Liggitt of Wisconsin; three sons, Dean Liggitt of Brockway, George Liggitt of Waynesburg and James Liggitt of Burgettstown; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Merle (Bus) Liggitt of St. Marys; five sisters, Grace Bainbridge of Florida, Delores Speer of Burgettstown, Esther Hill of McDonald, Velma "Tubby" Conklin of Brandy Camp and Gloria Smith of Beaver Falls.

A daughter, Lois Jean Liggitt, is deceased. MP

Patrick Thomas Currin

Dialysis technical supervisor from McDonald

Patrick Thomas Currin, 49, of McDonald, died Monday, May 9, 2005, in Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

He was born October 7, 1955, in Oklahoma City, Okla., a son of the late Thomas Marshall and Dolores M. Herman Currin.

On July 17, 1977, he married Cynthia L. (Cindy) Tourney, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Crystal L. and Jessica L. Currin, both at home; a sister, Cathy Wagner of Goodyear, Ariz.; and three brothers, David Currin of Brockport, Michael Currin of McDonald and Robert Currin of Oakdale. RR

Edith M. Moore

Member of Venice Presbyterian Church

Edith M. Moore, 91, of Cecil, died Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

She was born June 16, 1913, in Cecil, a daughter of Albert and Beulah Mawhinney.

Surviving are four sons, J. Robert Moore of Clarion, Richard C. Moore of Cecil, David J. Moore of Radford, Va., and James M. Moore of Cecil; a sister, Ella Laing of Cecil; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are her husband of 54 years, Robert W. Moore, who died in 1985; and a brother, Melvin Mawhinney. V

Anna T. Kauffman

*Mechanicsburg resident
born in Midway*

Anna T. Kauffman, 94, of Mechanicsburg, died Thursday, May 12, 2005, in Manor Care, Carlisle.

She was born February 16, 1911, in Midway, a daughter of William H. and Blanche R. White Schaffer.

Her husbands, Samuel D. Thropp and Harry J. Kauffman, are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Evalyn Reese of Mechanicsburg and Anna Mae Lahay of Bradenton, Fla.; three grandchildren, Carissa Reese, Dana Brubaker and Jon Linn; and four great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, William Dewitt Thropp; and a grandson, Sam Reese. **MP**

Vera V. Gallo

Langeloth homemaker

Vera V. Gallo, 89, of Langeloth, died Wednesday, May 11, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born January 17, 1916, in Collinsville, Ill., a daughter of Francesco and Aurora Prado Verdin.

Mrs. Gallo was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Arduin L. Gallo; two daughters, Lana Longstreth of McDonald and Gloria Mitchell of East Liverpool, Ohio; a brother, Charles Verdin of North Carolina; four grandchildren, Ralph Mitchell, Robbi Enderle, Kristen Lyons and Eric Longstreth; two great-grandchildren, Cole and Spencer Enderle; two nieces, Olga Fernandez and Darlene Savage; a nephew, James Verdin; three stepchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

Deceased are three brothers, Frank, Herman and Joe Verdin; and two sisters, Mary Fernandez and Olga Wisnoski. **G**

Evangeline T. Yamka

*Owner/operator
of Sherwood K9 Kennels*

Evangeline T. Yamka, 80, of Canonsburg, died Thursday, May 12, 2005, in Horizon Senior Care, Canonsburg.

She was born August 22, 1924, in Strabane, a daughter of John and Mary Saver Pelhan.

Her husband, Walter Yamka, died September 27, 2000.

Surviving are a son, Ronald Yamka, with whom she made her home; a sister, Mary English of Chartiers Township; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a daughter, Patricia Ann Koks. **OS**

Samuel Gualteri

Retired from Jessop Steel



Samuel "Pappy" Gualteri, 76, of Washington, died Sunday, May 15, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born December 2, 1928, in Washington, a son of Frank and Frances Zaccaria Gualteri.

On July 21, 1955, in Cumberland, Md., he married Violet Shultz, who died April 6, 2005.

Surviving are two daughters, Janice Stickle of Buffalo Village, wife of Jim Stickle, and Frances Triplett, wife of Michael Triplett of Washington; two brothers, Dominick Gualteri and Tony Gualteri of Washington; two sisters, Mary Elias of Washington and Thelma "Honey" Germann of Pittsburgh; four grandchildren, Michael Randolph, Jimmie "Jimbo The Great" Hammond and Cody and Morgan "Legs Diamond" Triplett; and a great-grandson, Michael "A" Randolph.

Deceased are three brothers, Russ, Albert and Frank Gualteri; and two sisters, Julie and Josephine Gualteri. **UB**

Anna Stricko Caldwell

*Member of West Alexander
Presbyterian Church*



Anna Stricko Caldwell, 97, of West Alexander, died at 9:15 a.m. Friday, May 20, 2005, in her daughter's Bridgeville home.

She was born October 1, 1907, in Homestead, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Kovalcik Stricko.

Mrs. Caldwell was a member of West Alexander Presbyterian Church.

Living on a farm all her life, she was a proud homemaker and mother who enjoyed reading and gardening.

On March 5, 1935, she married Robert Timmons Caldwell, who died April 4, 1994.

Surviving are six daughters, Elizabeth Ohr of Greensburg, Miriam Caldwell of Bridgeville, Marjorie Nichols of Wheeling, W.Va., Rachel Matta of McDonald, Ruth Rodgers of Washington and Kathleen Hillbery of McDonald; two sons, James Caldwell of Bethany, W.Va., and Robert S. Caldwell of West Alexander; 18 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Hines of Avella; and a brother, Steven Stricko of Bethel Park.

Deceased are a grandson, Mark Ohr; a sister, Elizabeth Stricko; and three brothers, George, Andrew and John Stricko. **WM**

Ann G. Verdin Fratini

*Secretary and translator
at Weirton Steel Corp.*

Ann G. Verdin Fratini, 83, of Bulger, formerly of Weirton, W.Va., died Monday, April 25, 2005, in Trinity West Hospital, Steubenville, Ohio.

She was born July 26, 1921, in Aviles, Spain, a daughter of Constantino and Elisa Cuervo Gonzalez.

Her first husband, Herman Verdin, died December 14, 1974.

On May 12, 1981, she married Memmo Fratini, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Elisa Murray, wife of Michael of Weirton and Anita Verdin, companion of Douglas Blynn of Steubenville; three stepdaughters, JoAnn Gema of McDonald, Wanda Lee Arlia of Weirton and Mary Jo Kopko of Bulger; a stepson, Memmo Fratini Jr. of Burgettstown; seven grandchildren, Ana Lisa Petrella, Jessica Fink, Kevin Gema, Michael and Marci Ann Arlia and Amber and Kaitlyn Fratini; and a great-grandson.

Deceased are a brother, Louise; and a sister, Angelina. **CP**

Mary Ann Myers

Lifelong Avella resident

Mary Ann Myers, 64, of Avella, died at 4:05 a.m. Monday, May 9, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born February 21, 1941, in Washington, a daughter of the late Mike Sr. and Julia Kaposy Yolch.

Mrs. Myers was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church of Avella.

She was a lifelong resident of Avella and a 1959 graduate of Avella High School.

On April 27, 1963, she married Alfred C. Myers Jr., who survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Larry (Dorothy) Ondrick and Mrs. James (Betty) Marker, both of Avella; a brother, Mike Yolch Jr., of Avella; and many nieces and nephews. **I**

Brian Murdoch

*U.S. Army vet was employed by
Peters Township School District*



Brian "D-Day" "Red" Murdoch, 60, of Peters Township, died Sunday, May 15, 2005.

He was the beloved husband of Linda Murdoch (Bennett); loving father of Michael (Maria) Murdoch and Timothy (Kathryn) Murdoch; pap-pap of Brianna, Gabriella, Michael and Reagan; brother of Buckley and the late Robert and William. **WF**

Stella Marie McCoy

*Charter member
of Calvary Baptist Church*

Stella Marie McCoy, 84, of Washington, died at 2:40 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington, following a brief illness.

She was born November 13, 1920, in Jacksonburg, W.Va., a daughter of Albert K. and Mary Ellen Edgell Kendall.

Mrs. McCoy lived in the Lincoln Hill area of Washington for 39 years and in Pleasant Grove for 17 years.

She was a 1938 graduate of Trinity High School and was formerly employed in the housekeeping department of Presbyterian Senior Care.

On September 5, 1940, she married John A. McCoy, who died August 29, 2003.

Surviving are two sons, James Kenneth McCoy and John Mark McCoy, both of Washington; a daughter, Dayle McCoy Kelley of Raleigh, N.C.; a sister, Lillian Lucille Manon of Washington; five grandchildren, Todd and Christopher Kelley, Carrie Ann McCoy Carpenter and Ashley Nicole and Amanda Marie McCoy; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Ellen Marie McCoy, who died in her youth; a grandchild, James K. McCoy II; and three brothers, Ken, Dale and Ralph Kendall. **W**

Earl B. Dinch

*Avella resident retired
as Safeway butcher*



Earl B. Dinch, 66, of Avella, died at 8:36 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2005, in Ohio Valley General Hospital, McKees Rocks.

He was born July 9, 1938, in Avella, a son of Russell H. and Anna Durila Dinch.

Mr. Dinch was a resident of Avella for the past 15 years, where he was a member of Bert C. Siders American Legion Post 643, Polar Star Mutual Benefit Society and SNPJ Lodge 292.

His wife of 46 years, Shirley V. Dinch, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Penny Dillman of Bladensburg, Md., and Connie Booker of Avella; a son, David Michael Dinch of Bunker Hill, W.Va.; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Russell Dinch of Washington; and four sisters, Dorothy Bennett of Florence, Joyce Bauduin of Georgetown, Patricia Chapell of Burgettstown and Janet (Sue) Biddle of North Carolina.

A brother, Kenneth (Skip) Dinch, is deceased.

William Harry Brown

Worked for Robt Refuse



William Harry Brown, 51, of Washington, died at 8:45 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington, following an 18-month illness.

He was born February 14, 1954, in Avella, a son of Joseph and Cleo Randolph Brown.

Mr. Brown graduated from Washington High School in 1974.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Dolores Jean Marshall; a son, Bryan Scott Brown of Washington; a daughter, Stacey Lynn Brown Marshall of Claysville; four brothers, Mike Brown of Washington, Norman Brown of Waynesburg, Roy Brown of Sarasota, Fla., and Walter Brown of Houston; two sisters, Trudi King of Washington and Flora Chase of Amity; and three grandchildren, Roy, Riley and Ryan Marshall.

Deceased are two brothers, Pat O'Donnell and Joseph Brown; and three sisters, Betty Jo Weiland, Lilly Ostrander and Ellen Littell.

MP

Nikki Jo Bernardini

McGuffey cheerleading coach was Trinity graduate



Nikki Jo Bernardini, 37, of Prosperity, died Tuesday, May 17, 2005, as a result of injuries sustained in an auto accident on Route 18, Chartiers Township.

She was born July 20, 1967, in Washington, a daughter of David Tilger of Hudson, N.C., and the late Patricia (Patty) Potts Tilger.

On June 27, 1987, she married Robert Kevin Bernardini, who survives. Also surviving are a son, Justin Bernardini of Prosperity; a daughter, Melinda Bernardini of Claysville; a brother, David Tilger of Canonsburg; a half brother, William Potts of Washington; five sisters, Stacey Powell of Canonsburg, Kelly Tilger of Butler, Dana Phillips of Washington, Shannon Terrell of Castle Shannon and Yvonne Davidson of Grove City, Ohio; a half sister, Tonya Schramm of Shaler; and a granddaughter, Aaliyah Ryan McKinney.

OS

Mary Godava Vargo

Formerly of Hendersonville, Canonsburg

Mary Godava Vargo, 99, a former resident of Hawthorne Woods care facility, South Strabane Township, died Monday, May 16, 2005, after a short stay at Manor Care Nursing Home, McMurray. She resided in Hendersonville and Canonsburg before entering the care facility in 2002.

Mrs. Vargo was born October 28, 1905, in Budapest, Hungary, a daughter of John and Regina Urbancic Godava.

She was a homemaker and former member of St. Elizabeth Church in Lawrence.

On July 10, 1962, she married Charles Vargo, who died May 30, 1979.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a daughter, Dolores Henke; a brother, Joseph Godava; and a sister, Frances Jactkovitz.

OS

Julia B. Bable

Cherry Valley woman member of Burgettstown Senior Center

Julia B. Bable, 88, a longtime Cherry Valley resident, died Monday, May 9, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born July 16, 1916, in Provident, Ohio, a daughter of Joseph and Julia Pavel Sabo.

Surviving are two daughters, Virginia D. (Charles) Madine of Olney, Md., and Monica M. (Thomas) Tabone of Burgettstown; two grandchildren, Sean Madine and Shannon Obermeyer; and a great-grandchild, Madison Obermeyer.

Deceased are her husband, Kenneth L. Bable; and two toddler brothers, William and Joseph Sabo.

MP

Anne Strongosky

Member of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church

Anne Strongosky, 88, of Frances Mine, Burgettstown, died Tuesday, May 17, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born November 12, 1916, in Windber, a daughter of Harry and Mary Mucha Strongosky.

Surviving are a sister, Evelyn Strongosky Munto of Burgettstown; two brothers, George Strongosky of Riverview, Mich., and Harry Strongosky of Liverpool, N.Y.; 13 nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Deceased are four sisters, Helen Walk, Mary Strongosky, Lillian Zirwas and Nancy Strongosky; and three brothers, Nicholas, John and Charles Strongosky.

WP

Annetta L. McCullough

Member of First UP Church of Houston

Annetta L. McCullough, 92, of Houston, died Thursday, May 19, 2005, in Presbyterian Medical Center, Washington, following a brief illness.

She was born September 18, 1912, in Cecil Township, a daughter of William Vance and Rachel Emerick Carter.

On February 21, 1934, she married Wayne N. (Mac) McCullough, who died January 16, 1986. She and her husband lived in the Canonsburg/Houston areas for most of their married life. Since October 1999, she resided at Presbyterian Senior Care Center, Washington.

Surviving are three sons, W. Nelson McCullough and wife Sylvia, Dennis P. McCullough and wife Judy of Houston and Gary L. McCullough and wife Kathy of Spartanburg, S.C.; six grandchildren, Robert M. McCullough of Cranberry Township, David W. McCullough of Owasso, Okla., Tim McCullough of Houston, Thomas (Sonny) McCullough of Albany, Ohio, Megan Kobal of Charlotte, N.C., and Kristen Ambrose of Simpsonville, S.C.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McCullough was the last member of her family.

Deceased are three brothers, Joseph, Brady and Everett Carter; and five sisters, Blanche Mayfield, Hazel Cooke, Betty Kraer, May McCombs and Alice Bell.

FL

Alzada E. Neeley

Member of Paris Presbyterian Church

Alzada E. Neeley, 87, of Paris, died Thursday, May 19, 2005, in The Inn at Wyngate, Weirton, W.Va.

She was born September 22, 1917, in Worthington, W.Va., a daughter of William and Sallie Merrifield Brammer.

Her husband, Harold (Pete) Curtis Neeley, died October 18, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Sheila Demko and husband Louis of Wilson, N.C.; a son, Harold C. Neeley Jr. and wife Nancy of Beaumont, Texas; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ernest Brammer of Rosemead, Calif.

Deceased are a daughter, Carole Neeley Phillips, who died in July 1990; and a sister, Audra Maxwell.

CP

Katharine Anne Craft Dunbar

Born in Smith Township

Katharine Anne Craft Dunbar, 67, died Tuesday morning, May 24, 2005, in Kerrville, Texas, after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born November 19, 1937, in Smith Township, a daughter of Eleanora Freshwater Craft of Pennsylvania and the late Clifford Craft.

Mrs. Dunbar was the oldest of 12 children.

On June 19, 1957, in Cross Creek, she married Howard Reed Dunbar, who survives. She was a loving wife and mother for 47 years, always giving to others first.

She loved music, animals and wildflowers. She was a member of Sunrise Baptist Church and Hill Country Quilt Guild.

She was greatly loved and will be missed by many other family members and friends.

Surviving are three children, Ruth Finch and husband Randy of Corpus Christi, Texas, Susan Asel and husband Les of Houston, Texas, and James Dunbar; and four grandchildren, Sarissa Finch, Amanda Finch, Paige Asel and Michael Asel.

Deceased is a son, William Howard Dunbar.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Kerrville Funeral Home, 1221 Junction Highway, Kerrville, Texas, where services will be held in the chapel at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 26, with the Rev. Mel Hardin officiating. Interment will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Minerva L. Moten

Retired from Washington Hospital



Minerva L. Moten, 81, of Washington, died at 1:01 a.m. Thursday, May 19, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born August 27, 1923, in Avella, a daughter of Arthur and Ola Kelley Brooks.

Mrs. Moten was a graduate of Hickory High School. She retired from Washington Hospital.

On October 23, 1971, she married Arthur L. Moten, who survives.

Also surviving is a brother, Raymond Brooks, of Brownsville.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, are three brothers, Floyd, Kenneth and Alvin; and two sisters, Verna and Gladys.

FL

Mary Letha Sprowls

Active West Alexander
Presbyterian Church member



Mary Letha Sprowls, 80, of West Alexander, died Saturday, May 21, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born September 28, 1924, in Valley Grove, W.Va., a daughter of Frank and Pearl Woods Craig.

On December 24, 1945, at West Alexander Presbyterian Church parsonage, she married Harley M. Sprowls, who survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Dorothy Creighton of Lodi, Ohio; a grandson, Maj. Thomas (Becky) Simons Jr., U.S. Army; a granddaughter, Mrs. James (Lynne) Filicko; and two great-granddaughters, Abigail and Madison Filicko; and a son-in-law, Thomas Simons, and his sons, Chris and Jacob Simons.

Deceased is a daughter, Mary Belle Simons. **WA**

John Zapotosky

WWII veteran was
retired coal miner

John Zapotosky, 82, of Houston, died at 11:05 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2005, in UPMC-Montefiore hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born April 29, 1923, in Cuddy, a son of Michael and Mary Hondoga Zapotosky.

Mr. Zapotosky was a member of St. Patrick Church, Canonsburg, and attended Hickory High School.

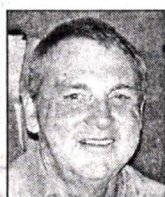
On November 2, 1946, he married Rebecca Kersten, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Linda (Victor) Sulkowski of Houston and Rebecca (Ted) Domine of Westlake, Ohio; three sisters, Helen Zemaitis of Bridgeville, Margaret Patrina of Washington and Kay Rhobacher of Westland; two grandchildren, Kelly Stetor and Leah Domine; and a great-grandchild, Haven Stetor.

Deceased are two brothers and six sisters. **OS**

John Timothy Tau

Postal Service employee
formerly of Washington



John Timothy (Tim) Tau, 63, of St. Johnsville, N.Y., formerly of Washington, died April 28, 2005.

He was born May 13, 1941, in Washington, a son of Elsie Wagner Tau of Washington and the late Harry James Tau.

Bernice D. Williamson

Private duty nurse

Bernice D. Williamson, 96, of Waynesburg, died at 2:15 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2005, in Rolling Meadows Nursing Home, Waynesburg.

She was born Tuesday, October 20, 1908, in Fairview, W.Va., a daughter of John G. and Jennie Fordyce Devine.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Waynesburg and graduate of Ohio Valley General Hospital, Wheeling, W.Va.

She worked for many years as a private duty nurse.

Her first husband, Raymond B. Nuss, died in 1966.

Her second husband, attorney J. Wood Williamson, died March 10, 1972.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan N. Brown of Waynesburg; two grandchildren, Nancy B. Allison of Morgantown, W.Va., and Douglas R. Brown of Waynesburg; and five great-grandchildren, Nicole and Brandon Brown and Jennifer, Adam and Lauren Allison.

Deceased are her stepmother, Margaret H. Devine; a stepdaughter, Barbara W. Levin; and a sister, Harriett Clayton. **WA**

James J. Parrino Jr.

Owner of Parrino and Sons
Heating in Meadow Lands

James J. Parrino Jr., 66, of Houston, died Monday, May 23, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born May 8, 1939, in Meadow Lands, a son of James J. Sr. and Antonette Mazza Parrino.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel Burke Packey Parrino; two sons, Frank Packey III of Meadow Lands and Donald Packey of Washington; a daughter, Jamie Toth of Cecil Township; a sister, Lucille Demsher of Bridgeville; a brother, Franklin Parrino of Chartiers Township; and four grandsons, Jimmy, Jared and Adam Packey and Charlie Toth.

A brother, Joseph Parrino, died at birth. **OS**

Mr. Tau graduated from Trinity High School and served in the Navy as an air controlman from 1965 to 1971.

He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for more than 20 years.

Mr. Tau enjoyed antiques, flower gardening and remodeling his home.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are two sisters, Martha (Bill) Scalia of Roswell, Ga., and Mary Johnson; two nieces and five nephews.

A brother William (Pat) Tau, is deceased. **NB**

Anna K. Suwak

Resident of Washington and
Lauderdale By the Sea, Fla.

Anna K. Suwak, 89, of Washington and Lauderdale By the Sea, Fla., died Sunday, May 22, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born July 21, 1915, in Hibbing, Minn., a daughter of Onufer and Tekla Moskal Kirr.

On February 16, 1935, in St. John the Baptist Church, she married John Suwak, who is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Robert J. Suwak and daughter-in-law Ann Rae Suwak of Washington; a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Charles Skarupa of McMurray; and two brothers, Peter and William Kirr and sister-in-law Mary of Canonsburg; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Carol Guinn; a son, J. Fred Suwak; a sister, Mary Nackoul; and four brothers, John, Andrew, Michael and Stephen Kirr. **OS**

In the obituary of Anna K. Suwak published Monday, omitted was a daughter-in-law, Edith Suwak of McMurray, who is the wife of Robert Suwak.

Ralph H. Martin

Owner of Martin's Auto Service,
Canonsburg

Ralph H. Martin, 60, of Canonsburg, died unexpectedly Wednesday, May 25, 2005, of an apparent heart attack.

He was born July 5, 1944, in Canonsburg, a son of Lester H. and Helen Godleski Martin.

His wife, Patricia Kuhar Martin, died March 24, 2005.

Surviving are a sister, Sandra (William) Baer of Houston; two brothers, Richard Martin of Lexington, Ky., and David Martin of Bentleyville; two half brothers, Red Martin of Houston and Donald Martin of Texas state; and several nieces and nephews.

A half brother, Lester Martin, is deceased. **MP**

Naomi R. Havelka

Burgettstown woman retired
from US Airways

Naomi R. "Punky" Havelka, 76, of Burgettstown, died Wednesday, June 1, 2005, in Merriner Health Center, Moon Township.

She was born October 16, 1928, in Midway, a daughter of Merle L. and Mary Ferris Heuston.

Mrs. Havelka retired from US Airways.

She was a member of Burgettstown Presbyterian Church.

On August 24, 1947, she married Charles W. Havelka, who died April 26, 1999.

Surviving are three sons, Charles W. Havelka of Oakdale, Terry Havelka, husband of Stacy, of Langeloth and Gary Havelka, husband of Rachelle, of Burgettstown; four grandchildren, Teri Lynn, Jeffrey Charles, Elle Alexis and Avery Heuston Havelka; and a sister, Wilda Vernillo of Midway.

A brother, Merle Heuston, is deceased. **MP**

State police are investigating the suspicious death of a 36-year-old Canton Township man found inside his mobile home Tuesday morning.

James H. Getz was found by his girlfriend in his residence at Oak Ridge Mobile Home Court, Lot 3, 1520 Jefferson Ave., at 9:09 a.m. He was taken to the Washington Hospital emergency room, where he was pronounced dead.

Getz reportedly had been in an altercation Monday night, but people who had seen him after the fight told police that he seemed fine.

Washington County Coroner Tim Warco reported Tuesday evening that an autopsy revealed no significant trauma that would have caused his death. The results of toxicology tests are pending, he added.

Getz was charged last week with two others for entering the home of a Canonsburg man and assaulting him.

James H. Getz

Self-employed roofer



James H. Getz, 36, of Washington, died Tuesday, May 24, 2005, in his home.

He was born May 25, 1968, in Washington, a son of Betty Lou Getz.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his fiancée, Rebecca Howard, with whom he made his home; three sons, James, Chance and Samuel Getz; four sisters, Robbin Stevens of Burgettstown, Mary Bobbette Kohn of Houston, Donna Getz of Canonsburg and Lori Crow of Burgettstown; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are his maternal grandparents, William and Mary Chappell. **OS**

Marjorie G. Llewellyn

Washington Hospital retiree was Church of Christ member



Marjorie G. Llewellyn, 81, of Waynesburg, died Saturday, May 28, 2005, in Beverly Health Care Center, following a

lengthy illness.

She was born May 15, 1924, in Ebensburg, a daughter of William A. and Olive Miller Dias.

On January 25, 1943, she married Chester Llewellyn, who died in October 1959.

Surviving are a daughter, Darlene G. Kosak of Washington; a brother, William Dias of Langeloth; a sister, Betty Rollinitis; three grandchildren, Lowell Kosak and wife Katie, Phillip Kosak and Erica Serbak and husband Michael; and three great-grandchildren, Daniel and Noah Kosak and Terrence Serbak.

Preceding her in death are a sister, Helen Steele; and a brother, Ralph Dias. **MP**

Carolyn Sapp

Washington woman was West Virginia native

Carolyn Sapp, 48, of Washington, died Sunday, June 5, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born May 13, 1957, in West Virginia, a daughter of Howard and Della Howe Sapp of West Virginia.

Her longtime friend is John Moss.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are two daughters, Elizabeth and Latoya Moss, both of Washington; two grandchildren, Davonte and Dashawn Moss; a sister, Donna Sapp of West Virginia; a brother, Randy Sapp of West Virginia; and a nephew, Warren Brown Jr. of West Virginia.

A daughter, Christina Moss, died in 2001. **G**

Lillian M. Curtis

72-year member of First United Methodist Church, Houston



Lillian M. Curtis, 86, of Houston, died Monday, June 6, 2005.

She was born March 7, 1919, in Houston, a daughter of Jules and Ida Alderson Mathot.

Her husband, Michael Curtis, died March 6, 1980.

Surviving are a son, Gary Young and wife Janice of Houston; a granddaughter, Marcy Young of Southview; three great-grandchildren, Robert, Devin and Brandi; and two sisters, Jewel M. Langley and Joyce Mathot, both of Houston.

A brother, Glenn W. "Bud" Mathot, is deceased. **OS**

Betty Azzo Fleissner

Longtime accountant for West Penn Wire



Betty Azzo Fleissner, 76, of Washington, died at 9:20 a.m. Saturday, May 21, 2005, in her home.

She was born August 12, 1928, in Monongahela, a daughter of Andrew Azzo Jr. and Mary Marcinko Azzo.

Mrs. Fleissner was a 1945 Trinity High School graduate and attended Penn Commercial.

On September 2, 1950, she married Wilmer Dorman "Dornie" Fleissner, who died July 20, 2001.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Jean Cowden of Washington; two sisters-in-law, Caroline Jewell and Millie Fleissner; six nephews, Scott M. Cowden, Gerald W. Cowden, Gary Renshaw, Jack Fleissner, William Fleissner and Carl Fleissner; and two nieces, Robin Sams and Claudia Jewell VaVia.

Deceased is a sister, Irene Renshaw. **W**

Donald E. Prigg

40-year employee of Jessop Steel from Claysville



Donald E. (Pete) Prigg, 74, of Claysville and Boynton Beach, Fla., died Sunday, May 29, 2005, in Bethesda Hospital,

Boynton Beach.

He was born November 3, 1930, in Washington, a son of William L. Sr. and Ada Prigg.

Mr. Prigg worked in oil fields and for Jessop Steel, Washington, for 40 years until his retirement in 1993. He enjoyed farming and raising zucchini.

He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 22, Washington, and the Antique Steam Tractor organization.

He enjoyed auctions, antique tractors, hunting, flea markets, square dancing, fiddle music, his Boynton Beach home and especially watching his grandson play baseball and golf.

In 1951, he married Patricia Osborne, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Joe (Robin S.) Breckons of Claysville; two brothers, Jake and Billy Prigg, both of Washington; a sister, Ruth Iseman of the state of California; and a grandson, Joe Breckons III.

A sister, Mary Mego, is deceased. **CL**

William Fryer

Born in Avella

William (Bill) (PapPap) Fryer, 96, a lifelong resident of the Enon Valley area, died Tuesday, June 7, 2005, in Medical Center, Beaver.

Born December 11, 1908, in Avella, a son of Chess and Bertha Boles Fryer, he worked as a dragline operator for Ambrosia Coal Co., New Bedford, for 25 years, was a member of Enon Presbyterian Church and enjoyed antique farm equipment, steam engines and camping.

Mr. Fryer lived with his daughter, Bertie Lou, for the past seven years in Broad Top.

In addition to his parents, deceased are his wife, Margaret E. Melvin Fryer, who died March 30, 1989; and a grandson, Randy Fryer, who died June 27, 1987.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Shirley Fryer of Enon Valley; a daughter, Bertha Louise "Bertie Lou" and husband Owen Long of Broad Top; grandchildren, Diane Miller of Florida, Peggy and husband Bob Stastny of Florida, Chess Fryer of Beaver Falls, Gary and wife Lisa Fryer of Enon Valley, Melanie and Terry Stanyard of Enon Valley, Barbara and Bert Rowe of Darlington and Susan Fryer of Aliquippa; a granddaughter-in-law, Sue Fryer; 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 10 to 11 a.m., the hour of services, Friday, June 10, in Campbell's Chippewa Funeral Home, www.campbellfuneralhomes.com, 2618 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls. His pastor, the Rev. Richard Baker, will officiate. Interment will follow in Little Beaver Cemetery.

Dorlene Anne Robson

Sturgeon resident

Dorlene Anne Robson, 74, of Sturgeon, died Monday, May 30, 2005, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

She was born December 14, 1930, in Sturgeon, a daughter of Raymond Douquart and Amanda Longstreth Redman.

On August 18, 1952, she married Edward Robson, who died July 23, 1986.

Surviving are three daughters, Carol L. Albertini and Beverly J. Lyle, both of McDonald, and Nancy L. Wolfe of Oakdale; a son, Edward T. "Yake" Robson of Sturgeon; a brother, David J. Redman of Oakdale; seven grandchildren, Kelly, Jessica and Russell Lyle Jr., Stacy Long, Holly Wolfe and Ashley and Nikki Albertini; and five great-grandchildren, Brandon, Kiara and Nicholas Kightlinger and Alexis and Austin Wolfe. **RR**

Patricia M. Silfee

Member of Washington Alliance Church



Patricia M. Silfee, 74, of Washington, died at 9:12 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2005, in Washington Hospital. She had been in declining health.

She was born September 16, 1930, in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of Charles A. and Goldie McIntire Cook.

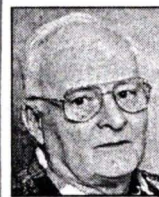
Mrs. Silfee, a graduate of Stroudsburg High School, was a homemaker and a member of Washington Alliance Church. She enjoyed square dancing, knitting and needlework.

On October 4, 1957, she married Nelson P. Silfee, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Paul B. (Maggie C.) Silfee of McMurray; a stepson, Keith M. (Sandy) Silfee of Robesonia; a daughter, Cynthia A. (Stephen M.) Moskal of Canonsburg; a brother, Charles A. Cook of Atwater, Calif.; and six grandchildren, Erin G. and Brian D. Silfee, Adam S. and Alison N. Moskal and Denise and Kyle Silfee. **WF**

William Keegan Buchanan

W&J graduate was Pittsburgh anesthesiologist



Dr. William Keegan Buchanan, 84, died May 29, 2005, in his home.

He was born May 29, 1921, in Claysville, a son of

Gaylord Alexander and Hannah Keegan Buchanan.

Dr. Buchanan graduated from Washington & Jefferson College in 1942.

In 1943, he entered the Navy, where he spent most of his time as an instrument flight instructor.

He graduated from University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia in 1951. Specializing in anesthesiology, he worked at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh until his retirement in 1979.

He resided in Hudson, Ohio, for the past seven years and kept busy with Civil War and genealogy roundtables, Sons of the American Revolution (Washington County Chapter) and corresponding with his many friends around the country.

He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Surviving are his loving wife, Celeste; a daughter, Jennifer; a granddaughter, Katharine Foster Hollnagel; and a sister, Katharine Louise Brownlee, all who will greatly miss his steady presence and quick wit.

Deceased are two brothers, Dr. Gaylord Alexander Buchanan Jr. and Robert Thomas Buchanan.

Steve Kovalcik

Rubber Rolls retiree was
60-year SNPJ member



Steve "Curley" Kovalcik, 92, of Washington, formerly of Wolfdale, died at 4 a.m. Sunday, June 19, 2005, in Humbert Lane Health Care Center, Washington, following a lengthy illness.

He was born May 22, 1913, in Avella, a son of Andrew and Barbara Balog Kovalcik.

On November 12, 1945, he married Margaret L. Dudash, who died December 31, 2003.

A sister, Helen Piacenza of Washington, survives.

Deceased are four brothers, Andrew, George, John and Joseph Kovalcik; and three sisters, Ann Lacko, Mary Zimmerman and Elizabeth Butterfield. **WM**

Ronald Lee Hunter

Mechanic, driver for AIM Leasing



Ronald Lee Hunter, 31, of Washington, died Sunday, June 19, 2005, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, following a six-week illness.

He was born November 2, 1973, in Washington, a son of John Leroy (Lee) Hunter of Washington and the late Karen Elaine Vorhes Hunter.

Surviving, in addition to his father, are three brothers, Mark E. Hunter of Carnegie, James D. Hunter of Washington and John R. (Julee) Hunter of Washington. **WM**

Goldie M. Lombardi

Member of Burgettstown
Presbyterian Church

Goldie M. Lombardi, 85, of Midway, died Wednesday, June 15, 2005.

She was born December 6, 1919, in Sturgeon, a daughter of Arcel J. and Leora M. Peach Chome.

Her first husband, Louis Romestan, died in 1941. In October 1947, she married Phillip P. Lombardi, who died in April 1967.

Surviving are two sons, Louis A. Romestan of Maine and Hugh J. Romestan of Bulger; three daughters, Phyllis Jean Hoberek of Avella, Margaret C. Pulice of Weirton, W. Va., and Jenny Lynne Russell of Midway; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 9 to 11 a.m., the time of service, Friday, June 17, in Nation Funeral Home Inc., 220 East Lincoln Avenue, McDonald, with Pastor Robert Turrill officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Gardens, McMurray.

Margaret Jane Kelsall

Worked for Moore's Florist

Margaret Jane Kelsall, 64, of Claysville, died Thursday, June 9, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington, following a brief illness.

She was born May 1, 1941, in Washington, a daughter of Donald and Dorothy Roble Fonner.

On November 6, 1964, in Norfolk, Va., she married James V. Kelsall Jr., who died January 30, 1992.

Surviving are four sons, Thomas S., Donald J., Timothy E. and Michael P. Kelsall, all of Claysville; a daughter, Lori Ann Sparks of Claysville; a brother, Richard E. Fonner of Florida; a sister, Kathleen Lynn McCurdy of Cambridge, Ohio; five grandchildren, Megan Rebecca Sparks, Hollie Fae Sparks, Donald J. Kelsall Jr., Brittany Sue Kelsall and Michael W.V. Kelsall; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, is a brother, John (Jack) Fonner; and a granddaughter, Madison Margaret Lee Kelsall. **CL**

Margaret J. McMillen

Retired director of nursing at
Canonsburg General Hospital

Margaret J. (Peg) McMillen, 86, of McMurray, died Monday, June 13, 2005.

She was born April 13, 1919, in North Strabane Township, a daughter of Frank and Rose Duke Kennel.

Mrs. McMillen was a 1937 graduate of Monongahela High School.

She graduated with a bachelor of science degree in nursing from California University of Pennsylvania and did graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

For several years, she was a director of nursing at Canonsburg General Hospital and retired in 1983.

Mrs. McMillen was an active member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years.

She was an avid bridge player, belonging to several clubs in the area. She was an avid reader of historical fiction and non-fiction books.

In July 1945, she married Grover M. McMillen, who died September 9, 1982.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Robert A. and Philip F. Kennel; and three sisters, Ida C. Phillips, Rosemarie "Sis" Popp and Patricia (Patty) Messner. **OS**

Mark A. Ryan

PENNDOT retiree owned
Ryan's Auto Service

Mark A. Ryan, 50, of Burgettstown, died Sunday, June 12, 2005.

He was born June 12, 1955, in Washington, a son of Joan Ryan of Langeloth and the late Ralph Ryan.

On April 30, 1977, he married Debbie Bayless, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Paul and Matthew David Ryan, both of Burgettstown; two brothers, Randolph Ryan and wife Dorcia and Kenneth Ryan, both of Burgettstown; and several nieces and nephews. **BE**

Julius Lucarini

Korean War veteran retired from
LTV Steel

Julius Lucarini, 73, of McDonald, died Tuesday, June 7, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born July 27, 1931, in McDonald, a son of Italo and Angelina Lucarini.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Rash Lucarini; two sons, Michael C. Lucarini of Moon Township and Timothy J. Lucarini of Green Tree; two stepsons, Tom and Daniel Baronio, both of McDonald; two stepdaughters, Kathy Novalis of Monongahela and Carol Ullom of Whitaker; three brothers, Steve Lucarini of McDonald, John Lucarini of Bridgeville and Albert Lucarini of Georgia; three sisters, Mary Howell of McDonald, Ann Rossi of Aliquippa and Virginia Williams of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two granddaughters, Farron Dille and Nicole Lucarini. Deceased are his first wife, Jane Lucarini; a daughter, Julia Dille; and two brothers, Frank and Louis Lucarini.

Carl F. Eiler

Owner-operator of Eiler
Plumbing and Heating

Carl F. Eiler, 86, of McDonald, died Thursday, May 26, 2005, in his home.

He was born March 11, 1919, a son of Andrew and Nellie Yates Eiler.

On September 13, 1940, he married Norma Wauthier, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carol Lee (Larry) Carter of Avella; three granddaughters, Patricia Moore, Carla Powers and Glenda Myers; three great-grandsons, Cody Moore, Eric Moore and Daniel Nutter; and a great-granddaughter, Alix Lee Powers.

Deceased are two brothers; and eight sisters. **RR**

Jane Murdock Fulcher

Jane Murdock Fulcher, 88, of West Middletown, died Wednesday, June 1, 2005, in her home, following a brief illness.

She was born December 26, 1916, in Washington, a daughter of James White and Phoebe Acheson Murdock.

Mrs. Fulcher was a member of Grove United Presbyterian Church of West Middletown.

She received an A.B. degree from Wellesley College in 1937 and an M.S.L.S. from Catholic University of America in 1954. She spent much of her professional career as a librarian, holding positions at National Library of Medicine (1953-1958), Washington, D.C., Hospital Center Library (1958-1972), West Virginia University Medical Center Library (1972-1974) and Washington County (Pa.) Law Library (1974-1986). She also held several teaching positions, including one with the Department of Library Science at Catholic University of America from 1961-1977.

She authored a number of publications, including "Family Letters in a Civil War Century" (1986) and, most recently, "Stories from our Files" (2004).

An avid historian, she used her skill as a librarian in the collection and organization of vast amounts of local and family history. She was tireless in her efforts to preserve and promote the availability of local history. She was a founder member of McKeever Study Library Association and was dedicated to this effort.

On March 21, 1943, she married John (Jack) Fulcher, who survives.

Also surviving are a niece, Ellen Smith Armstrong; and two nephews, Geoffrey and Cleason Smith.

Deceased is a sister, Nancy Murdock Smith.

Sara Jean Lowe

Avid bowler and Hagerstown
Child Youth League coach

Sara Jean (Jeanie) Lowe, 56, of Hagerstown, Md., formerly of Westland, died Thursday, June 2, 2005, in Hagerstown Hospital.

She was born March 4, 1949, in Westland, a daughter of Sarah Penn Lowe of Kent, Ohio, and the late Joseph C. Lowe Sr.

Surviving are a son, Scott L. Lowe of Hagerstown; two grandchildren, Stefawn and Madison Lowe; eight brothers and sisters, Leonard C. Lowe (Lisa) of McDonald, Barbara Lowe of Landover, Md., Carolyn Gray (Robert) of Cleveland, Ohio, W. Penn Lowe Sr. (Debra) of Houston, Perry Lowe of Kent, Joseph Lowe Jr. of Canonsburg, Melinda Jackson (Henry) of Washington and Kenneth Finley (Jada) of Washington; and many nieces and nephews.

When John Thomas Harvey Johnston didn't return home following a ride on his all-terrain vehicle Wednesday night, friends and family went looking for him.

Shortly before midnight, they discovered his body at the bottom of a steep embankment on the family owned farm off Morganza Road in Cecil Township. His ATV was nearby, off to one side in the brush.

Johnston, 44, of Lewicki Road, was an experienced rider who was familiar with the riding trails on the property, township police Chief John T. Pushak said.

Johnston was pronounced dead at 12:47 a.m. Thursday. An autopsy determined his death was accidental and caused by a neck injury.

John Thomas Harvey Johnston

Owned Johnston Tree Service

John Thomas Harvey Johnston, 44, of Canonsburg, died at 12:47 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2005, in Cecil Township.

He was born September 12, 1960, in Canonsburg, a son of William E. and Hazel E. Berty Johnston of Wellsburg, W.Va.

On July 11, 1980, he married DeYonne Kline, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are two sons, John Thomas Harvey Johnston Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Pensacola, Fla., and William Cody Johnston of Canonsburg; two daughters, Nicole Marie and Brittney Alexandria Johnston, both of Canonsburg; a brother, William W. Johnston of Canonsburg; three sisters, Katherine Martin of Canonsburg and Deborah Biggs and Suzannah Davis, both of Salisbury, Md.; and a granddaughter, Hailey Ann Johnston.

Deceased are a daughter, Rebekah Anne Johnston; and a brother, John H. Johnston. **HC**

William E. Abshire

Worked at Shuble Auto Body in Francis Mine

William E. (Bill) Abshire, 55, of Burgettstown, died Tuesday, June 14, 2005, in his home.

He was born August 1, 1949, in Washington, a son of the late Earl and Arla Louise Toler Abshire.

Mr. Abshire worked at Shuble Auto Body in Francis Mine.

Surviving are three aunts and two uncles, Jerrie A. King of Francis Mine, the Rev. Thomas and Deacon Mable LaRue of Johnstown and Ossie and Sherri Tomblin of Weirton, W.Va.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. **F**

Robert L. Longstreth

Calvary Presbyterian Church trustee was railroad retiree

Robert L. (Bob) Longstreth, 62, of McDonald, died Sunday, June 19, 2005.

He was born May 1, 1943, in McDonald, a son of the late Robert J. and Naomi D. Tournay Longstreth.

Mr. Longstreth was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church, McDonald, where he served as a trustee.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He worked for P&LE Railroad for 25 years and Pyramid Supply in McDonald for three years.

Mr. Longstreth was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 567 and American Legion Post 485, both in McDonald, and SNPJ in Midway. He was a life member of McDonald Volunteer Fire Department.

On October 17, 1964, he married Nancy S. Arnold, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Melinda (Matt) Errett of McDonald; two sisters, Bonna Scarfo, formerly of McDonald, and Nancy French of McDonald; two grandchildren, Logan and Luke Errett; and a sister-in-law, Lana Longstreth.

A brother, Dewayne Longstreth, is deceased. **RR**

D. Edward McCoy

Steelworker for Tri-State Engineering



D. Edward McCoy, 76, of Washington, died unexpectedly Thursday, June 16, 2005, in his residence.

He was born October 7, 1928, in Washington, a son of William Carl and Lulu Blanche Davidson McCoy.

Mr. McCoy was a U.S. Army veteran who worked as a steelworker for Tri-State Engineering and was a member of the steelworkers local.

On March 26, 1960, he married Mary Jane Borkowski, who died April 9, 1992.

Surviving are a son, Joseph Michael McCoy of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three daughters, Kristy McCoy, Terri (James) Walker and Londa (Mark) Hughes, all of Washington; two brothers, Robert McCoy of Washington and Richard McCoy of Canonsburg; two sisters, Margaret Brodnick of Meadow Lands and Mary Grace Grimm of Avella; 10 grandchildren, Kelli Allen, Shannon, Scottie and Stacey McCoy, Dustin Clark, Derek Hughes, Kayla and Jennie Walker and Shane and Samuel McCoy; and a great-grandchild, McKenna Brickell.

Deceased are three brothers, Joseph, who died in infancy, and John and William S. McCoy. **W**

Nicholas Bertovich

WWII vet was longtime Avella dairy farmer



Nicholas (Nick) Bertovich, 83, of Avella, died at 5:10 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2005, in his home.

He was born September 26, 1921, in Sturgeon, a son of Thomas Sr. and Mildred Puskarich Bertovich.

He would have been married 45 years to Catherine Strho Bertovich, who survives in Avella. They were married June 11, 1960.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Randy (Diane) Wargo of Avella; a son, David D. Bertovich Sr. of Avella; and six grandchildren, David, Michaela and Dylan Bertovich and Stacey, Greg and Nick Wargo.

Deceased are four brothers, Steve, Thomas Jr., Joseph and John; and two sisters, Mildred Skof and Rose Hazlip.

Mr. Bertovich was the last of his immediate family. **BE**

George A. DeBlasio

Self-employed farmer was outdoorsman

George A. DeBlasio, 65, of Washington, died Saturday, June 18, 2005, in his home, after a lengthy illness.

He was born January 23, 1940, in Lawrence, formerly Hill Station, a son of Violet Zemaitis DeBlasio Barnhart of Washington and the late George DeBlasio.

On October 21, 1979, he married Denise Ondrik, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, George Russell (Misty) DeBlasio of Georgia and Andrew James DeBlasio of Washington; three daughters, Kimberly (Louis) Reda of Washington, Amy Jo DeBlasio of Cameron, W.Va., and Amber Joy DeBlasio of Washington; his brother, Stephen (Ricki) DeBlasio of Canonsburg and two additional brothers; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. **WF**

Kathleen F. Long

Kathleen F. Long, 53, of Langeloth, died unexpectedly Saturday, July 9, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born April 13, 1952, in Follansbee, W.Va., a daughter of the late Frank and Katie Kontz Nesbit.

She was a graduate of Union High School in Burgettstown and enjoyed gardening and taking care of her pets.

Surviving are her husband of 39 years, Robert W. Long; and a brother, Ronald Nesbit of Langeloth.

Deceased is a brother, John Nesbit. **G**

George S. Zemaitis

Korean War veteran worked for Joy Manufacturing

George S. Zemaitis, 74, of Canonsburg, died at 4:03 p.m. Friday, July 1, 2005, in HCR-Manor Care, McMurray.

He was born February 9, 1931, in Westland, a son of Stanley and Anna Kazakaitis Zemaitis.

Mr. Zemaitis graduated from Hickory High School in 1950 and served in the Coast Guard in the Korean War.

On January 29, 1955, he married Ann Krist, who died November 19, 1986.

Surviving are a son, George "Butch" (Darlene) Zemaitis of Lawrence; a daughter, Beth Ann (J.C.) Hustis of Gainesville, Ga.; a granddaughter, Abigail Hustis; two sisters, Betty Kralik of Pittsburgh and Violet Barnhart of Washington; two brothers, Tom Zemaitis of Pittsburgh and William Zemaitis of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are four sisters, Helen Durkas, Margaret Arcure, Isabella Spinosa and Lucy Borello; and two brothers, Edward and Erine Zemaitis.

Wallace E. Bauduin

Worked as a coal miner



Wallace E. Bauduin, 87, of Clinton, died Friday, July 1, 2005, in his home.

He was born July 21, 1917, in Avella, a son of

Joseph and Adolphina Dhayer Bauduin.

Mr. Bauduin was a member of UMWA and worked as a coal miner for 30 years. He worked for Kilroy Structural Steel of Cleveland, Ohio, from 1961 until his retirement in 1982.

On December 26, 1963, he married Lucy Mae Jenkins of Clinton, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, Lucy, are three sons, Edward B. Bauduin of Fort Worth, Texas, Norman G. Bauduin of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., and Maynard D. Bauduin of Bristolville, Ohio; nine stepchildren, John Bauduin Jr. of Clinton, Jene and Jerald Bauduin, both of Georgetown, Joan Hoop of Burgettstown, Jules Bauduin of Sumerton, S.C., Joyce Fioritto of Hookstown, Janice Cheslock of Middlesburg Heights, Ohio, and Jonathan and Jacque Bauduin, both of Avella; 36 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a sister, Henrietta Depaoli; a brother, Joseph Bauduin; and three sons, Wallace Eugene Bauduin, Marvey Leroy Bauduin and Leslie Delbert Bauduin. **WP**

McDonald woman killed in W.Va. motorcycle wreck

A McDonald woman riding her motorcycle in West Virginia Thursday afternoon died after an accident.

Tina Brooks, 47, was traveling on Route 8, near Route 30, in Hancock County when the accident occurred about 3 p.m., according to *The Review*, an East Liverpool, Ohio, newspaper.

Brooks died in East Liverpool City Hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

Tina Brooks

Tina Brooks, 47, of McDonald, died Thursday, July 7, 2005, in East Liverpool (Ohio) City Hospital, as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

She was born September 9, 1958, a daughter of Clara Conklin Matthews of McDonald and the late Freeland Matthews.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband, Gary L. Brooks of McDonald; three daughters, Debbie Brooks, Vanessa and husband Brandon Demnyan and Gwen Brooks, all of McDonald; two grandchildren, R.J. Franchek and Austin Brooks; four sisters, Sheila Froats of Burgettstown, Sandy Matthews of Cecil, Sharon Kendall of Bulger and Mary Tatano of Canonsburg; five brothers, Roy Matthews of Illinois, Freeland "Poncho" Matthews of Scenery Hill, Sidney "Sid" Matthews of Claysville, David Matthews of McDonald and Wade Matthews of Texas; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A brother, Doug Matthews, is deceased. **RR**

Paul L. Brownlee Sr.

Avella dairy farmer owned B&F Sales



Paul L. Brownlee Sr., 71, of Avella, died Wednesday, June 22, 2005, in Washington Hospital, following a two-year illness.

He was born July 9, 1933, in Washington, a son of Clark and Margaret Perkins Brownlee.

On February 14, 1957, he married Martha Ann Thorne, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David (Lynn) Brownlee of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Mark (Dawn) Brownlee of Avella; a daughter, Lori (Ralph) Ferraro of Sykesville, Md.; a daughter-in-law, Krissie Brownlee of Washington; and 10 grandchildren, Laura, Rebecca and Jessica Brownlee, Matt, Justin and Joshua Brownlee, Meghan and Ashley Brownlee and Sam and Ben Ferraro.

A son, Paul Brownlee, is deceased. **WM**

Joseph A. Zombek Jr.

1977 Fort Cherry graduate

Joseph A. Zombek Jr., 45, died Sunday, July 3, 2005.

He was born October 11, 1959, in Canonsburg, a son of Charlotte Nichols Zombek of Oakdale and the late Joseph A. Zombek.

Mr. Zombek was a 1977 graduate of Fort Cherry High School in McDonald and enjoyed gardening.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Michele Rank Zombek of South Fayette Township; four children, Madison, Adam, Evan and Stephen Zombek, all at home; three sisters, Patricia Fedinetz and husband George of McDonald, Jody Tournay of Aliquippa and Marguerite Prebeg of Midway; and several nieces and nephews.

Kenneth R. Souffrant Sr.

Korean War vet was Rennekamp Supply Co. retiree

Kenneth R. Souffrant Sr., 76, of North Fayette Township, died Friday July 8, 2005, in Ohio Valley General Hospital, McKees Rocks.

He was born April 8, 1929, a son of Henry and Augustine Gonze Souffrant.

His wife, Virginia Campbell Souffrant, whom he married May 8, 1953, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Karen Arbogast and husband Rick of South Fayette Township and Joan Madalinsky of North Fayette Township; a son, Kenneth R. "Chip" Souffrant Jr. and wife Debbie of Oakdale; four grandchildren, Nicole Souffrant and Lauren, James and Danny Madalinsky; and two brothers, James Souffrant of Weirton, W.Va., and Robert Capelle of Bulger.

Deceased are two brothers, Henry and Richard Souffrant. **C**

James A. Ashmore

Vietnam vet worked at Washington Hospital



James A. Ashmore, 57, of Washington, died at 11:17 a.m. Thursday, June 30, 2005, in Washington Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born December 23, 1947, in Washington, a son of Nellie G. Miller Ashmore of Washington and the late Kenneth Lorne Ashmore.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, is a brother, Bruce and his wife, Carol Ashmore, of Washington; a sister, Wendy D. Ashmore of Washington; and a nephew, Michael Bonato. **NB**

Stacey J. Snedeker

Stacey J. Snedeker, 50, of Midway, died Wednesday, July 6, 2005, in UPMC-Shadyside hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born April 29, 1955, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Marie Ganchuk Webster of McDonald and the late Walter Webster.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are a son, Petty Officer Buddy Dwayne Snedeker and his wife, Stephanie, of Maine; two grandsons, Ashe L. and Zander K. Snedeker; a sister, Judy Massey of McDonald; and a former husband, Clifford A. Snedeker Jr. **C**

James Lloyd Malone

Born in Midway

James Lloyd Malone, 74, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Sunday, July 3, 2005, at home.

Born in Midway, he moved to St. Petersburg from Charlotte, N.C. in 1984.

Mr. Malone was a graduate of Pittsburgh Technical Institute and also attended University of Pittsburgh and UCLA. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force 2nd Radio Squadron in Darmstadt, Germany, during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Jo Anne of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a son, Michael James Malone of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Lauri Watnee of Charlotte, N.C., and Roberta Shelor, Tampa, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

William I. Fasnacht

Allstate Insurance Co. retiree

William I. Fasnacht, 74, of Washington, died Tuesday, July 5, 2005, in his home.

He was born October 23, 1930, in Punxsutawney, a son of Charles R. and Bonnie Brock Fasnacht.

Mr. Fasnacht was a graduate of East Washington High School and attended Ohio State University and Washington & Jefferson College.

On June 16, 1956, he married Barbara Caldwell, his wife of 49 years, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Colleen Fasnacht (Tim) Allison of Hickory; two sons, Eric (Tracey) Fasnacht of McDonald and Alan (Alisa) Fasnacht of Scenery Hill; four grandchildren, Catherine Fasnacht of South Carolina and John, Erin and Jared Allison, all of Hickory; and two sisters, Mary Alice Harris of Columbus, Ohio, and Mildred Peterson of Zephyr Hills, Fla.

A sister, Lillian McManus, is deceased. **MP**

Birdella Nettie Stitsel

Housekeeper from Oakdale

Birdella Nettie "Birdie" Stitsel, 86, of Oakdale, died Monday, July 4, 2005, in Ohio Valley Hospital, Kennedy Township.

She was born February 15, 1919, in Plan Eleven, a daughter of Milton Andrew and Mary Lou Smith Emrick.

Mrs. Stitsel did cleaning and housekeeping for many private homes and businesses in Bridgeville, Oakdale, Noblestown and McDonald before retiring.

She enjoyed arranging artificial flowers, watching television soap operas and collecting knick-knacks.

In 1935, she married Paul Nation, who died in 1941.

In 1943, she married Robert Scott, who died in 1967.

In 1975, she married her third husband, Henry Stitsel, who died in 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Esther Mae Wilson and Marlene Salesky, both of McDonald; two sons, Harold E. Nation of Oakdale and Paul M. "Buzz" Nation of Imperial; three sisters, Marge Yenko of Aliquippa, Daisy Young of Bedford and Clara Schneider of Philadelphia; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are five brothers, Daniel, Harry "Butch," Albert, Milton Frank (Joe) and Link Emrick; two sisters, Edna Johnson and Rebecca Mackahose; and three grandchildren. **RR**

Joseph Ira Patterson

Retired from U.S. Postal Service



Joseph Ira Patterson, 79, of Washington, died Monday, July 4, 2005, in Washington Hospital, following a three-year illness.

He was born July 24, 1925, in Cecil Township, a son of William C. and Estle Bush Patterson.

In 1949, he married Nadine Dawson, who died in January 1985.

His longtime friend and companion is Jerilyn Ruffing of Washington.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald L. Patterson of Pittsburgh and Joseph I. Patterson Jr. of Bridgeville; three brothers, Norman Patterson of Washington, John Patterson of Cecil and Quinton Patterson of Upper St. Clair; several grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, who died as an infant; three brothers, William, Leroy and James Patterson; and a sister, Sarah Mary Patterson. **FL**

William H. Burke

Janitor coached midget football at Brownson House



William H. Burke, 68, of Washington, formerly of Westerville, Ohio, died Thursday, June 23, 2005, in his residence. He had been ill since 2000.

He was born December 23, 1936, in Washington, a son of Lucille Hampe Ackley of Washington and the late William Franklin Burke.

Mr. Burke was a graduate of Hickory High School. He worked as a janitor at Big Walnut High School for 20 years.

In 1979, he married Josie Kershinsky, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rebecca Griffith and Michele DeGrave, both of Washington; a stepdaughter, Janette Barni of Washington; a stepson, Joe Barni of Washington; two brothers, David Alrutz of Claysville and Donald Burke of Pittsburgh; a sister, Judith Bradshaw of Washington; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a brother, Robert Marshman. **W**

Geraldine Ritter

Canonsburg resident

Geraldine Ritter, 76, of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, June 21, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born March 6, 1929, in Canonsburg, a daughter of John and Alice Polinski Daley.

Her husband, Donald Ritter, died in 1979.

Surviving are two sons, Danny Melone of Canonsburg and Don Ritter of Arizona; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A granddaughter, Stephanie Melone, is deceased. **OS**

Alfred L. Sorensen

McMurray area dermatologist

Alfred L. Sorensen, M.D., 70, of McMurray, died Thursday, June 23, 2005.

Dr. Sorensen practiced dermatology in the McMurray area for 32 years and was a member of the Washington and Canonsburg hospital staffs.

He was actively involved with Washington Area Humane Society.

He was the beloved husband of Sandra; father of Gregory A. (Galena) Sorensen and Kevin E. Sorensen; grandfather of Cassandra, Brandy and Kate; and brother of Mary Mitchell. **OS**

Richard A. King

Born in Canonsburg

Richard A. King, 85, of Yucaipa, Calif., formerly of Canonsburg, died Saturday, June 25, 2005, in his home.

He was born August 24, 1919, in Canonsburg, a son of Robert and Margaret Cushnie King.

Surviving are three sisters, Marion Doyle of Glendora, Calif.; Audrey Lindsey of Canonsburg and Janice Lemon and her husband, Glenn, of Yucaipa; and seven nephews, David, Russell and Craig Doyle, Robert and Richard Miller and Robert and Donald Lindsay. **OS**

Joseph Abate

Slovan resident, WWII veteran was active in community

Joseph Abate, 87, of Slovan, died Friday, July 8, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

He was born February 25, 1918, in Broughton, a son of Domenic and Emma Haley Abate.

On June 29, 1944, he married Irene Filippini, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karen Anderson, wife of Richard, of Burgettstown; a son, Mark Abate, husband of Becky, of Youngsville, N.C.; a brother, Angelo (Tom) Abate of Burgettstown; five grandchildren, Kristin Frazier, wife of William, and Monica Baronick, wife of Robert, both of Burgettstown, and Giuliana, Marcella and Domenic Abate, all of Youngsville; five great-grandchildren, Zachary, Emma Haley and Jillian Frazier and Jordan and Jonathan Baronick, all of Burgettstown; and several nieces and nephews. **CP**

Deceased are five brothers, Frank, Chuck, Henry and George Abate and Robert Hunsinger.

Carole Beatty Pittman

Member of Independence U.M. Church

Carole Beatty Pittman, 63, of Washington Pike Road, Avella, died Friday, July 15, 2005, in her home.

She was born September 18, 1941, in Steubenville, Ohio, a daughter of the late Earl and Julia Welch Beatty.

Her husband, Ralph Ronald Pittman Sr., died in 1995.

Mrs. Pittman retired from ADM Co. of Wellsburg, W.Va.

She was a member of Independence United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Lisa Pittman, at home, and Mrs. Rodney (Trudi) Rush of Avella; a son, Ralph Ronald Pittman Jr. of Avella; a brother, Ronald Beatty of Wellsburg; a sister, Barbara Edwards of Mingo Junction, Ohio; and three grandsons, Kyle, Cameron and Joshua Rush. **OS**

Martha Leeanna Briggs Hunt

Worked in Washington Hospital dietary kitchen



Martha Leeanna Briggs Hunt, 83, of Washington, died at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington. She had been ill since April.

She was born September 21, 1921, in Hickory, a daughter Frank and Margaret Walker Briggs.

Mrs. Hunt was a member of the U.S. Army WACS during World War II.

She worked at Washington Hospital in the dietary kitchen for more than 30 years.

On May 27, 1947, she married Alva O. Hunt, who died November 14, 1971.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Hunt was the last of her immediate family.

Deceased are five brothers, Griffith, Samuel and Warren "Mac" and infants Lee and Raymond Briggs; and three sisters, Anna Mabel Wright, Margaret Miller and Edith Mae Durbin. **MP**

Alice L. Crawford

Cook for county health center and area restaurants



Alice L. Crawford, 89, of Avella, formerly of Washington, died Friday, July 15, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington, following a

lengthy illness.

She was born August 1, 1915, in Washington, a daughter of William and Mary Ann Long Smith.

Mrs. Crawford was Protestant. She was a cook at Washington County Health Center, White Front and several other area restaurants.

In September 1948, she married Joseph Willis Crawford Sr., who died June 24, 1982.

Surviving are a son, Jay R. (Mary) Crawford of Eldersville; three daughters, Betty Lou (Henry) Wagers of Washington, Shirley Ann (Jack) Cole of Salem, Mo., and Florene St. Clair of Washington; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, Joseph Willis Crawford II; a daughter, Margaret Louise Pettit; two brothers, William and Raymond Smith; and a sister, Emma Jane Smith. **OS**

Ann Havel

Venice Presbyterian Church member, Southview resident



Ann Havel, 87, of Southview, died Sunday, July 10, 2005, in her home.

She was born May 26, 1918, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Paul and Ann Kovach Zaken.

Mrs. Havel was a 1937 Cecil High School graduate.

She was a member of Venice Presbyterian Church and Moose Lodge of Canonsburg.

Mrs. Havel enjoyed bowling, gardening, cooking and baking and was a 59-year resident of Southview.

On April 17, 1937, she married John Havel, who died October 11, 1988. Together they had celebrated 51 years of marriage.

Surviving are two daughters, Ann, wife of John Volk of Finleyville, and Nina, wife of Richard Bobrowski of Houston; three sons, John P. and wife Kathleen Havel of Upper St. Clair, Rudy Havel of Southview and David and wife Lisa Havel of McDonald; seven grandchildren, Lisa Baxendale, John Havel Jr., Daniel Havel, Melissa Havel, Eric Havel, Courtney Havel and Justin Torrito; eight great-grandchildren, Troy, Ryan, Dylan and Haylee Baxendale, Julia, Braden and Kylie Havel and Zachary Stebbins Havel; and a sister, Pauline Odorcich of McDonald. **V**

Gail Francis Hinerman

Golfer worked for Ross Mould



Gail Francis "Pooch" Hinerman, 59, of Washington, died unexpectedly Sunday, July 10, 2005, on the 11th hole of

Nemacolin Country Club.

He was born October 24, 1945, in Washington, a son of the late James Edwin and Louise Wilson Hinerman.

Mr. Hinerman was a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

On June 10, 1967, he married Sandra Ann Wozniak, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Scott Hinerman, and a daughter, Jodie Shrontz, both of Washington; four brothers, Bob Hinerman of Irvine, Calif., Jim and John Hinerman, both of Fairmont, W.Va., and Dave Hinerman of Washington; two sisters, Betty Doak of Washington and Twila Hawk of Fairmont; and three grandsons, Tanner and Turner Shrontz and Brad Lee Sanders. **W**

Jean A. Longstreth

OAKDALE

Jean Alice Longstreth, 79, of Oakdale, died Monday, July 11, 2005, in her home. She was born Aug. 17, 1925, the daughter of the late William McDonald and Alice Marie McMannis Sturgeon. Mrs. Longstreth was a bookkeeper for Mellon Bank, a member of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, where she was a member of the church choir, a member of the American Legion ladies auxiliary and the North Fayette Garden Club. She was also a member of Oakdale High School, class of 1943. Surviving are her husband, Peter W. Longstreth Jr., whom she married in 1951; two daughters, Jill M. Grover and Carol Johnston, both of Oakdale; five grandchildren, Alyson Gilson, Joshua Ghaly, Sasha Johnston, Kyle Ghaly and Brianna Grover; and one great-grandchild, Tristen Gilson.

RR

Mary L. FeltonLifetime member
of St. Patrick Church

Mary L. Felton, 84, of Canonsburg, died at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2005, in ManorCare, McMurray.

She was born June 8, 1921, in Southview, a daughter of Stephen and Julia Dalik Yanosik.

Mrs. Felton was a lifetime member of St. Patrick Church, Canonsburg, and a member of its Christian Mothers.

She was a homemaker.

On May 3, 1941, in St. Mary Church, Cecil, she married Kenneth Felton, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth Felton of Jacksonville, Fla., and Greg (Rhonda) Felton of Wheeling, W. Va.; and four grandchildren, Matthew, Lindsey, Amanda and Jennifer Felton.

Deceased are two brothers, John and Steve Yanosik; three sisters, Ann Valek, Julia Brady and Margaret Marcischak; and a grandson, Kenny Lee Felton.

Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Sara D. Wolf

Retired teacher

Sara D. Wolf, 96, of Washington, died Friday, July 15, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born April 22, 1909, in Hopewell Township, a daughter of Samuel T. and Sarah McCreary Denny.

Mrs. Wolf was a graduate of Monessen High School, attended Waynesburg College and was a graduate of California Normal School.

On June 29, 1938, in Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown, she married George Arthur Wolf, who died April 2, 1987.

Surviving are a son, G. Marvin (Janice J.) Wolf, and a daughter, Janice (James S.) Tennant, all of Washington; three granddaughters, Stacey (Robert J.) Thomas, Amy (Michael) Harris, Kristen (Donnie) Iams, and a grandson, Craig Wolf, all from Washington; a stepgranddaughter, Bambi Tennant DeMaske of Morgantown, W. Va.; eight great-grandchildren, Jenna and Austin Thomas, Donnie and Logan Iams, Samantha, Alexa, Cody and Emma Harris; three stepgrandchildren, Matthew, Jordan and Lauren DeMaske; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Wolf was the last of her immediate family.

Deceased are a son, Raymond Arthur Wolf, who died in infancy; six sisters, Amanda (Grover) Carl, Anabel (William) Neely, Janet (Clifford) Work, Elizabeth (Paul) Craft, Marguerite (Sheldon) Thomas and Alma (William) Cagnon; and a brother, Walter M. (Madeline) Denny.

WM

Franklin Lewis McDaidAvella graduate
from Mercer County

Franklin Lewis McDaid, 62, of Farrell, Mercer County, died Tuesday, July 5, 2005, in Olango City, Philippines.

He was born September 5, 1942, in Cross Creek Township, a son of Albert and Ada Ruth Logsdon McDaid.

Mr. McDaid attended Cross Creek Village School and graduated from Avella High School in June 1960.

He spent 30 years in the U.S. Navy on combined active and inactive time.

Surviving are a son, Albert Lewis of the state of California; a brother, Curtis McDaid of Washington; and many nieces and nephews.

A brother, Robert E. McDaid, is deceased.

Cremation services are being handled in the Philippines.

CHARLIE MISHIK

Charlie Mishik, 63, of 804½ Wheeling avenue, Cambridge, O., formerly of Canonsburg, died Monday, November 25, 1963, at 10:15 a.m. in Oakland Veterans Hospital, Pittsburgh, after a lengthy illness.

He was born at Carnegie November 25, 1900, a son of the late John and Agnes Yeager Mishik.

Mr. Mishik served approximately eight years during World Wars I and II. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 902, Houston, and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 28, of Cambridge, O.

July 2, 1955, he married Lucille Davidson Dodd, who survives as do one stepson, Jack Dodd, and four stepgrandchildren, of Larchmont, N. Y.

Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Calvin Bixby, of Strabane; one brother, John, of San Fernando, Calif., and several nieces and nephews in the Canonsburg area.

Two brothers and two sisters are deceased.

OS

MRS. J. AUBREY GILLESPIE

Mrs. Grace Walker Gillespie, of 403 South Main Street, Burgettstown, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 1963, at 10:50 p.m. at her home.

She was born Nov. 2, 1902, in Jefferson Township, a daughter of W. Scott and Margaret Walker.

Surviving are her husband, J. Aubrey Gillespie; three sisters, Mrs. W. Guy Anderson, Eldersville; Mrs. Hazel Linder, New York City, and Mrs. R.L. Grooms, Ashland, Ky., and two brothers, Charles J. and Lyle S. Walker, both of Burgettstown R.D.2. One brother, J.G. Walker, is deceased.

BE

LaVERNE SPRAGG

LaVerne Spragg, 50, of 2240 Jefferson avenue, Washington, was dead on arrival at Washington Hospital Monday, Nov. 25, 1963 at 5:20 p. m. He had just reported to work and had a heart attack shortly after.

He was born in Claysville, Nov. 27, 1913, a son of Edward O. Spragg and the late Marcie Miller Spragg. He was employed as a millwright for the Continental Can No. 2 plant.

Mr. Spragg was a member of Zion United Brethren Church, Wolfdale Sportsmen's Club and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Nov. 7, 1934, he married Mildred Hewitt, of Claysville, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Shelva Jean, wife of Robert M. Coulter, Washington, R. D. 3 and his father, Edward O. Spragg.

CL

MABEL G. HAUGHT

Mrs. Mabel G. Haught, 74, of 307 North Main street, Houston, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Sunday, November 24, 1963, at 5:30 p.m. in Canonsburg Hospital.

She was born May 31, 1889, at Bunola, a daughter of the late Thomas and Della Neish Hamilton, and lived in the Canonsburg - Houston district all her life.

Mrs. Haught was a member of South Canonsburg Church and the Canonsburg WCTU.

Her husband, William L. Haught, died in 1953.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Virginia Rankin and Mrs. Jean Bodner, both of Canonsburg; Mrs. Helen Seibel, of Kinzua; Mrs. Gladys Baer and Mrs. June Truby, both of Washington; four sons, Harold, of Glendora, Calif.; Kenneth and Paul, both of Houston; and Delbert, of Westminster, Calif.; 22 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Annie Patton, of McKeesport.

One son, Hamilton, is deceased.

OS

EDITH D. BLAYNEY

Edith D. Blayney, 90, of 104 Main street, Claysville, died in the Sylvia Barr Nursing Home Thursday, Nov. 21, at 11 p. m.

She was born April 17, 1873 in Donegal Township, at the old Dennison farm near Claysville, a daughter of Edwin H. and Selina Reed Dennison. Mrs. Blayney resided in the Claysville community during her entire life.

A widow of the late Lynn C. Blayney, she was a member of the Claysville Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two brothers, Harry C. Dennison, of Pittsburgh, and Edwin H. Dennison Jr., of Lakeland, Fla. Two brothers and a sister are deceased.

WA

WILLIAM E. WEBBER, JR.

William E. Webber, Jr., 69, of 144 Third street, McDonald, died Friday, November 22, 1963, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. He had been in ill health for several years.

Mr. Webber was a son of William E. and Sarah Lyke Webber and was born April 11, 1894, in Midway. He resided in McDonald since he was a young boy. He retired in 1956 after being employed as a carpenter for 45 years by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Goldie Kneppshield Webber; three children, William E. Webber III, of Third street, McDonald; Mrs. Frances Chappell, of Atlasburg, and John, of Third street, McDonald; six grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Barton, of Dormont, and two brothers, Tom, of California, and John, of Midway. RR

John C. Popp

Johnny Popp, 94, of Houston, a well-known union organizer and one-time president of United Mine Workers of America District 5, died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

Mr. Popp was born February 7, 1911, in Harrisburg, a son of immigrants from Austria-Hungary, John and Mary Popp. His father was a blacksmith, and the family moved several times following work among the coal miners of West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Asked where he was from, Mr. Popp would respond, "The coal fields!"

In 1937, Mr. Popp met Bessie Matilda Bataglia, the love of his life. He worked in the Westland mine with her father, while she was an employee of the company store. The couple met while she was striking for better wages, and remained together for 63 years. Mrs. Popp died March 9, 2000.

Mr. Popp was the last living member of his immediate family.

Mr. and Mrs. Popp raised a nephew, E. William Rossi of Houston, who was Mr. Popp's caregiver when he died. Mr. Popp last made his home with Mr. Rossi for the past five years, since the passing of his wife.

Surviving are four nephews, Frank and Arnold Ranegar and Lawrence and Jackie Wilsbach; a niece, Janet Eichelberger; and several nieces and nephews in Western Pennsylvania.

Deceased are two brothers, Frank and William Popp; and two sisters, Helen Ranegar and Ann Wilsbach. **MP**

Leona N. George

Midway woman retired from Marriott Corp. at airport

Leona N. George, 80, of McDonald, Primrose, died Tuesday, July 19, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

Born July 29, 1924, she was a daughter of George and Martha McGrogan Swerkle and stepdaughter of Thomas Giehl.

Mrs. George retired in 1993 after 30 years of service at Marriott Corp. (formerly Gladiaux) at Pittsburgh International Airport.

She was a member of Center United Presbyterian Church in Midway and was a local history enthusiast.

Her husband, Rocco George, is deceased.

Surviving are her daughter-in-law, Patty George of Midway; two grandchildren, William "Jook" George Jr. and wife Tammy of Midway and Dana George of Pittsburgh; and a great-grandson, William Jook George.

Deceased are a son, William T. "Jook" George, who died February 4, 1996; and two brothers, George Swerkle and Thomas Giehl.

Frank W. Wilbert Sr.

McDonald man was avid golfer and Local 154 boilermaker

Frank W. (Bill) Wilbert Sr., 76, of McDonald, died Thursday, July 14, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born January 15, 1929, in Washington, a son of Frank and Mildred Scott Wilbert.

His wife, Katherine A. Longstreth Wilbert, died in 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Wanda (Richard) O'Korn of Bridgeville and Kathy (Robert) Ross of Canonsburg; a son, Frank W. (Janet) Wilbert Jr. of McMurray; nine grandchildren, Robert, Jason and Brandon Ross, Brian and Douglas O'Korn and Alex, Eric, Katie and Andrew Wilbert; a great-grandchild, Dylan Ross; a brother, Robert Wilbert of McDonald; six sisters, Beverly Wilbert of Sturgeon, Mary Peterson of California state, Susan Conn of Georgetown, Donna Nolan of Washington, Elizabeth Delaney of Imperial and Mary Lou Leadbitter of Sturgeon.

He also leaves his friend and companion, Gladys Cook of Canonsburg.

Deceased are three sisters, Sandy Brown, Jean McPhail and Patricia Barton. **RR**

Joann L. Hixenbaugh Clutter

Member of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Eighty Four



Joann L. Hixenbaugh Clutter, 67, of Washington, died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born December 3, 1937, in Hendersonville, a daughter of George P. and Opal Gildow Hixenbaugh.

On June 12, 1955, in Eighty Four, she married William D. Clutter, who survives. Their children had given them a 50-year anniversary party at Citizens Library this past June 12.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Linda and husband Raymond Puskarich of Washington; two sons, Douglas and wife Kimberly Clutter of Washington and David and wife Sara Clutter of Sycamore; a brother, Wayne Hixenbaugh of Avella; a sister, Karen Belleville of Claysville; seven grandchildren, Shonda Paul, Traci and Jacob L. Puskarich, Christopher Clutter, Julie Mankey and Ronald and Ryan Kingan; a great-grandson, Mason Kingan; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a sister, Carol Salsbury. **OS**

Coroner: Crash victim died of chest, head injuries

A 24-year-old Canonsburg man killed in a one-vehicle accident early Tuesday died from chest and head injuries, according to a report from Washington County Coroner Tim Warco.

Steven Zaricki of Moore Avenue died at 4:15 a.m. Warco ruled the death accidental.

Zaricki was driving south on Route 980, about 200 yards north of the intersection with Route 50, when his vehicle veered into the north lane, went off a guardrail and over a hill. Zaricki was ejected and the vehicle landed upside down in a ravine.

Steven Zaricki

1999 Canon-McMillan graduate was union carpenter

Steven Zaricki, 24, of Canonsburg, died at 4:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

He was born January 28, 1981, in Washington, a son of Michael S. and Charlotte "Nootie" Bell Zaricki of Canonsburg.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a brother, Michael (Donna) Zaricki of Canonsburg; paternal grandmother, Eleanor "Dude" Zaricki of Canonsburg; and a nephew, Dominick Zaricki.

Deceased are paternal grandfather, Michael Zaricki; and maternal grandparents, Fred and Mary Ellen Hollenbach Bell. **OS**

James J. Patnesky

WWII veteran retired from Washington Steel

James J. Patnesky, 83, of McMurray, died Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

A Hickory High School graduate and Washington Steel Corp. retiree, Mr. Patnesky was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, receiving a Bronze Star.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 59 years, Frances M. Patnesky.

He was the loving father of Frances M. (Gerald) Serena of Houston, Texas, Mary Lou (Terry) O'Connell of Hopewell and James J. (Roberta) Patnesky Jr. of Allison Park; grandfather of Michael, Carolyn and Laura Serena, Christopher and Brian O'Connell and Sarah and Jimmy Patnesky; and brother of Andrew, Philip, Frances Dolence and Mary Ann Ferlic.

Deceased are siblings John, Joseph, Edward, Betty Orangio, Josephine Bedner and Irene Patnesky.

Gladys Mae Scott Snider

Retired from McDonald Pharmacy

Gladys Mae Scott Snider, 58, of McDonald, died Monday, July 18, 2005.

She was born September 21, 1946, in Canonsburg, a daughter of the late Archie D. and Susanna M. Thompson Scott.

Mrs. Snider worked as a clerk for McDonald Pharmacy for 18 years before retiring in 2001.

She attended Independent Bible Presbyterian Church in McDonald.

On December 30, 1966, she married Ralph Edward (Joe) Snider, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jodi Lynn Bertolotti of Bulger and Mary Jo Sziminski of Avella; a son, Jason Edward Snider of McDonald; two sisters, Virginia McGraw and Joy Smith, both of McDonald; six grandchildren, Rachel, Zachary, Logan and Cameron Bertolotti, Tiffanie Gaughan and Alyssa Sziminski; and two stepgrandchildren, Timothy and Stephanie Sziminski.

Deceased are four brothers, Robert, Archie, Gerald and James Scott; and three sisters, Mary Tucker, Laverne Pascoe and Marie Gresh. **RR**

Hilda Ilene Cauchie

Retired from Bureau of Employment Security

Hilda Ilene Cauchie, 82, of McDonald, died Thursday, July 21, 2005, in McDonald.

She was born July 5, 1923, in Midway, a daughter of Harry and Mary Campbell Felton.

Mrs. Cauchie was an unemployment compensation claims examiner at the Bureau of Employment Security in Washington, where she worked from December 1974 until she retired in 1989.

She was a member of AARP and Pennsylvania State Employee Retirees.

On June 6, 1945, she married Edward Nestor Cauchie, who died March 23, 1974.

Surviving are three daughters, Edy Rene Magel of Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., Melanie Ardyth Gerstel of Coraopolis and Bonnie Beth Robbins of McDonald; two sons, Thomas Edward Cauchie of McDonald and Timothy J. Cauchie of Pittsburgh; a sister, Vera Miller of Midway; three brothers, Kenneth Felton of Canonsburg, Thomas Felton of Corry and Ralph "Rass" Felton of Midway; four grandchildren, David Lee Hartzell, Meredith Anne Robbins, Alaina Christine Cauchie and Arienne Lee Cauchie; and a great-grandchild, Kacie Lee Hartzell.

A brother, Howard Felton, is deceased. **RR**

Dorothy L. McDowell

Retired St. Clair Hospital nurse
born in McDonald

Dorothy L. (Dottie) McDowell, 62, of Mt. Lebanon, died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, in her home.

She was born January 4, 1943, in McDonald, a daughter of the late William Murdoch and Cora J. Brackman McDowell.

Miss McDowell was a 1961 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and began work in the medical field as a nurse's aide. During her career, she worked as an aide, a licensed practical nurse and registered nurse and finally earned a bachelor's of science degree in nursing from the University of Pittsburgh. In January 2005, she retired from St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon, after many years of service.

Surviving are a sister, Loretta Mattaliano of Ellijay, Ga.; two brothers, Richard McDowell of Livonia, Mich., and James McDowell of Baroda, Mich.; nine nieces and nephews; and eight great-nieces and nephews. **RR**

Jason D. Dillie

Hairdresser was 1990 McGuffey
High School graduate



Jason D. Dillie, 32, of Washington, formerly of Claysville and Weirton, W.Va., died at 10:55 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2005, in Allegheny

General Hospital, Pittsburgh, from injuries received July 17, 2005, in an automobile accident in Imperial.

He was born August 21, 1972, in Wheeling, W.Va., a son of Roger Duane and Valorie Marcine Horr Dillie of Washington. He relocated to Washington in July 2004.

Mr. Dillie was a 1990 graduate of McGuffey High School and a 2000 graduate of Pittsburgh Beauty Academy.

Also surviving, in addition to his parents, are a son, Thaiddeas Dillie, and a daughter, Elijah Dillie, both of Weirton; a brother, Chad E., husband of Bobbi Jo Chytil Dillie, and a sister, Tina, wife of Dewey Richter, both of Washington; his maternal grandmother, Barbara Liebelt Napier of Sterling Heights, Mich.; a nephew, Jacob Downey; three nieces, Taryn Dillie and Brighton and Caidence Richter; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Deceased are his maternal grandfather, Virgil Horr; his paternal grandparents, Raymond and Evelyn Travis Dillie; and his mother's adoptive parents, Everett and Lydia King Mahoney.

CL

Louis Michael Sollon

Funeral director co-owned
Aeronational Inc.



Louis Michael Sollon, 61, of Washington, formerly of Canonsburg, died unexpectedly at home Monday, July 25, 2005, of an appar-

ent heart attack.

He was born December 3, 1943, in Canonsburg, a son of Louis N. and Bernice Bysick Sollon.

Mr. Sollon attended St. Genevieve grammar school, graduated from Canon-McMillan High School in 1961, attended Washington & Jefferson College and graduated from Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 1966.

On June 16, 1989, in Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, he married Arlene Carroll, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, J. David Sollon and Phillip B. Sollon, both of Canonsburg; several nieces and nephews.

His best friend was his dog, Walker.

A brother, Richard E. Sollon, died March 26, 2003. **OS**

Judith Ann Semple Clemens

Secretary for
area automobile dealers



Judith Ann Semple Clemens, 55, of Washington, died at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2005, in her residence.

She had been ill since May 2004.

She was born October 29, 1949, in Oil City, a daughter of Donald Wareham and Anna Bertha Klinko Semple.

Mrs. Clemens graduated from Trinity High School in 1967.

On December 16, 1972, she married Henry Clemens, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Scott (Tina) Clemens of Washington; a daughter, Michele Clemens (Mark) Walker of Washington; three brothers, Michael and Ronald Semple, both of Washington, and Theo Semple of Canonsburg; a sister, Cheryl Bauer of Washington; a brother-in-law, Raymond Clemens of Washington; a sister-in-law, Linda Clemens Chieffalo of Washington; two grandchildren, Sarah Walker and Scott Clemens; her stepfather, Dean Lazear of Washington; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and various relatives in Pittsburgh and Oil City. **NB**

Joyce Unangst Hancher

Jefferson Avenue U.M. Church
member, homemaker

Joyce Kindt Unangst Hancher, 86, of Claysville, Buffalo Township, died Saturday, July 30, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born November 1, 1918, in Martins Creek, a daughter of Arthur Oneida and Chrissy Weaver Kindt.

She was a member of Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church, Washington.

Mrs. Hancher was a homemaker and had been employed as office manager for Stanton Systems.

She was a member of Evening Star Chapter 187, O.E.S., Claysville, and enjoyed sewing and gardening.

On March 31, 1940, in Easton, she married Howard Unangst, who died November 16, 1970.

On April 22, 1978, in Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church, she married Howard Hancher, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Guy Unangst of Little Rock, Ark., and John Unangst of Claysville; a daughter, Gail (Charlie) Begley of Claysville; a brother, Charles Kindt of Easton; four grandchildren, Mark (Heather), Ryan (Ailene), Shay and Stephanie Begley; and two great-grandchildren, Kayla and Justin Begley.

She also leaves behind her caregiver and friend, Nancy Skiles.

Deceased, in addition to her first husband and parents, are five brothers, Fred, Artie, Clarence, Robert and James Kindt, and two sisters, Lorna Sabatine and Katherine Wammack. **CL**

William Lockhart Purdy

Retired crew leader for
O'Hommel from McDonald

William Lockhart "Locky" Purdy, 90, of McDonald, died Friday, July 29, 2005, in his home.

He was born August 21, 1914, in Midway, a son of Thomas and Veronica Lockhart Purdy.

Mr. Purdy was a 1934 graduate of McDonald High School.

He was a crew leader employed by O'Hommel in Heidelberg for 33 years before retiring in 1977.

On December 3, 1941, he married Vera Stokes, who died April 30, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Lee Farren of Plum Borough; a granddaughter, Shelley Cowan; and three great-grandchildren, Lindsay, Shane and Chelsea Cowan.

Deceased are four sisters, Agnes Irene Daniels, Irene Agnes Brockman, Florence Parkinson and Henrietta Lewis. **RR**

Harriett Mabel Briggs

First female elder
of Chartiers Crossroads church

Harriett Mabel Briggs, 91, of Washington, died Sunday, July 24, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born January 11, 1914, in Marianna, a daughter of Gayman and Mabel Cooper Shrontz.

Her husband of 67 years, D. Kenneth Briggs, died March 25, 2005.

Surviving are four sons, Kenneth Alvin (Mary Lou) Briggs of Houston, Dr. David Lawrence (Elaine) Briggs of Lincoln, Mass., and Lloyd Darcie (Wilma) Briggs and Hugh Rodney (Kathy) Briggs, both of Washington; a daughter, the Rev. Sandra (Martin) McCann, who is a missionary in Tanzania; three siblings, Jennie Davidson of Bladensburg, Ohio, Lorraine Rasel of Marianna and Alva (Myrna) Shrontz of Huntsville; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are four siblings, Sam Shrontz, Lena Pierce and Frances and Frank Shrontz.

It was Mrs. Briggs wish to have her body donated to Humanity Gifts Registry for research and educational purposes

Adda Elizabeth Wise

Christian Church member
enjoyed cooking, gardening



Adda Elizabeth Wise, 85, of Triadelphia, W.Va., formerly of Claysville, died Saturday, July 30, 2005, in the home of her

daughter, following a brief illness.

She was born August 31, 1919, in West Finley, a daughter of Samuel and Christina Trussell Pattison.

On January 15, 1938, she married John R. Wise, who died January 24, 2001.

Surviving are four sons, John D. (Ellen) Wise of Lake Elsinore, Calif., Robert F. (Becky) Wise of Washington, Tom (Terry) Wise of Redding, Calif., and Roy (Donna) Wise of Gun Powder, Md.; four daughters, Mae Kollar of Eighty Four, Eilene (Richard) Blake of Triadelphia, with whom she made her home, Beverly Vahaly of Bentleyville and Cindy (Don) Eckert of Cabot, Ariz.; a foster son, John (Nancy) Pattison of Claysville; a sister, Freda VanKirk of Washington; 25 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are five brothers, William, Albert, Ollie, Earl and Harry Pattison; two sisters, Rachael Bowman and May Taylor; two grandsons; and a granddaughter. **FL**

Lila A. Marquis

Greensboro resident

Lila A. (Polly) Marquis, 89, of Greensboro R.D.1, died at 10:10 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2005, at her home.

She was born August 12, 1915, in Glen Rock, a daughter of Willis B. and Rosa Kleindienst Rohrbaugh.

Mrs. Marquis was a 1933 graduate of Glen Rock High School, where she was valedictorian of her class.

She resided at Greensboro R.D.1 since 1980.

On December 5, 1936, she married LeRoy A. Marquis, who died February 24, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald L. Marquis and wife Bonnie of Phoenix, Ariz., and Gary L. Marquis and wife Peggy of Greensboro R.D.1; a daughter, Faye M. Ellwood of Odenton, Md.; six grandchildren, Mark Ellwood, Yvonne Nutter, Greg Ellwood, Jeff Marquis, Joseph Marquis and Laura Marquis; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Donald Rohrbaugh of New Freedom; a sister, Shirley Nelson of Red Lion; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a grandson, Robert Marquis; two brothers, William Rohrbaugh and Richard Rohrbaugh; and three sisters, Elsie Strasbaugh, Melva Humphrey and Helen Gantz.

Monongahela Hill Cemetery, Mapletown.

Anna Abigail Paxton Reed

Presbyterian missionary and teacher

Anna Abigail (Gail) Paxton Reed, 97, a retired Presbyterian missionary and teacher who lived in Zionsville, died July 10, 2005.

She was born October 16, 1907, on Plum Run Farm outside Houston, the sixth of seven children of George C. Paxton and Mary Ellen McNary. They owned a farm that raised prize-winning Holstein cattle and Merino sheep.

Mrs. Reed coaxed her parents into letting her begin school at age 5 and soon after set her heart on becoming a schoolteacher. She graduated from Hickory High School, where she played basketball.

In 1931, after completing her freshman year at Westminster College in New Wilmington, she married Dr. Glenn Paterson Reed, a United Presbyterian missionary (and longtime crush from her home church in Houston).

Surviving are four sons, John McNary Reed of Wixom, Mich., David Templeton Reed of Ambler, William Anderson Reed of Wixom and George Campbell Reed of Zionsville; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A Hickory man who was working as a painter in New Jersey died early Tuesday when his motorcycle ran off a highway and struck several trees.

Michael Aaron "Chilli" Cowden, 25, was pronounced dead at 12:25 a.m. in Jackson Township, N.J.

Jackson Patrolman Patrick Mackin, who investigated the accident, said Cowden had just passed a New Jersey transit bus on East Veterans Highway at a high speed. Witnesses said he failed to negotiate a curve and went off the highway, striking several trees.

A group of men from the company Cowden worked for were moving from a motel to a campground where they planned to stay when the accident occurred.

Alcohol was not a factor in the accident, police said.

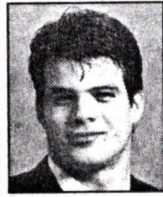
An autopsy showed that Cowden died of multiple injuries. He was wearing a motorcycle helmet which came off on impact, but, Mackin said, he had not suffered any head injuries.

Cowden had purchased the motorcycle July 29 but was not yet licensed to operate it.

Cowden was in New Jersey working as a water tower painter for World Wide Industries of Chesterland, Ohio. He graduated from Fort Cherry High School in 1999 and is survived by a son, his parents and stepmother and four siblings.

Michael Aaron Cowden

1999 Fort Cherry graduate



Michael Aaron "Chilli" Cowden, 25, of Hickory, died at 12:25 a.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2005, in Jackson Top, N.J., from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

He was born December 30, 1979, in Washington, a son of James Gregory Cowden of Hickory and Marci Jo Zinn of Houston.

Mr. Cowden graduated from Fort Cherry High School in 1999.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a son, Chase Anthony Pertile of Del Ray Beach, Fla.; his stepmother, Lori Cowden; three brothers, James Gregory Cowden Jr. of Hickory, Jeffrey Andrew Cowden, at home, and Harry Wilson Jr. of Midway; a sister, Haylee Zinn of Houston; his paternal grandparents, Allan (Dale) and Martha J. Cowden of Washington; his maternal grandparents, Sharon Amos of Hickory and Tom Daley of Westland; his maternal stepgrandmother, Kathleen McElhany of Titusville; a nephew, Jac Cowden; and a niece, Emilee Beth Cowden. **MP**

Sophie E. Stajduhar Malacky

Muse resident was biannual visitor to Disney World



Sophie E. Stajduhar Malacky, 79, of Muse, died at 1:35 p.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2005, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born October 8, 1925, in Muse, a daughter of George and Helen Kolar Stajduhar.

Mrs. Malacky attended Cecil High School and was a devoted housewife who in her early years worked for the Muse company store for 15 years.

On June 17, 1950, she married George E. Malacky, who died March 1, 2002.

Surviving are two sisters, Anne Barnes of McMurray, Catherine Gasper of Muse; five nieces and nephews who thought of her as mom, Rich Barnes, Jackie Irwin and Bob, John and Mary (Kaye) Gasper; and other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Matt Stydahar and John Stajduhar. **OS**

Robert E. Dupain

Weirton Steel retiree served in WWII



Robert Evan Dupain, 74, of Avella, died at 10:23 p.m. Monday, August 1, 2005, in his home.

He was born July 16, 1931, in Bradenville, son of George and Elizabeth Gentile Dupain.

Mr. Dupain was a member of VFW Post 567 of McDonald.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Dupain retired from Weirton (W.Va.) Steel in 1971.

Surviving are his devoted wife of 33 years, Paulette P. Bontempo Dupain; six sons, Robert Dupain and wife Yvonne of Washington, Gary Dupain of Avella, Paul and John Dupain, both of McDonald, John Bontempo of Hyattsville, Md., and Rob Tustin of Burgettstown; a daughter, Rhonda Dupain of Washington; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty Cook of McDonald; three brothers, Donald Dupain of Hickory and William and Ronald Dupain, both of Avella; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, is a brother, George L. Dupain. **WP**

Henry P. Georgetti Jr.

Avella man worked for Norfolk & Western RR



Henry Patrick Georgetti Jr., 86, of Avella died Sunday, July 31, 2005.

He was born October 1, 1918, in Louise, W.Va., a son of Henry Sr. and Antonia Zatta Georgetti.

On July 12, 1939, he married Susan Lukachko, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Priscilla "Sissy" (James) Griffith of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Georgia Hardy of Follansbee, W.Va.; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four sisters, Sylvia, Frances, Aggie and Mary (Marie); and two brothers, Eugene and Angelo.

For the past 37 years, he made his home with Betty Jean Mozingo.

Deceased are a brother, Albert Georgetti; and three sons, Henry Carl, Ronald Albert and Reginald Henry Georgetti.

Christine Leytrick

Homemaker was member of McDonald-Cecil Senior Citizens

Christine Leytrick, 87, of McDonald, died Tuesday, August 2, 2005.

She was born March 2, 1918, in Willow Grove Mine, Allegheny County, a daughter of Joseph and Theresa Marsalek Kujanik.

On May 5, 1936, she married Stephen J. Leytrick, who died May 24, 1995.

Surviving are a son, Raymond S. (Betty) Leytrick of McDonald; a brother, Joseph Kujanik of Gary, Ind.; four grandchildren, Connie Romero, Bridget Carroll and Carl R. and Thomas R. Leytrick; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Wilda Adella Sawhill

Artist worked for Sun Telegraph and Detroit Free Press

Wilda Adella Sawhill, 87, of McDonald, died Wednesday, August 3, 2005, in Country Meadows of South Hills, Bridgeville.

She was born April 7, 1918, in Midway, a daughter of Ralph B. and Estella Sleeth Sawhill.

Miss Sawhill was a graduate of Midway High School and Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

Surviving are a sister, Sarah I. Williamson of Midway; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a stepfather, Harry Gehrke; a brother, Thomas C. Sawhill; and a half brother, William Gehrke. **C**

Marion E. Small

Canonsburg U.P. Church member was homemaker

Marion E. Small, 92, of Canonsburg, died at 8:30 p.m. Friday, August 5, 2005, in Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington.

She was born November 27, 1912, in Tarentum, a daughter of Louis and Helen Weiss Stiller.

Mrs. Small was a member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church.

She was a homemaker.

On June 19, 1935, she married William D. Small, who died April 6, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Virginia Ann (Carl) Welch; a granddaughter, Lisa W. Welch; two great-grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers and three sisters. OS

Rose M. Taylor

Formerly of Cecil

Rose M. Taylor, 87, of Crofton, Md., formerly of Cecil, died Friday, August 5, 2005, in Heritage Harbour Health Center, Annapolis, Md.

She was born November 28, 1917, in Bishop, a daughter of Camillo and Beatrice Pelino Zaccarino.

Her husband, Joseph Taylor, died on January 5, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra K. Krezanosky of Crofton; three grandchildren, Susan Ann Johns, Amy Rose Hagemann, and Mark Joseph Krezanosky; three great-grandchildren, Christie Johns, Bradley Louis Hagemann and Matthew William Hagemann; two sisters, Christina Santucci of Corapolis and Louise Malenka of Mt. Lebanon; and a brother, Felix Zaccarino of Cecil.

Deceased are two sisters, Lucy L'Herbier and Marion Chabossal; and two brothers, Anthony and Joseph Zaccarino. V

Robert Y. Zoog

WWII vet was steelworker at U.S. Steel's Irwin Works

Robert Y. Zoog, 81, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Canonsburg, died Monday, August 8, 2005, in UPMC-Shadyside hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born October 13, 1923, in Canonsburg, a son of Louis F. and Maude Simpson Zoog.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Dolanch Zoog; a daughter, Roberta Stephanie Johnson and her husband, David of Miami, Fla.; a grandson, Bryce Goldberg; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Jerome Zoog and Richard Zoog; and a sister, Mable Cabbage.

Iona Kathleen Knapp

Survived by a loving family

Iona Kathleen Knapp, 54, of Polk, died Thursday, August 4, 2005, in Beverly Nursing Home, Meadville.

She was born October 21, 1950, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of William L. and Mary Elizabeth Robson Knapp.

Surviving are four sisters, June Rose Jack of Radcliff, Ky., Delores Alma Barlow of Pittsburgh, Mary and husband Wayne DiOrio of Carnegie and Juanita and husband August Gossett of Cecil; four brothers, William Franklin Knapp of Radcliff, James and wife Jackie Schmek of Marienville, Robert L. and wife Millie Knapp of Nederland, Texas, and John Henry Knapp of Carnegie.

Deceased are a sister, Betsy Chrislip; and two brothers, Charles James Schmek and Martin Curtis Knapp. RR

Elizabeth P. Edwards Baker

Taught in Chartiers and Plum Borough schools

Elizabeth P. Edwards Baker, 92, of Prosperity, formerly of the Houston-Canonsburg and Carmichaels areas, died Friday, August 12, 2005, in the home of her daughter after a brief illness.

She was born January 1, 1913, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Clarence H. Sr. and Mary Munce Paxton Edwards.

On November 9, 1946, she married Jerome C. Baker, who died July 4, 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Suzette E. and husband the Rev. Carl A. Sprowls of Prosperity; two granddaughters, Jean Berkebile and Jessica Leigh Berkebile; two nieces and three nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, R. Thomas Edwards and Clarence H. Edwards Jr.; and a sister, Mary Jeanetta (Jerry) Barnhill. OS

Judith Lynne Lauderback

Formerly of Burgettstown

Judith Lynne Lauderback, 57, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of Burgettstown, died Saturday, August 20, 2005, in Fort Lauderdale.

She was born January 11, 1948, in Indianapolis, Ind., a daughter of the late Edward Paul and Helen Seaman.

Mrs. Lauderback was a 1965 graduate of Union High School in Burgettstown.

Surviving is a son, Raymond Lauderback of Fort Lauderdale.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, is her husband, Ray Lauderback Sr., who died in 1997.

Edwin Long

Member of Teamsters Local 249

Edwin (Gene) Long, 87, of Southview, formerly of Cecil, died Monday, August 8, 2005, in his residence.

He was born April 17, 1918, in Cadiz, Ohio, a son of Howard and Roxie Long.

His wife, Helen Rogers Long, died May 21, 1987.

Surviving are three daughters, Barbara Andrews of Southview, Rose and her husband, Ronald Miller of Plum Borough and Helen Briggs of Bellview; a son, Chuck and his wife, Karen Long of Cecil; six grandchildren, Ronald Miller, Todd Andrews, Melanie Mott, Rachel Long, Jodi Baker and Chuck Long; four great-grandchildren, Samantha Miller, Nick Miller, Kevin Miller and Mikey Mott; three sisters, Ellen Wilson of Hopedale, Ohio, Evelyn Talpas of Winchester, Va., and Sally Medina of Green Forest, Ark.; and two brothers, Charles and Richard Long.

Deceased are a grandson, Jeff Miller; three sisters, Martha Zelenka, Myrtle Reis and Lois Fluet; and two brothers, William and Harold Long. V

Betty J. Ahrns

Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church member



Betty J. Ahrns, 81, of Avella, died Saturday, August 13, 2005, in Newport News, Va.

She was born September 27, 1923, in Claysville, a daughter of Arch J. Carson and Nellie J. Deyell Carson.

Mrs. Ahrns was a homemaker. She was Protestant and was a member of Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

On November 27, 1941, in Claysville, she married Henry Thomas Ahrns Sr., who died in 1994.

Surviving are four children, Henry Thomas Ahrns Jr. and wife Nancy of Washington, Constance N. Frameli and husband Don of Canonsburg, Barbra Ahrns Emerick of Washington and Marty Finch and husband Scott of Prosperity; nine grandchildren, Robert E. Hummell III and wife Shannon, Vicki Rifgon and husband Jeff, Christa and Jessica Mayer, Meghan Ahrns and Scotty, Aaron, Jamie and John Finch; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Roy, Arch and John Carson; and six sisters, Alice Fleming, Ruth Miller, Nellie Oldfield, Ethel Miller, Gerry Harsha and Fae Carson. MP

Vivian Gregory

Active church member, 35-year Kane Regional Hospital nurse

Vivian Gregory, 83, of McDonald, died Friday, August 12, 2005, in Kane Regional Center, Scott Township.

She was born November 23, 1921, in Deerfield, Fla., a daughter of Richard and Maggie Brinson Heath.

Her husband, William Gregory, died October 13, 2000.

Surviving are a sister, Evelyn Heath; two nephews, Richard Gregory of the state of California and Raymond Heath of Florida; four nieces, Cornelia Brown, Gloria Stone, Gwendolyn Heath and Sabrena Heath of Connecticut; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Deceased are a brother, Richard Heath; and a sister, Margaret Andrews. RR

Pauline Dragnett Banovich

Cross Creek homemaker

Pauline Dragnett Banovich, 91, of Cross Creek, died Monday, August 15, 2005, in Kindred Care Hospital, Oakdale.

She was born February 16, 1914, in Bavington, a daughter of Fabian and Barbara Dragnett.

Her husband, Adam Banovich, died in 1968.

Surviving are two sons, Paul Banovich of Brookfield, Ohio, and Daniel Banovich of Avella; three daughters, Elizabeth King of Leominster, Mass., Eleanor Wunderlick of Aliquippa and Mildred Pogonovich of Langeloth; a brother, John Dragnett of Washington; a sister, Eleanor DeSantis of Imperial; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, Fabian and Anthony Dragnett; and four sisters, Anna Pershine, Rose Smitsky, Mary Krynak and Katherine Evanitz. G

Lois B. Henderson

Quilter was switchboard operator during WWII

Lois B. Henderson, 80, of Waynesburg, died Saturday, August 6, 2005, in Hillsview Personal Care Home, Claysville.

She was born January 19, 1925, in Lone Pine, a daughter of Wray and Mary Elizabeth Grille Briggs.

On June 29, 1949, she married John Stephen (Steve) Henderson, with whom she happily resided and served as a homemaker until his death February 26, 1985.

Interment will follow in North Ten Mile Cemetery, Amity.

Perry W. Freshwater

*Steelworker served
in Korean War*

Perry W. Freshwater, 77, of McDonald, North Fayette Township, died Monday, August 8, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

He was born March 6, 1928, a son of Perry and Anna Mae Schmidt Freshwater.

His wife, Esther Mae Chester Freshwater, died January 18, 1973.

Surviving are a son, Perry (Shelly) Freshwater Jr. of Sturgeon; a daughter, Debra Black of Sturgeon; two grandchildren, Kelli and Kerri Freshwater; a great-grandson, Camden Harbert; and two sisters, Eleanor Bender of Burgettstown and Viola Diamond of Slovan.

Deceased are two sisters, Bertha Ward and Helen DeBaker.

RR

Tirzah H. McCarrell

Member of Hickory UP Church

Tirzah H. McCarrell, 90, of Hickory, died Thursday, August 18, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born October 2, 1914, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Henry W. and Elizabeth Garret Hughes.

Mrs. McCarrell was a graduate of Ingram High School, Pittsburgh, and Washington Seminary.

On August 21, 1940, she married Dr. John K. McCarrell, who died August 28, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary E. Nunn of Charleston, W.Va., and Sally Fackelman and husband John of Sapello, N.M.; three grandchildren, Elizabeth and Janice Nunn and Judy Shiflett; and five great-grandchildren, Bryce, Ryan, Morgan and Shannon Shiflett and Zackery Harris.

MP

Lewis Mader

*WWII veteran retired from
St. Joe Lead Co., Monaca*

Lewis Mader, 87, of Langeloth, died Monday, August 22, 2005, in Life Care Center of North Glendale, Glendale, Ariz.

He was born April 5, 1918, in Slovan, a son of Charles A. and Emma Mader.

Mr. Mader served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II as a radio communicator stationed in Australia and New Guinea and was retired from St. Joe Lead Co., Monaca. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates fan.

Surviving are three daughters, Rosalind Good, Tina Clawson and Lori Merlak, all of Arizona; two sons, Gary Mader of Langeloth and Lenny Mader of Pittsburgh; 10 grandchildren, Maureen Elizabeth Weimar, Erica Louise Good, David Denton Good, Cassie Marie Mader, Gary Andrew Mader, Patrick Joseph Clawson, Stephine Lynn Clawson, Madeline Mary Mader, Alina Leone Merlak and Benjamin Lewis Merlak; a great-grandson; a sister, Hazel Coufman of Hickory; and a brother, Joseph Bartony of New York.

Deceased are his wife, Mary Smigelski Mader; and several brothers and sisters.

MP

Melbourne R. Johnston

*54-year member of McDonald
Volunteer Fire Dept.*

Melbourne R. Johnston, 82, of McDonald, died Sunday, August 21, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born November 29, 1922, in McDonald, a son of Joseph T. and Henrietta Johnston Fox.

For 13 years, Mr. Johnston worked in the maintenance department of Mellon Bank, Burgettstown, retiring in 1985. Prior to that, he worked at Johnston Distributing in McDonald for 27 years.

On September 5, 1953, he married Marie Petel, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Charlene (Rich) Kalan of Cecil; two brothers, Thomas J. Fox of McKeesport and Vernon "Puggy" Fox of Glendale; two granddaughters, Chantel Leigh Goldstrohm and Stacey Marie Kalan; and three great-grandchildren, Alec, Brent and Kaylin.

Additional information was received for the obituary of Lewis Mader, published Wednesday. His biological parents were Joseph and Rosalie Bratonja.

Deceased are his biological brothers and sisters, Josephine Perko, Rudy Barton, Mildred Bovee and Mary Bratonja; four foster brothers, Chuck, Ben, Dave and Walter Mader; and a foster sister, Violet Diamond.

A surviving granddaughter should have been listed as Stephanie Clawson, and a biological brother should have been listed as Joseph Bratony.

Paul Edwin Wolfe Jr.

*Universal Cyclops retiree
from McDonald*

Paul Edwin Wolfe Jr., 77, of McDonald, died Thursday, August 18, 2005, in Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington.

He was born February 8, 1928, in Bridgeville, a son of Paul W. and Ruth Crowe Wolfe.

Surviving are two daughters, Patty Carroll of McDonald and Arlene Wolfe of Oakdale; two sons, Henry Wolfe of McDonald and Paul Wolfe of Oakdale; a sister, Pearl McCartney of Oakdale; two brothers, Raymond Wolfe of Oakdale and James Wolfe of Noblestown; seven grandchildren, Paul and Clinton Wolfe, Kimberly Tournay, Timothy Carroll, Shelby and Kelly Duratz and Henry Wolfe Jr.; and five great-grandchildren, Brandon, Tyler, Kaylee, Zachary and Ally.

Deceased are a brother, John Wolfe; and a sister, Ruth Liggitt.

RR

John L. Baker

*Retired mechanic
for Budd Baer, Washington*

John L. Baker, 65, of West Middletown, died Tuesday, August 16, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born August 29, 1939, in Belpre, Ohio, a son of Luther and Gretha Rudy Baker.

On June 8, 1962, he married M. Joann Kelley, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jacqueline Williams and husband Arthur of Pittsburgh; a son, John L. Baker II and wife Glory of Houston; three grandchildren, Andrew and Brandon Baker and Sydney Williams; a sister, Patsy Anderson of Stockton, Calif.; and three stepbrothers, Robert Fowlkes of Strabane, William Baker of Burgettstown and Harry Reed of the state of California.

WM

Richard F. Minda

*Windsor Coal Co. retiree
was active UMWA member*



Richard Frank Minda, 67, of Avella, died at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, August 25, 2005, in Canonsburg General

Hospital.

He was born November 3, 1937, in Washington, a son of George and Elizabeth Tober Minda.

He was employed by Windsor Coal Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1999.

On September 15, 1956, he married Joan M. Starinsky Minda, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Doreen Taylor of Prosperity and Sharla and husband Mitchell McMillan of Rogersville; a son, George and wife Jacalyn Minda of Chicago, Ill.; eight grandchildren, T.J. Taylor, Ricky and Jillian Minda, Joey Jones Minda, Jimmy Jones Minda and Lacey, Kacey and Macy McMillan; a great-grandchild, Joey; and a sister, Mrs. Nicholas Sue "Sis" Babyak of Hicksville, N.Y.

Additional information was received for the obituary of C. Jean DeGrave, published Thursday. Also deceased is a sister, Sandra Larue.

C. Jean DeGrave

*Past matron of Chartiers
Eastern Star*

C. Jean DeGrave, 66, of Washington, died Wednesday, August 24, 2005.

She was born August 27, 1938, in Atlasburg, a daughter of Lillian Weaver McGinnis of Washington and the late Samuel McGinnis.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are a daughter, Adele "Duffy" and husband Donald Steere of Washington; a son, Frank and wife Christine DeGrave of McDonald; three grandchildren, Shaun and Michael DeGrave and Ryan Steere; two sisters, Shirley and husband Mark Chauvet of McDonald and Patricia McGinnis of Washington; and many nieces and nephews.

V

Alex Salansky

*U.S. Army Air Forces vet
was Universal Cyclops retiree*

Alex Salansky, 88, of McDonald, died Friday, August 26, 2005, in Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington.

He was born July 26, 1917, in Canonsburg, a son of John and Sophia Salansky.

Mr. Salansky was a farmer and was employed by Universal Cyclops Steel Co., Bridgeville, until his retirement.

Mr. Salansky was married to Irene (Mary) Salansky who died August 23, 2002.

He had seven brothers and six sisters, five of whom survive, Paul, Theodore, Peter, Eva Cheridan and Lillian Blaskovich.

Also surviving are three sons, Paul A. Salansky (Janice) of Coal Center, Michael J. Collingwood (Lorraine) of Canonsburg and David H. Collingwood (Shirley) of Sellersville; a daughter, Rosemarie A. Collingwood-Cole (Kenneth) of South Orange, N.J.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Timothy L. Boyer Sr.

*McDonald man employed
at Sam's Club, Robinson Twp.*

Timothy L. Boyer Sr., 34, of McDonald, died Tuesday, August 23, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born July 17, 1971, in Washington, a son of Larry Kane of Bavington and Linda Boyer Toward of McDonald.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a daughter, Ashley Pratt of Oakdale; two sons, Harley Boyer of Florida and Timothy Boyer Jr. of McDonald; a sister, Shawnee Boyer of McDonald; and his former wife, Laura Pratt Boyer.

His companion was Sherry Craft of McDonald.

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Gertrude Sawhill Kendall Motte

Candor LPN was musician

Gertrude Sawhill Kendall Motte, 87, of Candor, died Thursday, September 1, 2005, in Sturgeon in the home of her daughter.

She was born February 1, 1918, in McDonald, a daughter of Frank and Bertha Close Sawhill.

Her husbands, Harry Kendall and Johnny Motte, are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Gaye Rupnik of McDonald and Linda Bushmire of Sturgeon; a son, Herky Kendall of Candor; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Donald Montgomery of DuBois.

Deceased are four brothers and six sisters. RR

Julia A. Chappel

Cherry Valley resident born in Poland

Julia A. Chappel, 97, of Cherry Valley, died Friday, September 2, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born December 27, 1907, in Poland, a daughter of Roman and Antonina Gnat Mayer.

Her husband, August Chappel, died in 1954.

Surviving are two sisters, Helen Brooks and Betty Gobleck, both of Cherry Valley; a grandson, Raymond M. Chappel Jr. of Hackettstown, N.J.; two great-grandchildren; and two nieces, Jean Scruppi of Cherry Valley and Shirley Diamond of Virginia.

Deceased are a son, Raymond M. Chappel Sr. and wife Mary; a brother, Joseph Mayer; and a sister, Mary Hellmann. MP

Timmy Lee Loughry

Avella man worked at Home Depot, Lowe's



Timmy Lee Loughry, 37, of Avella, died unexpectedly at 11:39 a.m. Friday, September 2, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital emergency room.

He was born April 27, 1968, in Washington, a son of Robert Lee and Sharon McMillan Loughry of Avella.

Mr. Loughry was a graduate of Avella High School and had a degree in mechanical drafting.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are two brothers, Dwayne Loughry of Claysville and Randy Loughry of Avella; four nephews, Robert, Nicholas, Cayce and Cole Loughry; and a niece, Cayla Loughry.

A sister, Deborah Lynn Loughry, is deceased. WM

Patrick J. Engel

Houston man was avid outdoorsman



Patrick J. Engel, 27, of Houston, died Monday, August 29, 2005.

He was born June 25, 1978, in Washington, a son

of Wanda Mull Balukas of Pittsburgh and Jeffrey Engel of Houston.

Mr. Engel was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing and followed professional football.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his stepmother, Betty Engel; his wife, O'Rion Coleman of Houston; a daughter, Aria Engel; a son, Jordan I. Engel; paternal grandparents, Shirley and Jack Engel of Cecil Township; maternal grandparents, Ann and Dave Mull of Cecil Township, and Anna Dunkle of Rockwood; three sisters, Rebecca Blevins of Rockwood, Billy Jo May of Rockwood and Cynthia Kinzey of Ohio; and three brothers, Benjamin Engel of Houston and Michael and Matthew Tharp, both of Cecil Township.

James Leonard Jackson Sr.

Washington native

James Leonard Jackson Sr., 70, of Washington, died Thursday, September 1, 2005, in Kade Nursing Home, Washington, after a lengthy illness.

He was born April 23, 1935, in Washington, a son of Wayne and Ruth Henderson Jackson.

Mr. Jackson was employed for 15 years at Hazel-Atlas 2 and for 11 years at Spang Industries (Fort Bridge Works.) He then worked at Tri-State Engineering and for the Canton Township road department. He moved on to Canonsburg Metal for 10 years. He retired from Village Management in Cleveland, Ohio, after working there 11 years.

He attended Washington High School.

On July 9, 1954, he married Rose Marie Fritz, who survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Phyllis Sue Wood, of Aurora, Ohio; two brothers, Eugene and Randy Jackson, both of Washington; two sisters, Patty Wise of Taylorstown and Peggy Naser of Washington; three grandchildren, James Robert and Nicole Jackson and Edward Piatt; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sons, Carl William Jackson and James L. Jackson Jr.; a brother, Terry Jackson; and a sister, Nancy Napolitan. NB

Martha Ellen Marriner Crumrine

Martha Crumrine, 90, of Friendship Village, Upper St. Clair, formerly of Washington, died Thursday, August 25, 2005.

She was born February 9, 1915, a daughter of Rufus Scott and Jean Drummond Marriner of Washington.

She graduated from Washington Seminary and the Institute of Musical Art of Juilliard School of Music, New York City.

Surviving are her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth M. Crumrine of Washington; two grandsons, William B. Crumrine of Washington and McCarrell A. Crumrine of the state of California; three great-grandchildren, William, Madeleine and Seon Elizabeth; two nephews, Stephen and Scott Marriner; and a niece, Lester Lee Scotton.

Deceased are a son, Clarence A. Crumrine Jr.; a sister, Alice Rebecca Marriner; and a brother, Stephen D. Marriner Sr.

George Lucas

Coal miner also worked for Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel



George Lucas, 88, of Avella, died at 6:45 p.m. Monday, August 29, 2005, in his home.

He was born February 3, 1917, in Flint, Mich., a son of John (Luckus) and Elizabeth Benca Lucas.

On April 30, 1942, he married Ann Takah, who died March 29, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Cynthia Barney of Washington; two sons, George Lucas of Burgettstown and David Lucas of Round Rock, Texas; six grandchildren; a brother, Dr. Michael Lucas of Ambridge; and a sister, Ann Cecchini of Avella.

Deceased, in addition to his wife and parents, are a brother, John Lucas, and a sister, Mary Havko. CC

Buckley D. Murdock

Trained horses at The Meadows

Buckley D. "Monk" Murdock, 58, of Washington, died Sunday, October 2, 2005.

Mr. Murdock devoted his time to training horses at The Meadows.

He was the beloved husband of Barbara Wolf Murdock and loving father of Kelley and Bethie Murdock. He also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a brother of the late Robert, William, Brian and Barbara Murdock. WF

Sheila June Cass

Formerly of Washington



Sheila June Cass, 40, of Wellsburg, W.Va., formerly of Washington, died Monday, August 29, 2005.

She was born November 24, 1964, in Redding, Calif., a daughter of Albert Russell of Washington and the late Frances Zediker Russell.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed camping, music and shopping.

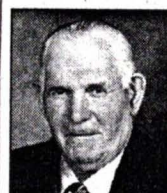
On August 11, 1980, in Meadow Lands, she married Joseph S. Cass, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Darren D. of Avella and Brandon J. and Johnathan S., both of Johnstown; five daughters, Jessica M. Hanna of West Virginia, Michelle L. and Patricia R. Vicheck, both of Avella, and Rebecca K. and Kayla A. Cass, both of Johnstown; two brothers, Roger D. Russell of Connecticut and Albert L. Russell of Avella; a sister, Renee S. Russell of Washington; a grandson, Brennan J. Viziak; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a son, Joseph S. Cass II. NB

Howard Paul Bissett Sr.

Member of Chartiers Crossroads Presbyterian Church



Howard Paul Bissett Sr., 83, of Hickory, died Tuesday, August 30, 2005, in his home.

He was born November 1, 1921, in Amity, a son of Joseph V. Rea and Roxanna Briggs.

Mr. Bissett was a self-employed farmer. He was a member of Chartiers Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Washington.

On November 27, 1940, he married Nellie Jane Brown, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Howard Paul Bissett Jr. (Sally) of Houston and Robert Rea Bissett (Diana) and Edward Charles Bissett (Rita), both of Hickory; a daughter, Jane Elizabeth Lucas (Rich) of Hickory; a son-in-law, William Ullom (Betty); two sisters, Margaret Rea Schofield of Hickory and Stella Rea-Evans of Houston; 11 grandchildren, William Ullom (Sandy), Theodore Ullom (Debra), Sheila Bissett Hackinson (Art), Janet Bissett Hamilton (Lee), Dr. Jeffrey Paul Bissett (Marjorie), Leslie Allison Bissett, Robert Ullom (Ann), Andrew Ullom (Gina), Cody Dale Wood, Carmen Jane Lucas and Sara Ann Wood; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Lois Mae Bissett Ullom, and a sister, Emma Bissett Arrigo. MP

Emmett Eugene Carter

Port Authority retiree was active in church, community

Emmett Eugene Carter, 84, of Burgettstown, died Friday, September 2, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born February 17, 1921, in McDonald, a son of Sterling and Mary Parker Carter.

Mr. Carter was a graduate of McDonald High School and attended Northwestern University where he took classes in management and Hampton University taking classes in mechanics.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, honorably discharged December 1, 1945 as a machinist mate first class.

In 1943, he married Mildred Singleton, who died in 1986.

On June 17, 1989, he married Mildred Carr, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are six daughters, Elaine Brown of Nevillewood, Jacqueline Timmerman and husband Wade of McDonald, Linda Gallon of Kansas City, Mo., Patricia Thompson and husband David of Lee Summit, Mo., Lori Burke of Woodbridge, Va., and Melanie Carter of Oakdale; a son, Joseph Reginald Carr and wife Carol of Alexandria, Va.; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four sisters, Grace Thornton and husband Jeremiah of McDonald, Velma Martin of Washington, Mabel Harris of Pittsburgh and Nancy Watson of Washington, D.C.; a sister-in-law, Hazel Lewis of Washington; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Deceased are two sisters, Alice Fletcher and Susie Hall; a brother, Sterling Carter Jr.; and mothers-in-law, Blanche Lewis and Mabel Thornhill. **RR**

Cheryl A. Strope

Office manager of Strobe's Speed Shop

Cheryl A. Strope, 57, of Avella, died unexpectedly at 12:37 p.m. Friday, September 16, 2005, in the Washington Hospital emergency room.

She was born May 11, 1948, in Washington, a daughter of Dorothy Brownlee Andrews of Washington and the late Lyndon "Dutch" Andrews.

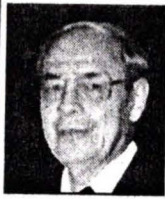
Mrs. Strope was a 1966 graduate of Avella High School and attended Penn Commercial College for one year.

On July 24, 1971, she married William M. (Bill) Strope Sr. who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William M. Strope Jr. and Aaron H. Strope, both at home; and a sister, Linda Andrews Daney of Independence, Mo. **I**

Francis J. Buckley Jr.

Canonsburg insurance agent



Francis J. Buckley Jr., 68, of Canonsburg, died Friday, September 2, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born February 2, 1937, in Canonsburg, a son of Francis J. Sr. and Elizabeth J. McCready Buckley.

Mr. Buckley was a self-employed insurance agent in Canonsburg for many years.

He was a 1955 graduate of Canonsburg High School and a 1959 graduate of Notre Dame University with a business administration degree.

On November 28, 1959, he married Penny Gibson, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Susan Budd and husband Matt of St. Louis, Mo., and Elizabeth Vernau of Houston; a son, Francis (Jay) Buckley III and wife Elizabeth of Cecil Township; seven grandchildren, Michael and Lauren Budd, Stephanie, Kellie and Andrew Vernau and Colleen and Daniel Buckley; a brother, David Buckley of Houston; and a sister, Jayne Guthrie of Bethel Park. **WF**

Walter Linsey Kelley

J&L Steel retiree was WWII Corps of Engineers veteran



Walter Linsey Kelley, 85, of Washington, died at 2:57 a.m. Wednesday, September 14, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington, following a lengthy illness.

He was born October 27, 1919, in Wolfdale, a son of James and Mabel Roup Kelley.

During World War II, Mr. Kelley served in the Army Corps of Engineers in Asia, South Pacific, India and Burma. He was awarded the American Theater Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal with one bronze service star.

He worked as an engineer at J&L Steel in Aliquippa for 33 years.

He attended Friendship Community Church and as a child attended Allison Avenue Baptist Church.

On October 27, 1945, he married Mildred Merritt, who survives.

Also surviving are five brothers, James Everette, Thomas E., Samuel Charles, John R. and Dave H. Kelley, all of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, George W. and Edward M. Kelley. **NB**

John C. Baron

WWII veteran was a computer specialist

John C. Baron, 93, formerly of McDonald, died Tuesday, August 30, 2005, in Presbyterian Medical Center, Washington.

He was born February 20, 1912, in Terre Haute, Ind., a son of Walter and Johanna Stankiewicz Baron.

Mr. Baron served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a computer specialist employed by L.B. Foster Co., Green Tree, for 17 years, retiring in 1962.

On November 28, 1935, he married Germaine (Gerry) Chamburedon, who died October 19, 1998.

Surviving are a nephew, Ed Sawhill of Bethel Park.

Deceased are a brother, Anthony Baron; and a sister, Sally Sawhill. **RR**

Nelson M. Gardiner

Vietnam veteran born in McDonald

Nelson M. Gardiner, 59, of Hyattsville, Md., died Saturday, September 10, 2005, at home.

He was born May 26, 1946, in McDonald, a son of Joseph and Lydia Mae Nevergall Gardiner.

Mr. Gardiner was a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the American Legion.

Surviving are a son, Chris Gardiner of Hookstown; a daughter, Kim Bianchi of McDonald, Mt. Pleasant Township; two sisters, Edna Stevenson of Bridgeville and Betty Tournay of McDonald; a brother, Joe Gardiner of Bridgeville; and three grandchildren, Derek and Katey Gardiner and Kristina Bianchi. **RR**

Ronald D. Buchanan

Former mayor of West Middletown

Ronald D. Buchanan, 66, of West Middletown, died Friday September 9, 2005, in Kade Nursing Home of Washington.

He was born August 1, 1939, in West Middletown, a son of Chester Lee and Mildred E. Hall Buchanan.

He was employed by Keystone Blind Association at the Interstate 79 South Bridgeville rest stop.

Surviving are a brother, James A. Buchanan of West Middletown; three sisters, Dorothy E. Lestini of Avella, Mrs. Paul (Geraldine) Roberts of West Middletown and Mrs. Clinton (Hazel) Carroll of Buffalo; and many nieces and nephews.

A brother, Robert Lee Buchanan, is deceased. **WM**

Frederick K. Smittle

Army veteran operated television service

Frederick K. (Fred) Smittle, 66, of Scenery Hill, died Tuesday, September 13, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born January 24, 1939, in Canonsburg, a son of William and Wanda Elewski Smittle.

Mr. Smittle operated FKS TV Service in Washington until 1991.

He served in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne.

Mr. Smittle was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 191 of Canonsburg, Independent Club of Canonsburg, Italian Club of Canonsburg and Scenery Hill, White Eagles and Lithuanian Club, both of Canonsburg, Independent Club of Bentleyville and the SNPJ of Strabane.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra Terpin Smittle; a son, Christopher D. Smittle of Scenery Hill; and a brother, Gene and wife Doreen Smittle of Canonsburg. **NA**

Naomi R. Golden

Burgettstown resident

Naomi R. Golden, 75, of Burgettstown, died Friday, September 9, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born August 25, 1930, in Salem, W.Va., a daughter of Ocie and Viola Hyde Davis.

On July 12, 1985, she married James Allen Golden, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, James Allen Golden Jr. of Florence and Dan and Erick Golden, both of Burgettstown; a daughter, Laura Corsi of Steubenville; four grandchildren, James Peter, Christina and Jenna Golden and Justin Corsi; two great-grandchildren, Jonathan and Nathan Golden; and a brother, Larry Davis of Salem.

Deceased are a sister and four brothers.

Anthony Alvarez

Weirton country club greenskeeper from Langeloth

Anthony (Tony) Alvarez, 86, of Langeloth, died Monday, September 12, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born April 19, 1919, in Springfield, Ill., a son of Fernando and Delfina Alvarez.

Surviving are two sons, Barry of Wisconsin and Tony Mark Alvarez of Langeloth; four grandchildren, Chad and Candace Alvarez, Stacy Delzer and Dawn Ferguson; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Hendry Alvarez of Langeloth; and three sisters, Maria, Fina and Lucinda, all of Ranon Asturias, Spain.

Deceased are two brothers, Lloyd and Manuel Alvarez. **G**

Mary Louise Harper

Member of Houston
Methodist Church



Mary Louise Harper, 82, of Canonsburg, died at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, September 7, 2005, in McMurray Hills Manor, McMurray.

She was born August 8, 1923, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Ben L. and Stella Davis Davis.

On August 12, 1947, she married Robert C. Harper, who survives. They celebrated 58 years of marriage.

Also surviving are five daughters, Sherry Frye of Westland, Nancy (Larry) Taylor of Canonsburg, Roberta (David) Gostic of Westland, Linda Staley of Washington and Mary (Arthur) Mohler of Washington; four grandsons, Robert and Alexander Mohler and David Jr. and Robert Gostic; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Ethel Lamont; a stepsister, Jean Worstell; and a brother, Harry Bell. **FL**

Linda Welch Calhoun

Shop steward
for Panhandle Food Sales

Linda Welch Calhoun, 61, of Sloan, died Friday, September 9, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born August 27, 1944, in Steubenville, Ohio, a daughter of the late C. Rose Letzelter Matta.

Surviving are her husband, Richard C. Calhoun; a son, Richard J. (Valerie) Calhoun of Burlson, Texas; and a daughter, Tammy (Patrick) Bashoum of Atlasburg. She was the beloved grandmother of Logan, Walker and Patrick C. Calhoun. Also surviving are two sisters, Laraine Hicks of New Brighton and Sandra M. White of Pittsburgh.

Roy Arthur McCullough

Committed to Mason work



Roy Arthur McCullough, 77, of Washington, died unexpectedly at 6:45 a.m. Monday, September 12, 2005, in his home.

He was born February 6, 1928, in Waynesburg, a son of James Taylor and Norma Baker McCullough.

On August 16, 1958, he married Sara Jane Litle, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, James W. McCullough and John A. McCullough, both of Washington; and a sister, Grace (George) Barnes of Florida. **W**

Mildred Emler Underwood

Oldest member
of Cross Creek UP Church

Mildred Emler Underwood, 92, of Cross Creek, died Monday, September 12, 2005, in her home.

She was born January 8, 1913, in McDonald, a daughter of James and Margaret Green Emler.

Mrs. Underwood was a graduate of Union High School in Burgettstown.

For more than 80 years, she was a member of Cross Creek United Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown, making her the oldest member. She was a former elder, missionary and member of its ladies aide group.

Mrs. Underwood was politically active, working polls and rallies for the Democratic party.

On October 31, 1936, she married David Underwood, who died December 1, 2001.

Surviving are a son, Donald Underwood of Cross Creek; two daughters, Dianne Kanitra and husband Edmund of Hopewell and Dorie Mallas and husband Lawrence of Mingo Junction, Ohio; four granddaughters, Leah Hall and husband Jeremy, Janis and Kira Kanitra and Margeaux Mallas; a cousin, Dorothy Shinn of Salem, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. **CC**

John Lee Allen, 71, of Eldersville Road, Eldersville, died between 12:30 p.m. and 4:10 p.m. after the lawn tractor he was riding rolled over and trapped him underneath. Warco said the cause of death was chest compression. **↑**

John L. Allen

Starvaggi Industries retired
equipment operator

John L. (Jack) Allen, 71, of Burgettstown, died Tuesday, September 6, 2005, in his home.

He was born March 28, 1934, in Shintown, a son of Earl and Maggie Meredith Allen.

Mr. Allen was a retired equipment operator for Starvaggi Industries.

He was Protestant.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Mae Gallo Allen; two sons, Brian Allen and wife Lori of Weirton, W.Va., and Steve Allen and wife Meredith of Weirton; two brothers, Donald Allen and wife Geri of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Wesley Allen and wife Bernice of Wellsburg, W.Va.; six sisters, Mabel Baker of Lake Ozark, Mich., Esther Hurst of New Cumberland, W.Va., Dorothy Williams and husband Bob of Que-mado, N.M., Marjorie Leppar of Weirton, Mary Lou Tanis of Follansbee, W.Va., and Joanne Cook of Colliers, W.Va.; and five grandsons.

Deceased are a brother, William Earl Allen; and three sisters, Pearl Price, Barbara Wolfe and Jean Socha. **BF**

Margaret Hunter, 68, of Mulberry Hill Road, Washington, was driving on Route 519 in North Strabane Township at 9:07 a.m. when her car and an oncoming truck collided. She died of multiple injuries, Warco said. **↑**

Margaret Elizabeth Hunter

Nursing instructor
at Washington Hospital



Margaret Elizabeth Hunter (Betty) Hunter, 68, of Washington, died Tuesday, September 6, 2005, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

She was born April 2, 1937, in Prosperity, a daughter of Marion and Margaret Inghram McClain.

Mrs. Hunter attended Morris Township schools and was a 1955 graduate of Trinity High School.

On November 21, 1970, she married Samuel Joseph Hunter, who died September 25, 1996.

Surviving are cousins Charles Inghram of Fort Collins, Colo., Janice Inghram Morris of Rogers, Ark., Jean McClain Gieb, Marion Earl McClain and James McClain, all of Cordova, Md., Geraldine Pattison and Shirley Plants, both of Claysville, Phyllis Whitey of Florida and Nora Mansfield of Washington. **WA**

Angela Bucci

Houston Bar and Grill owner
was nurse's aide



Angela Bucci, 87, of Houston, died Wednesday, September 7, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born September 1, 1918, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Vincenzo and Giacomina Falcocchio.

Mrs. Bucci was a 1937 graduate of Canonsburg High School.

On April 19, 1938, in Canonsburg, she married Thomas Bucci, who is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas S. Bucci of Clearwater Beach, Fla., and James Bucci of Eighty Four and daughter-in-law Erla; two daughters, Janet Setto of Canonsburg and son-in-law Paul and Carole Mancuso of Washington and son-in-law John; four sisters, Cecilia Cornell of Canonsburg, Lucy D'Amico of Cleveland, Ohio, Quinda Paris of Canonsburg and Elizabeth Bernardi of McDonald; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a daughter, Deanna McCracken; two brothers, Attilio and James Falcocchio; and two sisters, Elizabeth who died in infancy, and Rita Horstman. **OS**

Forrest B. Clarke

Longtime farmer, North Buffalo
Presbyterian Church member



Forrest B. Clarke, 88, of Claysville, died Friday, September 9, 2005, in Humbert Lane Rehab after a two-month illness.

He was born May 19, 1917, in Washington, a son of John W. and Olive Eckles Clarke.

On May 18, 1944, he married Elsie Dinsmore, who died in 1969.

On July 16, 1971, he married Dorothy Kenimond Pettit, who survives.

Also left to cherish his memory are five children, Susanna Caldwell (James), Carol Smith (Melvin), Patricia Johnson (Merl), Judith Grice (John) and Forrest D. Clarke (Marianne); four stepchildren, Charles Pettit, Elaine Stopka (Joseph), Carl Pettit (Kathy) and Patricia McClay (David); 13 grandchildren, Beverly Caldwell Kosmach (Eric), Richard and John Caldwell, Dawn Smith Harper (James), Darin Smith (Angela), Greg Smith, Eric Johnson (Cam), Jared Johnson (Myya), Jason Johnson, Jed Grice (Nicole), Heather Grice, Meghan Grice Ely (Jace) and Shannon Clarke; nine stepgrandchildren, Josh Pettit, Tammie Stopka Cowell, Michael Stopka (Laura), Beckie Stopka Kaczmark (Todd), Carl Pettit, Joel Pettit (Stefanie), Christina Pettit Noel (Carl), Thomas and Charles Podboy; three great-granddaughters, Reghan and Kennedie Johnson and Vanessa Harper; three great-grandsons, Nathaniel Johnson, Matthew Smith and Joshua Kosmach; four stepgreat-grandsons, Devon and Hunter Pettit and Dustin and Dylan Cowell; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Wade and Glenn Clarke; and two sisters, Blanche Herriott and Ruth Johnston. **NB**

Amelia Cotely Weinch

Former resident of Avella

Amelia "Milka" Cotely Weinch, 87, of Ann's Country Retreat, Wellsburg, W.Va., formerly of Avella, died Friday, September 9, 2005, in Ann's Country Retreat.

She was born September 2, 1918, in Strabane, a daughter of John and Kristina Pezdic Cotely.

Mrs. Weinch was Catholic and a homemaker.

Her husband, Michael Weinch, is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Zenker and husband Lawrence of Springfield, Va., and Frances McIntyre of Bloomingdale, Ohio; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A sister, Christina Pettit, is deceased. **WP**

James D. Smith*Worked for Observer-Reporter*

James D. "J.D." Smith, 91, of Washington, died unexpectedly Thursday, September 8, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born November 10, 1913, in Amwell Township, a son of Fulton Steven and Florence Ola Christopher Smith.

On October 5, 1936, he married Mary Helen Allison, who died on December 26, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Elaine (Richard) Patton of West Middletown and Joyce (Bill) McCracken of Washington; four grandchildren, Joni Patton (Ed) Paviol of Carlisle, Janice Patton (Martin) Yoskovich of Carmichaels, William McCracken of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Melia McCracken (Jimmy) Oddi of Canonsburg; eight great-grandchildren, Jaclyn Ferrell, Brittany, Alyssa, William and Samuel McCracken and J.D., Allison, and Ashley Oddi; and several cousins. **W**

Betty A. Enman*Member of First Christian Church, Canonsburg*

Betty A. Enman, 75, of Danville, died Sunday, September 18, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born November 4, 1929, in Washington, a daughter of Jesse and Elma Etta Whitaker **Buckels**.

Mrs. Enman was a member of First Christian Church in Canonsburg.

On August 2, 1957, she married John A. Enman, who survives.

Also surviving is a sister, Mary Jane Buckels of Houston.

Deceased are a sister, Helen Fay Buckels, and a brother, William W. Buckels. **OS**

Ruth M. Sylanski*St. Alphonsus R.C. Church parishioner*

Ruth M. Sylanski, 75, of McDonald, died Saturday, September 17, 2005, in The Greenery, Canonsburg.

She was born October 1, 1929, in Midway, a daughter of Emil and Marie **Daquin**.

On June 15, 1950, she married Albert F. Sylanski, who died December 24, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda Blutas and Susan Burgoon, both of North Fayette Township; a son, Albert F. Sylanski Jr. D.D.S. of Peters Township; five grandchildren, Kate, Emily and Stephanie Sylanski and Brandon and Kristy Burgoon; and a sister, Dorothy Rae of Midway. **RR**

Catherine E. Nesic*Retired from Chartiers-Houston School District*

Catherine E. Nesic, 82, of Meadow Lands, died Wednesday, September 21, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born March 2, 1923, in Sturgeon, a daughter of Joseph and Stella Bowland **Dawson**.

Mrs. Nesic was a custodian for Chartiers-Houston School District, retiring in June 1987.

On June 14, 1945, she married Walter Nesic, who died September 20, 1971.

Surviving are two daughters, Christine Douglas (David) of Meadow Lands and Charlene Havanis (Greg) of Washington; a son, Walter Nesic of Dilliner; two sisters, Bertha Smith (Jim) and Sarah Kosharsky, both of Houston; two brothers, Frank Dawson (Marcella) of Hendersonville and Joseph Dawson (Elizabeth) of Imperial; seven grandchildren, Anita Shultz (Mike Cox), DeAnna Stasiowski (Mike), Gregory Havanis (Julie), Peggy Steuernagel (David), Michael Havanis and Walter and Kalena Nesic; three great-grandchildren, Zakk Douglas, Hope Ann Steuernagel and Forrest Havanis; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Richard Dawson; and two sisters, Martha Cornell and Twila Reynier. **OS**

Ellen Ritchey*Matthew's Apparel employee from West Middletown*

Ellen Ritchey, 86, of West Middletown, died Tuesday, September 20, 2005, in her daughter's home.

She was born October 5, 1918, in Follansbee, W.Va., a daughter of James and Jenny Garth **Irwin**.

Mrs. Ritchey was a member of Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown, McKeever Study and Martha Paul Order of Eastern Star, Washington.

She worked at Murphy's Five-and-Ten, Charm Shop and about 40 years at Matthew's Apparel.

On December 24, 1935, in Wellsburg, W.Va., she married Gailey Ritchey, who died March 4, 1976.

Surviving are a son, James (Twila) Ritchey of Washington; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Taggart of Streetsboro, Ohio; a sister, Jenny Hepburn of St. Clairsville, Ohio; three granddaughters, Joellen Rice of Tucson, Ariz.; Rhonda Weller of Peachtree City, Ga., and Brenda Reese of Ohio; two grandsons, Thomas Taggart of Streetsboro and William Taggart of Suffield, Conn.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two sisters, Mary Kennan and Alice Smith; a grandson, James Alan Ritchey; a great-grandson, Jeremy Ritchey; and a son-in-law, Roland Taggart. **WM**

Eleanor J. Cagnon*Retired from Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation*

Eleanor J. Cagnon, 86, of McDonald, died Thursday, September 29, 2005, in McMurray Hills Manor.

She was born April 4, 1919, in McDonald, a daughter of Andrew and Stella McDowell **Davidson**.

Mrs. Cagnon was a 1938 graduate of McDonald High School and a graduate of Duff's College, Pittsburgh.

On February 8, 1946, she married Joseph L. Cagnon, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Martha C. (Richard) Venanzi of McMurray and Sharon M. (E. David) Peterson of Pittsburgh; and a grandson, Joseph D. Peterson. **RR**

Wilma J. Alford Cole*Member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church*

Wilma J. Alford Cole, 69, of Canonsburg, died Sunday, September 18, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born March 4, 1936, in Strabane, a daughter of Efram and Dorothy Knapper **Alford**.

Surviving are four sons, John Knapper and James Cole, both of Canonsburg, Charles Cole of Fairmont, W.Va., and Lester Cole of Steubenville, Ohio; two daughters, Joyce Cole and Eva Bozick and husband Ron, all of Canonsburg; three sisters, Marie Walker of Houston, Velma Barber of Pittsburgh and Linda Ogden of Bristol; 15 grandchildren; and two aunts, Velma Diggs Henderson of Pittsburgh and Nan Walker of Houston.

Deceased are a sister, Juanita Burns; and an aunt, Barbara Knapper. **OS**

Kay Krist*Member of All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, Canonsburg*

Kay Pappas Krist, 87, of Canonsburg, died Saturday, September 17, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born October 20, 1917, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Fotios and Fedra **Pappas**.

Her husband, Mitsos Krist, died May 13, 1987.

Surviving are two daughter, Florence and husband Mike Petros of Canonsburg and Catherine and husband Perry Pappas of Daisytown; a son, George T. Loutsion Jr. and wife Ruth of Eighty Four; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. **OS**

David L. Jones Sr.*Vietnam veteran managed Washington Consumer Discount*

David L. Jones Sr., 60, of Olive Branch, Miss., formerly of Washington, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, September 18, 2005, at

his residence.

He was born December 15, 1944, in Washington, a son of Floyd P. and Ruth Brownlee Jones.

On March 4, 1968, he married Ruth Ann Bennett, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, David L. Jones Jr. of Olive Branch; two brothers, Doc K. Jones of Washington and Richard (Sandy) Jones of Middletown, Del.; a sister, Amy (John) Taggart of Washington; and two grandchildren, Taylor Conner and Hunter Jones.

Burial will follow in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery in Trauger.

Joseph Pascarella*WWII vet was 52-year Cunningham Welding employee*

Joseph Pascarella, 89, of St. Marys, W.Va., formerly of Burgettstown, died Sunday, September 18, 2005, in St. Marys.

He was born November 3, 1915, in Banning, a son of Anthony and Josephine Pascarella.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph Pascarella of St. Marys and Anthony Pascarella of Paris; three daughters, Mary Noreen Koon of Weirton, W.Va., Donna Marie Harrison of Greshen, Ore., and Rosalia Bianchi Whitt of Grace-son, Ky.; two sisters, Mary Kepes of Weirton and Ann Albarano of Bridgeville; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased are his wife, Sara DeBassi Pascarella, who died April 16, 2002; and two sisters, Sara Rizzo and Frances Bundy. **G**

Henry G. Hertzler*McDonald resident*

Henry G. "Herky" Hertzler, 70, of McDonald, died Tuesday, October 11, 2005.

He was the beloved father of Henry (Dale) Hertzler of McDonald, Brenda Matthews of West Finley, David Hertzler of McDonald and Lisa Fisher of McDonald; the brother of Joann Creen-Roth of Bentleyville, Bonnie Hertzler of Pittsburgh and his late twin sister, Henrietta Hertzler.

Arthur Clair Taggart Jr.

Greensburg's Gun Barn owner was proud of Scottish heritage



Arthur Clair "Sonny" Taggart Jr., 73, of Greensburg, died at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, October 2, 2005, in his home after a two-year battle with cancer.

He was born July 17, 1932, in Avella, a son of Arthur Clair Sr. and Margaret Allison Taggart.

Mr. Taggart was a 1950 graduate of Greensburg High School.

He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and earned the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Taggart retired in 1994 from American General Life and Accident Insurance Co. after 34 years of loyal service. He owned and operated Gun Barn on Swede Hill Road, Greensburg.

Surviving are four sons, Arthur C. Taggart III and wife Sherrie of Anchorage, Alaska, Paul E. Taggart and wife Margaret of Greensburg, Robert E. Taggart and wife Andrea of Green Bank, W.Va., and Kurtis A. Taggart and wife Terry of Severn, Md.; three daughters, Debra Marie Taggart-Moore and husband Ira of Greensburg, Denise Louise Kemerer and husband Van of Greensburg and Lisa Renee Wyzkiewicz and husband Michael of Jeannette; and nine grandchildren, Samantha Taggart, Debra Taggart Rahl, Stephen and Lauren Kemerer, Melissa, Michael II and Nicholas Wyzkiewicz and Hylinn and Zachary Taggart.

Deceased are the mother of his children, Mae Belle Hizer Taggart; and a son, Jon Eric Taggart, who died in infancy. **VB**

George N. Balinsky

Retired from Steel Built Construction, Bridgeville



George N. Balinsky, 93, of North Huntingdon, formerly of Houston, died Monday, October 3, 2005, in Briarcliff Nursing Home, North Huntingdon.

He was born August 29, 1912, in Herminie, a son of Nicholas and Anna Muster Balinsky.

In March 1936, he married Evelyn Harmison, who died in November 1978.

Surviving are two sons, George D. Bolinsky of Washington and George D. Balinsky (Charlene) of Houston; a daughter, Julia Stanko (Daryl) of North Huntingdon; a grandson, Zachary Stanko; and a brother, Charles Balinsky of Washington. **OS**

Thomas Richard Cowden

Retired Forbes Steel machinist

Thomas Richard Cowden, 96, of Anderson, S.C., died Thursday, September 22, 2005.

He was born September 3, 1909, in Heidelberg, a son of W. Lee and Winnie Cowden.

Mr. Cowden was a resident of Houston until 1971 when he retired to Venice, Fla., but relocated to Anderson in 1999.

He retired from Forbes Steel in Canonsburg as a machinist.

In October 1931, he married Pauline M. Blackburn, who died in December 2000 after 69 years of marriage.

Surviving are two daughters and their spouses, Joyce and Clarence Melone of Anderson and Judith and John Churley of Bethel Park; six grandsons; a granddaughter; five great-grandsons; five great-granddaughters; two sisters, Dorothy Ritchey of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Laura Weaver of Washington; and two brothers, Edwin Cowden of McDonald and David Cowden of Pittsburgh.

Deceased are two sisters, Rachel Hill and Jane Ott; and a brother, Walter Cowden.

Vera May Hicks

IRS retiree from Mt. Pleasant Township

Vera May Hicks, 78, of McDonald, Mt. Pleasant Township, died Friday, October 7, 2005.

She was born May 4, 1927, in Midway, a daughter of Alfred and Mary Jordan Hicks.

Surviving are a brother, Harry Hicks; a sister, Eva Hicks Urbanic, both of McDonald, Mt. Pleasant Township; four nieces, Mary Lou Flory, Sheila Carter, Peggy Rocher and April Galbraith; a nephew, James Hicks; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews. **C**

Helen Bertolotti

Owned Bert's Hot Dog Shop in Atlasburg

Helen Bertolotti, 70, of Atlasburg, died Thursday, September 22, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born January 7, 1935, in Washington.

Mrs. Bertolotti was a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Burgettstown.

Her husband, Robert A. Bertolotti, died February 27, 1981.

Surviving are a son, Robert "Bert" Bertolotti and wife Jodi of Bulger; a daughter, Amy Lynn Bertolotti of Atlasburg; four grandchildren, Rachel, Zachary, Logan and Cameron Bertolotti; three sisters-in-law, Helen Bury and Ellie Rufflo, both of Washington, and Thelma Zimmer of Burgettstown; two brothers-in-law, William Bertolotti of Atlasburg and James Bertolotti of Eldersville. **G**

John S. Pienkosky

J&L Steel retiree

John S. Pienkosky, 83, of Burgettstown, died Monday, September 26, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born February 8, 1922, in Burgettstown, a son of Alex and Mary Pienkosky.

His wife, Genevieve M. Davis Pienkosky, died November 4, 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Harold K. Barkley and wife Clondell of Colliers, W.Va., and Robert "Buddy" Barkley of Tennessee; three daughters, Sharlet Wright and husband Fred of Paris, Rosie C. Mason of Paris and Virginia E. Willy of Imperial; 14 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren; two sisters, Frances An-tonette of Burgettstown and Laura Maciejewski of Pittsburgh. **CP**

Ada Dhinaut

Pitt Restaurant cook from McDonald

Ada Dhinaut, 93, of McDonald, died Wednesday, September 21, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born July 19, 1912, a daughter of Charles and Ada Muldrige Cooper.

Her husband, Paul Dhinaut, was killed in World War II.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Ozarowski of Midway; two grandsons, Ronald D. and John E. Frederick; two great-grandchildren, Ashley and Kenny; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Catherine Cooper; and six brothers, George, William, Thomas, Charles, Joseph and Douglass Cooper.

Katherine L. Spicer

Member of First United Methodist Church

Katherine L. Spicer, 95, of Washington, died Sunday, September 25, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born May 4, 1910, in Four State, W.Va., a daughter of Tony and Louise Spatafore Yaquina.

Mrs. Spicer was a member of First United Methodist Church, Canonsburg.

Her husband, Otis Henry Spicer, died September 6, 1958.

Surviving are a son, Otis J. Spicer of Eighty Four; three grandchildren, Kevin J. Spicer of Carlisle, Kristie K. Wuycheck of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Kimberly R. Filardi of Hermitage; six great-grandchildren, Erika Spicer, Emily and Sara Wuycheck and Allison, Kevin and Michael Filardi.

She was the last of her immediate family.

A brother and five sisters are deceased. **OS**

Evelyn L. Fish

Deacon at West Alexander Presbyterian Church

Evelyn L. Fish, 70, of the Potomac area of Valley Grove, W.Va., died Sunday, September 25, 2005, in Dornell House, Washington, following a lengthy illness.

She was born May 12, 1935, in Lynn Camp, Marshall County, W.Va., a daughter of Estil A. and Beulah B. Gatts Richmond.

On January 8, 1955, she married Robert Fish, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Debra (Ronald) Richey of West Alexander; a son, Harry Alan (Kelly) Fish of Waterbury, Conn.; a sister, Melva (Joseph) Aston, and a brother, James S. (Norma Jean) Richmond, both of Moundsville, W.Va.; four grandchildren, Christine Richey and Alan, Colin, and Elizabeth Fish; three nieces; and a nephew. **WA**

James W. Foflygen

Retiree worked for Foflygen Construction, Kimberland Dairy

James W. Foflygen, 82, of Atlasburg, died Saturday, September 24, 2005, in Humbert Lane, Washington.

He was born July 17, 1923, in Claysville, a son of John J. and Flora A. Hartley Foflygen.

On September 2, 1943, he married Elma "Grace" Dunfee, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald W. of State College and Kenneth R. Foflygen of Atlasburg; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three brothers, John J., William K. and Marion R. Foflygen. **MP**

Viola Mae Porter Fullerton

*Worked at Ralph's Superette,
Gabby Market*

Viola Mae Porter Fullerton, 89, of Washington, died unexpectedly Wednesday, October 5, 2005, in her home.

She was born February 16, 1916, in Burgettstown, a daughter of Perry A. and Fannie Louetta Walker Porter.

On February 19, 1935, she married Harold Lee Fullerton, who died September 13, 1984.

Surviving are a son, Norman Duane Fullerton and wife Dolores of Streetsboro, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Shirley Fullerton of Glen Burnie, Md.; seven grandchildren, Brent, Marc, Kevin, Robert, Terry and Kathy Fullerton and Julie Trice; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Harold Lee Fullerton Jr.; two brothers, Ralph and Duane Porter; and a sister, Dorothy Knox. **W**

William Howard Hand

*Retired owner of Hand
Construction Co.*

William Howard Hand, 66, of Elm Grove, W.Va., died Tuesday, October 4, 2005, in Ohio Valley Medical Center, Wheeling, W.Va.

He was born August 11, 1939, a son of Howard E. and Elaine Kerns Hand.

Surviving are his wife, Jackie Fox Hand; four sons, Jeffrey Howard and wife JoAnne of Blaine, Ohio, Bradley William and wife Lisa of Dallas Pike, W.Va., William Lee of Dallas Pike and Scott Allan and wife Corrie of Wheeling; a daughter, Kimberly Sue Pennington of Elm Grove; a sister, Ruth Hand Iams and husband Ike of Amity; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Elaine Hand Bamberger, and an adopted brother, Robert James Hand. **WA**

Nerissa G. Eckels

Bartender at McDonald VFW

Nerissa G. Eckels, 77, of McDonald, died Monday, October 10, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born May 19, 1928, a daughter of Bernard L. and Margaret Bell Books.

Mrs. Eckels was employed as a bartender at McDonald Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Her husband, Henry S. Eckels Sr., is deceased.

Surviving are her stepson, Henry S. Eckels Jr. of McDonald; three nieces, Tina, Terri and Tammy; a nephew, Bernie; and a sister-in-law, Virginia Books.

A brother, Bernard Books, is deceased. **C**

Beverly C. Paxton

*One of original organizers
of Houston Pumpkin Festival*



Beverly C. Paxton, 63, of Houston, died Sunday, October 2, 2005, in the Canonsburg General Hospital emergency room as a result of a heart attack.

She was born August 17, 1942, in Fishtown, a part of Philadelphia, a daughter of Frederick and Kathryn Daniels Herold.

Later her family moved to Bucks County, where she graduated from Council Rock High School.

She graduated from Penn State University with an education degree in 1966.

While at Penn State, she met and married Hugh Paxton February 14, 1964.

Surviving, in addition to her husband of 41 years, are three sons, Doug Paxton of Houston, Donn W. Paxton (Diane) of Alexandria, Va., and Tim Paxton (Kim) of Cleveland, Ohio; her three-year-old grandson, Isaac Paxton; three sisters, Dorothy Herold of Perkaspie, Ruth Hawkrige of Upper Black Eddy and Lynn Kulik of Emmaus; and a brother, Frederick Herold of Pennsauken, N.J.

A sister, Nancy Spindler Jendrowski, is deceased.

Elizabeth B. Whiteman

*Claysville woman sewed
for American Cancer Society*



Elizabeth (Libby) B. Whiteman, 88, of Claysville, died Saturday, October 8, 2005, in Medina (Ohio) General Hospital.

She was born June 9, 1917, in Claysville, a daughter of Zadoc and Jennie Limbert Brownlee.

Mrs. Whiteman was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Claysville and its Missionary Society.

On August 3, 1938, in Cumberland, Md., she married Roy Leslie Whiteman, who died November 20, 1987.

Surviving are three children, Shirley Teagarden and husband Willard of Pittsburgh, Donald Whiteman and wife Michelle of Uhrichsville, Ohio, and Patricia Sprowls and husband Gerald of Valley City, Ohio; grandchildren, Donna Demsey, Brenda Furay, Scott Teagarden, Sheryl Madura, Barb Yesenchak, Diana Barnhart, Laurie Dick and Jennifer Woods; 15 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, Kenneth and Wilbur Brownlee; and a granddaughter, Cynthia Valenzuela. **CL**

George A. Hoop Jr.

WWII veteran worked for banks

George A. Hoop Jr., 83, of Washington, died at 3:35 p.m. Monday, October 3, 2005, in Donnell House.

He was born May 1, 1922, in Hickory, a son of Dr. George A. and Margery E. Deffenbaugh Hoop Sr.

Mr. Hoop served in the Army Air Forces during World War II. A graduate of Hickory High School, he was educated at Bethany College and Washington & Jefferson College and was degreed at University of Pittsburgh.

Two former wives, Ethel Engel Hoop and Carol R. Dean Hoop, are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Dr. George A. (Lisa) Hoop III of Fort Meyers, Fla.; a brother, J. Wendell Hoop of Washington; a stepdaughter, Marsha (Jon) Morris of Henderson, Nev.; two grandchildren, Jason and Lindsay Hoop of Ft. Myers, Fla.; five stepgrandchildren in Henderson, Nev.; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Dr. Darwin D. Hoop and Willard B. Hoop.

Loretta Jean Russell Lawton

*Administrative assistant for
county housing authority*



Loretta Jean Russell Lawton, 65, of Washington, died Sunday, October 9, 2005.

She was born December 5, 1939, in Washington, a daughter of Paul and Anna Bails Russell.

Her husband, Robert N. Lawton, died June 7, 1992.

Surviving are a son, Robert Lawton of Claysville; a daughter, Lori Lawton of Canonsburg; a brother, Paul Russell of Jupiter, Fla.; four grandchildren, Lindsay, Lauren, Alaska and Megan Lawton; and a great-granddaughter, Alexis. **MP**

Robert Frank Brannan

*Member of Bethany
Presbyterian Church*

Robert Frank Brannan, 70, of Carnegie, formerly of Oakdale, died Monday, October 17, 2005, in Country Meadows Nursing Center, South Fayette.

He was born June 10, 1935, in McDonald, a son of Orin and Eleanor Beaumont Brannan.

In 1954, he married Mary Jean Bungard, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William Thomas Brannan of Imperial and Robert Todd Brannan of Bridgeville; a daughter, Tricia Ann Ploof of Oakdale; two grandchildren, Patrick Todd and Kari Marie Brannan; and a brother, Thomas Wayne Brannan of San Jose, Calif. **RR**

Sandra Kelley

Burgettstown resident

Sandra Kelley, 63, of Burgettstown, died Sunday, October 9, 2005, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born November 16, 1941, in Acme, W.Va., a daughter of the late Edward and Madge Marie Hollbrook Stanley.

Deceased are her two husbands, Ron Wilson and Jess Kelley.

Mrs. Kelley enjoyed playing bingo.

Surviving are three daughters, Shauna and Mike Russell of Weirton, W.Va., Connie Arbogast and John Abbott of Burgettstown and Pam and Verne Greene of Bulger; three sons, Henry Lee Jr. and Kathy Arbogast of Burgettstown, Elvis Dean and Bev Arbogast of McDonald and Rick Allen and Nicole DeAnn Arbogast of Burgettstown; 10 grandchildren, Amanda and Joe Pentito, Jessica and Ashley Russell, Derrick Melvin, Kirsten, Malaine, Sierra and Bethany Arbogast and Ryan Greene; three great-grandchildren; three brothers, Charles L. and Thomas Stanley and Jerry Barrett; and three sisters, June Felix, Sharon Fratini and Pam Newman.

She is sadly missed by all.

Deceased are a daughter, Michelle Arbogast; a sister, Lyda Casto; and a brother, Damon Stanley. **F**

Frank E. Bender

*World War II Army veteran
from Burgettstown*

Frank E. Bender, 80, of Burgettstown, died Thursday, October 13, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born January 4, 1925, in Langeloth, a son of Earl and Helen La Pacz Bender Seaman.

Mr. Bender was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the South Pacific with the military police during World War II.

In 1964, he married Eleanora Freshwater Craft, who survives.

Also surviving are four stepsons, Edward and Homer Craft, both of Langeloth, Donald Craft of Lebanon and Arthur Craft of Carnegie; six stepdaughters, Rena Gusse of Nashville, Tenn., Nancy Yetsick of Carnegie, Janet Kottouch of Eldersville, Faye Magby of Rochester, Dorothy Thomas of Burgettstown and Pam Craft of Hanover Township; three brothers, Earl Jr. and Joseph Bender, both of Burgettstown, and William Bender of Langeloth; four sisters, Jean Boyer and Dolly Egbert, both of Burgettstown, Shirley Spotti of Slovan and Helen Heber of Eldersville; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two stepdaughters, Cathy Dunbar and Elva Jane Calafactor; a brother, Robert Bender; and a sister, Lauretta Gilbert. **F**

Patricia B. Alderson

Teacher, volunteer
from Canonsburg

Patricia B. Alderson, 67, of Canonsburg, died Wednesday, October 12, 2005.

She was born October 3, 1938, a daughter of Aline and Gus Blanock.

Mrs. Alderson was a teacher and a volunteer.

On April 26, 1965, she married Art, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Arthur S. Alderson III and wife Indermohan of Bloomington, Ind., and Matthew Alderson of Canonsburg; two daughters, Lara Alderson of Arlington, Va., and Lynn Fox and husband Jason of Pittsburgh; a brother, Philip Blanock and wife Judy of Bethel Park; two grandchildren, Meera and Neal Alderson; and two nieces and three nephews.

Margaret Jester

First U.P. Church member,
longtime Strabane resident



Margaret (Maggie) Oshetsky Jester, 87, of Strabane, died Sunday, October 16, 2005, with her family at her side.

She was born May 6, 1918, in Bentleyville, a daughter of Steve and Amelia Popelik Oshetsky.

On May 15, 1937, she married Alex Jester, who died April 18, 1985.

Mrs. Jester was the last of her immediate family.

She was the beloved mother of two daughters, Joan Wargo (Frank) of Strabane and Doris Gultz (Doug) of Washington; two sons, Alexander Jester Jr. (Paula) of Claysville and Alan Jester (Kathlyn) of Houston. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, Suzie Munch, Frank T. Wargo, Stacey Wilmot, Alexis Novak, Amanda, Alena and Kimberly Jester, Melany Agnew and Beth Swart; 18 great-grandchildren, Jessica, Natasha, Jacob, Tyler, Samantha, Luke, Alesha, Alexander, Christian, Hannah, Joshua, Randi, Easton, Alex, Jackie, Michael, Callie and Audriana; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Nick and Edward Oshetsky; three sisters, Stella Oliveri, Virginia Stenger and Helen Turrentine; and two grandchildren, Mark A. Prince and Cory L. Jester Haught.

■ Helen Philips Grubbs, 77, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Hickory, died Saturday, December 31, 2005.

Elsie Marie Powell Dickson

Member of First Christian
Church, West Alexander



Elsie Marie Powell Dickson of West Alexander died Monday, October 10, 2005, in her daughter's home.

She was born March 26, 1935, in Eighty Four, a daughter of William Dodd and Marie Fischer Powell.

On September 23, 1988, in Trinity Episcopal Church, Washington, she married C. Garey Dickson, who died March 23, 1997.

Surviving are four children, Robert R. Daniels of Prosperity, Susan Betz (Michael) of East McKeesport, William Daniels (Pam) of Littleton, W. Va., and Marijane (Janie) Miller (Ed) of West Alexander; three stepchildren, Betsy McKnight (David) of McMurray, Judy Glass (Ronnie) of Springfield, Va., and Bob Dickson (Linda) of Washington; 10 grandchildren, Jay, Nicole and Jessica McConn, Jennifer (Jeff) Longwell, Jason (Darlene) Daniels, Nathan Daniels, Obie Daniels, Grayson (Jennifer) Daniels, Robin Daniels and Dathan Daniels; two stepgrandchildren, Megan and Mike Miller; eight great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; three sisters, Jane Powell (Frank) Schuster of Washington, Beverly Powell (Dick) Campbell of Hickory and Peggy Powell (Bob) Berry of Canonsburg; five brothers, Tom (Denise) Powell of Lewistown, Mont., Bill (Ann) Powell of Salina, Kan., Howard (Judy) Powell of Meadow Lands, Donnie (Clare) Powell of Eighty-Four and Ed Powell of Meadow Lands; 48 nieces and nephews; and 82 great-nieces and -nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, are a sister, Mary Lou Powell Schurr; four brothers, George, Jack, Jim and Dick Powell; and three nieces and nephews.

William G. Bernard

Retired from Norfolk
and Western Railroad

William G. Bernard, 79, of Sturgeon, died Monday, October 31, 2005.

Mr. Bernard retired from Norfolk and Western Railroad.

He was the husband of Edna Scott Bernard and the beloved stepfather of Linda Duffy of Florida. Also surviving are two stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren. He also leaves Kathleen McPhail and James Lockerby, whom he helped raise.

RR

Rebecca Jean Knight

Avella woman worked
for Washington-Green ARS

Rebecca Jean Knight, 33, of Avella, died Monday, October 3, 2005, as a result of a fire in her home.

She was born February 11, 1972, in Junction City, Kan., a daughter of Norma Jean Walls of Kansas City, Kan., and Eugene R. Manz of Chapman, Kan.

Mrs. Knight was employed by Washington-Greene ARS Inc. in Washington.

She was a hard worker and enjoyed collecting dolphins, taking photos, camping and fishing.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are her husband, Douglas Edward Louk; two sons, Michael Aaron Knight of Avella and Cody Daniel Fernandez of Junction City; a daughter, Christina Marie Knight of Avella; two stepchildren, Tracy Louise Kisner of Washington and Douglas Edward Louk Jr. of Athens, Ga.; two brothers, Charles Earl Manz of Kansas City and Daniel Eugene Manz of Junction City; and a nephew.

Deceased are a son, Shayne Anthony Louk, who also died October 3, 2005, as a result of the fire; and a stepson, Douglas Raymond Morrison.

Herman J. Engel

Lifelong Chartiers Township
resident

Herman J. Engel, 84, a lifelong resident of Chartiers Township, died Thursday, October 13, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born May 9, 1921, on the family farm in Chartiers Township, a son of Andrew Herman and Joan Phillips Engel.

Mr. Engel was a farmer and also was employed at L&G Smith, formerly Bowman Steel of Heidelberg, retiring in 1981.

On November 20, 1943, he married Edna McConnell, who survives. Together they celebrated 61 years of marriage.

Also surviving are four daughters, Sandra K. (Lee) Powell of Claysville, Beverly J. (Tom) Evans of Canonsburg, Freda M. (Joe) Jagoda of Washington and Elaine M. (Paul) Baker of McDonald; a son, Bradley P. (Wendy) Engel of Canonsburg; 10 grandchildren, Mark Powell, Melissa Shingle, Thomas Evans, Matthew Evans, Darren Chipps, Stephanie Henderson, Hallie and Tyler Engel and Nicholas and Lacey Baker; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy Mrenak of Pittsburgh.

Deceased are a sister, Hazel DeWalt; and five brothers, Ervin, McCarrell, Harvey, Andrew and Henry Engel.

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The fire that killed an Avella mother and her 3-year-old son last week was deliberately set.

The state police fire marshal did not offer much information other than to rule the fire was incendiary in nature, starting with the use of an open-flame device. Additional investigation is pending.

Rebecca (Becky) Knight, 34, was pronounced dead at the scene of the fire at 1671 Avella Road (Route 50), Independence Township. Her body was huddled over her son, Shayne Louk, in an open closet. The boy was flown to West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, where he was pronounced dead less than two hours after the fire was reported.

The boy's 36-year-old father, Douglas Louk, also was flown to West Penn Hospital. He was released from the hospital Monday.

A second child, Cody Fernandez, 11, had caught the bus for class at Avella Elementary School about an hour before the fire was reported.

Avella fire Chief Eric Temple said the fire appeared to have started in the living room, which was on the street level or second story of the two-story frame home. Three smoke detectors were in the home, but none had batteries.

The fire was discovered by an Avella volunteer firefighter on his way to work in West Virginia. When firefighter Chuck Kern opened the door, Louk stumbled out of the house. Kern and other passersby tried in vain to enter the home but were driven back by the smoke and flames.

The family had moved in with homeowner Vicki Crouser only about month before the fire. Crouser is Doug Louk's cousin.

Shayne Anthony Louk

Shayne Anthony Louk, 3, of Avella, died Monday, October 3, 2005, as a result of a fire in his home.

He was born April 22, 2002, a son of Douglas Edward Louk Sr. of Avella and Rebecca Jean Manz Knight, who also died October 3, 2005, as a result of the fire.

Shayne's nickname was "Buckaroo."

Surviving, in addition to his father, are three brothers, Michael Aaron Knight of Avella, Cody Daniel Fernandez of Junction City, Kan., and Douglas Edward Louk Jr. of Athens, Ga.; two sisters, Christina Marie Knight of Avella and Tracy Louise Kisner of Washington; maternal grandparents, Norma Jean Walls of Kansas City, Kan., and Eugene R. Manz of Chapman, Kan.; and paternal grandmother, Barbara Jo Scott Wilson.

His godparents are Vicki and Gary Crouser of Avella.

Deceased are a brother, Douglas Raymond Morrison; and paternal grandfather, Floyd Wilson.

Walter L. Moore Jr.

Worked for Kress Box/Penn Plastic and Seman Flooring



Walter L. "Bud" Moore Jr., 73, of 2nd Street, Washington, died Saturday, October 15, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born August 9, 1932, in Washington, a son of Walter L. Sr. and Mary Winters Moore.

Mr. Moore was Methodist.

He was an operator at Kress Box/Penn Plastic. At the time of his death, he was working at Seman Flooring. He collected lighters and pipes, played golf, loved to work on race cars and enjoyed Western movies.

His lifelong friends, with whom he lived for the last 20 years, were Janice P. Springer and Deborah DeStefano, both of Washington.

Surviving are a sister, Ruth Shorts of Washington; a sister-in-law, Joanne Moore of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, William Moore; and two sisters, Mary V. Moore and Dorothy Stahl.

OS

Charlotte J. Tornabene Robinson

Parishioner of St. Alphonsus R.C. Church

Charlotte J. Tornabene Robinson, 89, of McDonald, South Fayette Township, died Tuesday, October 18, 2005, in Sewickley Hospital.

She was born November 15, 1915, in McDonald, a daughter of Calogero and Josephine Scimé Tornabene.

Mrs. Robinson was a graduate of McDonald High School, where she was valedictorian. She was a parishioner of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Thomas W. Robinson, died September 7, 1986.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Robinson and his wife, Janice of Butler; two daughters, Darcia Kifer and her husband, Keith of Greensburg and Lisa Schollaert and her husband, Phillip of South Fayette; six grandchildren, Lizette Robinson, Nicole Butler, Olga Smith, Kier Robinson, Krista Schollaert and Stephen Kifer; three great-grandchildren, Joshua Messler, Emma Smith and Grant William Smith; and two brothers, Charles and Louis Tornabene.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, is a son, Charles William Robinson.

RR

Gary Steven Cunningham

30-year employee of Reliance Electric/Rockwell Automation



Gary Steven Cunningham, 54, of Claysville, died at 6:34 a.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2005, in Washington Hospital. Despite his brave

struggle with cancer, his death was unexpected.

He was born Tuesday, July 17, 1951, in Washington Hospital, a son of Sarah E. Cunningham of Claysville and the late Kenneth W. Cunningham.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was stationed at McGuire AFB, where he met his wife of 33 years, Patricia Anne Scaniffe Cunningham.

In addition to his wife and mother, surviving are four children, Charles W. Cunningham of Claysville, Angela (John) Bazin of Willimantic, Conn., and Rachael Cunningham and Jared Gary Steven Cunningham, both of Pittsburgh; a grandson, Keith Michael Bazin; three sisters, Sharon (Earl) Ratliff of Brownstown, Ind., Karen (Kenny) Wheeler of Washington and Denise (Jim) Harsh of Dallas, W.Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

CL

Margherita Lauretti Carnali

Margherita Lauretti Carnali, 93, of Burgettstown, died Friday, October 21, 2005, in The Greenery, Canonsburg.

She was born November 9, 1911, in Supino, Italy. Mrs. Carnali attended Christian Assembly Church in Burgettstown and enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

She moved to the U.S. in 1946, after marrying her husband Demetrio Carnali in Italy. Mr. Carnali died June 11, 1980.

Surviving are her son and caregiver, Settimio Carnali, with whom she made her home in Burgettstown; and several grandchildren, including Lauren Carnali of New York City, N.Y., and Leeanne Carnali, attending Point Park University, Pittsburgh; and several great-grandchildren.

Deceased are four sons, Italo, John, James and Joseph Carnali; and two daughters, Adellia Bernola and Alberta Kubovic.

G

Edward M. DeBlander

McGraw-Edison draftsman was Korean War veteran

Edward M. DeBlander, 77, of Strabane, died at 1:20 p.m. Saturday, October 22, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born February 11, 1928, in Primrose, a son of Anthony and Lillian DeBiasi DeBlander.

Mr. DeBlander was a member of St. Patrick Church, Canonsburg.

He graduated from Hickory High School and Triangle School of Drafting in Pittsburgh.

On May 1, 1952, he married Mary Kencec, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Edward A. DeBlander of Klamath Falls, Ore., Larry T. DeBlander of Eden, Utah, and David DeBlander of Williamsport; two daughters, Elaine Linsenbiger of Chesapeake Beach, Md., and Bernadette DeBlander of Dartmouth, Mass.; two brothers, Harold DeBlander of Cottonwood, Calif., and Robert DeBlander of Primrose; and a sister, Janet O'Donnell of Imperial; and seven grandchildren, Leah, Bethany and Evan DeBlander, Merial and Hilary Linsenbiger and Daniel and Matthew DeBlander.

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William Laurick

TWA retiree was truck driver from Hickory

William (Bill) Laurick, 78, of Hickory, died Monday, October 17, 2005, after battling cancer for several years.

He was born December 9, 1926, in Rosslyn Farms, a son of John and Mary Pronko Laurick.

Mr. Laurick graduated from Robinson Township High School and served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Alecto during World War II.

He worked on the family dairy farm in McDonald for many years prior to joining Fleck Coal Co. as a truck driver. In 1988, he retired from Trans World Airlines after 27 years of service. He was a self-employed truck driver until age 73.

On September 23, 1961, he married Elsie Jean Toward, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William Michael (Dana) and Edward John (Terri) Laurick of Hickory; four grandchildren, Edward John Jr., Stephanie Anne, Alex William and Jacob Ryan Laurick, all of Hickory; two brothers, George (Frannie) of Nevada and James (Susan) Laurick of Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are his identical twin, Steven, who died at birth, and brothers John, Paul and Michael Laurick.

Mary C. Rosecrans

Mary C. Rosecrans, 89, of McDonald, Cecil Township, died Thursday, October 20, 2005, in her home.

She was born December 26, 1915, in Oakdale, a daughter of Joseph and Caroline Slovak Brasda.

Mrs. Rosecrans was a graduate of Oakdale High School and worked as a clerk and bookkeeper for Horne's and Diechlers Food Market in Mt. Lebanon.

She was a parishioner of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, McDonald.

Mrs. Rosecrans enjoyed playing cards, reading and crocheting.

In 1939, she married James William Rosecrans, who died December 28, 1973.

Surviving are four daughters, Mary Catherine Barone and husband Nick of McDonald, Jo Anne Faupel of West Mifflin, Susanne Browett and husband Joseph Jr. of Nashport, Ohio, and Maxine Ellis and husband William of Finleyville; 11 grandchildren, James, Terri and Jeffrey Barone, Tammi Campbell, Melissa, Michael and Robert Faupel, Joseph Browett, Barbara Zinkon and Leif and Suzanne Ellis; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are four brothers, Joseph, Charles, Steve and Emil Brasda; and a sister, Helen Gohacki.

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Kenneth M. King

Retired dairy farmer, 26-year Canon-McMillan bus driver

Kenneth M. King, 78, of Eighty Four, died Saturday, October 29, 2005, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born November 21, 1926, in Eighty Four, a son of Jesse and Susannah Bebout King.

He was a charter member of View Crest Presbyterian Church, Eighty Four, where he had served as an elder and was a Sunday school teacher for the teen class.

Mr. King also had served on the board of directors for Canonsburg Mutual for many years.

On December 18, 1945, he married Lois Ross, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jerald K. King (Mary) of Eighty Four; three daughters, Judith E. Fricker of Tulsa, Okla., and Nancy Jean Cross and Marjorie Sue King, both of Eighty Four; five grandchildren, Penny Notz, Tabitha Felts, Donald Cross, Kerry Kisner and Sussanna King; six great-grandchildren, Morgan Cross, Allison Cross, Ashley Kisner, Christopher Felts, Lindsey Felts and Megan Notz; and a brother, Raymond M. King of Albuquerque, N.M.

Deceased are a son, Richard Ross King; and two brothers, Donald P. King and James King.

OS

Alfred H. Hookey Jr.

Born in McDonald

Alfred H. Hookey Jr. died Monday, October 17, 2005.

Born November 8, 1930, in McDonald, son of Alfred and Nellie Hookey, he worked for Douglas Aircraft in California for 35 years.

Dorothy Jane Gorby
Member of First Christian
Church of Washington



Dorothy Jane Gorby, 79, of Washington, died Friday, October 28, 2005, in Kade Nursing Facility, Canton Township.

She was born June 13, 1926, in Washington, a daughter of Charles R. and Delphia D. Caldwell Rush.

On March 10, 1951, she married Ralph C. Gorby, who died October 7, 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Barry L. (Rita) and Donald R. (Karen) Gorby, both of Washington; three daughters, Joyce A. (Ronald) Pasterchalk of Wilmington, N.C., Susan J. (Terry) Hazlett of Washington and Donna J. Oliverio of Washington; six grandchildren, Christopher K. Georgetti, Traci P. Noonan, Brandi R. Love, Lori B. DeGarmo, Lisa M. Gorby and Carrick A. Hazlett; five great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren, Todd Heath Hazlett and Chad and David North; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

A brother, Kenneth Rush, is deceased. NB

Virginia Rose Wylie

Retired music teacher was
church choir director, organist



Virginia Rose Wylie, 83, of Hopewell Township, formerly of Canonsburg, died unexpectedly Saturday, October

22, 2005, in her home.

She was born March 22, 1922, in Canonsburg, a daughter of John and Jean Downs Rose.

She was a Canonsburg High School graduate and had once worked as choir director and organist at Canonsburg Methodist Church and First United Presbyterian Church in Houston.

On February 21, 1941, she married George Thomas Wylie, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Thomas S. Wylie of Jacksonville, Fla., Edward L. Wylie of Washington and David K. Wylie of Port Clinton, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Susan, Tommy, Matthew, Michael and Brittany Wylie, Jennifer Schoeph and Melissa Wylie Wierzba; and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are three sisters, Evelyn Dalton, Margaret (Peg) Frye and Mildred Bowen. NA

Alberta Remmert

Member of Raccoon
Presbyterian Church

Alberta Remmert, 89, of Florida, formerly of Bulger, died Sunday, October 23, 2005, in Good Samaritan Center.

She was born January 22, 1916, in Candor, a daughter of Charles and Minnie Tipker Griffith.

Her husband, Warren G. Remmert, died in March 1992.

Surviving are two daughters, Gayle (James) Tintle of Bethlehem and Faye (Albert) Wolfkill of Florida; a son, Larry (Linda) Remmert of Ohio; seven grandchildren, Erynn Mann, Meghan Tintle, Lisa Forgrave, Lincoln Remmert and Jason, Ryan and Andrew Wolfkill; and seven great-grandchildren. R

Stacy A. Havelka

Washington County Court
secretary, USAir employee

Stacy A. Havelka, 47, of Langeloth, died Sunday, October 30, 2005, in Forbes Hospice, Pittsburgh.

She was born June 8, 1958, in Washington, a daughter of Connie Weirich Bozovich of North Carolina and the late Charles N. Williams.

Surviving are her husband, Terry Havelka of Langeloth; a daughter and son, Teri Lyn Havelka and Jeffrey Havelka, both at home; a granddaughter, Rylee Ann Romasco; a brother, Jeffrey Williams of the state of California; and her stepfather, Stanley Bozovich. MP

Wayne Paul Shannon

Vietnam War veteran

Wayne Paul Shannon, 57, of Washington, died Thursday, October 27, 2005, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh, after an illness of several months.

He was born August 24, 1948, in Canonsburg, a son of Lillie Alderson Shannon of Washington and the late Paul G. Shannon, formerly of Hickory.

Mr. Shannon was a graduate of Canon-McMillan High School and California University of Pennsylvania.

On September 26, 1981, he married the love of his life, Christine Pliska.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are a sister, Geraldine (Gerri) Shannon Beal of Eighty Four; three nieces, Shannon Jean Beal, Morgan and Madison Pliska; and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

He also will be missed by Jeanne "Mom No. 2" Alderson. His beloved cat was Tess. FL

Wilma R. Jobes

50-year member of Claysville
UM Church



Wilma R. Jobes, 85, of Claysville, died at 11:30 a.m. Friday, October 28, 2005, in Washington Hospital after being in failing health for the

past several years.

She was born November 8, 1919, in West Finley Township (Majorsville), Washington County, a daughter of John Thomas and Dessie Gittings Richey. She had been a resident of the Claysville area since the end of World War II.

On September 5, 1940, she married Wayne Archie Jobes, who died November 10, 1971.

She was a companion of the late Willis B. Guthrie for several years, prior to his death March 19, 1993.

Surviving are two sons, Willard, husband of Janet Markley Jobes of Claysville, R.D.2 and James Samuel, husband of Terry Jean Herrle Jobes of East Finley; four grandchildren, Shane, husband of Diana Jobes, Kirk, husband of Jackie Jobes, and Tammy Jean and Chad Jobes; four great-grandchildren, Katelyn, twins Kyle and Colton Jobes and Savana Jobes; two nieces, Roberta, wife of Richard Martin, and Becky, wife of Dwight Hunter; two nephews, Ernest D. (Sonny), husband of Francis Moorehead and John Weimer.

Deceased are a son, Thomas Jobes; a sister, Mildred Richey Moorehead Leman; and a brother D. Merle Richey. CL

Marva Elizabeth Latshaw

Washington resident

Marva Elizabeth Kelley Latshaw, 66, of Washington, died Saturday, October 29, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born October 19, 1939, in West Middletown, a daughter of Edward and Margaret Jones Kelley.

On May 3, 1968, she married Everett "Pete" Latshaw, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. (Christopher) Lori Orison of Francis Mine; three grandsons, Bryan, Tevin and Skyler Orison; a stepgrandson, James Fordyce of Langeloth; a brother, Edward Kelley of Washington; four sisters, Wanda Hicks of Washington, Carol Brown of Uniontown, Linda Kelley of Westland and Vicki Holt of Washington.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, is a sister, Beverly Kelley. R

Rose Marie Boyer

Holiday Inn
housekeeper from Bulger

Rose Marie Boyer, 61, of Bulger, died Sunday, October 30, 2005, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born March 21, 1944, a daughter of the late Frederick A. Steiner and Ester Frances Orgovan.

Mrs. Boyer was employed as a housekeeper with Holiday Inn (Airport) for 28 years.

She enjoyed camping, bingo and playing cards.

On September 8, 1970, she married Robert Lee Boyer Sr., who died February 13, 2003.

Surviving are five sons, Robert L. Boyer Jr. and wife Melinda of Burgettstown, Fredrick Allan Boyer and wife Renee of Bulger, Joseph William Boyer and wife Roxanne of Burgettstown, Hubert Ray Boyer and wife Dolly of Weirton, W.Va., and Michael Robert Boyer of Burgettstown; seven grandchildren; five sisters, Margret Ann Mandus of Slovan, twin sister Rosetta Williamson (Donald) of Paris, Evelyn Weiser of Slovan, Norma Faye and Darlene Smith (Larry) of Library; eight brothers, Frank Orgovan of New York, Steve (Dorothy) Orgovan of Chester, W.Va., Dale Orgovan of Langeloth, Donald (Mary Lou) Orgovan of Ellwood City, Richard (Carolyn) Orgovan of Burgettstown, Huey (Penny) Orgovan of Burgettstown, Charles Orgovan of Bavington; and George Hoberek (Debbie) of Atlasburg; a sister-in-law, Agnus Orgovan; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Kenneth Orgovan; and a brother-in-law, Joseph Weiser. G

Ronald Lee Lanham

Ronald Lee Lanham, 60, of Slovan, died Thursday, October 27, 2005, in Weirton Medical Center, Weirton, W.Va.

He was born August 14, 1945, in Keyser, W.Va., a son of the late Bettie Lanham.

Mr. Lanham was a U.S. Army veteran who was employed by Bovalina Packing Co. in Slovan.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and yard work.

On February 13, 1965, he married Margaret Huber, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David Lee and John Herman, both of Slovan; a daughter, Rhonda Lee Lanham of Slovan; five grandchildren, David Lee Lanham Jr., Shaun Michael Lanham, Megan Elizabeth Sella, Cody Allan Law and Brandy Lee Pulver.

Deceased are a granddaughter, Tausha Lee Lanham; and his grandfather, John H. Lanham. MP

Ann J. Kavensky

Member of Midway SNPJ
for more than 75 years

Ann J. Kavensky, 89, of Midway, died Monday, October 31, 2005, in The Greenery, Canonsburg.

She was born June 10, 1916, in Bulger, a daughter of Frank and Gertrude Urbancic Lukan.

Mrs. Kavensky was a member of Midway SNPJ for more than 75 years.

Her husband, Stanley Kavensky, died August 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Ann (Leo) Storniolo of New Jersey; a son, Kenneth J. (Janice K.) Kavensky of Indiana; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mollie Krzeczowski of Midway.

Deceased is a brother, Frank Lukan Jr. C

Sandra Marie Wussick

Worked for Black Box Corp.,
member of Venice church

Sandra Marie Wussick, 58, of Southview, died Thursday, November 3, 2005, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born April 13, 1947, in Southview, a daughter of William Crothers of Southview and the late Bertha Spencer Crothers.

Surviving are her husband, David Edward Wussick Sr. of Southview; a daughter, Tina McVicker Wussick of McDonald; a son, David Edward Wussick Jr. and wife Michelle of Marietta, Ohio; her mother-in-law, Martha James Robson of Southview; six grandchildren, Elizabeth McVicker, Allison McVicker, David Edward Wussick III, Korie Lee Wussick, Haylie Joyce Wussick and Thomas Mason Wussick; three sisters, Darlene (William) Brooks of Southview, Betty Ann (Edward) Gent of Southview and Wilma (Wayne) Lewis of Southview; and a brother, William (Debra) Crothers of McDonald. V

June M. Cox

Member of
Holy Rosary Church, Muse

June M. Cox, 75, of Muse, died at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, November 1, 2005, in Manor Care, McMurray.

She was born June 30, 1930, in Canonsburg, a daughter of George E. and Anna E. Ruschell Cox.

For 50 years, she worked as a cashier at Cattaneos and Groceries Plus More grocery stores.

Miss Cox was an avid Steelers and Pirates fan, and she enjoyed bowling.

Surviving are a sister, Frances L. Kobrys of Muse; two brothers, George J. Cox of Muse and Ralph E. Cox of Massillon, Ohio; and nine nieces and nephews. WP

Joan C. Shook

Taylorstown Christian Church
member



Joan C. Shook, 78, of Avella (Blaine Township), died Wednesday, November 9, 2005, in Washington Hospital, following a

brief illness.

She was born October 12, 1927, in Blaine Township, a daughter of August Sr. and Conjetta Filosi Zappi.

On February 12, 1949, in Washington, she married Clarence "Barney" Shook, who died June 16, 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Gary W. (Lynn) Shook of Claysville and Michael R. (Carol) Shook of Avella; two daughters, Karen L. (Randy) Frye of Prosperity and Lorie (Bob) Seman of Avella; two brothers, Pete Zappi of Avella and Nick Zappi of Claysville; four sisters, Isabella Banks Petrone of Florida, Ann Bleen of Washington, Elizabeth "Minnie" Orisko of Houston and Helen DeJohn of Washington; 15 grandchildren, Corina Collins, Gary E., Justin and Jeremy Shook, John Frye, Hollie Rugg, Autumn Lucas, Cpl. Matthew Shook, Natalie, Sarah and Andrew Shook and Emily, Katie, Meri and Addison Seman; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three sisters, Mary Maggi, Derna Baxter and Connie Zappi; and a brother, August Zappi Jr. CL

John William McMurdy

WWII veteran was member
of Chartiers Hill UP Church

John William McMurdy, 82, of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, November 15, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born May 23, 1923, in Washington, a son of William and Elizabeth Smith McMurdy.

On November 19, 1942, he married Jane Chambers, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, John William McMurdy Jr. of Indiana; Chris Allen McMurdy of Canonsburg; Richard Albert McMurdy of Bethel Park and Lee Carl McMurdy of Canonsburg; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A sister, Elizabeth Metzler, is deceased. HC

Clifford Williams

Clifford Williams Sr., 87, of Orlando, Fla., formerly of Houston, died Wednesday, November 9, 2005. OS

Nina Craig

Member of W. Alexander church

Nina Craig, 94, of West Alexander, died Tuesday, November 22, 2005, in Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Wheeling, W.Va., in the presence of her family.

She was born September 30, 1911, in Cimorran, Kan., a daughter of John G. and Roxie A. Crockett Hertig.

On June 19, 1933, in West Virginia, she married Milton J. Craig, who died May 20, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Gladys) Johnston of Moon Township and Nancy Ball of Valley Grove, W.Va.; three grandchildren, Deanne Savage, Craig Johnston and James T. Craig; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Eugene M. Craig; five brothers, Harry, Rex, George, John Lee and Bob Hertig; and three sisters, Ethel Park, Ruth Hertig and Louise McKain.

Harry Hicks

40-year Hicks Dairy farmer

Harry Hicks, 90, of McDonald, died Friday, November 11, 2005, in his home.

He was born December 30, 1914, in Midway, a son of Alfred and Mary Jordan Hicks.

On December 10, 1942, he married Dorothy Anna Winter, who died October 18, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter, Peggy (Lou) Rocher of McDonald; a sister, Eva Hicks Urbanic of Martinsburg; two granddaughters, Natalie Lipinski and Luanne Nickels; and three great-grandchildren, Bailey, Anamarie and Marina.

Deceased are four brothers, Charles, Emile, Alfred and Glenn Hicks; and a sister, Vera Hicks. RR

Marie P. Schons

Member of St. Alphonsus
Church, McDonald

Marie P. Schons, 83, of McDonald, died Friday, November 18, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born October 11, 1922, in Bulger, a daughter of Slavko and Mary Shearson Prebeg.

Mrs. Schons was a graduate of Burgettstown High School.

On August 12, 1950, she married Paul R. Schons, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles M. (Bev) Schons of McDonald and Robert Schons of Midway; two sisters, Helen (John) Navoski of Bulger and Margaret Puchany of Canonsburg; a brother, John Prebeg of McDonald; and four grandchildren, Kimberly, Charles III, Paul II and Matthew Schons.

Deceased are a brother, Michael (Evelyn) Prebeg; and an infant daughter. RR

Mary Elizabeth Scott Biggers

Member of Pigeon Creek
Presbyterian Church



Mary Elizabeth Scott Biggers died at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2005, in Kades Nursing Home, Wash-

ton.

She was born February 18, 1918, in Freeport, Ill., a daughter of Henry John Scott and Lettie Arminta Wolfe Scott.

On January 26, 1936, she married Harold Reed, a son of Walter Reed and Anna Bell McMahon Reed. He was born June 7, 1915, in Freeport, Ill., and died February 7, 1968, in Rockford, Ill. To this marriage were born a daughter, Marilyn J. Reed Lutka Dziama of rural Bentleyville, and a son, Harold W. Reed of Houston, Texas.

After being a widow for 14 years, she married her daughter-in-law's (Carol Reed) father, Wiley H. Biggers. After his death, she moved to Pennsylvania in January 2002 to live with her daughter and husband, John Dziama. It was here that she transferred her church membership to Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church.

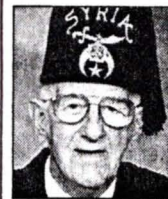
Surviving are two children, four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two siblings, Henry Scott and Richard L. Scott.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela. Interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Rockford, Ill.

James H. Jones

Consolidation Coal retiree
enjoyed his Bulger farm



James H. Jones, 90, of Bulger (Robinson Township), died Thursday, November 17, 2005, in his home on his farm.

He was born July 22, 1915, in Marianna, a son of Archibald and Margaret Roule Jones.

Mr. Jones was a graduate of Union High School in Burgettstown.

His wife, Lauretta E. Colteryahn Jones, died August 21, 1990.

Surviving are two sons, J. Quintin Jones of Bulger and Timothy C. Jones and wife Naomi of Oakdale; two grandsons, Timothy J.L. Jones and wife Dorothy and Brandon M. French; and three great-grandsons, James J., Benjamin L. and Jonathan N. Jones.

Deceased are an infant son, Kenneth L. Jones; a brother, John M. Jones; and a sister, Margaret Jones. RO

Treva N. Terrell

Member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Canonsburg

Treva N. Terrell, 35, of Washington, died Saturday, November 5, 2005.

She was born May 19, 1970, in Washington, a daughter of Marna Terrell Squires of Washington and the late William Jackson.

Miss Terrell attended Canon-McMillan High School and received her GED from Job Corps of Morgantown, W.Va.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are four sons, Troy, Gregory, JaJuan and Tyree Terrell, all at home; two brothers, Kevin Terrell of Antioch, Calif., and Jason Terrell of Alexandria, Va.; an uncle, Kevin Terrell of Alexandria; and an aunt, Lynn Bennett of Harmarville.

Her maternal grandparents, Almira and Samuel Terrell, are deceased. **WF**

Christine L. Kuhn

Cherry Valley woman was caregiver for the elderly

Christine L. Kuhn, 85, of Cherry Valley, died Thursday, November 10, 2005, in her home.

She was born April 13, 1920, in Cherry Valley, a son of Roy and Christina Lucas Navoski.

Her husband, Joseph Kuhn Jr., died August 8, 1983.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald L. Kuhn of Chula Vista, Calif., and Roy Kuhn of Cherry Valley; two daughters, Tracy Visnich of Bulger and Dorothy Iglar of Wilkinsburg; two brothers, John Navoski of Bulger and Bill Navoski of McDonald; a sister, Dorothy Navoski of Cherry Valley; seven grandchildren, Braden Noah and Killie Nichole Kuhn, Rhonda and Edward Iglar and Aaron, Myra and Roy Joseph Jr. Kuhn.

Deceased are a grandson, Ronald Iglar; and two brothers, Mike and Amil Navoski. **MP**

Lesia I. Higgins

Office manager for Jim Dellaria Ford Lincoln-Mercury

Lesia I. Stewart Higgins, 61, of Burgettstown, died Thursday, December 8, 2005, in her home.

She was born November 19, 1944, in Washington, a daughter of Martha F. Oldham Stewart of Burgettstown and the late Everett Stewart.

She was married to Edward W. "Butch" Higgins, who died August 17, 2001.

Her black lab was named Thunder.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are a sister, Kathy Babyak and her husband Jack of Burgettstown; and several loving nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. **G**

Thelma R. Robson

Claysville woman was welder, mail carrier

Thelma R. Robson, 92, of Claysville, died Sunday, November 6, 2005, at home.

She was born June 2, 1913, in Eighty Four, a daughter of John Everett and Dessi Della Garrett Vester.

Mrs. Robson attended Trinity High School and was a welder at Curtis-Wright of Beaver and a mail carrier.

On March 28, 1946, in Beaver County, she married Arthur "Arch" H. Robson, who is deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda Lou Holub and Sherie Janne Daniels, both of Washington, and Cora Sue Stollar of Keeling, Va.; two sisters, Dessie Munce and Cora Miller, both of Washington; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, Everett D. and William A. Vester; and a sister, Sara Conover. **CL**

Stanley M. Sherge

Midway resident retired from Dick Corp.

Stanley M. Sherge, 94, of Midway, died Wednesday, November 16, 2005, in Washington County Health Center.

He was born September 29, 1911, in Canonsburg, a son of Thomas and Mildred Zdanczewicz Sherge.

On January 3, 1935, he married Ruth J. Loraski, who died March 16, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicki L. Dzikowski of Midway; a son, Donald R. Sherge of Midway; two grandchildren, Donald R. Sherge Jr. and Dawn Starr Lytle; six great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Stella Carney of Beaver Falls, and Clara Quader and Freda Jeswilkowski, both of Atlasburg. **G**

Charles Norman Batson

Retired machinist

Charles Norman Batson, 70, of Burgettstown, died Saturday, December 10, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

He was born December 21, 1934, in West Virginia, a son of Arlie and Suda W. McGill Batson.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Ann Wilson Batson; a daughter, Suda Ann Stritzinger and husband Michael of Burgettstown; three grandsons, David M. Stritzinger of Arkansas, Duane J. Stritzinger and wife Kelly of Burgettstown and Daniel C. Stritzinger of Burgettstown; a great-granddaughter, Samantha Stritzinger; and a brother, Arlie Ray Batson of West Virginia.

Eugene G. Tommasi

Manager of Polar Star Mutual Benefit Society



Eugene G. Tommasi, 84, of Avella, died Sunday, November 6, 2005, in Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic.

He was born August 17, 1921, in Monongahela, a son of Luigi and Pia Grilli Tommasi.

Mr. Tommasi served in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II as a corporal in counter intelligence.

On May 4, 1946, he married Emily Suvada, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Rebecca Cunningham of Avon Lake, Ohio; a son, Eugene and wife, Cynthia Tommasi of Mt. Lebanon; and two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Nicholas Tommasi.

Deceased are two brothers, Bruno G. Thomas and Fiorindo Tommasi; and three sisters, Palmira Mancinelli, Lena Tommasi and Lillian Rojas. **WP**

John Mark Sprowls Sr.

U.S. Air Force vet owned, operated lawn care service



John Mark Sprowls Sr., 54, of Claysville, died at 6:14 p.m. Saturday, November 19, 2005, in Washington Hospital

from complications due to lung cancer. He had been ill since April 6, 2005.

He was born April 28, 1951, in Washington, a son of the Rev. Mary J. Chase Sprowls of Claysville and the late Rev. Harold Robert Sprowls.

On December 20, 1975, he married Lynda Bolton, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brian and wife Joline Sprowls of West Harrison, Ind.; a daughter, Ashley Sprowls-Hall and husband Brian of Claysville; a brother, Larry W. Sprowls and wife Susan of Claysville; a sister, Susanna Sprowls-Cipolone of Claysville; nine grandchildren, Tommy, Isabelle, Victoria, Abigail, Anthony, John Mark, Christopher, John Paul and Samuel; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are his father, the Rev. Harold R. "Brick" Sprowls; a son, John Mark Sprowls II; a daughter, Jamie Leigh Sprowls; a sister, Betty Ann Sprowls Plants; and a brother, Charles R. Sprowls.

Interment will follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Ray William Boyer

Korean War vet was carpenter

Ray William (Bill) Boyer, 73, of Wintersville, Ohio, died Monday, November 7, 2005, in his home.

He was born July 9, 1932, in New Cumberland, W.Va., a son of James Steven and Anna Elizabeth Cooper Boyer.

On December 11, 1963, he married Carol Koon, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Ray William Melvin Jr. and wife Terry of New Cumberland, W.Va., James Edward Melvin and wife Sue of Bloomingdale, Ohio, and Richard Allen Melvin of Imperial; four daughters, Betty Eileen Demma and husband Augie of McKees Rocks, Wendy Elaine Lantz and husband Kenneth of New Cumberland, Lisa Marie Martin and husband Randy of Wintersville and Rebecca Ann Crabtree and husband Tom of Wintersville; 18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five sisters, Dorothy Brandon of East Springfield, Ohio, Mary Ann Kukich of Weirton, W.Va., Virginia Lang of Calcutta, Ohio, Juniata Roush of Toronto, Ohio, and Bonnie Hoberek of Calcutta, Ohio; six brothers, James "Bus" Boyer of Imperial, Charles Boyer of Richmond, Ohio, Harry Boyer of Burgettstown, Kenny Boyer of Paris, Steven Boyer of Richmond, Ohio, and Pete Boyer of Calcutta. **CP**

Deceased, in addition to his parents, is a brother, Edward Boyer.

John C. Clark

Resident of Florida and Lawrence

John C. Clark of Hutchinson, Fla., and Lawrence, died Tuesday November 1, 2005, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh, from complications of a long-term illness.

He was born February 23, 1929, in Bulger, a son of William and Margaret Penderville Clark.

Mr. Clark was an avid billiard player and fisherman and enjoyed many outdoor sports. He also was a big Steelers football fan.

He adored his wife, children and grandchildren and will be greatly missed by them.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Albert Clark; his daughters, Caren (Joseph) Hanz of Ford City, Kimberly (John) Alioto of Glenshaw, and Kathleen (Michael) Comport of Mars; his grandchildren, Dr. Christine Melani of Shaler, Carrie Hazelton of Fairless Hills, Alexander Alioto of State College and Maggie and Mitchell Comport of Mars; and his sisters, Mona Lee Riley of Mt. Lebanon, Lois Brust of Wexford and Helen Cummins of Washington.

Deceased are a brother, William Clark; and two sisters, Loretta Malone and Margaret Brown. **GH**

Viola Burgess

Formerly of Washington



Viola Burgess, 86, of Winthrop, Mass., formerly of Elm Street, Washington, died Friday, November 18, 2005, in Governors Winthrop Nursing Home in Massachusetts, following a brief illness.

She was born September 21, 1919, in Midland, a daughter of Charles and Cora Webster Brim.

On October 25, 1937, she married Lloyd Leroy Burgess, who died in October 1975.

Surviving are a son, Leroy Stanley Burgess of Michigan; five daughters, Carolyn E. (Alfred) Smith of Massachusetts, Sandra M. (Clarence) Dudley of Canonsburg, Jean I. (Frederick) Anderson of Washington, Vicky L. Miller of Washington and Diana L. Burgess of Washington state; 21 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Burgess was the last of her immediate family.

Deceased are three brothers and five sisters. OS

Charles Kenneth Riggle

WWII vet was retired postal worker, Amway distributor

Charles Kenneth Riggle, 81, of Wheeling, W.Va., died Saturday, November 26, 2005, in Bishop Joseph H. Hodges Continuous Care Center, Wheeling.

He was born March 26, 1924, in Dallas, W.Va., a son of Jesse and Phoebe Sampson Riggle.

Surviving are his wife, Blanche King Ellison Riggle; a son, Daniel Kenneth Riggle of Columbus, Ohio; a daughter, Susan Toland and husband Jake of Wheeling; a brother, William Donald Riggle and wife Marjory of West Alexander; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, is his first wife, Kathryn Jane Fonner Riggle. WA

Sara Jane McConnell

Member of Taylorstown Christian Church



Sara Jane McConnell, 63, of Washington, died Friday, December 2, 2005, following a seven-month illness.

She was born April 17, 1942, in Taylorstown, a daughter of Wilbur (Tom) and Gladys McDough Stewart.

She had attended Claysville schools and was a member and deacon at Taylorstown Christian Church. CL

Camille S. Novak

Member, elder of Muse Presbyterian Church

Camille S. Novak, 83, of Hawthorne Woods, formerly of Muse, died Friday, November 25, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born May 26, 1922, in Ystradgynlais, Wales, a daughter of Maurice and Camille Romaine Buquet.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly (Lee) Barolo of Pittsburgh; three grandchildren, Tracy Chabalie, Scott Barolo and Todd Barolo; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are her husband, Walter A. Novak, who died May 20, 1988; a son, Walter R. Novak, who died November 23, 1998; a brother, Pierre Buquet; and a sister, Germaine Martin. OS

Frances L. Bucheli

Member of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church

Frances L. Bucheli, 92, of McDonald, formerly of Midway, died Saturday, November 26, 2005.

She was born August 28, 1913, in Jefferson Township, a daughter of Frank and Johanna Rajvek Zalaznik.

On June 25, 1938, she married Edward J. Bucheli, who died March 28, 2003.

Surviving are two children, Edward D. (Cheryl) Bucheli of McDonald and Jean K. (Robert) Ondovik of Pittsburgh; a brother, Donald Zalaznik of Bulger; three sisters, Wilda Janeshek of Alabama, Lillian Sray of McDonald and Della Janeshek of Midway; three grandchildren, Amy (Troy) Nedrich and Anne and Michael Ondovik; and a great-grandchild, Luke Nedrich.

Deceased are two brothers, Frank and Raymond Zalaznik; and three sisters, Jean Dornan, Kathryn Martin and Emma Roach. C

Mrs. McConnell had worked in Presbyterian Senior Care laundry department.

On January 24, 1967, she married Russell McConnell, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Randy (wife Krista) McConnell of Washington and James "J.R." (wife Amy) McConnell of Claysville; a brother, John Stewart of Washington; two sisters, Margie Travis of Taylorstown and Patty McConnell of Washington; seven grandchildren, Jennifer, Julie, James, Jesse, Jantzen, Shayla and Jayden; and two great-grandchildren. CL

Fifi G. Zelenko

Burgettstown Presbyterian Church, Slovan Mission member

Fifi G. Zelenko, 95, of Slovan, died Tuesday, November 29, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born October 16, 1910, in Raccoon (Joffre).

She was a graduate of Union High School, Burgettstown, and Duff's Business School, Pittsburgh, and was a member of Burgettstown Presbyterian Church, Slovan Mission.

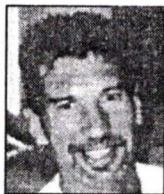
She was married to James E. Zelenko, who died May 15, 1984.

Surviving are a son, Donald L. Zelenko and wife Betty Lou of Burgettstown; four grandchildren, Dawn Mercer, Danielle Zelenko, Dana L. Black and husband William, and Timothy J. "Zeeb" Zelenko and wife Kathleen; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are two sisters and a brother.

Robert Kevin Bernardini

Owner of All Pro Carpet Cleaning Service coached sports



Robert Kevin Bernardini, 46, of Prosperity, died Friday, December 2, 2005, as a result of an automobile accident.

He was born in Washington, a son of the late Raymond C. Bernardini and Linda Leasa Bernardini of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Bernardini was a graduate of McGuffey High School and had attended Allegheny Community College.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines and a member of Moose Lodge and Sunset Lodge 623 F.A.A.M. He was involved in various youth sports and had been a coach for McGuffey Youth Wrestling and South Franklin Youth Baseball. He also played in an adult softball league.

Mr. Bernardini was formerly a steelworker at Washington Steel Corp. and was the owner of All Pro Carpet Cleaning Service.

On June 27, 1987, he married Nikki Jo Tilger, who died May 17, 2005.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his stepfather, Marvin McGinnis of Pittsburgh; a daughter, Melinda (Mindi) Bernardini and a son, Justin Bernardini, both of Claysville; a brother, Raymond C. (wife Carol) Bernardini Jr. of Harrisburg; a sister, Nora (husband Pete Liotus) Gilpin of Washington; and a grandchild, Aaliyah Ryan McKinney. OS

Helen Crawford

Oldest Canonsburg U.P. Church member, retired nurse's aide



Helen Crawford, 99, formerly of Canonsburg and Daisytown, died Saturday, November 26, 2005, in Westmoreland Manor, Greensburg.

She was born April 18, 1906, in Martins Ferry, Ohio, a daughter of John and Anna Dec Fisher.

She spent most of her life in Canonsburg, where she was the oldest member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are three sons, Wallace (Mary) Crawford, Melvin Crawford and Terry W. (Debbie) Crawford; three daughters, Connie (Jim) Ghrist, Gloria (John) Soma and Audrey Crawford Sapp; 25 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are her husband, William E. Crawford Sr., who died June 4, 1964; a son, William E. Crawford Jr., who died February 23, 1991; a grandson, David Brian Crawford; two brothers, Walter Fisher and Adam Fisher; and a sister, Mary O'Savage. OS

William Cecil Wass

Caretaker for Burgettstown High School football field

William Cecil Wass, 75, of Wellsburg, W.Va., died Monday, November 28, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

Born December 24, 1929, in Weirton, he resided on Charles Street in Wellsburg and formerly on West Market Street, Burgettstown. He was a son of Byrl Cecil and Elizabeth Jane Barkley Wass.

Surviving are two sisters, Lulabelle (Lou) Zaney of Paris and Ruthann A. Schultz of Fontana, Calif.; a brother, James E. Wass of Salem, Ore.; three daughters, Elizabeth Diane Monfred and husband Gary of Florida, Roseanna M. Weld Filberto and husband Anthony of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Marianne C. Cowden Hunnell and husband Rob of Carmichaels; eight grandchildren, Gary J. Monfred and wife Renee of Chicago, Ill., Dominic A. Monfred and wife Teshanna of Florida, Joseph V. Monfred and wife Jennifer of Hawaii, Ryan W. Weld of Wellsburg, A. Joseph Filberto of Monroeville, Eric C.J. Filberto of Wellsburg, Mark K. Cowden of Hickory and Marianne N. Cowden and fiancée Tim Boardley of Hickory; and two great-grandchildren, Ashlin and Adalin, both of Hickory.

Deceased is a brother, Richard Karl Wass. CP

Mark M. Snatchko

Alumnus of Fort Cherry School District

Mark M. Snatchko, 36, of McDonald, died Wednesday, November 30, 2005, in Washington Hospital, Washington.

He was born March 5, 1969, in Pittsburgh, a son of Linda Azzolina Snatchko of Hickory and the late Harold Renard "Rene" Snatchko Jr.

Mr. Snatchko was an alumnus of Fort Cherry School District and was a social member of McDonald VFW Post 567.

Surviving are a brother, Adam A. Snatchko of Hickory; a sister, Lisa Renee Snatchko of Canonsburg; his maternal grandparents, the Rev. Matthew and Jean Azolina of South Park; his paternal grandfather, Harold Renard "Rene" Snatchko Sr. of Columbiana, Ohio; his paternal grandmother, Mary Harenski of Gibsonia; two nieces, Amanda and Heather; three nephews, Adam, Raymond and Jeff; and several aunts and uncles. **C**

Washington roofer killed on the job

A Washington man was killed Wednesday when he fell 25 feet from a roof in Blairsville, Burrell Township, Indiana County.

Thomas L. Conner Jr., 59, was working on the roof of a commercial building at 1 Airport Road, for L.W. Miller Roofing Co. of Washington when he misjudged the end of the roof while picking up scraps. Conner stepped off the roof, lost his balance and fell, striking his head on the ground, according to state police.

Catherine Jane Coakley Hancher

1945 graduate of Claysville High School

Catherine Jane Coakley Hancher, 79, of Claysville, died Monday, November 28, 2005, in East Ohio Regional Hospital, Martins Ferry, Ohio.

She was born June 4, 1926, in West Alexander, a daughter of James and Martha Catherine Hunter Coakley.

On November 27, 1946, in Immaculate Conception Church, she married Clyde D. "Whitey" Hancher, who died January 25, 1980.

Surviving are two sons, Michael B. Hancher of Washington and Gary L. Hancher of Canonsburg; two daughters, Linda L. Secrist of Adena, Ohio, and Mary Jo Reamer of Jensen Beach, Fla.; a brother, John Coakley of Pittsburgh; and 10 grandchildren.

Deceased is a brother, Jim Coakley. **CL**

Thomas L. Conner Jr.

Rofer with L.W. Miller was McGuffey H.S. graduate



Thomas L. Conner Jr., 59, of Washington, died Wednesday, November 30, 2005, in the emergency room of Indiana (Pa.) Hospital, due to injuries sustained in a fall in Blairsville.

He was born July 24, 1946, in Claysville, a son of the late Thomas Lawson Conner Sr. and Edna Clark Conner.

His wife, Candice L. Barton Conner, survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Thomas L. Conner III of Lafayette, Ind., and Timothy A. Conner of Canonsburg; three grandchildren, Jacob A., Riley Joy and Ashlee Gail Conner; and a nephew, Michael L. Conner of Virginia Beach, Va.

Deceased are a brother, Michael Conner, who died in infancy; and a sister, Gailena Louise Conner. **CL**

Mildred Liggett Jones

Lifelong member of Upper Buffalo UP Church



Mildred Liggett Jones, 91, of Avella, formerly of Buffalo Village, died Friday, December 2, 2005, in Washington Hospital, following a one-month illness.

She was born July 23, 1914, in Independence, a daughter of Robert G. and Alma Campbell Liggett.

On June 1, 1937, she married Wray M. Jones, who died June 18, 1988.

Surviving are a son, Robert W. (Bernadette) Jones of Avella; three daughters, Nancy E. Zrimm of Avella, with whom she made her home, Sandra (Larry) Kandros of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Barbara (James) Roupe of Washington; 13 grandchildren, Robert, Thomas and Christopher Jones, Michael Zrimm, Nancy Dunkle, Lisa Kerr, Debbie Lindsay, Amy Spencer, James Roupe, Chad, Micah, and Kerri Kandros and Ashley Jones; 20 great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Deceased are two brothers, Kenneth and Robert Liggett Jr.; and two sisters, Mary Morrison and Helen Scheib. **T**

Donald Eugene Plants

Claysville heavy equipment operator



Donald Eugene Plants, 84, of Claysville, died Wednesday, November 30, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born November 19, 1921, in East Finley Township, a son of Clyde S. and Grace Farine Allum Plants.

Mr. Plants was a member of Claysville Christian Church.

A 1941 graduate of Claysville High School, he was a heavy equipment operator with Local 66.

Mr. Plants enjoyed hunting and being outdoors, farming, gardening and baseball.

On November 25, 1943, in Washington, he married Clora Louise Warrell, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Christine) Webb of Claysville; a brother, Kenneth Plants of Claysville; a sister, Dorothy Stewart of Claysville; two grandsons, Michael Parsley of Wichita, Kan., and Matthew Webb of Washington; and a great-grandson, Tyler Michael Webb.

Deceased are a daughter, Donna Parsley; a grandson, R. Michael Webb; and a brother, Clyde S. Plants Jr., who died in action during World War II. **CL**

Richard M. Caleffe

Started Cardinal Tire, Burgettstown

Richard M. "Moose" Caleffe, 79, of Burgettstown, died unexpectedly Wednesday, November 30, 2005, in Trinity West Hospital, Steubenville, Ohio.

He was born April 8, 1926, in Joffre, a son of Pete and Oliva Scopel Caleffe.

He was a graduate of Union High School, Burgettstown.

He was married to Mary McDonald Caleffe, who died May 31, 1997.

His loving companion was Sandra Horvath, with whom he made his home.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald P. Caleffe and his wife, Mary, of Moon Township and Robert J. Caleffe and his wife, Penny, of Washington; two daughters, Nancy Schenck and her husband, Cleve, of Evergreen, Colo., and Jeanne Maish and her husband, Jay, of Houston, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Molly and James Caleffe, Sally Fulkert, Stephen and Lisa Caleffe, Susie Rich, Amy and Bradley Schenck and Andy and Luke Maish; and a sister, Lorraine Maslany and her husband, Nick. **MP**

Olympia DallaPiazza Elias

Member of St. Alphonsus Church, McDonald



Olympia DallaPiazza Elias, 93, of McDonald, died Friday, December 2, 2005, in Ohio Valley Hospital.

She was born June 20, 1912, in Beadling, a daughter of Fortunato and Angelina Gumbalongo DallaPiazza.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas Elias of McDonald; a daughter, Gloria (Mac) McElhaney of North Carolina; a son, Warren (Susan) Mazzocco of Weirton; three grandchildren, Jeffrey McElhaney of Washington, D.C., Dr. Mary Lynne McElhaney of North Carolina and Dr. Kellie Ann McElhaney of California state; four great-grandchildren, Griffin and MacKenzie Self and Isabel and Juliana Weinerth; two brothers, Bruno and Frenzo DallaPiazza of Oakdale; and 17 nieces and nephews.

Deceased are his first husband, Dominick Mazzocco, who died in 1952; three brothers, Gilbert, Warren and William DallaPiazza; and three sisters, Zelinda Montgomery, Carmella DeVandry and Ida Dellapiazza. **RR**

Mona Lee Morris

Claysville United Methodist Church member



Mona Lee Morris, 68, of Claysville, died Tuesday, November 29, 2005, in her home.

She was born June 6, 1937, in Claysville, a daughter of Charles Kenneth and Ethel Danley Francis.

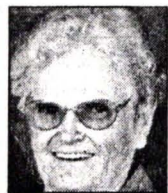
On September 13, 1975, in Claysville, she married Elden Morris, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Lisa Moore of Wind Ridge, and Pamela Jones and Teri McMullen, both of Washington; three sons, Charles Morris of Washington, Scott Morris of Graysville and Todd Morris of Washington; three brothers, Charles Francis of Claysville, George Francis of Carlisle and Charles "Bud" Francis of Claysville; three sisters, Mary Lou Galentine of Washington, Peggy Jo Bakaitis of Canonsburg and LeAnn Sorice of Washington; thirteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, are a son, Harold Dean Strahl Jr.; and a brother, John Francis. **CL**

Martha Jane Fowler Collins

Retired 38-year employee
of Bethany College



Martha Jane Fowler Collins, 78, of Avella, died Friday, December 2, 2005, in her home.

She was born February 6, 1927, in Rea, a daughter of Nathaniel Worthington and Anna Holmes Fowler.

On December 28, 1950, she married Lawrence L. Collins, who survives.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Eleanor Coen and husband Larry of Wheeling, W.Va.; a brother, Harry (Bill) Fowler and wife Patsy of Rea; four sisters, Ruth Stolkovich of Aliquippa, Anna Milvet and husband John of Rea, Emma Jean Starinsky and husband Pete of Avella and Edna Pepe of Follansbee, W.Va.; two stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, Albert Dean Fowler, who died in 2001, and William Jack Fowler, in 1990; three sisters, Mary Ellen King, in 2003, Elsie Buchanan, in 2005, and Edith Fisher, in 1989.

Franklin Cemetery,
Wellsburg.

Joseph Edward Clark Jr.

WWII veteran was retired
coal industry employee

Joseph Edward Clark Jr., 81, of San Diego, Calif., died Sunday, November 27, 2005.

He was born May 4, 1924, in Bulger, and along with his late brother, Donald Clark, was raised by parents Joseph E. Clark Sr. and Hanorra (Nora) Penderville.

Mr. Clark was a 1942 Burgettstown High School graduate, where he was a football star and all-around athlete.

In 1944, he married Elizabeth Louise (Betty Lou) Hamilton of Burgettstown.

Mr. Clark joined the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1944 and saw extensive action in Europe during World War II, piloting B-24 bombers. He and his crew were shot down behind enemy lines in France in 1945. Mr. Clark was fortunate to land in an area controlled by the French resistance and made his way safely to England.

He and his wife lived in the Burgettstown area for nearly 75 years. Their marriage produced four daughters, Elizabeth Joanne (Betty Jo) Ziegler of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., Sandra Clark Kosar of Mars, Patricia Anne Clark of El Cajon, Calif., and Deborah Linn Perry of Stillwater, Okla.; and five grandchildren, Kerri Leigh and Corey Randall Ziegler, Brooke Erin and Meghan Elizabeth Kosar and Samantha Nicole Perry.

George L. Williamson Jr.

Worked for Climax
Molybdenum Co.

George L. Williamson Jr., of Ellenton, Fla., died Sunday, November 27, 2005.

He was an Air Force Veteran of World War II, a member of Hump Pilot Association and a mason.

He was employed for 40 years with Climax Molybdenum Co., where he retired as a foreman.

Surviving are his loving wife, Virginia; a son, George (Larry) Williamson III; a daughter, Marcy (Joe) Kleer; a daughter-in-law, Phyllis Ralston Williamson; two brothers, Jack and James Williamson; a sister, Helen Ermiles; five grandchildren, Shawn Reed (Danielle) Williamson, Eric Scott (Angela) Williamson, Zachary Joseph Kleer, Joseph Glenn Kleer and Jenny Lynn Kleer; and a great-grandchild, Reed Edward Williamson.

Deceased is a son, James L. Williamson.

Visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in Mansion Memorial Funeral Home, 1400 36th Avenue East, Ellenton, Fla.,

George M. Galbraith

Former Marine retired
from AT&T

George M. "Red" Galbraith, 77, of Canonsburg, died Monday, December 5, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born July 31, 1928, in Canonsburg, a son of William Kerr and Mary A. McNutt Galbraith.

On November 10, 1949, he married Verna Koser, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, George M. Galbraith and his wife, Kathy, of Mt. Lebanon and D. Scott Galbraith and his wife, Carol, of Canonsburg; a daughter, Susan D. Galbraith of Charlotte, N.C.; five grandchildren, Andrew Galbraith, Rebecca Galbraith, Amy Galbraith, Elizabeth Layton and Maggie Layton; and a brother, William Galbraith of Twinsburg, Ohio.

Deceased are a grandson, Eric Galbraith; and two sisters, Mary Alice Neely and Olive Jean George.

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Beth Ann Jeram

Worked at Famcare Pharmacy

Beth Ann Jeram, 51, of Burgettstown, died unexpectedly Saturday, December 3, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born November 21, 1954, in Washington, a daughter of Leota Kennedy Newman of Burgettstown and the late Glenn Newman, who died June 1, 1990.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband, Joseph Jeram; two sons, Christopher and Daniel Jeram, both at home; a daughter, Megan Jeram, at home; and a brother, Brian Newman of Burgettstown.

BE

Elizabeth Ann Batinich Polen

Slovan beauty shop owner

Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Batinich Polen, 70, of Burgettstown, died Thursday, December 8, 2005, in UPMC-Shadyside hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born February 23, 1935, in Slovan, a daughter of Anthony and Mary Pauchnik Dvorsak.

Surviving are her husband, Larry Polen; six daughters, Lynn Pobok and husband Michael of Jackson, N.J., Carol Speed and husband Scott of Aberdeen, Md., Anne Marie Tony and husband Bill of Greenfield, Wis., Maureen Thomas and husband Dan of Warrenton, Va., Lizanne Boni and husband Dave of Canonsburg and Noreen Reed and husband Gary of Joffre; four sons, Tom Batinich and wife Donna of Shelbyville, Ind., David Batinich of San Francisco, Calif., Michael Polen and wife Robin of Imperial and Larry Polen of Joffre; 14 grandchildren, Victoria and Alaina Pobok, Kathryn and Joseph Speed, Gretchen and Kata Thomas, Alex, Samantha and Zachary Boni, Shane, Brianna and Jessica Polen, Chrissy Reed and Tonya Dear; two great-grandchildren, Billy and Desiree Dear; three brothers, Anthony Dvorsak of Bulger, John Dvorsak of Slovan and Robert Dvorsak of Linthicum Heights, Md.; and four sisters, Mitzie McCombs of Florence, Cecilia Garritano of Slovan, twin sister Theresa Rozmus of Slovan and Frances Christle of Louisville, Ky.

Deceased are her first husband, Thomas Batinich, who died in 1978; and a brother, Jim Dvorsak.

BURIAL in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Burgettstown,

Elizabeth Louise McClelland

McDonald woman volunteered
for American Cancer Society

Elizabeth Louise (Liz) McClelland, 71, of McDonald, died Monday, December 19, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born December 23, 1933, in Marine City, Mich., a daughter of Donald E. and Mercedes F. Thollin Hurlburt.

On August 19, 1977, she married Harry J. McClelland, who died March 25, 2004. They had renewed their wedding vows February 8, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan Bacich of McDonald and Janette McClelland of Alameda, Calif.; four sons, Nick Williams of Murphys, Calif., Rick Williams of Jeddo, Mich., James J. McClelland of White Sulfur Springs, Mont., and James E. McClelland

SEE HARRY J. OBIT.

K 89

Shawn M. Collingwood, 36, of Hooks Lane, Canonsburg, was driving south at 1:32 p.m. when a tractor-trailer carrying mining equipment traveling north went around a sharp bend near Crestmont Road, according to Washington County Coroner Tim Warco. Warco said a metal piece from the equipment came loose and sailed through Collingwood's front windshield, striking him in the face and killing him instantly.

Morris Township firefighters, assisting at the scene, said the metal piece was the size of a brick, and they first thought Collingwood was shot because of the hole in the windshield and his injury.

Shawn Michael Collingwood

Chemical engineer
from Canonsburg

Shawn Michael Collingwood, 36, of Canonsburg, died at 2:43 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2005.

He was born December 21, 1968, in Pittsburgh, a son of Michael J. and Lorraine Refosco Collingwood of Canonsburg.

Mr. Collingwood was a 1986 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School and a graduate of University of Pittsburgh.

On May 31, 1997, he married Carri A. Phillips, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are two daughters, Caitlin Marie and Carlene Rebecca Collingwood, both at home; a sister, Tami Renee Collingwood of Canonsburg; and several nieces and nephews, Stephanie, Amanda, Jesse, Levi and Janae Toland, Katherine, Lawrence and Alexander Phillips and Evan Hares. OS

Edwin J. Hendricksen

Member of Hickory U.P. Church

Edwin J. Hendricksen, 89, of Hickory, died at 3:50 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2005, in his home.

He was born April 16, 1916, in Jersey City, N.J., a son of Jonathan and Emily Schilling Hendricksen.

On February 28, 1946, he married Lily E. Jenkins, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ed J. Hendricksen and wife Denise of Hickory; four daughters, Joan and husband Donald Ross of Leesburg, Fla., Dorothy and husband Thomas Jones of North Canton, Ohio, Lily and husband Alan Carol of Weirton, W.Va., and Judee and husband Joe Everly of New Cumberland, W.Va.; 12 grandchildren, Randy, Ronnie, Becky, Jerry, Joe, David, Lily, Pam, Kris, Kathi, Kim and Lorianne; and 29 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Howard Hendricksen, died November 17, 2005.

MP

Bernice J. Christner

Manager at West Chestnut Street
Pizza Hut

Bernice J. Christner, 53, of Muse, died at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2005, in her home.

She was born May 29, 1952, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Edward J. Horvath Sr. of Canonsburg and the late Carol Anne Zinn Horvath.

On December 14, 1974, she married Keith A. Christner Sr., who died November 21, 2004.

Surviving, in addition to her father, are a son, Keith A. Christner Jr. of Coraopolis; four sisters, Mary Esther (David) Capo of Washington, Jean (Dennis) Rosmus of Canonsburg, Susanne (Richard) Thompson of Canonsburg and Christine (Mark) Stevens of Canonsburg; two brothers, Edward J. (Barbara) Horvath Jr. of Prosperity and Joseph A. Horvath of Canonsburg; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. OS

Harley Montgomery Sprowls

Active West Alexander
Presbyterian Church member

Harley Montgomery Sprowls, 86, of West Alexander, died Monday, December 12, 2005, in Broadview Heights, Ohio.

He was born May 25, 1919, in East Finley Township, a son of Montgomery and Nellie Viola Scott. SPROWLS

On December 24, 1945, in West Alexander Presbyterian Church parsonage, he married Mary Letha, who is deceased.

Surviving are six brothers and two sisters; a grandson, U.S. Army Maj. Thomas (Becky) Simons Jr.; a granddaughter, Mrs. James (Lynne) Filicko; two great-granddaughters, Abigail and Madison Filicko; and a son-in-law, Thomas (Karen) Simons and their sons, Chris and Jacob Simons.

A daughter, Mary Belle Simons, is deceased. WA

Additional information was received for the obituary of Harley Montgomery Sprowls, published Thursday. Mr. Sprowls was a son of William Montgomery Sprowls and Nellie Viola Scott Sprowls. Survivors include six brothers, Oliver, Elmer, John, Vance, Franklin and Charles Sprowls; and two sisters, Opal Woodburn and Hilda Waychoff. Deceased family members include his parents; his wife, Mary Letha Craig Sprowls, who died May 21, 2005; and 10 siblings, Edna Scherich, Edgar, Wilda, Harvey and William Sprowls, Evelyn Phillips, Simeon and Alfred Sprowls, Catherine Snyder and Hazel Plants.

Olga Makrush Hendry

Former Bell Telephone manager

Olga Makrush Hendry, 82, of Tandem Village, died Sunday, January 1, 2006, in Tandem Health Care, North Strabane Township.

She was born September 21, 1923, in Cecil Township, a daughter of Pete and Mary Milas Makrush.

Surviving are two sisters, Helen Jobkar of McDonald and Alice Shalosky of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are her husband, Charles A. Hendry; two brothers, Peter Makrush, formerly of Midway, and Joseph Makrush, formerly of McDonald. V

Joan J. Richey

Member of First United
Presbyterian Church

Joan J. Richey, 76, of Washington, formerly of Crumrine Towers and Burgettstown, died at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2005, in Humbert Lane Health Care Center.

She was born March 28, 1929, in Steubenville, Ohio, a daughter of Clayton and Beryle Munger McGee.

On December 19, 1952, she married John Richey, who died July 30, 1987.

Surviving are a son, John Clay Richey of Philadelphia; a daughter, Beth Richey of Monongahela; and two grandchildren, Richard M. Jackson and Rhea Ashley Richey. G

E. James Sneddon

WWII vet was 38-year Penn
Central Railroad conductor

E. James Sneddon, 86, of Bridgeville, formerly of Midway, died Friday, December 9, 2005, in John J. King Scott Regional Center.

He was born September 29, 1919, in Midway, a son of John and Christine Miller Sneddon.

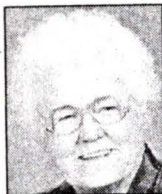
His wife, Ruth Elizabeth Sneddon, whom he married December 7, 1941, died January 1, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie (Don) Williams of Bridgeville; a son, James A. (Noreen) Sneddon of Butler; a sister, Martha Mucha of Bridgeville; eight grandchildren, Donald and Jessica Williams, Virgil, Lance and Chad Neigh, Jennifer Lenhart, and Beau and Jeff Sneddon; and 11 great-grandchildren, Gabe, Alec and Kathryn Williams, Ty, Livy, Ellie and Halle Lenhart, Parker, Spencer and Savannah Sneddon, and Lawson Neigh.

Deceased are five brothers, Thomas, Richard, Harry, Alex and Charles Sneddon; and four sisters, Jennie Meute, Christine Johnston, Margaret Smith and Agnes Delaney. C

Mary Ann Snedeker

Founding member of
Friendship Community Church



Mary Ann Snedeker, 87, of Washington, died Friday, December 9, 2005, in Humbert Lane Personal Care Home, Washington.

She was born May 13, 1918, in Washington, a daughter of Charles Crouch and Myrtle Rowland Crouch Bruckner. She was a stepdaughter of Joseph Bruckner, who raised her since age 2.

On July 3, 1941, in Weirton, W.Va., she married Frank R. Snedeker, who died May 15, 1974.

Surviving are a son, Robert (Linda) Snedeker of Niles, Ohio; three daughters, Myrtle (Donald "Duck") Sapic, Ruth Ann (George) Main and Mary Carlile, all of Washington; three brothers, Wilbert (Janet) Bruckner of Snellsville, Ga., Reese Bruckner of Washington and Samuel (Carol) Bruckner of Lancaster, S.C.; two sisters, Audrey Delores (Ray) Burchell of Seymour, Tenn., and Ruth (Jim) Casper of Monroe, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Donald Sapic Jr., Kenneth Sapic, Jody Horak, George Main Jr., Robert Snedeker, and Frank and Ashley Carlile; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, Joseph and Wallace Bruckner, and Carl Bruckner, who died in infancy; and two sisters, Gladys Snedeker, and Beatrice Bruckner, who died in infancy. MP

Charles A. Dufour

Superior Concrete,
Rennekamp Supply retiree

Charles A. Dufour, 79, of Sturgeon, died Saturday, December 10, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born November 20, 1926, in Noblestown, a son of Charles Sr. and Elma Cousins Dufour.

Mr. Dufour retired as a block plant manager for Superior Concrete after 10 years and earlier retired from Rennekamp Supply Co. after 34 years.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Dolores Hans Dufour; three daughters, Shirley (Kevin) Johnson of Cecil, Dianne (Ronald) Unghajer of Sturgeon and Marsha (Dennis) Brown of Cecil; five grandchildren, Robert Moreau, Tracy Hartner, Brenda Unghajer, Steven Brown and Melanie Brown; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, George Dufour.

A son, Charles Dufour III, died in 1953. RR

Sharon Richmond

Ray Hough Printing warehouse
manager from Avella



Sharon (Colleen) Richmond, 57, of Avella, died Thursday, December 8, 2005, in Washington Hospital following a four-month illness.

She was born October 10, 1948, in Washington, a daughter of Martha Jane Thomas Knestrick of Washington and the late Harold "Apples" Knestrick.

On October 21, 1967, she married David D. Richmond, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ryan Richmond of Avella; a daughter, Amy Ullom of Avella; a brother, Howard Knestrick of Muse; a sister, Kathy Knestrick of Carmichaels; two grandchildren, Craig and Caitlin Ullom; 14 nieces and nephews; and nine great-nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Juanita Nixon; and a brother, Donnie Knestrick. WM

Dorothy M. Grimm

Retired custodian worked
at state police barracks



Dorothy M. Grimm, 83, of Washington, died at 5:15 p.m. Saturday December 10, 2005, in Washington Hospital, following a six-week illness.

She was born November 8, 1922, in Chartiers Township, a daughter of James W. and Sarah Temple Null.

Mrs. Grimm was a graduate of Hickory High School and Penn Commercial College.

She enjoyed baking.

On April 24, 1943, she married Harry R. Grimm, who died November 21, 1960.

Surviving are a son, Richard K. Grimm and wife Linda of West Finley; two daughters, Betty J. Paraska and husband Jerry of Washington and Donna M. Grimm of Washington; a sister, Helen Spencer of Penn Yan, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Steve Paraska, Mikol Bell, Lisa Nimal, Bobbi Jo Shalis and Christopher Crawford; and 10 great-grandchildren, Britany, Amber and Paul Nimal, Cara, Seth and Bradlee Paraska, Ryan, Jacob and Alissa Shalis and Chandler Bell;

Deceased are two sons, James T. Grimm, who died in infancy, and Theodore W. Grimm; four brothers, Arthur, Clarence, Blaine and Frank Null; and three sisters, Ella Hess, Alice Null and Grace Larissey. MP

Marie Murphy Love Smiley

Marie Murphy Love Smiley, 87, of Strabane Trails, Washington, formerly of Bulger, died Thursday, December 15, 2005, in Washington Hospital.

She was born October 29, 1918, in Bulger, a daughter of John and Katherine Rommes Love.

Mrs. Smiley was a 1936 graduate of Union High School, Burgettstown, and a 1940 graduate of Westminster College.

She was a high school business teacher for 32 years in Burgettstown, Avella and Hickory high schools, and retired from Fort Cherry High School in 1978.

Mrs. Smiley was a member of Burgettstown Presbyterian Church (Westminster).

On October 20, 1945, she married Paul M. Smiley, who died August 4, 1990.

She was the beloved mother of Joanne Werth and husband Richard of Sioux City, Iowa, and Nancy Davidson and husband Richard of Butler; and loving grandmother of John and Kate Werth and Blake and Cody Risker. **G**

Ruth Ann Ward

Avella resident since 1970



Ruth Ann Ward, 66, of Avella, died at 10:51 p.m. Friday, December 16, 2005, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born April 21, 1939, in Washington, a daughter of Francis Charles and Loretta Jane Allen Robl.

On May 3, 1969, she married George P. Ward, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Robl of McDonald and Cynthia Richard of Burgettstown; a son, Charles Harrington of Sydney, Ohio; three stepsons, Bernard, Roy and Lloyd Ward; two stepdaughters, Bertha and Flossie; a brother, Francis Robl of McDonald; 20 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Wanda Logan; a stepson, George Ward; a stepdaughter, Angie Ward; and a brother, William Robl. **WP**

Velma Virginia Margaret Bowman Atchison

Worked for Kade Nursing Home housekeeping department



Velma Virginia Margaret Bowman Atchison, 71, of Eighty Four, formerly of Gretna Road, Washington, died at 6:05 a.m.

Thursday, December 22, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

She was born October 29, 1934, in East Finley Township, a daughter of Archibald and Rachael Catherine Patterson Bowman.

She attended Claysville High School and was a member of First Christian Church in West Alexander.

Mrs. Atchison enjoyed country and western music.

She worked at Kade Nursing Home in the housekeeping department.

On June 19, 1953, she married Robert L. Atchison, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Lee Atchison of Canonsburg and Robert Franklin Atchison of California; three daughters, Diane (Keith) Baughman and Mary Ann Atchison, both of Eighty Four, and Velma Lynn (William) Kehn of Arizona; a sister, Mabel Mankey of Amity; 11 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a brother; Archibald Bowman Jr. **FL**

ZOLDOS

A. JEROME

BETTY JEAN, passed peacefully in her sleep on Dec. 3, 2005. The wife of Andrew J. Zoldos, they celebrated 58 years of marriage together. Betty was born in New Salem PA, the daughter of the late Robert and Mary Hoop. A devoted wife, mother and teaching registered nurse, Betty left her last position at Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania to start a family in 1949. In addition to her family, Betty loved gardening, reading, traveling, cooking, going to the shore and doing cross-stitching. She was a former president and long-standing member of local chapter of the Needlework Guild of America. In addition to her husband, she is survived by 2 sons and 2 daughters: Robin husband of Joyce of Phoenix AZ, Jerry husband of Lin of Dallastown PA, Marilee Roney wife of Dave of Ligonier PA, Wendy Vagnoni wife of Bob of King of Prussia; 6 grandchildren Jason, Jared, Jocelyn, Lauren, Ally and Lisa; 3 sisters and a brother: Dana, MaryAnn, Marcie and David and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Robert E. Hoop Jr. A Viewing will be held from 10 to 11 A.M. on Thursday Dec. 8th at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 400 W. Lancaster Ave., Malvern, Services will follow at 11 A.M. in her memory, you may wish to make a donation to your favorite charity. Family Service by MAUGER/GIVNISH INC. FUNERAL HOME.....610-644-2240. www.lifcelebration.com

William Harry Donald Diamond

Pittsburgh resident formerly of Midway

William Harry Donald Diamond, 64, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Midway, died Monday, December 19, 2005, in John J. Kane Regional Center, Scott Township.

He was born May 30, 1941, in Pigeon, a son of the late Andrew Anthony and Edith Gallo Diamond.

Surviving are a brother, Andrew Diamond of Midway; two nieces; and two nephews.

All arrangements are private and under the direction of Nation Funeral Home Inc., 220 East Lincoln Avenue, McDonald.

W. Eleanor West

Hopewell Township dairy farmer



W. Eleanor West, 93, of Avella, Hopewell Township, died Friday, December 23, 2005, in her home.

She was born August 2, 1912, in Valley Grove, W.Va., a daughter of Jesse and Ruie Devine Park.

Mrs. West was a member of North Buffalo Presbyterian Church, where she participated in Ladies Missionary Society and served for many years as their secretary.

A 1930 West Liberty High School graduate, she attended business school for stenotyping in Triadelphia, W.Va.

Mrs. West was a dairy farmer and a homemaker.

She enjoyed playing piano for Sunday school, quilting, gardening and reading.

On June 6, 1936, she married W. Reed West, who died October 1, 1962.

Surviving are two sons, John W. (Donna) and Ronald L. (Roseanne M.) West, both of Avella; a daughter, Mrs. Anthony F. (Janet) Brach of Washington; seven grandchildren, Michelle Dever, Michael Brach, Susan and James West and Randy, Richard and Roger West; 10 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a daughter, Shirley Ann West; a brother, Jesse Louis Park; and two sisters, Minnie Craig and Helen Peacock. **WA**

Eleanor Muenster Ursitz

Bridgeville resident

Eleanor Muenster Ursitz, 88, of Bridgeville, died Tuesday, December 13, 2005.

She was the beloved wife of the late Thomas Ursitz.

Mrs. Ursitz was the loving mother of Thomas L. (Cheryl) Ursitz of Mt. Lebanon, Louis T. (Nedra) Ursitz of McDonald, Kenneth F. (Sandi) Ursitz of Bridgeville and Susan (Bill) Piazza of Holly Springs, N.C.; grandmother of Melissa, Lisa, Jessica, Louis, Laurel, Becky, Mike, Maddie and Mike.

A brother, Theodore Muenster, is deceased.

Stephen Bresnay Sr.

Shenango Steel retiree

Stephen Bresnay Sr., 84, of McDonald, died Sunday, December 25, 2005, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born October 20, 1921, in Primrose, a son of Paul and Elizabeth Barila Bresnay.

Mr. Bresnay served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a chipper for Shenango Steel for 20 years, retiring in 1983.

His wife, Marie Crane Bresnay, died December 15, 1991.

He was a member of McDonald Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 567.

Surviving are two grandsons, Stephen Bresnay III of Oakdale and Michael Bresnay of Creston; a granddaughter, Brandi L. Bowland of McDonald; three great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Zachery and Austin Bresnay; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, Stephen Bresnay Jr.; three sisters, Elizabeth Bosseau, Anna Frizzi and Mary Bidleo; two brothers, Michael and John Serbak; two half sisters; and five half brothers. **RR**

Carl W. Yoho

Carl W. (Bill) Yoho, 77, of Paris, died Thursday, December 22, 2005, in Kindred Hospital of Pittsburgh.

He was born June 21, 1928, in New Martinsville, W.Va., a son of Lester L. "Bus" and Odessa Pyles Yoho.

His wife, Alberta Bernola Yoho, died November 25, 1989.

Surviving are a son, Lester W. Yoho (Terry) of Weirton; a daughter, Loretta Yoho of Ebensburg; two grandchildren, Melissa and Billy Yoho; a brother, Lester J. "Hap" Yoho (Norma) of Paris; four sisters, Sharon Evans (Bob) of Charleston, W.Va., Patty Yarosz (Larry) of Prince George, Va., Leah Tremper (Phil) of Rockville, Md., and Karen Cumblidge (Chuck) of Burgettstown; and a sister-in-law, Marilyn Yoho of Weirton.

A brother, Albert Yoho, is deceased. **CP**

Sharon A. Sopiak

Kane Hospital LPN from Strabane

Sharon A. Sopiak, 48, of Strabane, died Friday, December 30, 2005, in her home.

She was born April 30, 1957, in Canonsburg, a daughter of the late Clark L. (Pete) and Sophie Czarniecki Knight.

She worked for 12 years as a licensed practical nurse in Kane Hospital, Scott Township, and was a 1974 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School.

Surviving are two sons, John C. Sopiak of North Wales and Jason G. Sopiak of Orange Park, Fla.; a daughter, Jacquelyn M. Sopiak of Strabane; a brother, Wayne Knight, and a sister, Deborah Bunner, both of Canonsburg; and her fiancé and companion, William Newman of Avella. **HC**

Joseph O. Stetson

Member of Calvary Temple,
Washington

Joseph O. Stetson, 75, of Claysville, formerly of Washington, died at 4:50 a.m. Monday, December 26, 2005, in Washington Hospital, after being in failing health for a year.

He was born December 5, 1930, in Washington, a son of Marshall Monroe and Melissa Ellen Jackson Stetson, and had resided in the Washington area all his life.

On April 29, 1960, he married Mary Lou Hodgens, who died in February 2002.

Surviving are a son, Joseph O. Stetson Jr. of Claysville; a brother, William Stetson of Bushnell, Fla.; a sister, Alice Call of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are six brothers and seven sisters.

Corrected information was received for the obituary of William Donald Wood, published Wednesday, December 28, 2005. Mr. Wood was born in East Finley Township, a son of LaFayette and Grace Sprowls Wood. A half sister, Nanomi Gray, is deceased.

Betty Brautigam Thackston

Born in Washington

Betty Louise Brautigam Thackston, 76, of Simpsonville, S.C., died Monday, January 2, 2006.

She was born in Washington, a daughter of Harold Kirkpatrick and Grace Porter Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. Thackston was a member of Temple Baptist Church. She was formerly married to Kenneth D. Brautigam, who is deceased.

Mrs. Thackston loved organ and piano music, singing and musical theater production.

Mrs. Thackston was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

She died with her husband, Nathaniel Fred Thackston.

Surviving are four daughters, Karen Connor and husband Doug of Townville, S.C., Esther Leopold and husband Blake of Land O Lakes, Fla., Marla Schroeder and husband Gerald of Moscow, Russia, and Elizabeth Marie Long and husband David of Howell, Mich.; a son, Keith Brautigam and wife Starr of Cedar Springs, Mich.; a sister, Dorothy Kirkpatrick of Washington; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday in Cannon Funeral, Fountain Inn, S.C.,

William Donald Wood

Member of Hickory U.P. Church



William Donald Wood, 80, of Hickory, died December 27, 2005, in Washington County Health Center, Washington, after a lengthy illness.

He was born March 9, 1925, in Washington, a son of Lafey and Grace Squires Wood.

On November 12, 1955, he married Jean E. Gull, who survives. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kimberly (Charles) LaRosa of Atlanta, Ga., and Jill Ann Bricklemeyer of Hickory; two sons, Craig (Betty) Wood of Carnegie and William Donald (Adele) Wood Jr. of Washington; three sisters, Elsie Cunningham of Florida, Edna Woods of Moundsville, W.Va., and Frances Holmes of Florida; seven grandchildren, Jessica Wood, Hollie Bricklemeyer, Charles Wood, Lynne LaRosa, Ryan Bricklemeyer, Michael LaRosa and Luke Wood; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a half brother, Delbert Wood; two brothers, Roscoe Wood and Russell Wood; and two half sisters, Eleanor Gray and Anna Miller.

Robert F. Pollard

Retired from VA regional office



Robert F. Pollard, 77, of Westland, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, died Sunday, January 1, 2006, in Humbert Lane Health Care Centre, Washington.

He was born October 24, 1928, in Westland, a son of Frank and Rozelma Pryor Pollard.

Mr. Pollard was an Army veteran who served from 1951 to 1953. Following his discharge, he worked for the Veterans Administration regional office in Cleveland. He received a performance award in June 1975 and retired in 1993, when he returned to Westland.

Mr. Pollard attended Nazareth Baptist Church in Washington.

On December 22, 1973, he married Edith Marsh Taylor, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Karen Campbell and Carol Jarrels, both of Washington; three sons, Mark Taylor of Westland, Kent Taylor of West Chester and Scott Taylor of Washington; an aunt, Naomi Butler of Sheridan; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Dolores Douglass, is deceased.

Irene G. Zanakis Straka

Matre de' at The Meadows
racetrack clubhouse



Irene G. Zanakis Straka, 75, of Canonsburg, died Monday, January 2, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

She was born March 1, 1930, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Louis J. and Mamie Foe Zanakis.

Surviving are her husband, Edward A. Straka; three sons, John E. Straka of McMurray, Edward S. Straka of Haysville, Kan., and Randall E. Straka of Tucson, Ariz.; three sisters, Mrs. Harold (Stella) Bevelhiemer and Gladys Zanakis, both of Canonsburg, and Mary Ann Zanakis of Indiana, Pa.; a brother, John L. Zanakis of Davie, Fla.; four grandchildren, Tara, DeAndrea, Hunter and Luke; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a brother, James L. Zanakis. OS

Esther Heiser Haverlack

Member of St. John the Baptist
Orthodox Church

Esther Heiser Haverlack, 74, of Canonsburg died Friday, December 30, 2005, in Canonsburg General Hospital, after a nine-month illness.

She was born February 2, 1931, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Steven and Mary Kolsosky Heiser.

On May 23, 1953, in St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, she married John Haverlack of Muse, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Haverlack of Bronxville, N.Y., and Diana Haverlack of Great Falls, Va.; a brother, Steve Heiser of Wheeling, W.Va.; two nieces and a nephew. OS

Charles Mungai

Recognized as one of J.H.
Heinz's Top 10 Growers

Charles (Charlie) Mungai of Delray Beach, Fla., died Monday, December 26, 2005.

He was born in 1916, in Pittsburgh, a son of Alfonso and Ollida Mungai.

Surviving are his loving wife, Grace; two daughters, Bonnie Austin and Delilah Mungai, both of Delray Beach; a son, Charles Mungai Jr. of Jupiter; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

entombment in Boynton Beach Mausoleum.

Madelon June Vance Barkhurst

Devoted, loving wife, mother
and grandmother



Madelon (Maddy) June Vance Barkhurst, 83, of Bavington, died Friday, December 30, 2005, in Donnell House, Wash-

ington.

She was born May 29, 1922, in Robinson Township, Washington County, the youngest child of William Donaldson Vance and E. Hazel Covert. She lived her entire life on the family Century farm "Vance Acres" in Bavington.

Mrs. Barkhurst graduated from Findlay High School, Imperial, in 1940, and was a lifelong member of Robinson United Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir.

On June 14, 1946, in Winchester, Va., she married David Luther Barkhurst of Jewett, Ohio, her loving husband of 59 years.

Also surviving are her devoted daughter, Bonnie (Richard) Moore of Bavington; loving son, David J.V. Barkhurst of Pittsburgh; the pride and joy of her life, grandson Richard (Richie) Lee Moore II; and several nieces and nephews. RO

Deceased are her brother, William Thayer Vance, who died in 1963; and sister, Juanita Vance Zickefoose, who died in 2003.

Annetta Grace Griest

Secretary for Northgate-
Westgate Apartments



Annetta Grace Griest, 54, of Washington, died at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2005, in Donnell House, fol-

lowing a one-year illness.

She was born May 12, 1951, in Washington, a daughter of Albert Barney of Eighty Four and Eleanor Huggins Smith of Washington.

She graduated from Trinity High School and was Protestant.

She worked as a secretary for Northgate-Westgate Apartments for 25 years.

In 1979, she married David Alexander Griest, who died in October 1998.

Surviving are a daughter, Christy Rutan Rodriguez; three brothers, Leslie Barney, Drew Barney and Blair Barney, all of Eighty Four; two sisters, Debbie Ullom of Washington and Doreen Toth of Wake Forest, N.C.; and two grandchildren, Dalton and Jacob Fonner.

Opal Virginia Miller Smith

Member of West Alexander
Christian Church

Opal Virginia Miller Smith, 90, of Elm Grove, W.Va., died Wednesday, January 4, 2006, in Wheeling (W.Va.) Hospital.

She was born January 25, 1915, in Washington County, a daughter of Edgar McCrea Miller and Hazel McVay Miller.

She and her husband, Henry H. Smith, who died in 1979, operated a dairy farm in Valley Grove, W.Va. She was a member of West Alexander Christian

Surviving are two children, Dr. John Edgar Smith of State College and Virginia Smith Loew and husband Delmer of Valley Grove; a brother, Edgar R. Miller of Washington; a sister, Hazel Ann Fuks of Ukiah, Calif.; eight grandchildren, Virginia Loew-Shelhammer, Beverly Loew-Baker, Delmer (Keight) Loew Jr., Carolyn Loew-Kingsland, Alyce Pagano, Evelyn Loew-Minch, Susan Loew-Stirewalt and Curtis Loew; and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, deceased are two sisters, Thelma Smith and Ruby Pearle Miller; and two brothers, Raymond M. Miller and James Earl Miller. **WA**

Ila M. Clark

McDonald dental assistant
from Midway

Ila M. Clark, 86, of Midway, died Wednesday, January 4, 2006, in Manor Care, McMurray.

She was born April 10, 1919, in Midway, a daughter of Adam and Hazel Crawford Lang.

Her husbands, Newton Jones and Roy Clark, are deceased.

Surviving are a granddaughter, Megan Jones; two sisters, Doris Jean Baird and Edna Bain, both of Bulger; two stepdaughters, Carla Kirchner and Diane Clark, both of Pittsburgh; a stepgranddaughter, Heather VanVoorhis; and a step-great-granddaughter.

Deceased are a son, Allan Jones; and a brother, Harry Lang. **C**

**Dolores Cecelia Baronti
Alexander**

Dolores Cecelia Baronti Alexander, 70, of Sturgeon, died Tuesday, October 25, 2005.

She was the mother of Debbie Tropeck, Sharon Webster, Rita Cooke and Sandy Sheets.

Private services were handled by Nation Funeral Home, McDonald. **RR**

Richard John Arbes

Mayview State Hospital
mechanic



Richard John Arbes, 75, of Washington, died Friday, January 6, 2006, in his home. He had been ill since March 2005.

He was born April 11, 1930, in Upper St. Clair, a son of John and Emma Krabber Arbes.

Mr. Arbes served in the U.S. Air Force as a rigger on radio towers in Newfoundland.

He was a mechanic at Mayview State Hospital for 15 years.

Mr. Arbes was a member of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Washington and Masonic Lodge 297 in Canonsburg.

On July 4, 1953, he married Maxine Patterson, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Brad L. (Debbie) Arbes of Monongahela and Richard J. (Carla) Arbes Jr. of Scott Township; a daughter, Marcy (Edward) Bunnell of Washington; a brother, Albert F. Arbes of Upper St. Clair; two brothers-in-law, John Patterson and David "Popeye" Patterson; 12 grandchildren, Brandon, Brad, Bryan, Brett and Brianna Arbes, Dave Bowers, Alexis Arbes, Shain and Chad Baker and William, Kasey and Samantha Bunnell.

A sister, Emma Propst, is deceased. **UB**

Wilfred C. Brown

Truck driver for Best Feeds
of Oakdale

Wilfred C. (Brownie) Brown, 80, of Sturgeon, died Wednesday, January 11, 2006, in his home.

He was born August 14, 1925, in Sewickley Township, a son of Wilfred Bertrum and Sarah May Couchineur Brown.

Mr. Brown served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart.

On May 28, 1949, he married Agnes M. Kavcic, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Diane (Jim) Tharp of Marianna; a son, Denny (Carol) Brown of Oakdale; seven sisters, Grace Sivak of Fairmont, W.Va., Nellie Bissett of Hickory, Elizabeth Bruce, Lois Diamond and Patricia Moreau, all of McDonald, Norine Ulrich of Beaver Falls and Sara Hughes of East Liverpool, Ohio; three brothers, George Brown of Midway, Benjamin Brown of Berlin Heights, Ohio, and Ronald Brown of Augsburg, Germany; five grandchildren, Jimmy (Alissa) and Brian (Kimberly) Tharp and Heather, Amanda and Denny Brown Jr.; and a great-grandson, Brody Tharp. **C**

Leona F. Sokol

Industrial nurse
at Westinghouse Bettis

Leona F. "Squink" Sokol, 82, of Linden (North Strabane Township) died Thursday, January 5, 2006, in her home.

She was born December 25, 1923, in Houston, a daughter of James and Lottie Risher Ferguson.

Mrs. Sokol was a 1942 graduate of Trinity High School and was named to Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the 1939-40 champion Trinity High School girls basketball team.

On February 24, 1961, she married Edward A. Sokol, who died May 24, 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas Sokol (Elaine) of Canonsburg and Andrew Sokol (Elizabeth) of Downingtown; five grandchildren, Megan, Kelly, Ethan, Erynn and Logan Sokol.

Deceased are three brothers, Howard, Wayne and Blair Ferguson; and two sisters, Alice Mosier and Mary Ellen Malone. **HC**

Donald D. Doak

Lab technician for Langeloth
Metallurgical Co.

Donald D. Doak, 31, of Burgettstown, died Wednesday, January 4, 2006, in his home.

He was born February 16, 1974, in Steubenville, Ohio, a son of Cheryl (Ginger) Harper Doak of Weirton, W.Va., and the late Thomas S. Doak.

He was a 1992 graduate of Burgettstown High School and a 1997 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He was a lab technician at Langeloth Metallurgical Co.

Surviving are a sister, Stephanie Doak of El Mirage, Ariz.; a niece, Zoey Horne; his maternal grandmother, Ruth Harper of Frankfort Springs; an uncle and spouse, Donald and Esther Doak of Georgetown; and three aunts and their spouses, Mary Jane Bible of Sharon, Sharon and Santo Laquatra of Bradford Woods and Carol and Hub Reed of Frankfort Springs. **G**

Melinda A. Keane

Hickory wife and mother

Melinda A. Kerns Keane, 48, of Hickory, died Friday, January 20, 2006.

She was the daughter of Albert and Frances Kerns; beloved wife of 20 years of Keith Keane; loving mother of Timothy J. and Cody M. Keane; and sister of Michael T. Kerns.

Maurice Donald Fletcher

Maurice Donald Fletcher, 75, of Burgettstown, died Friday, January 6, 2006, in McMurray Hills Manor Nursing Home.

He was born April 6, 1930, in Langeloth, a son of Thad and Christine Rogers Fletcher.

In 1948, Mr. Fletcher graduated from Union High School in Burgettstown. He was a 1965 University of Pittsburgh graduate with a degree in mathematics.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Betty Ann Davidson Fletcher; a son, John W. Fletcher of Webster, Texas; two daughters, Dawn Lynne Welshans and husband Glenn of Charlotte, N.C., and Dana Wauthier and husband Harold of Bridgeville; six grandchildren, Brandy Merrit and husband Vida of Charlotte and Mallory, Melony, Maron, Macy and Molly Wauthier, all of Bridgeville; and a brother, Charles Fletcher of Burgettstown.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, are a grandson, Chad Welshans; and a brother, William Fletcher. **MP**

Anna M. Lauff

Owned Lauff Grocery,
L&S Heating and Taste Treat

Anna M. Lauff of McDonald, formerly of New Kensington and Miami, died Monday, January 2, 2006, in Humbert Lane, Washington.

She was born July 4, 1911, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Stanley and Josephine Janeda Mezynski.

On February 23, 1933, she married Philip Lauf, who died December 3, 1969.

Surviving are a son, Stanley Lauff of McDonald; a daughter, Ruth Meyer of Palm Bay, Fla.; a brother, Frank Mezynski of Sturgeon; a sister, Catherine Williams of Pittsburgh; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Deceased are two sisters; six brothers; and two grandchildren.

Interment will follow in Green Wood Memorial in Lower Burrell.

Howard E. Sweeney

Howard E. Sweeney, 82, of Bulger (Robinson Township), died Monday, January 16, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

He was born September 24, 1923, in Greene County, a son James and Rhetta (Gray) Sweeney.

On September 17, 1949, he married Ann Milocich Sweeney, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, James Sweeney and his wife, Cristina, of New Jersey, Patrick Sweeney and his wife, Imelda, of New Jersey and Randy Sweeney of Bulger; and three grandchildren, Jessica, Brendan and Michelle Sweeney.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, are two brothers, William and Carl Sweeney; and a sister, Marie Webner. **G**

Mary Lou Greenslate Dougherty

Mortgage loan officer formerly of Burgettstown

Mary Lou Greenslate Dougherty, 46, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Burgettstown, died Friday, January 13, 2006, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

She was born April 17, 1959, in Washington, a daughter of Joan Loncaric Greenslate of Burgettstown and the late Robert Greenslate.

On June 25, 2005, she married Michael Dougherty, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Robert Greenslate and wife Angela and Eric Greenslate and wife Michelle; and six nephews, Robbie, Evan, Ethan, Eric, Michael and Justin Greenslate, all of Burgettstown. **G**

Robert L. Hague

32-year employee of Lincoln Manufacturing



Robert L. "Hager" Hague, 56, of Washington, died Tuesday, January 10, 2006, in Donnell House after a three-month illness with cancer.

He was born March 16, 1949, in Greensburg, a son of the late Franklin Hague and Betty Peters Hague of Madison.

Mr. Hague was a plant manager for Lincoln Manufacturing in Washington for 32 years. His hobby was collecting coins.

On December 29, 1967, he married Barbara Rock, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Tracey C. Strnisha and Robin M. (Michael) McCarrell, both of Washington; a brother, Larry (Carla) Hague of Greensburg; a sister, Linda Swayze of Texas; and five grandchildren, Amanda Strnisha, Marco Montecalvo, Robert Krecny, Nicholas McCarrell, and Kaylan McCarrell.

Robert Raymond Hallam

Greater Pittsburgh Airport retiree from McDonald

Robert Raymond Hallam, 67, of McDonald, died Friday, January 20, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born May 6, 1938, in McDonald, a son of Frank Raymond and Pauline Cecelia Mudrack Hallam.

Mr. Hallam worked as a janitor at Greater Pittsburgh Airport until his retirement.

Surviving are two sisters, Thelma Campbell and Loraine Skarupa, both of McDonald; a brother, Clyde E. Hallam of McDonald; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews. **RR**

Marilyn E. Sprowls

Claysville woman known for flower gardening



Marilyn E. Sprowls, 79, of Claysville, died Saturday, January 14, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

She was born February 23, 1926, in East Finley Township, a daughter of Jesse Raymond and Nellie Reed Brownlee Plants.

On March 15, 1948, in Claysville, she married Oliver N. Sprowls Sr., who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Oliver (Sandra) Sprowls Jr., Mike (Tracey Hartzell) Sprowls and Tim (Catherine) Sprowls, all of Claysville; three daughters, Darlene (Daniel) Dutton of Taylorstown, Mary Lou Sprowls of Elon, N.C., and Sharon (Stanley) Gump of Washington; two brothers, Frank and Thomas (Jay) Plants, both of Claysville; a sister, Joann Kovach of Claysville; 10 grandchildren, Jeff and Dan Dutton, Michael and Susan Sprowls, Matthew, Josie, Jenni and Josh Curtis, and Alicia and Sierra Sprowls; six great-grandchildren, Bailey and Brianna Dutton, Jacob and Ava Dutton, and Elizabeth and Nicholas Sprowls; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, are four sisters, Dale Kassler, Mary Lou Armstead, Shirley Sprowls and Nancy Varner; and two brothers, Blaine and Tommy Plants. **CL**

Eunice Harrington Land

McDonald woman was bartender at local taverns



Eunice Harrington Land, 72, of McDonald, died Sunday, January 15, 2006, in her home.

She was born October 6, 1933, in Canonsburg, a daughter of David and Mary Buza Harrington.

Mrs. Land was a 1952 graduate of Cecil High School and worked as a bartender at various local taverns, including Kio's, Patrick's and Sturgeon Hotel.

Her husband, Donald Land, died May 16, 1995.

Surviving are six daughters, Ramona Miller, Priscilla Land, Terri Land and Sherri Land, all of McDonald, and Pam Pihakis and Mary Jane Broglia, both of Canonsburg; three sisters, Lois Selva, Ruth Petris and Mary Schumaker; two brothers, Paul and James Harrington; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Robert Stevens; a daughter, Diana Grant; and a brother, Chester Harrington. **RR**

Sarah L. Anderson

Homemaker was active First Baptist Church member



Sarah L. Anderson, 87, of McDonald, died Monday, January 9, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born November 20, 1918, in Coal City, Ala., a daughter of Billy and Daisie Scott Oden.

On November 23, 1940, she married Samuel F. Anderson, who died November 8, 1991.

Surviving are four sons, Samuel A. (Doris) Anderson of Houston, Tyrone (Athalia) Anderson of Oakdale and Jackie V. Anderson and Leon C. (Pamela) Anderson, both of McDonald. **C**

William J. Allshouse

Korean War veteran was retired from General Tire

William J. Allshouse, 74, of Grapeville, died Sunday, January 8, 2006, in Sharp Chula Vista Center, Chula Vista, Calif.

He was born September 13, 1931, in Westland, a son of Henry John and Anna Chalmers Allshouse.

Surviving are his wife, Harriet "Sis" Pape Allshouse; three sons, William James Allshouse Jr. and wife Bonnie of Jeannette, Henry John Allshouse and wife Martha of San Diego, Calif., and Richard Joseph Allshouse and wife Luz Maria of Chula Vista, Calif.; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Dorothy Atcheson of Westland, Edith Wolfe and husband Ron of Allentown and Mary Jane Stewart of North Carolina; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A daughter, Lou Ann Allshouse Prettman, is deceased.

Anita B. Gracie

Former bookkeeper, member of First Baptist Church, Midway

Anita B. Gracie, 70, of Midway, died Friday, January 13, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born April 2, 1935, in Brookline, a daughter of Lewis and Wreatha M. Malik Gracie.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Midway.

Surviving are three sisters, Adine A. (Rene) Freville and Rosalie E. Dips, both of Midway, and Loretta A. (Bob) Gilbert of Hartsville, S.C.; eight nieces and nephews; nine great-nieces and nephews; and a great-great-nephew. **RR**

John Phillip Pilato Jr.

Oakdale man loved riding motorcycles

John Phillip Pilato Jr., 54, of Oakdale, North Fayette Township, died Friday, December 30, 2005, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born November 17, 1951, in Sewickley, a son of Delorise M. Kush Pilato of Canonsburg and the late John Phillip Pilato Sr.

Mr. Pilato was a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and loved riding motorcycles.

On June 21, 2003, he married Carol Ann Beyer, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Darin (Maria) Pilato of McDonald; two stepsons, Sgt. Ryan Kelsey and Zachary Kelsey, both at home; a sister, Bonnie (Steve) Pitzarella; and a half sister, Jodi (Santino) Larocca of Tampa, Fla.

Clinton Wilson Wright

WWII vet was member of Chartiers Hill U.P. Church



Clinton Wilson (Clint) Wright, 87, died Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

He was born July 15, 1918, in Canonsburg, a son of William Roy and Mary Lula Stevens Wright.

In 1941, he married Dorothy McElhaney, who is deceased. They had a daughter, Lynda of Pittsburgh.

He married Julia (Julie) Myrgo Drochak on October 25, 1975, and had a stepdaughter, Barbara McGough of DeBary, Fla.; a stepson, Steven Drochak of Mobile, Ala.; four stepgrandchildren; several stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Mrs. David M. Bell Hazel; and two brothers, Charles and William "Wink" Wright. **HC**

David Havel

Electrician played guitar and operated ham radio

David Havel, 47, of Cecil Township, died Tuesday, January 24, 2006, in Taos, N.M.

He was born July 5, 1958, in Washington, a son of John and Ann Zaken Havel.

Surviving are his wife, Lisa Ferricks Havel; two sisters, Ann and her husband, John Volk, of Finleyville, and Nina and her husband, Richard Bobrowski, of Houston; two brothers, John and his wife, Kathy Havel, of Upper St. Clair and Rudy Havel of Southview; and many nieces and nephews. **V**

John Zibert Sr.

Retired Burgettstown carpenter served in WWII

John Zibert Sr., 87, of Burgettstown, died Monday, January 16, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born September 28, 1918, in Joffre, a son of Paul and Anna Polc Zibritosky.

In 1945, he married Mildred Kavchak, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, John Zibert Jr. and wife Shirley of Canonsburg, Ronald Zibert and wife Joyce Ann of Burgettstown, Michael Zibert and wife Donna of Saxonburg and James Zibert and wife Cheryl Jean of McDonald; five grandchildren, Kiley Ann, Laina Joyce, Katlyn, Hannah and James Michael Zibert; two brothers, George Zibritosky of Joffre and Steve Zibritosky of Steubenville, Ohio; and three sisters, Mary Bianchini of Burgettstown, Ann Bokulich of Joffre and Helen Z. Rebholz of Silver Springs, Md.

Deceased are two brothers, Paul and Andrew Zibritosky. **MP**

Joseph M. Story

Joseph Michael Story, 24, of Burgettstown, died Wednesday, January 25, 2006, after a lengthy illness, in The Greenery, Canonsburg, where he was a resident since October 2002.

He was born May 30, 1981, in Las Vegas, Nev., a son of Michael Story of Burgettstown and Michie Cummings Lewis of Slovan.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are two brothers, Jack D. Story of Kaw City, Okla., and Michael Story Jr. of Burgettstown; three stepbrothers, Shannon Hess of Burgettstown and Joseph and Nathaniel Lewis, both of Slovan; paternal grandparents Matthew and Lorraine Story of Las Vegas; maternal grandparents Alfred J. and Betty J. Cummings of Kaw City; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. **G**

Emma Lauff Abbott

Emma Lauff Abbott, 82, of Bulger, died Monday, January 23, 2006.

She was born September 10, 1923, in McDonald, a daughter of John and Rosetta Goffart Lauff.

On December 20, 1941, she married Louis Abbott, who died September 17, 2002.

Surviving are a son, Raymond L. "Butch" (Nancy) Abbott of Midway; a daughter, Rosetta M. (Stanley) Semerod of Midway; a brother, Frank Lauff of McDonald; three sisters, Mary Vega of Langeloth, and Rose Marie Ludwin and Margaret Ann Lauff, both of McDonald; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are four brothers, John Jr., Raymond, Joseph and Phillip Lauff. **RR**

Shirley Jean Harps

Washington Hospital maternity ward nurse



Shirley Jean Harps, 80, of North Franklin Township, died unexpectedly Thursday, January 12, 2006, in the Washington Hospital emergency room.

Washington Hospital emergency room.

She was born March 13, 1925, in Crothers Station, a daughter of John T. and Emma Wanita Miller Frye.

On July 2, 1953, she married Paul Harps, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Alan LeRoy (Debra) Harps of Washington; five daughters, Barbara J. (Alan) DePaoli of Pittsburgh, Kimberly A. (William) Pareso of Columbus, Ohio, Janice M. Neff of Radcliff, Ky., Vicky L. Hollingsworth of Vine Grove, Ky., and Bylle J. Davidson of Washington; a brother, Billy C. Frye of Washington; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a sister, Virginia Carson; and three brothers, Sherwood M. Frye, Milton J. "Butch" Frye and Robert E. Frye. **W**

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Claysville woman known for flower gardening



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On March 15, 1948, in Claysville, she married Oliver N. Sprowls Sr., who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Oliver (Sandra) Sprowls Jr., Mike (Tracey Hartzell) Sprowls and Tim (Catherine) Sprowls, all of Claysville; three daughters, Darlene (Daniel) Dutton of Taylorstown, Mary Lou Sprowls of Elon, N.C., and Sharon (Stanley) Gump of Washington; two brothers, Frank and Thomas (Jay) Plants, both of Claysville; a sister, Joann Kovach of Claysville; 10 grandchildren, Jeff and Dan Dutton, Michael and Susan Sprowls, Matthew, Josie, Jenni and Josh Curtis, and Alicia and Sierra Sprowls; six great-grandchildren, Bailey and Brianna Dutton, Jacob and Ava Dutton, and Elizabeth and Nicholas Sprowls; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, are four sisters, Dale Kassler, Mary Lou Armstead, Shirley Sprowls and Nancy Varner; and two brothers, Blaine and Tommy Plants. **CL**

Marie Mae Pounds Imperatore

Member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church



Marie Mae Pounds Imperatore, 85, of Canonsburg, died Wednesday, January 18, 2006, in her home.

Born May 7, 1920, in Francis Mine, she was a daughter of Edward and Emma Saintenoy Pounds.

On April 27, 1939, she married Erman Imperatore, who survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Betty Jane Cheverini of Houston and Mary Rose Maloney, Judith Ann Imperatore and Lorraine Marie Imperatore, all of Canonsburg; a son, Edward Imperatore and his wife, Carol, of Canonsburg; seven grandchildren, Dawn Dobrowski, April Ann and Sean Maloney, Teresa Graeber, Ronald and Donald Cheverini and Edward Imperatore; six great-grandchildren, Joshua, Jordan, Seana, Riley, Hope and Matthew; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three brothers, William, Edward and Raymond Pounds; a sister, Violet Moran; and twin grandsons, Keith and Kevin Imperatore. **OS**

Peter Bershok

Steelworker for U.S. Steel, Clairton

Peter Bershok, 95, of McDonald, Mt. Pleasant Township, died Monday, January 23, 2006, in McMurray Hills Manor.

He was born July 8, 1910, in Clairton, a son of Andrew and Anna Pripton Bershok.

Mr. Bershok was a steelworker at U.S. Steel, Clairton, for more than 45 years. He was a member of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, McDonald.

His wife, Helen Jupin Bershok, died in 2001.

Surviving are a son, Russell (Jane) Bershok of Mt. Pleasant Township; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Ann Bershok; his grandchildren, Jon and Carly Bershok, Beth Ann (Tom) Bakaitus, Rhonda Bershok Ames and Jason Ames, Robert (Darla) Bershok and Randy and Allen Bershok; and six great-grandchildren, Jeanette and Kyle Ames and Matthew, Adam, Randy Lee and James Arthur Bershok.

Deceased are a son, Arthur Bershok; six siblings, Mike, Andrew, William, John, Mary and Agnes; two sisters who died in their youth, Anna and Helen; and a great-grandchild, Brian Bershok. **QH**

Harry W. Campbell

Langeloth man served in Army during Vietnam War

Harry W. Campbell, 56, of Langeloth, died at 5:47 p.m. Sunday, January 22, 2006, in Washington Hospital emergency room.

He was born September 16, 1949, in Avella, a son of the late Victor Campbell and Elizabeth Sanderth Campbell Kosarik of Avella.

On May 29, 1971, he married Vicki L. Charlton, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, William Michael Campbell of Langeloth; a sister, Lillian Zimmerman of Washington; and two brothers, Robert James Campbell of Avella and Richard Allen Campbell of Washington.

Deceased are two brothers, Leonard and Leroy Campbell. **WP**

Celena M. Gillespie Yurosky

Worked as LPN

Celena M. Gillespie Yurosky, 91, of McDonald, died Monday, January 23, 2006, in Family Hospice Manor, Pittsburgh.

She was born April 16, 1914, in Colliers, W.Va., a daughter of Joseph and Emily Veydt Poskin.

In 1934, she married John B. Gillespie, who died in 1955. In 1957, she married William Yurosky, who died in 1986.

She was a member of Independent Bible Presbyterian Church of McDonald.

Surviving is a daughter, Joy G. Salmon of McDonald; three grandchildren, Laurie Torboli, Shelly Freshwater and Christopher Salmon; three great-grandchildren, Kelly and Kerri Freshwater and Skyler Torboli; and a great-great-grandchild, Camden Harbert. **RR**

Gloria A. Dillon

Retired supervisor of Gladious Catering from Midway

Gloria A. Dillon, 79, of Midway, died Saturday, January 21, 2006.

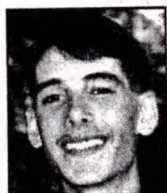
She was born July 15, 1926, in Burgettstown, a daughter of Philip and Terasa Versailles Hainaut.

Surviving are a daughter, Pamela Hosbach of Pittsburgh; two brothers, Frank (Beverly) Hainaut of Pittsburgh and Philip "Slick" (Norma) Hainaut of McDonald; two sisters, Wanda (Wayne) Bennett of Conway and Bonnie Hainaut of Midway; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two sisters, Mildred Baronio and Amelia Miller.

Wesley A. Camerson

Member of Muse Presbyterian Church was outdoorsman



Wesley A. Camerson, 27, of Canonsburg, died Monday, January 30, 2006, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh.

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He was born December 5, 1978, in Washington, a son of Jack A. and Kim A. Hamilton Camerson II of Canonsburg.

Surviving, besides his parents, are a sister, Cassie Camerson of Canonsburg; his paternal grandparents, Jack and Lois Dove Camerson of Canonsburg; his maternal grandparents, Butch and Leah Frye Hamilton of McDonald; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

MR

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CECIL - A Papp Road woman sought medical attention following an incident Monday after which a man who lived in the vicinity committed suicide in his home a few miles away.

Cecil Township police Chief John Pushak did not give details of what he described as a "disturbance" in the Papp Road home.

Puchak said a person from the home called emergency dispatch at 3:20 p.m. and indicated Wesley Camerson, 27, of 270 Parkwood Circle, had just left and was heading for the Monaco Plan. The caller, who was not identified by Pushak, said Camerson was suicidal.

Police responded to the Papp Road home and to Camerson's home.

Police knocked on Camerson's door and attempted to reach him by phone. A female relative, Pushak said, eventually opened the door and was speaking with police when a gunshot sounded inside the home. Police pulled the relative away for safety and discovered Camerson inside with a gunshot to his head.

He was taken by helicopter to UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh, where he died.

A spokesman at the Allegheny County Coroner's office on Tuesday said Camerson died of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head. His death was ruled a suicide.

Mary L. Six

Member, longtime organist of Claysville Methodist Church



Mary Loretta Six, 102, of Claysville, died at 10:20 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2006.

She was born December 23, 1903, in West Finley, a daughter of Albert T. and Mary Katherine Burns Grandstaff.

On March 6, 1925, she married Edwin Ray Six, who died in 1988.

Surviving are a daughter, Jane (Dale) Lyle of Claysville, with whom she made her home for the last several years; two sons, John A. Six of Claysville and Edwin Six Jr. of Ballinger, Texas; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a sister, Sarah Haas.

WA

Zelda H. Dillie Jolley

Claysville homemaker enjoyed baseball and football games



Zelda H. Dillie Jolley, 77, a lifelong resident of Claysville, died at 7:45 a.m. Sunday, February 5, 2006, in Washington

County Health Center, Washington, where she had resided since November 8.

She was born June 3, 1928, in West Finley Township, a daughter of Albert E. and Minnie Elder Dillie.

On April 19, 1950, in Claysville, she married John C. Jolley, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Calvin A. "Whitey" (Marie) Dillie of Claysville and Ronald R. (Norma) Dillie of Washington; a sister, Helen Sprowls of Santee, Calif.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Deceased are nine brothers, Cletus, Gaylord, Raymond and Burdette Dillie and Harold, Edgar "Jack," Edwin "Johnny," Bill and Ralph Long; and five sisters, Mabel Iams, Agnes Miller, Velma Magers, May Allen and Ethel Dillie, who died in infancy.

CL

Duane D. Sanders

Custom cabinetmaker



Duane D. "Duke" Sanders, 66, of Eighty Four, died Wednesday, February 1, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born February 19, 1939, in Washington, a son of Walter R. and Mabel Charlton Sanders.

He was a lifelong Washington County resident and member of Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church, Eighty Four.

On January 25, 1962, he married Betty L. Sickles Sanders, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Lori Lea Rice and Lynn Marie Snyder, both of Scenery Hill, and Kathi Jo Horan of Belle Vernon; a sister, Kathryn Wright of Bakersfield, Calif.; six grandchildren, Kristen and Cody Rice, Christopher and Baileigh Horan and Kaitlyn and Emilie Snyder.

Deceased is a son, Kevin Duane Sanders.

DS

Stephen J. Haines

Worked for Matthews International



Stephen J. Haines, 42, of Washington, died Thursday, January 26, 2006, in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, after a lengthy illness.

He was born July 2, 1963, in Columbus, Ohio, a son of John E. and Florence A. Hancock Haines, who survive.

On June 25, 1994, in Houston, he married Mary Ann Kervin, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are a sister, Charity A. Haines of Peru, Ind.; a nephew, Adam Wiszczor; and three nieces, Brittany Wiszczor, Davonna Dempster and Kelly Blich.

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James Wylie Sprowls

Former Claysville resident was Westinghouse executive

James Wylie Sprowls, 71, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Columbia, Md., and Claysville, died Saturday, January 28, 2006, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born February 25, 1934, in Claysville, a son of Wylie and Pearl Logue Sprowls.

Surviving are three sisters, Marian Dean of Pittsburgh, with whom he made his home, Joann Klein of Bel Air, Md., and Mary Lou Beck of Washington; 18 nieces and nephews; and many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Hazel Warco, and three brothers, Harold "Bud," Wayne, and Eugene (Gene) Sprowls.

CL

Matthew D. Hunter

Served in U.S. Army in Iraq

Sgt. Matthew D. Hunter, U.S. Army, 31, of Valley Grove, W.Va., died Monday, January 23, 2006, in Iraq, as a result of a roadside bomb.

He was born August 8, 1974, in Wheeling, W.Va.

Surviving are his parents, Kathy and Joe Kinney of Valley Grove and Fred and Debbie Hunter of Glen Dale, W.Va.; his paternal grandmother, Edna Hunter of Wheeling; a sister, Amanda Gebhardt and her husband, Gregg, and their daughters, Cassidy and Molly, of Seaford, Del.; a brother, Brian Hunter of Valley Grove; his wife, Wendy Garlitz Hunter; and a stepdaughter, Meredith of St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Deceased are his maternal grandparents, Arthur and Zelma Maxwell Nixon; and his paternal grandfather, James Hunter.

WA

Elizabeth J. Bigger

Teacher in West Allegheny, Mt. Lebanon and Pittsburgh

Elizabeth J. (Betty) Bigger, 91, of Mt. Lebanon, died Saturday, February 11, 2006, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

She was born December 10, 1914, a daughter of Andrew Donaldson and Sara Culley Bigger.

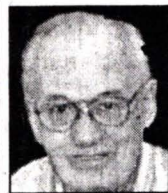
Miss Bigger was a graduate of Slippery Rock Teachers College. Surviving are a sister, Mary McKune of Mt. Lebanon; four nieces and nephews, Tom (Marie) Bigger and Peggy (Nick) Loncaric, both of Murdocksville, the Rev. John B. (Judy) Simpson of Irwin and Janet Slack of McDonald; three great-nephews; and three great-great nieces.

Deceased are a brother, Thomas Bigger, and two sisters, Helen Bigger and Sara Simpson.

RO

William E. Reedy Sr.

Former driver for Zappi Oil Co.



William Edward Reedy Sr., 75, of Canonsburg, formerly of Hickory, died at 5:50 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2006, in Washington Hospital, following a five-year illness.

He was born September 12, 1930, in Hickory, a son of Hiram Edward and Myrtle Marquis Reedy.

Mr. Reedy was a member of Immaculate Conception Church.

He had been a truck driver for Zappi Oil Co. and, prior to that, had driven for Koppers Co. for 25 years.

Mr. Reedy was a graduate of Hickory High School and enjoyed his grandchildren.

On September 29, 1950, he married Dolores Mae Kovatch, who died August 17, 1999.

Surviving are a son, William E. Jr. and wife Beth Reedy of Canonsburg, with whom he resided; two daughters, Cindy Reedy of Washington and Pam and husband Ray Heron of Charlottesville, Va.; a sister, Elaine R. and husband Jack Caldwell of Hickory; seven grandchildren, Shawn, Eric and Patrick Heron, Chad Cuccaro, and Zachary, Blake and Jennifer Reedy; and a great-grandchild, Tyler Heron. **MP**

Dorothy Riggle

Dorothy Riggle, 89, died Sunday, February 5, 2006, in Delaware, Ohio.

She was born June 29, 1916, in West Middletown, a daughter of Joseph and Emma Brown.

Her husband, Andrew Riggle, is deceased.

Diana Lynn Darnley

Worked for Life Works and participated in Special Olympics

Diana Lynn Darnley, 47, of Bulger, died Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

She was born January 16, 1959, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of the late Robert C. Darnley and Laverne Chester Darnley-Fox of Bulger.

Her caretakers were Laverne Martin, Donna Dunlap, Lori Essey and Sandy Stewart.

Surviving are a stepfather, Donald J. Fox of Bulger; three brothers, Robert E. (Pati) Darnley and Gary J. (Karen) Darnley, both of Bulger, and Albert E. "Abby" (Cathy) Darnley of McDonald; nine nieces and nephews, Leann, Rob, Al, Lisa, David, Tracy and Tina Darnley, Stacey Ersek and Brenda Culley; and 22 great-nieces and nephews. **RR**

Ruth M. Wright

Lifelong Democrat was longtime Donegal Township assessor

Ruth M. Wright, 87, of West Alexander, died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, February 4, 2006, in Bishop Hodges Continuous Care Center, Wheeling, W.Va., after a weeklong illness.

She was born January 16, 1919, in Donegal Township, a daughter of R. E. and Olive Irene Gibson McAdoo, and had resided in West Alexander all her life.

Mrs. Wright was a member of West Alexander Christian Church.

On August 26, 1943, she married Harley Eugene Wright, who died January 25, 1966.

Surviving are a son, Robert E., husband of Judy Frishette Wright of West Alexander; three grandchildren, Kathleen, wife of Sam Croft, David, husband of Marcie Laudermit Wright and Brian, husband of Jessica McCord Wright, all of West Alexander; two great-grandsons, Evan and Tyler Wright; "Buss," husband of Joan Cunningham McAdoo of West Alexander; and other relatives.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are two infant children.

She was the last of her immediate family. **WA**

Dessie Vester Munce

Switchboard operator for Snyders Answering Service

Dessie Vester Munce, 84, of Washington, died Wednesday, February 22, 2006, in her home.

She was born April 19, 1921, in Eighty Four, a daughter of John E. and Dessie D. Garrett Vester.

Mrs. Munce was a member of Davidson United Methodist Church.

During World War II, Mrs. Munce was a welder in the shipyards in California.

She was a member of American Legion Women's Auxiliary in Claysville.

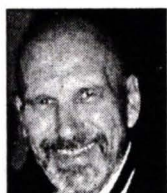
On February 29, 1944, she married Carl R. Munce, who died April 3, 1974.

Surviving are two daughters, Dessie E. Munce of Waynesburg and Betsy M. (Lee) Martin of Washington; two stepdaughters, Carol (Norman) Simpson of Ohio; a sister, Cora Miller of Washington; two grandchildren, Carl "C.J." (Alisha) Martin and Nicholas Martin; 10 grandchildren, Sunni Klobchar, Carol Wickline, David Nanz, Marci Hopkins, John Grudi, Janice Butterfield, Cathy Backhaus, Clayton Campbell, Virginia Crewz and Terri Elsbury; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Everett and William Vester; two sisters, Thelma Robson and Sara Conover; and two stepdaughters, Elizabeth Gilbert and Jean Hepler. **UB**

Dennis H. Mehalic

Biology teacher at Bethel Park High School for 35 years



Dennis H. Mehalic, 60, of McDonald, died Saturday, February 11, 2006, in Manor Care, Green Tree.

He was born May 8, 1945, a son of Laura Green Mehalic of McDonald and the late Michael Mehalic.

He was the beloved husband of Sally Richardson Mehalic; cherished father of Melissa (Eric) Gielata of Robinson Township and Melanie Mehalic of Pittsburgh; stepfather of Grant Prosperi of Houston, Clint Prosperi of Crafton and Clay Prosperi of Texas; grandfather of Tyler Gielata and Rylee Kay Prosperi; brother of Michael (Mary Ann) Mehalic of Louisiana and Edwin Mehalic of McDonald; and nephew of Carol DeCola of McDonald. Also surviving are a number of nieces, nephews and cousins. **RR**

Mary Jane K. Walker

Laboratory Presbyterian Church member enjoyed needlework

Mary Jane K. Walker, 83, of Washington, died Saturday, February 11, 2006, in Southmont Presbyterian Care, Washington.

She was born October 25, 1922, in Washington County, a daughter of Sheldon H. and Alma Swartzfeger Keeney.

On January 6, 1941, she married Edward R. Walker, who died in October 1985.

Surviving are two daughters, Pamela W. (James E.) Spargo of Wheeling, W.Va., and Sandra E. Walker of Washington; and a sister, Patricia K. Pettit of Tucson, Ariz.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are two brothers, Roy A. Keeney and Sheldon R. Keeney; and a sister, Stella I. Cole. **FL**

Eugene Hill III

McDonald resident enjoyed fishing



Eugene (Gene) Hill III, 26, of McDonald, died Saturday, February 18, 2006, in his home.

He was born November 20, 1979, in Washington, a son of Eugene H. Jr. and Joyce M. Hampson Hill of McDonald.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his fiancée, LeAnn Donaldson of McDonald; a sister, Christy (Robert) L. Camp of McDonald; his paternal grandmother, Anna Hill of Burgettstown; five aunts; five uncles; three nieces; a stepniece; and three stepnephews. **RR**

Diana Engle



Diana Engle, 89, of Langeloth, died Sunday, February 5, 2006, in Humbert Lane Assisted Living Centre, Washington, where she was a resident for two years.

She was born November 11, 1916, in Baden, a daughter of Mike and Mildred Rudan Bielich.

Her husband, Enoch George Engle, died May 26, 1969.

Surviving are a son, E. George Engle and wife Betty Lou of Washington; two daughters, Patricia Wilson and husband Robert of Saylorsburg and Kathy R. Steele and husband Robert of Hickory; six grandchildren, Cindy Shaw, Valeri Vedral, Robbie and Jason Wilson and Mike and Terry Steele; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Marco and Nick Bielich; and a sister, Helen Shaffer. **CC**

Ruth F. Surich

Member of First U.M. Church, Canonsburg

Ruth F. Surich, 89, of Chartiers Township, died Wednesday, February 15, 2006, in her home.

She was born November 11, 1916, in Washington, a daughter of Harry and Florence Clark McCartney.

On December 31, 1940, she married William A. Surich, who died March 11, 1990.

Surviving are a son, Timothy J. Surich (Donna) of Chartiers Township; four grandchildren, Tiffany and T.J. Surich and Amy and Lew Comer; and three great-grandchildren, Bayleigh and Austin James Comer and Dylan Thomas Cumer.

A brother, Walker McCartney, is deceased. **OS**

Janice Foflygen

Member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church

Janice Foflygen, 57, of McDonald, died Thursday, February 16, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

She was born April 15, 1948, in Washington, a daughter of John J. Foflygen III and Ruth I. Foflygen of McDonald.

Miss Foflygen was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed cooking and reading and cared for her mother.

Surviving are two brothers, John Foflygen of Martinsburg, W.Va., and Brian Foflygen of Burgettstown, and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Frances Janosky

Worked for Canonsburg Pottery & Canonsburg General Hospital



Frances Janosky, 81, of Strabane, died Tuesday, February 21, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born October 14, 1924, in North Strabane Township, a daughter of Anton and Frances Shimshick Senk-inc.

She worked for 32 years in Canonsburg Pottery and retired June 28, 2003, after 20 years in the dietary department of Canonsburg General Hospital.

Surviving are an aunt, Margaret Shimshick of Houston; and several cousins.

Deceased is a sister, Pauline Senkinc, who died as a child.

OS

Helen Roberta Sprowls

Born in Washington

Helen Roberta Sprowls, 88, of Washington, died Sunday, February 19, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. in Magnolia Special Care Center, El Cajon, Calif., after a long period of congestive heart failure.

She was born May 6, 1917, in Washington, a daughter of Albert E. Dillie and Lessie Elder Dillie.

She was married January 19, 1934, to Ralph Leroy McCloud, who died December 28, 1962.

She remarried on July 18, 1964, to Arvel H. Sprowls, who died April 30, 1981.

Surviving are three daughters, Martha Jubeck, Patty McCloud and Linda Utz, wife of Howard Utz, all of El Cajon; two stepchildren, Esther McPeak of Washington and Duane Sprowls of Claysville; two stepbrothers, Calvin Dillie of Claysville and Ronald Dillie of Washington; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

Deceased is a daughter, Helen Jean Neel, who died March 16, 1980.

Sara E. Fodor

Retired Pittsburgh teacher

Sara E. Fodor, 64, of Imperial, Findlay Township, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 2, 2006, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born October 17, 1941, in Bavington, a daughter of Sara Fodor of Imperial and the late Carl G. Fodor.

She was a member of Robinson United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are a sister, Janet and husband Lee McCuen; a brother, Carl Fodor; a nephew, Douglas McCuen; and a niece, Janet Lee McCuen.

CP

Brenda Lee Sheller

Los Angeles secretary formerly of Claysville area

Brenda Lee Sheller, 56, of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of Easton and the Claysville area, died unexpectedly Monday, February 20, 2006.

She was born December 30, 1949, in Washington, a daughter of Paul Duane and Audrey Ruth Hartzell Sheller of Washington.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are a sister, Dianna (Brian) Burke of Encinitas, Calif.; a brother, Kenneth David (Sandi) Sheller of Elkins, W.Va.; and two nieces, Brittany Dixon of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Amanda Sheller of Elkins.

CL

Edna Mae Myers Stevens

Private duty nurse formerly of Wellsburg, W.Va.

Edna Mae Myers Stevens, 79, of McDonald and Avella, formerly of Wellsburg, W.Va., died Sunday, February 19, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

She was born October 16, 1926, in Chicora, a daughter of Clarence A. and Helen Katherine Stewart Myers.

Her husband, George W. Stevens Sr., died in 1977.

Surviving are four sons, Clarence Stevens of Highland Falls, N.Y., James Stevens of New Cumberland, W.Va., John Stevens of Wellsburg and Charles Stevens of Canonsburg; a daughter, Debra Midler of Burgettstown; a brother, Clarence Myers of Natrona Heights; a sister, Roy Margaret Ruediger of Lower Burrell; 10 grandchildren; a foster grandchild; and eight great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, George W. Stevens Jr., who died in 1947; a sister, Betty Runyon; a brother, James Myers; two grandchildren; and a foster grandchild.

MP

Betty Jane Weidert

Self-employed contractor for Ryan Homes

Betty Jane Weidert, 59, of Burgettstown, died Monday, February 20, 2006, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born February 13, 1947, in Langeloth, a daughter of George and Gladys Reed Griffith.

Surviving are two daughters, Terry Weidert of Burgettstown and Frances Weidert of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, William Griffith of Eldersville and James Griffith of Burgettstown; and two sisters, Jean Moldavan of Monaca and Shirley Kurensky of Weirton, W.Va.

Deceased is a sister, Lucille Povero.

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Samuel L. Krenn

Deluxe Corp. pressman from McDonald

Samuel L. Krenn, 50, of McDonald, died Tuesday, February 21, 2006, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born May 14, 1955, in Canonsburg, a son of Isabelle (Levi) Krenn of McDonald and the late Samuel T. Krenn.

Mr. Krenn was a 1973 graduate of West Allegheny High School and worked as a pressman for Deluxe Corp. for 22 years.

On August 25, 1979, he married Catherine A. Ballant, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jarrod S. Krenn, at home; a daughter, Audra M. Krenn, at home; a sister, Karen L. Wuebbles of Weirton, W.Va.; a brother, Thomas W. Krenn of McDonald; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

RR

Myrtle M. Herd

Duncan Miller Glass inspector

Myrtle M. Herd, 83, of McDonald, died Thursday, February 23, 2006, in UPMC-St. Margaret hospital, Aspinwall.

She was born October 15, 1922, in Washington, a daughter of Paul Nelson and Surrilda Wright Matteson.

On September 16, 1943, she married Robert Herd, who died April 28, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret J. Kaufman of Indiana; two sisters, Marie Irey of Amity and Emma G. Nine of Cola, Calif.; and two brothers, Joseph Matteson of Ohio and Donald Matteson of Wellsburg, W.Va.

Deceased are four brothers, William, Ernest, John and James Matteson; and four sisters, Helen Dubina, Mildred Johnston, Dorothy Kapis and one who died in infancy.

RR

Joseph Louis Gelli

Owned Gelli Painting and Sandblasting Co.

Joseph Louis Gelli, 82, of Claysville, died at 8:22 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

He was born July 9, 1923, in DeKalb, Ill., a son of Emmanuel and Livia Cipriano Gelli.

His wife, Carol Taylor, died in 1979.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth Raymond Gelli of Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter, Nancy Jo and husband John Barry Leonard Jr. of DeKalb; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He made his home with Alice E. Miller.

Deceased are a brother, Romano Gelli, and two sisters, Norma Chilton and Dora Higgins.

WP

John G. Davis

Korean War veteran, member of United Steelworkers

John G. "Jiggs" Davis, 77, of Lawrence, died Thursday, February 16, 2006, in McMurray Hills Manor.

He was born April 29, 1928, in Canonsburg, a son of John A. and Dorothy Kelley Davis.

His wife, Emily Murdy Davis, died May 18, 2002.

Surviving are four daughters, Deborah and husband Ronald Pape of Lawrence, Judy and husband James Manning of Bridgeville, Robin Davis of Lawrence and Johnna Jo Davis of Prosperity; two sisters, Dorothy Weavers of Albuquerque, N.M., and Norma Palmer of Florida; three brothers, Robert Davis and Kenneth Davis, both of Lawrence, and Harry Davis of Claysville; six grandchildren, Roni Lee Pape, John Carl Pape, John Allen Davis, Allison Wood, Ashley Crouse and Douglas Crouse.

A brother, James Davis, is deceased.

Octave Verelst

Former coal stripper was WWII veteran

Octave (Oscar) Verelst, 87, of Burgettstown, died Friday, February 17, 2006.

He was born December 2, 1918, in Sturgeon, a son of Armand and Ida Claus Verelst.

On October 11, 1947, he married Ethyl Mae Kochey, who died July 6, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter, June Tropeck of Burgettstown; and a sister, Eva Supinski of McDonald.

Deceased are three brothers, John B., Cornell, and Herman Verelst; and two sisters, Marie LeGrand and Melanie Budness.

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Viola Dallmeyer McCreary

Avella/Cross Creek-area longtime teacher

Viola Dallmeyer McCreary, 98, died Tuesday, February 14, 2006, in Mattie C. Hall Nursing Center, Aiken, S.C.

She was born May 24, 1907, in Washington, a daughter of William and Annie Johnston Dallmeyer.

Mrs. McCreary was a resident of Cross Creek for more than 70 years and taught school for 44 years in the Avella/Cross Creek area.

Her husband, Harry McCreary, is deceased.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Lucien C. and Mary Ann Johnson of Aiken; son-in-law, Wilfred Rankin of Cross Creek; her brother and sister-in-law, James and Bettie Dallmeyer of Washington; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

CC

BRADDOCK CEMETERY, GRAYSVILLE

Janice L. Warnick

Washington Christian
Outreach volunteer

Janice L. Warnick, 58, of Washington, died Friday, February 24, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late Al and Margaret L. Hartman Buehrle.

She enjoyed playing bingo and was a volunteer for Washington Christian Outreach.

Surviving are her husband, Larry "LayLay" Zombeck; children Richard Buehrle of Belle Vernon, Paula Warnick (Francis Mullen) of Lawrence, Paul (Lorraine) Warnick Jr. of Richeyville, Nancy Warnick (Kenneth Harris) of Daisytown, and Brenda Messinger (Michael Huston) of Finleyville; four sisters, Gloria Smith of Ohio, Shirley Reese of McKeesport, Marilyn Supler of Waynesburg and Peggy Kimball of Mississippi; a brother, Al Buehrle of Oregon; 22 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a sister, Linda Buehrle. RR

Eleanor Vandenberg

Retired from St. Clair Memorial
Hospital

Eleanor Vandenberg, 91, of Fairplay, S.C., died Tuesday, February 21, 2006, in Anderson Area Medical Center, Anderson, S.C.

She was born November 16, 1914, in Sturgeon, a daughter of Morris Sr. and Emma DeCroo DeVos.

On June 4, 1952, she married Leonard Vandenberg, who died September 20, 1964.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Mary DeVos of McDonald, and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Emeline Geisler, and a brother, Morris DeVos. RR

Thomas C. Moore III

Thomas C. Moore III, 53, of Burgettstown, died Friday, February 24, 2006, in his home following a five-year illness.

He was born August 17, 1952, a son of Thomas C. Moore II and Ruth Huston Moore of Burgettstown.

He and his wife, Peggy Imburgia Moore, met when they were both 15 years old, and they married in 1975.

Surviving, in addition to his parents and wife, are twin sons Thomas C. Moore IV of Burgettstown and Samuel A. Moore, currently serving our country on the USS Nassau in the Middle East; two sisters, Ruth Dalisandri of Hanover Township and Beth Arnet and husband Lloyd of British Columbia, Canada; and a brother, Alex Moore of Holbrook.

William Dupain Sr.

Army veteran worked at RCA,
Cross Creek bait shop



William Dupain Sr., 69, of Avella, died at 10:25 a.m. Thursday, February 23, 2006, in the Washington Hospital emergency

room.

He was born March 31, 1936, in Oakdale, a son of George and Elizabeth Gentile Dupain.

On July 1, 1960, he married Imogene Wilson, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jeffre Dupain and William Dupain Jr., both of Avella, and Michael Dupain of Washington; a daughter, Michele Richards of Hickory; six grandchildren, Jessica, Tiffany and Samantha Dupain, Wade and Luke Richards and Desiray Wilson; two brothers, Donald Dupain of Hickory and Ronald Dupain of Avella; and a sister, Betty Cook of McDonald.

Deceased are two brothers, George and Robert Dupain, and a son, Richard Dupain. WP

Francis J. Scouart III

WWII Navy veteran was
longtime car salesman



Francis J. "Mank" Scouart III, 78, of Eldersville, died at 6:01 p.m. Sunday, February 26, 2006, in the Weirton

(W.Va.) Medical Center emergency room.

He was born December 5, 1927, in Avella, a son of Francis J. Jr. and Mary Evelyn Campbell Scouart.

Mr. Scouart was a 1945 graduate of Avella High School and a resident of Eldersville since 1961.

He worked as an automobile salesman in Washington from 1966 until he retired in 1990. He was the former owner of Scouart Hardware in Avella, a family-owned business for many years.

His wife, Martha M. Vale, survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kenneth Scouart and wife Mary Jo of Washington; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Patricia) McAllister of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Frank (Barbara) Korpos of Weirton and Mrs. Gene Dell (Mary) Karch of Burgettstown; eight grandchildren, Mrs. Ron (Michele) Scouart Dami, Michael Scouart and wife Melissa, Dr. Eric McAllister and wife Katie, Karen McAllister, Brian McAllister, Douglas Karch, Rachel Karch and Rebecca Karch; three great-grandchildren, Linsey and Brandon Dami and Jack Scouart; and a sister, Patricia Rush Astorina. WM

Ethel Rosemary Burrows King

Wheeling, W.Va., resident
attended McGuffey schools

Ethel Rosemary Burrows King, 60, of Wheeling, W.Va., died Tuesday, February 28, 2006, in Wheeling Hospital.

She was born September 21, 1945, in Wheeling, a daughter of William E. (Barney) and Rachel Mae Shaner Burrows.

Mrs. King attended McGuffey schools and was a homemaker. She was Protestant and enjoyed cooking.

On July 2, 1964, in Wheeling, she married William D. M. King, who died in February 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Gwendolyn Y. Lance and Stephanie M. King, both of Wheeling; five brothers, Alan L. Shaner of Claysville, William E. Burrows of Valley Grove, W.Va., and Michael L., Paul and David Burrows, all of West Alexander; six sisters, Leola Darlene Burrows of West Alexander, Daisy Bess of Ohio, Cindy Frew of Valley Grove, Pamela Harris of West Alexander, Tracy Wallace of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Linda Burrows of Ohio; six grandchildren, Charles D. Hinzman II, Brian Anthony King, Cathleen M.N. Lance, Renee Lynn Lance, David Alan Lance Jr., and Christopher C. Ludolph; and a great-grandson, Tanner Owen Wells.

A brother, Thomas George Burrows, is deceased. WA

Edward Kuntz

Worked for NCR and RCA as an
accountant



Edward Kuntz, 86, of Eighty Four, died Monday, February 27, 2006, in UPMC Presbyterian, Pittsburgh.

He was born July 23, 1919, in Meadow Lands, a son of George and Katrina Kvindis Kuntz.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army from December 8, 1941, until March 1946.

He was a member of the NRA and a former member of Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church, Eighty Four.

On June 8, 1950, he married Georgia Williams, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Georgia Colangelo (Frank) of Murrysburg; a son, Edward Kuntz (Carole) of Prosperity; and three grandchildren, Olivia and Rachel Colangelo and Eddie Kuntz.

Deceased are three brothers, John, George and Joseph Kuntz, and a sister, Mary Beros. OS

JoAnn Bain

Helped organize group
for handicapped

JoAnn Bain, 58, of Weirton, W.Va., died Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

She was born December 24, 1947, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Betty J. Boocks Riley of McDonald and the late Joseph Riley.

On June 26, 1965, she married James A. Bain Sr. of Weirton.

Surviving are three sons, James Jr. (Jennifer) Bain of Pittsburgh and Jason and Jarett at home; a brother, Richard (Janet) Riley of Ohio; three sisters, Helen (Joseph) Verdine of Midway, Patricia Backus of Ingram and Kathleen Woodall of Pittsburgh; a grandchild, Madison Bain; and several nieces and nephews. RR

Margaret Jane Kita

McGuffey graduate worked
for All-Clad Metals



Margaret Jane Kita, 30, of Nineveh, died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, in her home.

She was born December 26, 1976, in Washington, a daughter of the late Joseph James and Anna Mae Welling Kita.

She was a graduate of McGuffey High School, where she was a member of Vo-Ag and enjoyed farm animals.

She was employed by All-Clad Metalcrafters as a finisher for six years and was a member of United Steelworkers Union.

Surviving are three brothers, Joseph Dan Kita of Nineveh, David J. Kita of Florida and John E. Kita of Moundsville, W.Va.; a half brother, William Hemrick; and a sister, Josie (Kevin) Lanier of Lady Lake, Fla. CL

Kevin N. Shook

Vietnam vet collected classic cars

Kevin N. Shook, 51, of Burgettstown, died Tuesday, March 7, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born September 18, 1954, in Pittsburgh, a son of Norris and Lorraine Brandl Shook of Kennedy Township.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Lynn Fullerton Shook; a daughter, Justine Reyes of South Fayette Township; two sons, Bryan Shook of Enola and Keith Shook, at home; a grandson, Tyler Hayes; his grandmother, Theresia Brandl; a sister, Norene Kuzio of Imperial; and two brothers, John Shook of Wisconsin and Charles Shook of Pittsburgh.

Selena L. Thomas

Member of McDonald Homemakers

Selena L. Thomas, 79, of McDonald, died Sunday, March 5, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born November 26, 1926, in Barnesboro, a daughter of Samuel and Jemina Boulanger Bolton.

On September 28, 1946, she married Jacob W. Thomas, who died January 1, 1991.

Surviving are three sons, Jeffrey L. (Cathy) Thomas of Oakdale, Michael A. (Karia) Thomas of Imperial and Daniel W. (Flo Ann) Thomas of Cecil Township; a brother, George Bolton of Winter Haven, Fla.; four grandchildren, Shelley Williams and Jason, Michael and Adam Thomas; and two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Mary Williams.

A brother, Frank Bolton, is deceased. RR

Walter J. Schollaert

Universal Cyclops steelworker from Sturgeon

Walter J. Schollaert, 93, of Sturgeon, South Fayette Township, died Monday, March 6, 2006, in Sewickley Hospital.

He was born April 10, 1912, in Sturgeon, a son of Julien and Paula Thomas Schollaert.

His wife, Hazel Gilbert Schollaert, died October 6, 1991.

Surviving are four sons, Walter J. Jr. of Bulger, David A. of North Canton, Ohio, Robert J. of Houston, Texas, and Phillip C. of South Fayette Township; seven grandchildren, Walter J. III, David A. II, Krista J., Blake A., Chad, Michael and Brian Schollaert; and a brother, Raymond Schollaert.

Deceased are brothers and sisters, Thomas, Julien, Lawrence, Albert Schollaert and Frances Kanarek and Eleanor Boocks. RR

Mildred D. Boocks

Mildred D. Boocks, 89, formerly of Chartiers Terrace, Carnegie and Florence, died Monday, March 6, 2006, in Southmont of Presbyterian SeniorCare, Washington, where she had been a resident for 14 months.

She was born May 11, 1916, in Washington, the only child of George and Dessie Dornan Jackson.

On April 18, 1947, she married Bernard Lytle Boocks, who died June 24, 1989.

Surviving are a son, Daryl Boocks and wife Karen of McMurray; two granddaughters, Anne Benckert and husband Ed of Belcamp, Md., and Jennifer Krowschel and husband Jim of St. Paul, Minn.; and a great-grandson, Matthew Benckert. CP

John I. Harshman

50-year member of Buffalo Grange



John I. Harshman, 85, of Buffalo Township, died Sunday, March 5, 2006, in Humbert Lane Health Care Centre, Washington.

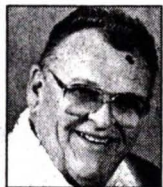
He was born February 24, 1921, in Washington, a son of John F. and Georgia L. Irwin Harshman.

On June 18, 1944, he married Mary Davis, who died May 2, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet H. Rhoades and Jo Ann Harshman, both of Washington; a son, John I. (Bess) Harshman Jr. of Washington; a brother, Paul C. Harshman of Washington; a sister, Ruth Newman of Columbus, Ohio; eight grandchildren, Lisa Zatta, Wendy Harshman, Tara Mercio, Erin Harshman, John A. Harshman, Greta Ringer, Valissa Rhoades and Mollie Goodman; and 15 great-grandchildren. CL

George R. Godwin

Ex-owner of Hickory golf course



George R. Godwin, 76, of Burgettstown, died Monday, February 27, 2006, in his home.

He was born February 22, 1930, in Bridgeville, a son of Arthur and Louise Poelott Godwin.

On November 1, 1952, he married Wilma B. Berton, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sandra Godwin Staples of Lake Placid, Fla.; three sons, George R. "Hoss" Godwin of Washington, Mark L. Godwin of Avella and Arthur S. (Luke) Godwin of Rock Tavern, N.Y.; a sister, Sylvia Willard of Bridgeville; three grandchildren, Mark and Derek Godwin and Angel Lloyd; and two great-grandchildren, Cheyenne and C.J. Lloyd.

Deceased are two brothers, Ralph and Jim Godwin. ME

Vincent Rubín

Slovan resident enjoyed music and shopping

Vincent Rubín, 70, of Slovan, died Thursday, March 9, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

He was born July 19, 1935, in Slovan, a son of Onesimo and Nancy Sabatasse Rubín.

Mr. Rubín enjoyed music and shopping.

Surviving are a sister, Rose Zajonc of Atlasburg; two brothers, Robert Rubín of Orlando, Fla., and Carl Rubín of Avella; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Jim Rubín, is deceased. MP

Franklin D. Wilkins



Franklin D. Wilkins, 53, of Burgettstown, died unexpectedly Tuesday, February 28, 2006, while traveling on Route 22 in Morris Township, Huntingdon County.

He was born August 15, 1952, a son of the late William James and Anna Elizabeth Angelo Wilkins.

Mr. Wilkins made his home for 16 years with Renee Simpson of Burgettstown.

Surviving are three daughters, Jacilyn Wilkins of Houston, Texas, Lynsey Rossi and husband Joseph of Greenville and Shannon Tressler and husband Michael of Edgewood; a son, Jeffrey Simpson of Friendship; five brothers, William E. (Ann E.) Wilkins of Joffre, Clarence J. (Carmella) Wilkins of Weirton, W.Va., Charles J. (Elaine) Wilkins Sr. of Weirton, Michael Wilkins of Waverly, N.Y., and Thomas Wilkins of Weirton; four sisters, Patricia Bartley, Rose McClements and Renee (Robert) Anderson, all of Weirton, and Peggy Ann Dorich of Paris; and many nieces and nephews.

Ernest L. Beccari Sr.

Former employee of McGraw-Edison

Ernest L. Beccari Sr., 90, of Canonsburg, died Thursday, March 9, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

He was born November 22, 1915, in Oakdale, a son of Emilio and Rosa Beccari.

Mr. Beccari was a member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church and United Steel Workers Union and was a veteran of World War II.

In 1982, he retired from the former McGraw-Edison plant, Canonsburg.

On December 20, 1940, he married Loretta J. Keeler, who died May 8, 1999.

Surviving are three sons, Richard A. Beccari of Coraopolis, Robert E. Beccari of Cecil Township and Ernest Beccari Jr. of Canonsburg; a sister, Lena Recrosio of Carnegie; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three grandsons, Ronald, Donald and Robert Beccari, and three brothers, Pete, Andy and Louis Beccari.

Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday in Bogan Funeral Homes Inc., 164 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 13. OS

Edward H. McCormick

WWII Army veteran a Pearl Harbor survivor

Edward H. McCormick, 89, of Lancia Villa Royale Nursing Home, Steubenville, Ohio, formerly of Burgettstown, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, in Veterans Administration Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born January 17, 1917, in Cincinnati, Ohio, a son of Joseph and Mary McCormick.

Mr. McCormick served in the U.S. Army during World War II and survived the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. His wife, Irene Price McCormick, is deceased.

Left to cherish his memory are two sons, Edward H. McCormick Jr. of Steubenville and James Howard McCormick of Greensboro, N.C.; a stepson, Grant Williams of Ambridge; two stepdaughters, Anna Smith and husband Ralph of Aliquippa and Pearl Williams of Aliquippa; 15 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; a niece, Margie Price of Washington; and a brother-in-law, William Price of Burgettstown.

A brother, Joseph McCormick, is deceased. F

Jean A. Wallace

Member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church



Jean A. Wallace, 60, of McDonald, formerly of Hickory, died Friday, February 24, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

She was born March 29, 1945, in Washington, a daughter of Chandler and Evelyn Hodges Wallace.

Miss Wallace was an administrative assistant for Nicholson Construction of Cuddy.

She was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

She enjoyed bingo, crossword puzzles, Scrabble, camping and classic movies. Her favorite activity was spending time with her grandchildren. At the age of 57, she went skydiving for the first time.

Surviving are a son, Robert J. Cook of Avella; three daughters, Chanda Cook of McDonald, Kimberly Ann Stough of Spring Grove and Carla Jean Kump of Biglerville; 10 grandchildren, Timmy, Amanda, Jessica, Darryn, Brian, Trevor, Chelci, Marty, Johnny and Logan; a brother, Richard C. Wallace of Hickory; and a sister, Carolyn Wiggins of North Augusta, S.C.

At the request of the deceased, there will be no public visitation.

Wilma R. Hazen*Member of Claysville U.P. Church*

Wilma R. Hazen, 86, of Claysville, died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 7, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

She was born December 23, 1919, in Buffalo Village, a daughter of Edwin and Anna Taggart Ralston.

Mrs. Hazen graduated from Trinity High School in 1939 and was a member of Claysville United Presbyterian Church.

She was a secretary for Boys Baseball for more than 20 years.

On June 27, 1942, she married Robert L. Hazen, who died April 7, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Robert L. (Laura) Hazen Jr. of Clayton, Ohio, and James W. (Sharon) Hazen of Claysville; a daughter, Karen (Ray) McAdoo of Fayetteville, Ga.; a brother, Robert Ralston of Buffalo Village; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, Donald Ralston, is deceased. **UB**

Virginia E. Zappi*Avella resident worked for Brockway, Hazel-Atlas*

Virginia E. Zappi of Avella, Independence Township, died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born in East Liverpool, Ohio, a son of Edward and Ethel Reese Densmore.

On November 17, 1943, in Liberal, Kan., she married Pete D. Zappi, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Pete (Alice) Zappi Sr. of Claysville and Dennis L. (Carol) Zappi Sr. of Avella; six grandchildren, Ed (Stacy) Zappi, Sherri (Chuck) Kleinhans, Deanna (Chris) Miller, Denise (Erik Herceg) Zappi, Denny Zappi Jr. and Bob Zappi; 11 great-grandchildren; an aunt, Edna Williams of Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three infant sons; a brother, Louis Densmore; and a sister, Ruth Ann Sturm. **CL**

Anne M. Puskarich*Lifelong member of St. John the Baptist Church, Canonsburg*

Anne M. Puskarich, 83, of Washington, formerly of Canonsburg, died at 4:25 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

She was born February 20, 1923, in Canonsburg, a daughter of John Sr. and Anna Czap Matyuf.

On February 15, 1964, she married George Puskarich Jr., who died May 6, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Paula (Joseph) Phillis of Washington; a stepson, Jerry (Bette Jo) Puskarich of Washington, a stepdaughter, Georgianne (Al) Summers of Muse; two sisters, Eva Pirih of Washington and Julia Spetek of Burgettstown; a brother, William Matyuf of Canonsburg; and eight grandchildren, Aileene and David Bell, Hollan, Amanda and Morgan Puskarich and Rachel, Ben and Luke Phillis.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are five brothers, soldier Michael, Harry, Pete, Steve and John Jr. Matyuf; and a sister, Mary Kacvinsky. **OS**

Lester Monroe Crupe

Lester Monroe Crupe, 91, of Burgettstown, died Wednesday, March 15, 2006, in Dixon Health Care, Wintersville, Ohio.

He was born January 6, 1915, in Brooke County, W.Va., a son of John Lester and Harriet Riggle Crupe.

He retired from Weirton Steel Tin Mill with 40 years of service.

His wife of 70 years, Gladys McNinch Crupe, whom he married November 15, 1935, survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Friedrich R. Crupe and his wife, Christiane, of Davidsonville, Md., and Denver G. Crupe and his wife, Maria, of Orlando, Fla.; three grandchildren, Matthew and Britanny Crupe of Orlando, Fla., and Ann Marie Ganter and her husband, Jason, of Milford, Conn.; two great-granddaughters, Madison and Cameron; a sister, Jessie Wanda Smik; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, are a sister, Harriet Richmond Jewel, and a brother, Harry O. Crupe. **G**

Alfred Quevi*50-year ironworker was McDonald resident*

Alfred Quevi, 70, of McDonald died Saturday, March 11, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born November 7, 1935, in McDonald, a son of Henry and Emily Hancq Quevi.

On August 18, 1956, he married Beverly M. Doehre, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Diana Sue (Jack) Dayton of Canonsburg, Cheryl A. Bushmire of Pittsburgh and Eileen J. (Frank) Mazzei of Cecil; two sons, Alfred G. (Jennifer) Quevi Jr. and Henry F. (Leigh) Quevi, both of McDonald; and seven grandchildren, Jessica, Kimberly and Jacob, Dayton, Chad Bushmire, Joseph and James Mazzei and Kara Quevi.

Deceased are a brother, Henry Quevi, and a sister, Rachel Phillips. **RR**

Julia A. Orsini Provence*Lifelong Canonsburg area resident*

Julia A. Orsini Provence, 90, of Canonsburg, died Friday, March 10, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born May 16, 1915, in Canonsburg, a daughter of James and Mary Hordies Orsini.

Her husband, Peter Provence, died May 13, 1975.

Surviving are two sons, David Provence of Boca Raton, Fla., and Paul Provence of Canonsburg; two brothers, Jim Orsini of Canonsburg and Ray Orsini of Simi Valley, Calif.; two sisters, Pauline McPeake of Canonsburg and Delma Powers of McKeesport; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Harry Orsini, and a sister, Lena Bergandy. **OS**

Wayne Clifford Klages*Worked for Weirton Steel Corp.*

Wayne Clifford Klages, 72, of Independence, died at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2006, in Donnell House of Washington, after

a courageous battle with cancer, with his family by his side.

He was born August 11, 1933, in Sand Hill, W.Va., a son of Clarence and Alta Morris Klages.

Mr. Klages was a 1950 graduate of West Alexander High School.

On June 30, 1956, in Taylorstown, he married Mary Catherine Scott, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kevin "Stretch" Klages and wife Linda of Wellsburg, W.Va., Keith "Sluggo" Klages of Avella and Kenneth Klages and wife Terri of Burgettstown; a daughter, Sheila Dow and husband Neal of Cecil; three grandchildren, Zachary, Kenneth Jr. and Brandon; four brothers, Earl L. Klages of Taylorstown, Lloyd A. Klages of Valley Grove, W.Va., Jack M. Klages of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Kenneth E. Klages of West Alexander; and two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Wilhelm of West Alexander and Mrs. Clara Limes of Dandridge, Tenn.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, is a sister, Emma Jean Klages; and a brother, Robert Edwin Klages. **F**

Frank W. Hainaut Sr.*40-year employee of Casper Colosimo and Sons Inc.*

Frank W. Hainaut Sr., 84, of Scott Township, died Wednesday, March 15, 2006.

He was a loyal 40-year employee of Casper Colosimo and Sons Inc.

He was the beloved husband of Beverly J. Hartley Hainaut; the loving father of Frank Hainaut Jr. of Pittsburgh, Terri Showalter of Maryland and Rhonda Staples of Cecil; and the brother of Philip Hainaut of McDonald, Wanda Benett of Baden and Bonnie Hainaut of McDonald. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three sisters and a beloved grandson, Derek Staples.

Edna C. Borner*Hickory woman was Thursday Morning League bowler*

Edna C. Borner, 83, of Hickory, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born April 2, 1922, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Charles and Ruth Schreiber Schueler.

Her husband, Harry C. Borner, died January 30, 1977.

Surviving are her daughter, Sandra Lee (Milton) Redden of Hickory; a granddaughter, Kandace Redden of Hickory; and a brother, Lawrence Schueler of Leper.

Deceased are a brother, Charles Schueler, and a sister, Margaret Seibert.

John W. Byrd Sr.

John W. Byrd Sr., 66, of Langeloth, died Wednesday, March 9, 2006, in his home.

He was born September 18, 1939, in Langeloth, a son of Buford and Vernice Gunn Byrd.

He was a graduate of Union High School, Burgettstown.

He was a self-employed home remodeler and enjoyed auto racing and fishing.

For 25 years, he was married to Jean Bender Boyer.

Surviving are a son, John W. Byrd Jr. and wife Lisa of Austin, Texas; three grandchildren, Lauren, Marissa and Justin Byrd; a brother, James Byrd and wife Judy of Jackson, Ohio; a niece, Cindy Byrd; and a nephew, Jimmy Byrd.

Robert L. Hall*Retired truck driver was U.S. Army veteran*

Robert L. Hall, 71, of Clinton (Hanover Township), died Friday afternoon, March 10, 2006, in his home.

He was born November 22, 1934, in Weirton, W.Va., a son of Clyde Vincent and Evelyn Call Hall.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen Shiska Hall; three children, Mike V. Hall of Clinton, Bruce W. Hall of Bulger and Wendy Brammer of Ohio; two brothers, James and Lynn Hall; two sisters, Juanita Davis and Judy Gayhart; and seven grandchildren.

Ronald Victor Mumbray Sr.

Allegheny Ludlum retiree



Ronald Victor Mumbray Sr., 67, of Canonsburg, died Saturday, March 18, 2006.

He served in the U.S. Navy and retired from Allegheny Ludlum (formerly Jessop) Steel. He enjoyed dancing, bowling and golf.

He was the beloved husband of Norine Mumbray; loving father of Stephanie (Joe) Stubenbort, Ron (Patrice) Mumbray, Denean (Andy) Garrity and Alicia (Andy) Leopold; stepfather of Cherie (Scott) Mazutis, Cheryl (Brian) Homerosky and Carrie Stankus; brother of Maureen Lusk; and is also survived by 12 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and his former wife, Patricia Mumbray.

WF

Paul C. McDonald

Claysville-area farmer

Paul C. McDonald, 92, of Claysville, died Saturday, March 18, in Ohio Valley Medical Center, Wheeling, W.Va.

He was born April 1, 1913, in West Finley, a son of Harry and Villa Galentine McDonald.

In April 1937, he married Margaret Hancher, who died January 29, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter, Julia "Judy" (John F.) Hunter of West Alexander; three sisters, Mary Higgins of Washington, Ruth Miller of Wheeling and Dorothy Santee of Billington, W.Va.; eight grandchildren, Michael (Valerie) McDonald of Valley Grove, W.Va., Paula (Robert) Beatty of Washington, Terri (Steve) Helmkamp, Darlene (Charles) Galloway and Stacy McDonald, all of Claysville, and Kathy (Bob) Morgan, Gary Hunter and John Mark (Donna) Hunter, all of West Alexander; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a granddaughter, Jill L. Hunter; two sons, Kenneth W. McDonald and Gary P. McDonald; and two sisters, Jean Sampson and Martha Pile. WA

Heart attack kills farmer

A 76-year-old Hickory man died Monday afternoon when he had a heart attack while operating a farm tractor in Mt. Pleasant Township.

Gerald G. Caldwell, 76, was using the tractor to load manure off Prospect Alley at the back of his 111 Main St. home at 1:41 p.m., Mt. Pleasant Township police said.

While backing away from the loaded trailer, the tractor apparently sank in the mud. The back wheels then went over an embankment and the tractor rolled onto its side, pinning Caldwell underneath it. Washington County

Coroner Tim Warco pronounced him dead at 2:30 p.m. The accident did not cause his death, Warco said.

There were no witnesses to the accident, police said. A motorist driving past Caldwell's home about 1:40 p.m. saw the tractor had rolled over. When he checked, he found Caldwell trapped under and immediately called 911, police said.

Police, along with Mt. Pleasant firefighters and a crew from the state Department of Transportation, lifted the tractor off Caldwell.

Gerald G. Caldwell

*Hickory dairy farmer
was head mechanic*



Gerald G. (Jerry) Caldwell, 76, of Hickory, died unexpectedly Monday, March 13, 2006.

He was born July 29, 1929, in Avella, a son of John M. and Helen Stewart Caldwell.

On June 6, 1952, in the former Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, he married Carol Cowden, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Dawn McElhaney (Michael) of West Virginia, Ruth Caldwell-Petrisko (Sean) of Duquesne and Diane Flynn (Shawn) of Canonsburg; five grandchildren, David W., Joshua A. and Bethany Dawn Knicely, all at home, and Benjamin and Rachel McElhaney of West Virginia; one great granddaughter, Sydney Lee Knicely; three sisters, Marjorie Curran (Connie) of Hickory, Barbara Fasnacht of Washington and Shirley Fryer (William) of Enon Valley; two brothers, John T. Caldwell (Elaine) of Hickory and Donald S. Caldwell of Hollywood, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, Bradley L. Caldwell, who died in infancy; and a daughter, Deenya Knicely Hallo, who died in 1998. MP

Janet McDonald Wilson

Former Hanover Township auditor

Janet McDonald Wilson, 69, of Paris, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, in her home.

She was born August 3, 1936, in Langeloth, a daughter of Samuel Guy and Grace Holland McDonald.

She formerly was a Hanover Township auditor.

Her husband, James R. Wilson, died July 27, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Rene Patton and husband Greg of Gahanna, Ohio; four sons, James Wilson and wife Deborah of Gainesville, Ga., Jeffrey Wilson of Paris, Mark Wilson and wife Angela of Gahanna and Eric Wilson of Paris; six grandchildren; a brother, Lee McDonald of Warren, Ohio; and a sister, Gyla McDonald Cook of Burgettstown.

A sister, Carlene McDonald, is deceased. CP

Elsie Louise Cossu

Buffalo Township resident loved animals

Elsie Louise Cossu, 79, of Buffalo Township, died Saturday, March 18, 2006, in Washington Hospital surrounded by her loving family, after a long illness.

She was born March 9, 1927, in Washington, a daughter of Frank Adolph and Mary Fashing Willhoft.

On February 14, 1941, she married Frank Cossu, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mary Ann Cossu of Houston and Betty Lou Richardson and Linda Lee Cossu, both of Washington; a son, Frank Cossu of Canonsburg; a sister, Bertha Provence of Washington; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three sisters, Helene Glassman, Pauline Robson and Rose Rutan, and four brothers, William, James, Joseph and Frank Willhoft. NB

Carl R. Lauther

*Retired glassworker was
World War II veteran*



Carl Richard "Bruz" Lauther, 81, of Claysville, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, in Southmont of Presbyterian Senior-

Care, Washington, following a brief illness.

He was born May 1, 1924, in Washington, a son of Edgar and Bridget Raibe Lauther.

On September 6, 1947, in Washington, he married Aileen Gorby, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Donald (Regina) Lauther of Washington; two brothers, Edgar Lauther of Washington and William Lauther of Gibsonton, Fla.; two sisters, Patty Brown of Claysville and Judy (Tom) Stewart of Erie; three grandchildren, Matthew (Deanne) Lauther, Kaya Lauther and Donn Ryan Lauther; two great-grandchildren, Madeline and Meredith Lauther; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, David R. "Trix" Lauther; and two sisters, Geraldine Post and Joanne Jarosz. CL

Grace A. Tolmer

Canonsburg homemaker

Grace A. Tolmer, 88, of Canonsburg, died at 3:20 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born November 29, 1917, in Canonsburg, a daughter of John and Margaret O'Brian Gillespie.

On July 30, 1941, in Macon, Ga., she married Albert (Folmer) who died March 9, 1987.

Surviving are a son, John Tolmer and wife Christine of Canonsburg; her twin sister, Rose Hickman of Bishop, Texas; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, John and Jim Gillespie; and a sister, Monica Nardine. OS

Lucile Whitaker

*Florida resident
born in Houston*

Lucile Whitaker of St. Augustine, Fla., died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, in her home.

She was born in Houston, a daughter of Lloyd and Della Grounds Sprowls.

Mrs. Whitaker moved with her family to Tampa, Fla., where she lived for many years before coming to St. Augustine more than 35 years ago.

Mrs. Whitaker was active in the community, serving with Flagler Hospital Auxiliary, and was a member of the local homemakers group and a Lightner Museum volunteer.

She was a longtime member of Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Deceased are her beloved husband of more than 50 years, Harold, and her darling granddaughter, Karen Parker.

Surviving are her loving and devoted daughter, Linda Chester of St. Augustine; her brothers, Dr. John J. Sprowls of Edison, N.J., and George G. Sprowls of Washington; and her great-granddaughter, Alexis Breen.

A graveside service was held Monday, March 13, in St. Augustine Memorial Park.

William T. Filipponi

*Slovan grocer active
in his community*

William T. Filipponi, 91, of Slovan, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

He was born August 2, 1914, in Slovan, a son of Ralph and Albina Grilli Filipponi.

Prior to his retirement, he owned and operated Ralph Filipponi & Sons grocery store in Slovan.

In 1938, he married Jeanette Latella, who died May 16, 1991.

Surviving are his children, Ralph Filipponi and wife Barbara of Monongahela and Justine O'Brien of Northfield, N.J.; his grandchildren, William and Anthony Filipponi, Dina Brown and William O'Brien; four great-grandchildren; and his sisters, Mary DiOrto of Burgettstown and Irene Abate and Clara Giacomelli, both of Slovan.

Deceased are sisters Dina and Gina Filipponi and brothers Dante and Adam Filipponi.

Emma S. Hancock

*Member of Canonsburg United
Presbyterian Church*

Emma S. Hancock, 80, formerly of Houston, died Sunday, March 19, 2006, in Horizon Senior Care, Canonsburg.

She was born July 9, 1925, in Moon Run, a daughter of Charles F. and Susan Jackson Sheader.

Her husband, Harold E. Hancock, died February 10, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia and husband Wayne Gill of Bentleyville; two granddaughters, Shelly Barnhart and Charlotte Barton; a great-granddaughter, Zoe Gudenburr; and a sister, Helen Park of Moon Run.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are two sisters, Virginia Edge and Katherine Bosco, and three brothers, Charles, Fred and George Sheader. **V**

Elizabeth W. Hampson

*Member of Calvary Presbyterian
Church, McDonald*

Elizabeth W. "Mina" Hampson, 97, of Bridgeville, formerly of McDonald, died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

She was born February 19, 1909, in McDonald, a daughter of Joseph William and Mary Bertha Behling Brandenburg Scherer.

On August 14, 1931, she married Walter E. "Bud" Hampson, who died November 18, 2001.

A daughter, Mary Beth Hampson of Bridgeville, survives.

Deceased are two brothers, Frank Brandenburg and Joseph Scherer; and three sisters, Flora Marie Johnston, Clara Marie Charlier and Bertha Marie Balmer. **RR**

Dorothy King Snyder

Dorothy King Snyder, 77, of McDonald, died Saturday, March 18, 2006, in her home after a courageous six-year battle with cancer.

She was born April 6, 1928, in Farmington, a daughter of John T. and Bernadette Baker King.

On November 19, 1954, she married her beloved husband, John Leonard Snyder, who died January 12, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Mark E. Snyder and Alan J. Snyder, both of McDonald; a sister, Emma Gleason and husband Norman of Farmington; two brothers, Ernest King and wife Viola of Ohiopyle and Gene King and wife Lewana of Farmington; two brothers-in-law, the Rev. Doyle Snyder and wife Beverly of Pittsburgh and the Rev. Dr. Jerry Kirk and wife Patricia of Cincinnati, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Samson Chapel Cemetery,
Farmington.

Matthew Wade Hunt

*2001 graduate of Canon-
McMillan High School*



Matthew Wade Hunt, 22-year-old most-precious son of Marshall and Beth Priebe Hunt of Canonsburg, died unexpectedly Saturday, March 18, 2006, in his home.

He was born May 8, 1983, in Mt. Lebanon Township.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a brother, Thomas E. Hunt of Fort Carson, Colo.; his paternal grandmother, Alma Finch Hunt of Front Royal, Va.; his maternal grandmother, Julianna H. Schaum of Washington; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Deceased are his paternal grandfather, James L. Hunt, and his maternal grandfather, Edward L. Priebe. **WF**

Joyce M. Mason

*Owned Brownlee
Wiping Cloth Co.*

Joyce M. Mason, 66, of Houston, died Monday, March 20, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born February 24, 1940, in Canonsburg, the only child of Frank Gene and Yolanda Del Vecchio Palette.

On September 22, 1956, she married Lee R. Mason, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Mark L. and wife Carole Mason of Prosperity; a daughter, Marsha L. Mason of Canonsburg; and three grandchildren, Rachel Leigh, Audrey Marie and Michael David Mason.

A son, Michael Gene Mason, is deceased. **OS**

Bertha Mae Riggs

*Member of Grove UP Church,
its Kitchen Band*



Bertha Mae Riggs, 90, of Weirton, W. Va., formerly of Washington, died at 12:45 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2006, in Weirton

Medical Center. She had been in declining health the past six months.

She was born October 17, 1915, in Washington, a daughter of William Litle and Bertha Ely McCrerey.

Mrs. Riggs was a graduate of Washington High School and an active member of Grove United Presbyterian Church and its Kitchen Band.

She had been a waitress at Washington Hospital Hospitality Shoppe.

Mrs. Riggs enjoyed yard work, sewing, crocheting, knitting and gardening.

On May 6, 1938, she married John William Riggs, who died March 12, 1983.

Surviving are a son, William Thomas (Anita) Riggs of Mobile, Ala.; a daughter, Carol Elaine (Ronald) Kohnfelder of Weirton; a brother, William Lloyd McCrerey of Washington; three grandchildren, Vickie Lynn Crain, Richard Allen and William Scott Crain; and two great-grandchildren, Bailey and Hannah Crain.

Deceased are four sisters, Rachael Barr, Gladys Beck, Bernice Ashbrook and Frances Bush, and three brothers, Walter, James and Donald McCrerey. **W**

Annie Helen Alrutz

*Centenarian born
in Mt. Pleasant Township*



Annie Helen Alrutz, 100, died Saturday, March 25, 2006, in Washington County Health Center after a brief illness.

She was born July 16, 1905, on the Seabright family farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, a daughter of Charles F. and Cora V. Walker Seabright.

On September 27, 1922, in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hickory, she was married to Louis C. Alrutz by Pastor Forest Eberle. They celebrated 46 years of marriage before her husband's death in May 1968.

Surviving are a son, Ralph E. Alrutz of Washington; a grandson, Kenneth E. Alrutz of Middleton, Conn.; a much-loved and devoted granddaughter, Patricia A. Platts of Scenery Hill; and five great-grandchildren, Megan, Rikki and Graham Alrutz and Mark and Ray Platts. Deceased is a sister, Cecil Brinkman. **MP**

Wayne L. Nice

Wayne L. Nice, 62, of Burgettstown, died Monday, March 27, 2006, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born December 3, 1943, in Midway, a son of Lewanda Proudfit Nice of Washington and the late Ralph Nice.

In 1969, he and his wife started Wayne's Body Shop in Burgettstown. In 1978, they moved to the current location in Slovan.

Mr. Nice was a member of Burgettstown Italian Club in Burgettstown.

In 1964, he married Rose Sabatasse, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are three daughters, Debbie Machak and husband James of Florence, Tammy Svecnik of Burgettstown and Tricia Sanders and husband Michael of Sarasota; two grandchildren, Adam and Alexander Machak; five sisters, Sarah Reynolds of Nevada, Ruth Barish of Burgettstown, Rosemary Lyons of New Jersey, Margaret Collett of Cross Creek and Delores Halulko of Florida; two brothers, Raymond Nice of Beaver Falls and Mark Nice of Nevada; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, John Nice, is deceased. **G**

Joseph M. Gazvoda

*Cecil Township resident
retired from LTV, Aliquippa*



Joseph M. Gazvoda, 68, of Cecil Township, died Monday, March 20, 2006, in Manor Care, McMurray.

He was born April 4, 1937, in Canonsburg, a son of Frank and Helen Vavrek Gazvoda.

Mr. Gazvoda retired from LTV in Aliquippa after 27 years of service and then was employed at Vincenty Sanitation in Cecil Township.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church in Cecil.

On June 23, 1956, he married Lois Bentz, who survives. Together they celebrated 49 years of marriage.

Also surviving are a daughter, Patricia Lyn and husband Michael Gray of Claysville; two sons, Joseph A. and wife Janet Gazvoda of Hickory and Robert J. Gazvoda of Canonsburg; five grandchildren, Kelsey Lynn Gray, Theresa Marie, Joseph Charles, Shannon Lee and Julie Ann Gazvoda; four sisters, Virginia Roberts of Canonsburg, Mary Ann Amweiler of Pittsburgh, Kathleen Kerston of Pittsburgh and Jane Marsh of Flora City, Fla.; and four brothers, Frank of Canonsburg, James of Cecil Township, Edward of Potomac, Md., and Thomas Gazvoda of Cecil Township.

St. Mary Cemetery.

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Agnes M. Donati

Agnes M. Donati, 92, a resident of Tandem Skilled Living, Canonsburg, formerly of Burgettstown and Florida, died Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

She was born January 30, 1914, in Avella, a daughter of Joseph and Sophia Brecko Kanzius.

Mrs. Donati attended Burgettstown schools and worked in the shipyard in Dravo and on Pittsburgh trolleys.

Her husband, William Donati, died in 1977.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews, including her caregivers, Marie Maruskin and Dolores Mayberry, both of Washington, and a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Kanzius of Lorain, Ohio.

Deceased are three sisters, Eva Aquilino, Frances Graff and Gertrude Phelps, and three brothers, Sylvester, Joseph and Albin Kanzius. **MP**

Nicholas G. McIntosh

Technician at All Pro
Restoration



Nicholas G. McIntosh, 24, of Washington, died at 1:40 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006.

He was born December 15, 1981, in Manhattan, Kan., a son of James McIntosh of Florida and Dorothy Harvison Brooks of Meadow Lands.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are two sisters and a brother, Holly, Megan and Brandon McIntosh, all of Meadow Lands; his maternal grandfather and step-grandmother, Harry and Candice Harvison of Houston; his paternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Lorraine and Lester Hudson of Crafton; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Deceased are his maternal grandmother, Judith Allison Sutton; and his paternal grandfather, Ray McIntosh. **RR**

Gladys M. Griffith

Member of Canonsburg United
Presbyterian Church

Gladys M. Griffith, 87, of Humbert Lane Personal Care Home, Washington, formerly of Canonsburg and Houston, died Thursday, March 30, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born January 3, 1919, in Sturgeon, a daughter of Harry and Mary Thompson England.

She was a 1936 graduate of Hickory High School.

On December 19, 1942, she married James M. (Max) Griffith, who died May 29, 1992.

Surviving are a sister, Jane T. Buckels of Houston; and several nieces and nephews. **FL**

Stella Mae Sawhill

Member of Center
UP Church, Midway

Stella Mae Sawhill, 94, of Midway, died Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

She was born April 5, 1911, in Midway, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Sherman Campbell.

Mrs. Sawhill was a waitress at Niki Sight and was a member of Center United Presbyterian Church in Midway.

Her husband, Charles W. Sawhill, died in 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Wanda Jean Robison of California and Doris M. Sawhill of McDonald; a son, Charles R. (Bob) Sawhill of Midway; five grandchildren, Kim Elaine Robison, Mark Robison, Ray Sherge, Starr Lytle and Brad Sawhill; 10 great-grandchildren; and brothers and sisters Rebecca Kargle of McDonald, Zoe Pounds of Midway and Jean Tucker of Midway.

Deceased are two sons, Charles W. and James A. Sawhill, and brothers and sisters Thomas, Ralph, Richard, Owen, Jim, Clark and Leah Campbell, Erma Bell and Elizabeth Davis. **C**

Clement Charles Yancosek



Clement Charles Yancosek, 90, of Strabane Trails Village, formerly of Waynesburg Road, Washington, died Saturday,

April 1, 2006, in the Washington Hospital emergency room.

He was born June 24, 1915, in Manifold, a son of Austrian immigrants John and Rose Elchek Yancosek.

He was a 1932 graduate of Immaculate Conception High School and was a top student in his commercial class. He was a starting center in basketball and held several school titles in 1931 and 1932. Upon graduation, he studied fine art at Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, and interned with William Welch at Washington Theater. He started his own commercial art business that became Central Neon Signs.

Two sons, Richard A. (Katherine) Yancosek and John Regis "Pete" (Rita) Yancosek, both of Washington, survive. They are the sons of the late Martha Bushta Yancosek. Also surviving is a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Yancosek (Dr. Mort) Gamble of Frederick, Md. She is the daughter of the late Betty Neil Yancosek. A brother, George Basil (Edith) Yancosek of Englewood, N.J., 10 grandchildren and 21 grandchildren also survive.

Deceased are a son, Clement Daniel Yancosek; four brothers, Frank, Adam, Joseph and John Yancosek; and three sisters, Mary Yancosek, Mary Elizabeth Yancosek and Rose Gersna. **MP**

Lenora E. Dinch

Member of West Alexander
United Methodist Church



Lenora E. Dinch, 75, of Waynesburg, formerly of the Claysville and West Alexander areas, died at

11:04 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006, in Southwest Regional Medical Center Waynesburg, following a brief illness.

She was born August 6, 1930, in Venetia, a daughter of Andrew Nathaniel and Lenora E. Peas Bradburn.

On October 10, 1962, she married Herman Howard Dinch, who died May 5, 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathleen M. Brown and Dianna Dinch, both of Waynesburg; three stepchildren, John Dinch of Valley Grove, W.Va., Nancy Williamson of Weirton, W.Va., and Sandy Dinch of Burgettstown; three grandchildren, Denis, Nicole and Holly Dille; eight stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Rose Patterson, who died May 20, 2004; a son who died at birth; two brothers, Andrew and Harold Wayne Bradburn; and a sister, Gladys White. **WA**

Dean S. Tustin Reed

Worked 30 years at Curtis
Pharmacy, Claysville



Dean S. Tustin Reed, 85, died Thursday, March 30, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born June 26, 1920, in West Finley, a daughter of Vaughn D. and Laura Dell Clutter Sprowls.

In June 1938, she married Ralph Tustin, who died October 13, 1970.

On December 4, 1993, she married John O. Reed, who died August 1, 2003.

Surviving are three sons, Earl and Ronald Tustin, both of Claysville, and James (Lesa) Tustin of Washington; three daughters, Judith (Bob) Allison and Carol (Claude) Allen, both of Claysville, and Barbara Jo Angott of Sharon; a brother, Donald "Dub" Sprowls of Claysville; a sister, Dorles Hooker of Washington; 13 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three brothers, Vaughn Sprowls Jr., Delbert "Toby" Sprowls and Duane Sprowls; and a sister, Marjorie Bess. **CL**

Joseph Kortyna

Retired Ohio teacher
formerly of Avella

Joseph Kortyna, 69, of Canonsburg, formerly of Avella and Cherry Valley, died Thursday, March 30, 2006.

He was born July 2, 1936, in Cherry Valley, a son of George and Bertha Danek Kortyna.

Mr. Kortyna was a graduate of Union High School in Burgettstown and Findlay (Ohio) College.

Mr. Kortyna was a teacher and coach of football and basketball. Before retiring in 1983, he taught driver's education the last 16 years at Alliance (Ohio) High School.

Mr. Kortyna was a member of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church of Avella.

On June 22, 1974, he married Linda Bosseau, who survives.

His faithful Labradale companion was Nina Marie.

Also surviving are two children, Joseph J. Kortyna of Long Beach, Calif., and Karen Ann Kortyna of Findlay; a grandson, Christopher of Columbus, Ohio; five brothers, Andrew "Chink" Kortyna of Allison Park, Ralph Kortyna of Turtle Creek, George Kortyna Jr. of Broadview Heights, Ohio, Robert "Skip" Kortyna of Canonsburg and Albert Kortyna of Cleveland, Ohio. **WP**

Judith Marie Lucas

Washington homemaker known
for baking talents



Judith Marie Lucas, 61, of Washington, died Monday, March 27, 2006, in UPMC-Montefiore hospital, Pittsburgh. She

had been in declining health for a year.

She was born June 22, 1944, in Monongahela, a daughter of the late Ward Leroy and Emily Bishop Connor Goodemote.

Mrs. Lucas graduated from Canon-McMillan High School in 1962.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth (Amber) Lucas of Washington; three daughters, Colleen (Donald) Tupi of Amity, Jody (John) Raysich of Claysville and Patti Whitmer of Washington; a stepson, Charles Lucas of Danville, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Lori Lucas of Tennessee; and eight cherished grandchildren, Jason Irwin, Leighanna Irwin, Nataleigh Tupi, Lauren Raysich, Jenna Raysich, Jessica Whitmer, Emily Whitmer and Leah Lucas.

Deceased are two sisters, Sandra Dodson and Glenda Hoffman; a brother, Gail Goodemote; and a half brother, Donald Nason. **OS**

D. Keith Patsch*Automotive professional*

D. Keith Patsch, 53, of Strabane died Friday, March 31, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington, of lung cancer.

He was born October 1, 1952, in Washington, a son of Jack K. and Jean Stainbrook Patsch of Houston.

Mr. Patsch was a 1970 graduate of Chartiers-Houston High School and attended Washington & Jefferson College.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of United Presbyterian Church of Houston.

Mr. Patsch worked at I.C. Patsch and Sons and later was general manager and part owner of Patsch Dodge. At the time of his death, he was employed at Arnold Pontiac in Houston.

On October 18, 1975, he married Suzanne Winseck, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are a son, Stephen M. Patsch (Jennifer Griffith) of Strabane; a daughter, Anne M. Patsch, at home; three sisters, Gay Vroble (Jack) of Amity, Amy Patsch-Jordan (Neil) of Ocean City, N.J., Jan Taylor (Dan) of Houston; a brother, Jack Kevin Patsch (Barbara) of Ormond, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Mary Ann Winseck Kich (Ken) of Upper St. Clair; and several nieces and nephews. **NA**

Robert L. DeGarmo*Claysville man served two tours in Vietnam*

Robert L. DeGarmo, 54, of Claysville, died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

He was born September 11, 1951, in Glen Dale, W. Va., a son of Martha J. DeGarmo of Claysville and the late Laton DeGarmo.

He attended United Presbyterian Church of Claysville.

Mr. DeGarmo served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a specialist 5 in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1972.

He was a welder for Columbia Gas.

On August 26, 1972, in Claysville, he married Leslie A. Dorsey, who survives.

Also surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are three daughters, Amy (Ron) Carter of Hickory, Missy (Dan) Piatt of Avella and Kiley (Scott) Hinton of West Alexander; five brothers, Larry (Nancy) de Garneau of St. Clairsville, Ohio, Mike (Jackie) and Kenneth (Deb) DeGarmo, both of Washington, and Randy (Sue) and Tim (Chalene) DeGarmo, both of Claysville; four grandchildren, Destini Hinton, Riley and Reagan Carter and Amyah Hinton; and several nieces and nephews.

Reno Altieri*Owned Reno Altieri Heating, Plumbing and Air Conditioning*

Reno Altieri, 81, of Canonsburg, died Monday, April 3, 2006, in Manor Care, McMurray.

He was born September 1, 1924, in Cecil, a son of Guy and Beatrice Volpe Altieri Sr.

Mr. Altieri graduated from Cecil Township High School in 1943.

On November 8, 1947, he married Lauretta Bushmire, who survives. Together, they had celebrated 58 years of marriage.

In addition to his wife, surviving are two daughters, Renee and her husband, Pete Kanski, of Elizabeth and Jodi and her husband, Jeff Gallagher, of Washington; a son, Mark and his wife, Debbie Altieri; 10 grandchildren, Jason and his wife, Paige, Ryan and Jamie Kanski, Vanessa, Evan, Shane and Derek Gallagher and Mario, Kyle and Abigail Altieri; a great-granddaughter, Brooke Kanski; two sisters, Valia Johnston of Canonsburg and Mary Rettinger of McDonald; and two brothers, Guy Altieri Jr. of McDonald and Sylvan Altieri Jr. of Bethel Park.

Deceased are four brothers, Alvin, Sylvan, Tony and Maneric Altieri. **V**

Leroy W. Malone*Vietnam veteran was J&L Steel laborer*

Leroy W. "Buddy" Malone, 57, of Hickory, died Monday, April 3, 2006, in UPMC-Montefiore hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born December 21, 1948, a son of the late Leroy A. and Loretta Clark "Honey" Malone.

Surviving are his fiancée, Linda Azzolina Snatchko; two stepchildren, Adam Snatchko of Washington and Lisa Snatchko of Canonsburg; and five stepgrandchildren, Raymond Ward Jr., Heather, Jeffrey, Adam and Amanda.

Deceased is a stepson, Mark Snatchko. **MP**

Virginia Mary Galloway*McDonald beautician honored for church work*

Virginia Mary (Jean) Galloway, 88, of McDonald, died Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

She was born August 3, 1917, in Oakdale, a daughter of Henry and Laura Smith Kirk.

On November 17, 1940, she married Edmond Moore Galloway, who died November 20, 1987.

Deceased are an infant daughter, Jane Marie Galloway; and a sister, Alma Reed. **RR**

Mary D. Lewis DeShazo*Worked for Washington County Health Center*

Mary D. Lewis DeShazo, 77, of Washington, died Thursday, April 6, 2006, in her home.

She was born March 9, 1929, in Akron, Ohio, a daughter of Wayne and Altres Lewis.

Mrs. DeShazo was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Canonsburg, and had worked as a nurse's aide for Washington County Health Center.

Her first husband was Roosevelt Morris, her second Burnis DeShazo. Both husbands are deceased.

Surviving are six daughters, Mary Louise (Lou) Crump of Greensburg, Deborah Winslow of San Diego, Calif., Patty Bray, Sherri Matthews and Judith Alicia Morris, all of Canonsburg, and Barbara Jean DeShazo of Wilkes Barre; four sons, Ronald "Bro" Morris of Carnegie, Paul (Nate) Morris and Timothy Morris, both of Washington, and George DeShazo of San Diego, Calif.; a brother, Leonard Gaines of Los Angeles, Calif.; three sisters, Jean Rosser and Shirley Lewis, both of Akron, Ohio, and Mia Quardreshaia of Mississippi; 28 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husbands, are two daughters, Katherine Butler and Jessie DeShazo; three sons, David and Richard Morris and James "Butch" DeShazo; a sister; and four brothers. **OS**

Anna H. Hill*Worked for Woodville State Hospital*

Anna H. Hill, 71, of Paris, died Thursday, April 20, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born August 12, 1934, in Muse, a daughter of Edward Thomas and Agnes MacDonald Robertson Walker Sr.

On January 31, 1953, she married Eugene H. Hill, who died January 28, 2005.

Surviving are two daughters, Cathy (Kenneth) Boyer and Teresa (Ron Bogo) Matthews, both of Burgettstown; two sons, Eugene (Joyce) Hill Jr. of McDonald and Robert (Kathy) Hill of Canonsburg; two sisters, Agnes Roman of Midway and Elizabeth Farrar of Pomeroy, Ohio; two brothers, Edward T. Walker Jr. of New Brighton and William Walker of McDonald; nine grandchildren, Christy Camp, Billie Jo O'Malley, the Rev. Robert Allen Hill Jr., Rebecca Smith, Amy Jo Beaman, Carrie Anderson, Kenny Boyer, Doug Matthews and Amanda McKinney; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Edward Nolen Hill; a sister, Janet Loraski; a son-in-law, Douglas Matthews; and a grandson, Eugene H. Hill III. **RR**

Margaret DeSafey*Member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church*

Margaret DeSafey, 88, of Canonsburg, died Saturday, April 8, 2006.

She was born August 4, 1917, in Farrell, a daughter of Paul and Helen Grec Susa.

On September 11, 1954, she married David DeSafey, who died October 24, 1973.

Surviving are a son, David DeSafey and wife Dorie of Cecil; a granddaughter, Dana DeSafey; five sisters, Kathryn Balach of Lawrence, Ethel Stubenbordt of Andover, Ohio, Irene Koncernak of Braddock, Edna Mast of Ephrata and Mary O'Bryan of Canonsburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are five sisters, Julia Renners, Anna Craig, Helen Javarnicki, Bertha Boone and Pauline Rybacki. **OS**

Kathryn A. Campbell

Kathryn A. Campbell, 55, of Burgettstown, died Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born December 30, 1950, in Bulger, a daughter of the late Elwood M. and Dorothy I. Strawn Ralston.

On June 7, 1997, she married her beloved husband, Perry L. Campbell, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Elwood T. Ralston and wife Jane of Burgettstown and Robert S. Ralston and wife Donna of Primrose; a brother-in-law, Clarence R. Campbell; three nephews, Tim, Tom and Bobby Ralston; and a niece, Shelly Douglas.

Deceased is a sister, Mary E. Ralston. **CP**

Charles W. Nimal*Owner of Nimal Concessions and Vending*

Charles W. Nimal, 59, of McDonald, died Thursday, April 20, 2006, in Ohio Valley Hospital.

He was born November 24, 1946, in Pittsburgh, a son of the late Paul and Dorothy Mae Lamb Nimal.

Mr. Nimal was owner of Nimal Concessions and Vending for more than 20 years and was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, McDonald. He enjoyed fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Lois J. Rollinitis Nimal, whom he married in 1968; three sons, Charles Jr. (Cindy) of Hickory, William (Theresa) of Hickory and Jason (Glenda) of Dayton; a daughter, Jamie Lynne Nimal of McDonald; a brother, John Nimal of Oklahoma; and six grandchildren, Jason Jr., Lucas, Joseph, Bret, Zackary and Lindsay Nimal.

Deceased are a son, Thomas Lee Nimal; and a brother, Paul Nimal.

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Gary M. Greene

25-year Robinson Township road foreman

Gary M. Greene, 47, of Bulger, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born May 2, 1958, in North Fayette Township, a son of Helen M. Harman Greene of Bulger and the late Verne P. Greene Sr.

Mr. Greene was a member of Robinson Presbyterian Church, Bavington.

On November 28, 1981, he married Trudy E. Warrick, who survives.

In addition to his mother and wife, surviving are two sons, Gary M. Greene Jr. and Daniel L. Greene, both at home; two sisters, Sandy Klisavage of Presto and Betty Wolanski of Florence; two brothers, David Harman of Joffre and Verne P. Greene Jr. of Bulger; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary E. Davis

Formerly of Canonsburg



Mary E. (Libby) Davis, 89, of Dublin, Ohio, formerly of Canonsburg, died Friday, April 21, 2006, in Dublin.

She was born February 4, 1917, in Canonsburg, a daughter of William Wallace and Harriett Marshall White.

Surviving are six sons, Charles A. Davis Jr. of Canonsburg, Robert L. Davis of Poway, Calif., Benjamin W. and Ronald J. Wingfield, both of Washington, Ricardo Asbury of Pittsburgh and Edmond R. Davis of Washington; 24 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Deceased are her husband, Charles Alvin Davis; two sons, Lawrence O. and Theodore Davis; and a daughter, Julia Mae Wheeler. OS

John A. Auld

Retired GM manager formerly of Claysville

John A. Auld, 77, of Vincennes, Ind., formerly of Claysville, died at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2006, in Crestview Nursing Home.

He was born May 16, 1928, in Claysville, a son of William H. and Myrtle Bruner Auld.

Mr. Auld was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the American Legion.

On June 20, 1948, he married Joy Pheffer, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, John A. Auld of Taunton, Mass.; a sister, Mary A. Carter of Claysville; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a daughter, Karen S. Pepmeier; two brothers, William D. and Roy C. Auld; and a sister, Dorothy Miller.

Julius H. Lillard

Administrative officer of medical research for VA hospitals



Julius (Jules) H. Lillard, 82, of Washington, died Sunday, April 16, 2006, in UPMC-Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born June 12, 1923, in Moundsville, W.Va., a son of James and Adelia Christopher Lillard.

He was a graduate of Hickory High School, Temple University and Washington & Jefferson College.

On June 12, 1943, he married the love of his life, Geraldine Watkins. They raised two children and enjoyed 63 wonderful years together.

Surviving are a daughter, Madelene (Bernie) Miller of Chattanooga, Tenn.; a son, James (Christine) Lillard of Millersville, Md.; two sisters, Myrtle (Dwayne) Cooper of Pittsburgh and Hazel Phillips of Chicago, Ill.; a grandson, Zachary Miller; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. W

Gladys Marie Cook

Mayview State Hospital retiree

Gladys Marie Cook, 70, of McDonald, Cecil Township, died Wednesday, May 10, 2006, in her home.

She was born September 3, 1935, a daughter of Alfred and Emily Openbrier Blanchard.

Mrs. Cook retired from the dietary department of Mayview State Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas Cook; two sons, Thomas D. Cook Jr. of Oakdale and Robert A. Cook of Clinton; a daughter, Debra L. Batey of Cecil Township, McDonald; four grandchildren, David and Jessica Cook and Nicole and Hollis Batey; a great-grandson, Michael; and a brother, Fred Blanchard of Bulger. C

Dennis J. McElhany

Formerly of Washington

Dennis J. McElhany, 52, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Washington, died Saturday, May 13, 2006, in Casa Mora Rehabilitation & Extended Care, Bradenton.

He was born January 10, 1954, in Pittsburgh, a son of the late Delmas and Agnes Mucha McElhany.

Mr. McElhany attended the former Futtrell Inc. (now Arc), Meadow Lands, for several years before moving to Florida to be with his sister.

Surviving are a sister, Colleen Darnley of Bradenton, and a brother, Delmas C. McElhany Jr. of McDonald. RR

Margaret Stewart

Worked for Joseph Hornes and Meadowcroft Village



Margaret (Pat) Stewart, 74, of Avella, died Tuesday, April 11, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

She was born January 24, 1932, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Foy Jackson.

Mrs. Stewart was a graduate of South Side High School. She worked at Joseph Hornes of Pittsburgh and Meadowcroft Village of Avella. She also worked on her farm in Avella for the past 34 years, after moving to Avella in 1972.

On May 17, 1971, she married Herbert H. Stewart, who died January 9, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Lynda P. (Vitari) Donati of Avella; a son, Richard E. Coverston of St. Louis, Mo.; and four grandchildren, Dominique Monique and Becca Vitari and Richard and Michael Coverston. I

Leona Mae Mull

Calvary Temple member enjoyed flower gardening



Leona Mae Mull, 65, of West Alexander, died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2006, in Donnell House following a lengthy illness.

She was born December 20, 1940, in Washington, a daughter of Howard and Thelma Tarr Allen.

Mrs. Mull attended Trinity High School and had worked in the escort department of Washington Hospital.

On December 28, 1958, she married Clyde E. Mull Sr., who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Clyde E. (Heidi) Mull Jr. of Elm Grove, W.Va.; three daughters, Dianna Edwards (Stephen Bald) of Washington, Sherry (Ron) Winslow of St. Clairsville, Ohio, and Judy Mull of West Alexander; two brothers, Wrenwick Allen and Joe Allen, both of Washington; a stepbrother, John McKay of California; eight sisters, Ruth O'Dell and Esther Grenier, both of North Carolina, Mary Moss of Houston, Thelma Walters of Carnegie, Sara Mull of Claysville, Irene Davis and Betty Paige, both of Washington, and Mildred Boldy of Irwin; and 10 grandchildren, Ian and Marinda Winslow, Shania and Fabian Mull, Justin Matthews, Hannah, Monica, Tabitha, Jacob and Nolan Mull. Deceased is a sister, June Yater. WA

William Eugene Jackson

Korean War veteran and fisherman



William Eugene Jackson, 68, of Washington, died Sunday, April 9, 2006, in his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born April 10, 1937, in Washington, a son of William Wayne and Nellie Ruth Henderson Jackson.

member of the American Legion.

He was married to Ola Sampson Jackson of Washington before marrying Jackie Phillips, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Crystal J. (Charles) Byers of Washington; a stepdaughter, Brenda Lee (Jim) Miller of Washington; two sons, Harry E. (Debbie) Sampson of Washington and William E. Jackson Jr. of Washington; three stepsons, Gary Milligan of Washington, James (Renee) Milligan of Claysville and Richard (Kathi) Milligan of Washington; a brother, Randy E. Jackson of Washington; two sisters, Patty (John) Wise of Taylorstown and Peggy (Howard) Naser of Washington; six grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, James and Terry Jackson; a sister, Nancy Napolitan; and a stepson, William Milligan. NB

Additional information was received for the obituary of William Eugene Jackson, published Tuesday. His wife was Jackie Phillips Milligan Jackson. A son, William E. Jackson Jr., and his wife, Bridget Jackson, survives.

Harold Lee Amos Jr.

1967 graduate of McGuffey High School



Harold Lee Amos Jr., 57, of West Alexander, died unexpectedly Tuesday, April 11, 2006, in his home, following an automobile accident last Tuesday.

He was born January 2, 1949, in Wheeling, W.Va., a son of Carrie Roberta "Bertie" Watson Amos of West Alexander and the late Harold Lee Amos Sr.

On October 12, 1972, in Winchester, Va., he married Karen Sue Conkey, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his mother and wife, are a daughter, Michelle Lea (Harry) Moore of West Alexander, and two granddaughters, Sarah Elizabeth and Emma Leigh Moore.

Deceased, in addition to his father, is a daughter, Brandy Lea Amos, who died in 1983. CL

Marian Ida Oliver

Baltimore, Md., resident,
formerly of Washington

Marian Ida Oliver, 85, of Baltimore, Md., formerly of Washington, died Saturday evening, April 22, 2006, following a five-month illness.

She was born January 6, 1921, in Washington, a daughter of C. Lee and Ida Jeanette Murray.

She was baptized and married at Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church, Washington.

On October 12, 1941, she married James J. Oliver, who died September 8, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan I. (F. Jack) Wood of York; a son, James C. Oliver of Baltimore; two grandchildren, Lisa M. Polido of Brentwood, Calif., and Michelle E. Roberts of New Freedom; five great-grandchildren, Anthony D. Dutra, Holly M. Dutra, Joshua B. Polido, Brittany M. Roberts and Andrew M. Roberts; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, is a sister, Martha Flick.

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James W. Butcher Sr.

Ironworker served in WWII

James W. "Red" Butcher Sr., 85, of Bulger, died Thursday, April 27, 2006, in Humbert Lane Health Care Center, Washington.

He was born February 10, 1921, in Cedar Grove, a son of George and Margaret Deer Butcher.

On May 10, 1943, he married Leona M. Lecouvre, who died August 22, 2003.

Surviving are a brother, George Butcher Jr.; and a sister, Naomi Ewing.

RR

Frances Taylor

McDonald homemaker

Frances "Bee" Taylor, 96, of McDonald, North Fayette Township, died Sunday, May 7, 2006, in Mary's Place.

She was born November 20, 1909, in McKees Rocks, a daughter of Frank and Josephine Clement Cadoul.

Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker. She enjoyed bowling, baking, crossword puzzles and taking care of her family. She was known for her generosity and kindness.

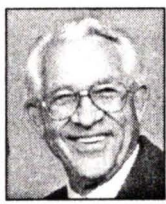
Surviving are two grandchildren, Cindy Coupe of Sturgeon and Randy Taylor of McDonald; a sister, Wilma (Lloyd) Kirk of Noblestown; four nieces, Kathi Martin, Carol Soubie, Terri Watson and Cheryl Wilson; a nephew, Dale Kirk; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Deceased are her husband, Rod Taylor; a son, Lou Taylor; a brother, Adrian Cadoul; and a sister, Dorothy Potts.

RR

John J. Bedillion

Hickory business owner
served in World War II



John J. Bedillion, 82, of Hickory, died Monday, May 8, 2006. He resided at the Tandem Village of North Strabane for the past two

years.

He was born February 7, 1924, in Hickory, a son of John D. and Leila Redinger Bedillion.

Mr. Bedillion was a 1941 graduate of Hickory High School and attended Lock Haven University and the University of Pittsburgh.

From 1945 to 1951, Mr. Bedillion was owner of Bedillion Trucking in Hickory. He then owned Bedillion Mobil Service, also in Hickory, from 1952 until 1960. He served as vice president and general manager for Pyramid Oil Co. from 1960 until 1971 then owned and operated Battery Specialist in Hickory until his retirement in 1990.

On September 4, 1950, he married Eleanor Hopper, who died January 17, 1974. On May 22, 1976, he married Ruth Hamilton Ferguson, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, John D. Bedillion and wife Sherry of Hickory; two granddaughters, Kristen Bedillion and Kelly Bonal; two great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Margo Bonal; a stepdaughter, Lynda Hultman of Dover, Del.; a stepson, Todd Ferguson of Canonsburg; four step-grandchildren, Rachael and Richard Hultman and Blair and Jamie Ferguson; two brothers, James and Gary Bedillion, both of Hickory; and two sisters, Barbara Shaffer of Canonsburg and Leila White of Hickory.

A brother, Ronald W. Bedillion, is deceased.

MP

Norma M. Brennan

Member of Canonsburg
U.P. Church

Norma M. Brennan, 86, of Canonsburg, died Saturday, May 6, 2006.

She was born April 13, 1920, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Michael Dutch and Gertrude Kelley Klipfel.

On April 30, 1947, she married William E. Brennan, who died October 17, 1973.

Surviving are a son, William E. Brennan Jr. and wife Judie, and a daughter, Sheila Uria and husband Joseph, all of Canonsburg; three grandchildren, Shannon Hassenberg, Jason Friend and Patrick Scott; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Edward (Ted) Klipfel, and a sister, Agatha Murphy.

OS

Harry Rossi

McDonald electrician served
in Marines during Vietnam

Harry "Butch" Rossi, 61, of McDonald, died Wednesday, May 10, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born September 14, 1944, in Canonsburg, a son of Harry T. Sr. and Anna Marie Devitis Rossi.

Mr. Rossi grew up on a farm in Hickory.

On August 28, 1965, he married Gerry Lea McDowell, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Harry T. (Christine) Rossi III of Willow Springs, N.C., Daniel John Rossi of Manassas, Va., and Andrew James Rossi of State College; two brothers, Dominick (Deanna) Rossi of Midway and John (Denise) Rossi of Slovan; and two grandsons, Harry T. IV and Alexander Rossi.

RR

George F. Gonze

Steelers fan was foreman for
Oakdale Construction Co.

George F. Gonze, 48, of McDonald, died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in his home.

He was born September 18, 1957, in Pittsburgh, a son of the late Emile and Agnes Smith Gonze.

On May 22, 1988, he married Cindy Charlier, who survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Barbara Fraley of Scott Township; and a brother, Emile F. Gonze of Carnegie.

RR

Vivian Judith Lander

Burgettstown homemaker

Vivian Judith Lander, 65, of Burgettstown, died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in Trinity Health Center, Steubenville, Ohio.

She was born October 13, 1940, in Sturgeon, a daughter of the late Jules and Clovis Capelle Delahaut.

Mrs. Lander was a homemaker.

Her husband, James E. Lander Sr., died January 26, 1996.

Surviving are a son, James E. Lander Jr. of Lisbon, Ohio; two daughters, Michelle Shiel and husband Paul of Joffre and Judi Freeland and husband Jim of Weirton, W. Va.; three brothers, Joseph Delahaut of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Donald Delahaut of Arnold and Jules Delahaut of Warminster; two sisters, Helen Sweetie of Myrtle Beach and Lynn Troy of Norwalk, Conn.; five grandchildren, Christopher and Lauren Lander, Jeffrey and Jeremy Freeland and Heather Shiel.

A brother, Herman Delahaut, is deceased.

RR

Mayme L. Hoover

Member of Venice Presbyterian
Church

Mayme L. Hoover, 85, of McDonald, died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in Canonsburg Hospital.

She was born September 15, 1920, in Athens, Ala., a daughter of Dennis and Lona Dugger.

Her husband, Lynn O. Hoover, died September 11, 1987.

Surviving are three daughters, Esther and husband Joseph Clark Sr. of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Patty and husband Archie McDonnell of McDonald and Candace and husband Vilinis Jaunzemis of Williamsville, N.Y.; eight grandchildren, Joseph Clark Jr., James Clark, Carolyn Havers, David McDonnell, Donald McDonnell, Michael Natale Jr., Jeffrey Natale and Morgan Briana Jaunzemis; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Opalene Hoover of Canonsburg; and three brothers, Milton Legg of Southview, Price Legg of Carnegie and Bruce Legg of Clyd, Ohio.

Deceased are a daughter, Mary Scott; and three brothers, Howard, Robert and Marvin Legg.

V

Evelyn C. Machak

Member of Center UP Church

Evelyn C. Machak, 90, of McDonald, Mt. Pleasant Township, died Friday, May 5, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born October 14, 1915, in Midway, a daughter of Alphonse and Maria Povero Balbo.

Surviving are her husband, Fred L. Machak; three sons, David Machak of Butler, Mark Machak of South Hadley, Mass., and Paul Machak of Ashland, Ore.; four grandchildren, Darren, Douglas, Seth and Caleb Machak; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Josephine Tucci, is deceased.

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Carol Jean Cole

Worked for ARC
Human Services

Carol Jean Cole, 59, of Canonsburg, died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born January 5, 1947, in Southview, a daughter of Walter and Esther Mae Pollard Cole.

Surviving are three sisters, Loretta Mae Reynolds of Bulger, Shirley Ann Aston of Oakdale and Mabel Joyce Cole of Canonsburg; five brothers, Lester Cole of Westland, Douglas and Daniel Cole, both of Jacksonville, Fla., and Dennis and Dane Cole, both of Canonsburg.

Deceased are two brothers, Wesley and Walter Cole; and a sister, Juanita Rose Burgess.

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Anna Matyuf Kolarsky

Retired bookkeeper formerly of Canonsburg, Claysville

Anna Matyuf Kolarsky, 87, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, formerly of Canonsburg and Claysville, died Wednesday, May 17, 2006.

She was born June 8, 1918, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Louis and Tekla Majovich Matyuf.

Prior to retiring in 1980, she was a bookkeeper at V-Bat Plastics.

Mrs. Kolarsky lived in Claysville for 40 years, before moving back to Canonsburg in 1980.

Her husband, Andrew Kolarsky, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Anthony Louis Kolarsky of Wake Forest, N.C., and Andrew John Kolarsky of Mechanicsburg; three sisters, Catherine O'Shinski of Canonsburg, Eva Paraschak of Alameda, Calif., and Dorothy Fedetz of Harrisburg; three grandchildren, Seth, Alena and Patricia Kolarsky; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Mary Alteri and Helen Bushko; and a brother, Andrew Matyuf. OS

Harry Alexander Phillips

Claysville farmer and carpenter



Harry Alexander Phillips Sr., 87, of Claysville, died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in Washington Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 12, 1918, in West Finley Township, a son of Lawrence and Annie Ingram Phillips.

Mr. Phillips was a member of Claysville United Methodist Church.

On December 11, 1937, in Washington County, he married Emma Evelyn Sprowls, who died February 26, 2001.

Surviving are three sons, Kenneth Laverne (Marlyn) Phillips and Wayne Nelson (Diane) Phillips, both of Claysville, and Harold Edward (Toni) Phillips of Washington; two daughters, Emma Ann Beddow and Barbara Jean Chambers, both of Washington; a brother, Frank (Dorma) Phillips of Claysville; two sisters, Patty (Russell) King of Prosperity and Martha Dunfee of Washington; 18 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, Harry Alexander Phillips Jr.; a brother, Lawrence Phillips; four sisters, Shirley Gray, Francis Villers, Mary Wright and Helen Mounts; three grandchildren, Nancy Renae Phillips, Craig Beddow and Beth Ann Chambers; and several great-grandchildren.

John H. Reeves Sr.

John H. Reeves Sr., 62, of Claysville, died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born July 22, 1943, in Taylorstown, a son of John O. and Irene Hodgins Reeves.

He was Presbyterian.

Mr. Reeves attended Claysville High School and served in the U.S. Army in the 54th Engineering Battalion from 1963 to 1965. He was stationed in Germany as a private first class.

On February 5, 1977, in Claysville, he married M. Joyce Miller, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John H. (Heather) Reeves Jr. of Prosperity and Troy J. (Courtney Verardi) Reeves of Radford, Va.; three grandchildren, Jeremy, Justin and Jordan Reeves; and two sisters, Mary Narrigan of Claysville and Wanda Fee of Taylorstown.

Deceased are a half brother, Clarence Reeves; and a half sister, Helen Mounts.

Mary Campbell

Lifelong resident of Cecil Township

Mary Campbell, 80, a lifelong resident of Cecil Township, died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in her home.

She was born in Cecil, a daughter of William and Rose Barret Campbell.

Surviving are a nephew, Michael and wife Elissa Campbell, with whom she made her home; and three nieces, Melissa Campbell, Nicole and husband Mark Englert and Myka Rose Englert.

A brother, William Campbell, is deceased. V

Joseph A. Pienkosky

Worked at Burgettstown Community Library

Joseph A. (Jay) Pienkosky, 42, of Burgettstown, died Monday, May 15, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

He was born August 15, 1963, in Canonsburg, a son of Nancy Burgoon Pienkosky of Burgettstown and the late Joseph Pienkosky, who died January 17, 2004.

He worked at Burgettstown Community Library.

His hobbies included reading and karaoke.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are a sister and brother-in-law, Leslie and Doug Dunlap of Chippewa Township; a niece, Madeline Dunlap of Chippewa Township; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. G

Michael M. Klovanih

39-year employee of Weirton Steel



Michael M. Klovanih, 84, of Avella, died at 5:40 a.m. Sunday, May 14, 2006, in his home.

He was born November 8, 1921, in Penowa, a son of Peter and Helen Hercuszky Klovanih.

Mr. Klovanih was a graduate of Avella High School. He was employed by Weirton Steel for 39 years as a rigger in the service and maintenance department, retiring in 1986.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a lifelong resident of Avella.

On August 10, 1942, he married Rose Cindrich, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Antonia (Toni) and husband Harold Crowley of Washington and Vivian Gurrera of Havre de Grace, Md.; a son, Edward and wife Pam Klovanih of Weirton, W.Va.; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Peter Klovanih of Gary, Ind. and John Klovanih of Beach Bottom, W.Va.; and three sisters, Helen Huggins of Beach Bottom, Margaret Dougmore of Euclid, Ohio, and Mary K. McMahon of Wheeling, W.Va.

Deceased are a son, Michael Klovanih, and a sister, Ann Berry. I

Jennie Chiff

RCA retiree formerly of McDonald

Jennie Chiff, 91, formerly of McDonald, died Saturday, May 13, 2006, in Beverly Health Care, Canonsburg.

She was born January 22, 1915, in Ohio, a daughter of Ross E. and Bianca V. Dye.

Mrs. Chiff retired as an assembly line worker at RCA.

Her husband, Willis James Chiff, died October 3, 1996.

Surviving are four sons, Paul (Rickey) Chiff of McDonald, Gary W. Chiff of California state, Raymond (Bobby) Chiff of McDonald and Willis J. Chiff Jr. of Primrose; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Murdoch of McDonald; and a son, Paul Dye of Illinois.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are two daughters, Betty Ruth Prebeg and Janet L. Stankowski; two sisters, Mildred Shilo and Ester Berferd; and three brothers, Peter and Thomas Dye and Teddy Dye, who died in infancy. RR

Emma J. Steele

Westland homemaker was born in Washington

Emma J. Steele, 80, of Westland, died at 5 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2006, in her home, following a one-year illness.

She was born January 20, 1926, in Washington, a daughter of John W. and Audrey R. Myers Mull.

On May 13, 1944, she married William E. Steele, who died February 23, 1965.

Surviving are three daughters, Helen (John) Stilwell of Marianna, Martha J. Caldwell of Westland and Karen (William) Killmeyer of Washington; a son, William E. (Elmer) (Deanna) Steele Jr. of Washington; a sister, Margaret Rogers of Washington; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sons, John W. Steele and Robert L. Steele; a daughter, Sharon Rhoades; three brothers, John Mull, Elzie Mull and Hugh Mull; a sister, Charlotte Humphreys; a grandson, Kenneth M. Killmeyer; a granddaughter, Marcy Shuman; and two great-grandsons, Jacob Locy and Jon Locy. W

Jean Rocher

McDonald homemaker enjoyed gardening, camping

Jean Rocher, 79, of McDonald, died Monday, May 8, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born April 29, 1927, in Bulger, a daughter of Robert John and Lula Mae Jamison Glass.

On September 4, 1948, she married Mark F. Rocher, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, David M. Rocher of McDonald, Donald L. (Gaylan) Rocher of Spring, Texas, and Thomas A. (Katie) Rocher of Sun River, Ore.; a brother, Howard "Howie" Glass of Bulger; and a grandson, Luke Rocher.

Deceased are three brothers, Wallace, Paul and Robert Glass; and a sister, Margaret Altman. FL

GOWER

LaVERNE E. (WINDSHEIMER)

Age 79, of Hankey Farms, N. Fayette Twp., Oakdale, PA on Friday afternoon May 12, 2006. Beloved wife of 53 years to Eugene R. Gower; beloved mother of Robert Gower and wife Patricia and Deborah McIntyre and husband J.R.; cherished grandmother of Whitney, Ashley, Brendan and Jeffrey; beloved sister of Doris Scott, Mary Lou Buell, Charles Windsheimer & the late Freda Lutz, Alice Wellhausen, Millie Collins, Alma Hanczar, Harry, Bill, Ralph and Alvin Windsheimer. RR

DAU. OF WILLIAM AND MARY (SMITH) WINDSHEIMER

Sandra Marie Johnson

Owned Little Angels Child Development Center

Sandra Marie Johnson, 45, of McDonald, died Sunday, May 21, 2006, in Canonsburg Hospital.

She was born July 3, 1960, in Crafton, a daughter of Dorothy Holloway Williams of Avella and the late John Holloway.

Mrs. Johnson was the owner of Little Angels Child Development Center, Atlasburg. Helping children was her life's work.

Surviving are her husband, Lewis Johnson; two sons, Gregory D. Holloway of Slippery Rock and Jason and wife Candice Johnson of McDonald; a granddaughter, Emily Johnson; two sisters, Tina Walsh of Durham, N.C., and Julie Hartz of Imperial; six brothers, David Holloway of Springfield, Mo., Scott Holloway of San Diego, Calif., Leslie Holloway of Sheraden, John Walsh of Monroeville, Tim Walsh of Athens, Ga., and Charles Williams of Orlando, Fla.

V

Wilhelmina A. Morton

Canonsburg seamstress retired from Bobbie Brooks



Wilhelmina A. (Wilma) Morton, 77, of Canonsburg, died Friday, May 26, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born Sunday, July 22, 1928, in Goldbach, Germany, a daughter of Joseph and Lena Krausert Otto.

Surviving are her husband, Robert J. Morton; a son, Gerald Morton and wife Lynn of Paw Paw, W.Va.; a sister, Anna Thackston of Aschaffenburg, Germany; and numerous nieces and nephews.

DS

Virginia M. Jones

Worked at Duncan Miller Glass and Trinity School District

Virginia M. Jones, 82, of Washington, formerly of Sunset Boulevard and Thomas Campbell Apartments, died Friday, May 26, 2006, in Humbert Lane Personal Care Home, Washington, after a brief illness.

She was born July 13, 1923, in Washington, a daughter of Albert and Levenia Williams Little.

On September 2, 1944, she married Harry A. Jones, who died April 7, 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Vickie (Charles L.) Fields of Washington, and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are two brothers, Albert and Stuart Little; and a sister, Alice Amos.

HC

Shirley Ruth Fisher Campsey



Shirley Ruth Fisher Campsey, 88, of Hawthorne Woods, Washington, formerly of Claysville, died at 2:37 a.m. Friday,

May 19, 2006, in Hawthorne Woods Assisted Living Community, South Strabane Township.

She was born September 19, 1917, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Wilbur P. and Ruth Bering Fisher.

On April 2, 1940, in Mt. Lebanon, she married her college sweetheart, David McMillen Campsey, who died May 9, 1997.

Surviving are a son, David F., husband of Mary Campsey of Claysville; two daughters, Jill C., wife of Donald Miller of Claysville and Lynn Campsey, wife of Bill Clutter of Oakland, Fla., and Avon Lake, Ohio; nine grandchildren, D. Michael Campsey, Donald R. Miller, Jennifer C. Marsh, Daniel J. Miller, McMillen Clutter, Emily C. Hillebrand, McLain Clutter, Molly L. Campsey and Laurel A. Miller; and 10 great-grandchildren, Emma, Madison and Sara Campsey, David and John Marsh, Lilly Hillebrand, Ashton, Anna and Gavin Miller and Sadie Clutter.

CL

Dorothy A. Lacock

Church of the Covenant member, active in theater



Dorothy A. Lacock, 90, of Winona Avenue, Washington, died Friday, May 12, 2006, in Cross, S.C.

She was born March 26, 1916, a daughter of John E. and Elizabeth Kehm Ayres, formerly of McDonald.

Mrs. Lacock was a 1933 McDonald High School graduate.

She retired from Washington & Jefferson College in 1986, where she worked as a secretary in the development office. Prior to that, she worked as a receptionist and file clerk for the law firm of Patrono and Edwards.

On September 25, 1941, in First Presbyterian Church of McDonald, she married Byron N. Lacock, who died November 21, 1996, after a lengthy illness. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in 1996.

Surviving are three daughters, Kathryn E. Ciezadlo of Thornton, Colo., Patricia L. Johnson of Hampton, Conn., and Carol L. Meadows of Charleston, S.C.; five grandchildren, Kristin Reynolds, Amy Ciezadlo, Abigail Miller, Todd Johnson and Lynne Johnson; and five great-grandchildren, Caitlin and Meghan Sauls, Micah and Lila Ciezadlo and Nora Miller.

Stephen P. Lucarini

St. Alphonsus Church usher was crane operator

Stephen P. Lucarini, 76, of McDonald, Robinson Township, died Friday, May 26, 2006, in his home.

He was born March 12, 1930, a son of Italo J. and Angeline Delucia Lucarini.

Mr. Lucarini was a member of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, McDonald, where he was an usher and a member of the Holy Name Society.

He was a crane operator at Shenango Inc., a member of Steel Workers Union 2258 and McDonald Rod and Gun Club.

Mr. Lucarini enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Flavia C. Lucarini, whom he married June 10, 1950; three daughters, Theresa (John) Hakkio of Ohio, Catherine (Richard) Skiles of Colorado and Rita (Harold) Baux of Illinois; a son, Stephen M. (Faith) Lucarini of McDonald; seven grandchildren, Christine Hakkio, Matthew, Anthony, Andrew, Adam, Alan and Angela Lucarini; three sisters, Mary Howell of McDonald, Ann Rossi of Aliquippa and Virginia Williams of Arizona; two brothers, John Lucarini of Bridgeville and Albert Lucarini of Georgia.

Deceased are two brothers, Louis and Julius Lucarini.

Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in Thomas-Little Funeral Service Inc., 314 West Lincoln Avenue, McDonald. There will be no visitation on Monday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 30, in St. Alphonsus Church.

Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Carnegie.

Margaret H. Sykes

Worked at Cox's-Caldwell's Department Store, Washington

Margaret H. (Peg) Sykes, 91, of Wellsburg, W.Va., died Thursday, May 18, 2006, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

She was born October 1, 1914, in McKeesport, a daughter of George Hassel and Irene F. Marsh Hughey. Her stepfather was George Hughey.

Surviving are a son, Howard Sykes and wife Catherine of Wellsburg; a daughter, Beverly McCurry of Moon Township; four grandchildren, Challise McCurry, Wendy Babcock and husband Richard, John McCurry and wife Debbie, and Penny Cunningham and husband Brian; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a brother, Earl Hassel.

WA

Theresa Ann Miller Rice

Worked as a nurse's aide



Theresa Ann Miller Rice, 87, of Springfield, Tenn., formerly of Washington, died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, in North Central Hospital,

Springfield. She resided with her grandson, Nicholas Harrington of Springfield.

She was born June 7, 1918, in Presto, a daughter of Nicholas and Anna Snary Miller.

Mrs. Rice attended Hickory schools and was a member of Church of Christ.

She was employed as a nurse's aide at various nursing homes and hospitals over a 10-year period.

Mrs. Rice enjoyed crocheting, word puzzles and cards.

She was married to Howard Russell Rice, who died October 19, 1981.

Surviving are three sons, Henry A. Harrington of Prosperity, Nicholas E. Harrington of Kingsport, Tenn., and Donald L. Harrington of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; 18 grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Margaret Edith McCartney, who died December 5, 2004; three brothers, John, Ben and Nicholas Miller; and a sister, Jane Ann Hull.

FL

Donna P. Smith

November 26, 1944 - May 29, 2006

Donna P. Smith, 61, a lifelong resident of Burgettstown, died Monday, May 29, 2006, in Weirton Medical Center, Weirton, W.Va.

She was born November 26, 1944, in Burgettstown, a daughter of the late Frank Raymond and Wilma Derenburger Smith.

She was a 1963 graduate of Union High School, Burgettstown. She attended Pittsburgh Revival Center and was a member of Burgettstown Senior Citizens and enjoyed writing poetry and was recognized in 1998 and 1999 for her poetry.

Surviving are a son, Robert Dale Raymond Smith, at home; two brothers, William Smith and his wife, Joanne, of Warren, Ohio, and Edward Smith and his wife, Shirley, of Eldersville; two sisters, Janet Vega of Langeloth and Jane Ralston and her husband, Elwood of Burgettstown; several nieces and nephews, William, Brian, Edward Jr. and James Smith, Cindy Kennedy, Michael, Ronald and Gerald Vega, Diane Kurtz and Timothy and Thomas Ralston; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Frank Fodor

Retired Weirton Steel chemist
formerly of Burgettstown



Frank Fodor, 81, of Strabane, formerly of Burgettstown, died at 7 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 2006, in his home.

He was born August 10, 1924, on a farm in Harmony Creek, Burgettstown, a son of Charles and Elizabeth Watko Fodor.

On June 28, 1951, he married Ethel G. Krull, who died June 12, 1995.

Surviving are three sons, Frank R. Fodor of Burgettstown, Raymond Fodor of Strabane and Brian L. Fodor of Erie; five grandchildren, Brian L. Jr., Megan, Brittany, Brianne and Brooke Fodor; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a daughter, Linda Lee Fodor; five brothers, Charles, Carl, William, Albert and Joseph Fodor; and two sisters, Elizabeth Verdi and Lillian Coleman. **CP**

MRS. WILEY KERNS

Margaret M. Kerns, 44, of West Finley Township, RD 1, died Sunday, May 19, 1968 at 6:30 a.m. at her home.

She was born May 30, 1923, in Buffalo Township, A daughter of Ralph A. and Mary E. Brownlee McCleery.

She was married on April 20, 1943, to Wiley Kerns, who survives, with one daughter, Miss Mary Margaret Kerns and one son, Robert, both at home; also her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. McCleery of West Alexander. **WA**

ANNA IRWIN

Miss Anna Irwin, 94, of 115 Wayne Street, Claysville, died May 10, 1965 in Washington Hospital.

Miss Irwin was born August 10, 1870 in Jefferson Township, Washington County, a daughter of Lewis and Sarah Brown Irwin.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert L. Eldersville and Bert B. of Claysville, With whom she made her home, two sisters and one brother are deceased. **BE**

OSCAR IRWIN

Oscar Irwin, 232 First Street North, St Petersburg, Florida, Died May 3, 1964 in St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Petersburg. He formerly lived at 457 North Main Street, Washington, and had resided in Florida, since October 1959.

He was born in Claysville, January 4, 1888, a son of William A. and Mary Todd Irwin. **CL**

Lois McClay Morgan

Jan. 28, 1913 - June 1, 2006

Lois McClay Morgan, 93, of Burgettstown, died Thursday, June 1, 2006, in Southminster Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington, where she had been a resident for the past three years.

She was born January 28, 1913, in Washington, a daughter of James B. and Maude Weirich McClay.

Mrs. Morgan enjoyed traveling with her husband, Paul R. Morgan Sr., who died November 8, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Morgan Miller and husband Tom of McDonald; two sons, Paul R. Morgan Jr. and wife Gloria of Washington and James M. Morgan and wife Mona of Kingwood, Texas; nine grandchildren, Vicki Dewitt, Thomas Miller, Paul Miller, Dan Miller, John Morgan, Leigh Zigfried, Kimberly West, Jessica Morgan and Clare Morgan; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a granddaughter, Erin Miller; and brothers and sisters Jessie Mahan, Lillian Crossland, Dorothy Mounts, Merle Hamilton and David R. McClay, PhD.

Norman C. Williams Sr.

October 4, 1923-June 1, 2006

Norman C. Williams Sr., 82, of Burgettstown, died Thursday, June 1, 2006, in his home.

He was born October 4, 1923, in Youngstown, Ohio, a son of Harry and Helen Cozart Williams.

He was a 1941 graduate of Avela High School and served in the U.S. Army Air Force in the Philippines. He was employed as a truck driver for Teamsters Local 341.

In 1956, he married Esther Orison, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Norman C. Jr. of Slovan, Joseph Williams and his wife, Theresa, of Burgettstown and Ronald Williams; two daughters, JoAnn Williams of North Carolina and Norma Lee Bailke of Phoenix, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, are a sister, Helen Foltz and a brother, Earl Williams.

Friends will be received from noon to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the time of service, Monday, June 5, in Lee and Martin Funeral Home, 73 Highland Avenue, Burgettstown. The Rev. Dr. Greg Graybill will officiate. Interment will be held in National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil. **NA**

Cheryl D. Fortunato

Canonsburg resident
formerly of Uniontown

Cheryl D. Fortunato, 46, of Canonsburg, formerly of Uniontown, died Friday, June 2, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born June 6, 1959, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Alphonso Fortunato of Canonsburg and the late Virginia Remaily. Her stepmother, Freda Fortunato, survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Deborah Czernecki of Canonsburg; two brothers, Allen Fortunato of Martins Ferry, Ohio, and James Fortunato of Fort Smith, Ark.; and three stepbrothers, James Reckner of Missouri, Donald Reckner of Missouri and John Reckner of Denver, Colo.; a niece, Heather Bennett; and several aunts, uncles, stepnieces and stepnephews.

Deceased are a brother, Frank Fortunato; and all of her grandparents. **OS**

Maxine McKenery

Aide at Canonsburg Hospital

Maxine McKenery, 73, of Strabane, formerly of Canonsburg, died at 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2006, in Manor Care, McMurray.

She was born July 2, 1932, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Miller Holliday.

Her husband, Harry McKenery, died January 23, 1996. Her first husband, Enoch Bails, died June 2, 1989.

Surviving are a sister, Marlene Natalini of Mt. Lebanon; a brother, David Holliday of Canonsburg; a granddaughter, Heidi Belleno Preaux; and four great-grandchildren, Desiree Belleno and Darien, Lukas and Alex Preaux.

Deceased, in addition to her husbands, are a daughter, Diane Morgan, and a brother, Joshua Holliday. **OS**

Robert H. Menke

40-year employee
of Mt. Lebanon Awning Co.

Robert H. Menke, 86, of Bulger, died Monday, June 5, 2006, in Weirton Medical Center, Weirton, W.Va.

He was born November 7, 1919, in Pittsburgh, a son of Henry and Blanche Menke.

He was the beloved husband of Dorothy Patterson Menke, who died December 18, 2000; beloved father of Robert Menke of Lantana, Fla., and Lawrence Menke of Gastonia, N.C.; brother of Harvey Menke of Pittsburgh; and cherished grandfather of Bob, Jordan, Larry and Jacqueline.

Deceased are three sisters, Ruth Schaffer, Marjorie Jericho and Naomi Carhart. **RO**

A Slovan man died Saturday night or Sunday morning when the all-terrain vehicle he was riding flipped and landed on top of him.

David Lee Lanham, 40, of 9 Johns Ave. was pronounced dead of head and neck trauma at 5:50 p.m., Sunday by Washington County Deputy Coroner Tim Kegel.

Lanham was found in an old railroad bed off Peterson Drive about 3:30 p.m. by another ATV rider. He was last seen at 11 p.m. Saturday when he changed into a sweatshirt and left his residence.

Lanham was the father of Tausha Lee Lanham, the 7-year-old Burgettstown girl who weighed less than 12 pounds when she died of malnutrition in 1998 and was dumped along a West Virginia road.

Tausha did not live with her father but with her mother, Michelle Tharp, and Tharp's boyfriend, Douglas Bittinger.

David Lee Lanham Sr.

Employed by Hog Construction,
Burgettstown

David Lee Lanham Sr., 40, of Slovan, died Sunday, May 28, 2006, in Smith Township, as a result of injuries sustained in an all-terrain vehicle accident.

He was born July 1, 1965, in Washington, a son of Margaret Huber Lanham of Slovan and Ronald Lee Lanham, who died October 27, 2005.

Mr. Lanham had worked for Hog Construction, Burgettstown.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are two sons, Shaun Michael Lanham of Washington and David Lee Lanham Jr. of Washington; a brother, John Lanham of Slovan; and a sister, Rhonda Lanham of Slovan.

A daughter, Tausha Lee Lanham, is deceased. **MP**

James S. Mastic

Owner/operator of former
Mastic's Gulf Station, Midway

James S. "Rim" Mastic, 65, of McDonald, died Saturday, May 27, 2006, in Tandem Village, Canonsburg.

He was born January 23, 1941, in Canonsburg, a son of Rayman G. and Ruby E. Morgan Mastic.

Surviving are two sons, John William (Heather) Mastic of McDonald and Robert Alan (Tracy) Mastic of Canonsburg; a sister, Gene C. (Everett) Finnigan of Port Richey, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Jessica, Cody, Derek and Robert Mastic. **C**

Stella I. Rotta*June 26, 1921-May 31, 2006*

Stella I. Rotta, 84, of Beatty Pointe Senior Living, Monroeville, formerly of Burgettstown, died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, in Forbes Hospice, Pittsburgh.

She was born June 26, 1921, in Midway, a daughter of Charles and Bertha Culley Jones.

She was employed as a cashier for Petrucci's Shop 'n Save, Burgettstown, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Burgettstown, and a member of their Christian Mothers.

Surviving are two daughters, Patty Lynn Cunningham and her husband, Tom, of Monroeville, and Peggy Jean Peros and her husband, James, of Falmouth, Mass.; four grandchildren, Christy and Craig Cunningham and Kristina and Jonathon Peros; five sisters, Alvetta O'Brien (Peter) of Bridgeville, Goldie Cubbage of Houston, Betty Laine of Phoenix, Ariz., Peggy Wyke (Jim) of Phoenix, Ariz., and Patty Nyswaner of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Maynard Jones (Inez) of Bridgeville; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, is her husband, Ernest J. Rotta, who died April 28, 1990.

LL

Roy E. Hughes*Former pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Ruff Creek*

Pastor Roy E. Hughes, 57, of Avella, died at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, June 4, 2006, in his home. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1986.

He was born February 14, 1949, in Washington, a son of Mary (Haught) Hughes of Avella and the late John E. Hughes.

Pastor Hughes was a member of Abundant Life Baptist Church of Washington and was a 1967 graduate of McGuffey High School.

He worked as a truck driver for Guthrie Trucking, Aero Trucking, Ace Doran, Zappi Oil and Bailey Steel and Supply.

In 1990, he became a lay pastor through the Ten Mile Baptist Association lay pastor program. He filled the pulpit in several churches in the association before serving as an interim pastor for Bethlehem Baptist Church, Ruff Creek. The church voted him in as full-time pastor in 1992, serving until 1995.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Barbara J. Rhodes Hughes, whom he married March 27, 1971; a son, Kevin L. Hughes, and two sisters, Roberta McElhaney and Janet Patterson, all of Avella; and several nieces and nephews. CL

Joseph P. Trunzo*Retired United Methodist minister*

The Rev. Joseph P. Trunzo, 73, of Canonsburg, died at 7:59 a.m. Sunday, June 11, 2006, in his home.

He was born August 15, 1932, in Pittsburgh, a son of Pietro and Josephine Perri Trunzo.

After graduating high school, Rev. Trunzo attended Duquesne University, Robert Morris College, where he received an associate's degree, and Wesley Theological Seminary.

On July 2, 1955, he married Margaret A. Arend, who died May 29, 2002.

Surviving are a son, William P. Trunzo of Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter, Kimberly A. Kaminsky of Peters Township; four grandchildren, Theodore Peter, Blair William, Makenzie Perri Trunzo and Arend Patricia Kaminsky; and a brother, Anthony F. Trunzo of Peters Township.

Deceased, in addition to his wife, is a brother, Emilio R. Trunzo.

WF

Francis E. Gowern*WWII veteran retired from McGraw-Edison*

Francis E. Gowern, 88, of Canonsburg, died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, in ManorCare, McMurray.

He was born June 2, 1918, in North Strabane Township, a son of Robert and Florence Welch Gowern.

His wife, Madalene Napoleon Gowern, is deceased.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Gladys Matyuf; and three brothers, Paul, George and Howard Gowern. QH

Samuel L. Gallo*Member of First Baptist Church, Midway*

Samuel L. Gallo, 68, of Hickory, died Sunday, June 18, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born August 15, 1937, in Imperial, a son of Samuel W. and Iva Breegle Gallo.

Mr. Gallo was a member of First Baptist Church in Midway.

He had worked for American Bridge Co., Ambridge, and Consolidation Coal Co. He was a truck driver for several local companies.

On July 3, 1964, he married Lois Spiers, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lynette (Lynn) Gallo of Hickory; a sister, Twila Rowe of Canonsburg; a niece, Tammy Post; a great-nephew, Jim Horvath; his mother-in-law, Annetta Spiers of Hickory; three aunts; and many cousins. MP

Mabel Marie Glover Lee*June 7, 1901 - June 2, 2006*

Mabel Marie Glover Lee, 104, a Pittsburgh resident since 1980, formerly of Cross Creek Village, died Friday, June 2, 2006, in ManorCare of Green Tree.

She was born June 7, 1901, a daughter of Charles W. and Mary Watson Glover.

She was a graduate of California Normal School and was a schoolteacher in Fayette County for 18 years before moving to the Lee family farm in Cross Creek after marrying her husband.

Mrs. Lee was a member of Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, where she belonged to Ladies Aide and Missionary Society. She was a 50-year member of Cross Creek Village Grange.

On June 24, 1937, she married H. Montford Lee, who died March 20, 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, M. Eileen Brown of West View; a granddaughter, Sharon B. Caraway of Alabama; a brother, Dale W. Glover and wife Betty of Connellsville; a sister, Virginia Hyde of Clinton; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are three brothers, Arnon, Reau "Red" and John Glover; and two sisters, Frances Jerlstrom and Marguerite Glover. CC

Margaret P. Ostrander*Member of St. Patrick Church worked for Giant Eagle*

Margaret P. Ostrander, 63, of Strabane, died at 9:02 a.m. Saturday, June 17, 2006, in her home.

She was born May 10, 1943, in Washington, a daughter of George and Julia Hegadus Dupesko.

Mrs. Ostrander was a member of St. Patrick Church, Canonsburg. She attended Canon-McMillan High School.

On December 30, 1961, she married Albert S. Ostrander Sr., who survives.

Surviving are a son, Albert S. Ostrander Jr. of Victorville, Calif.; two daughters, Brenda Lee Parker of Oakford and Marcie Lynn Costabile of Langhorne; two brothers, John and Charles Dupesko of Canonsburg; five sisters, Irene Smoke, Sophie Dupesko and Bertha Smith, all of Canonsburg, Cecelia Warmingham of Prosperity and Rebecca Hodgson of Palm Harbor, Fla.; and six grandsons, Troy and Tyler Ostrander and Michael, Sean, Daniel and Austin Parker.

Deceased are a son, Steven Ostrander; three brothers, Joseph, Michael and George Dupesko; and four sisters, Rose Pyda, Julie Pribish, Mary Carothers and Betty Louise Dupesko. OS

MRS. RAYMOND D. ALLUM

Mrs. Dorothy Barr Allum, 46, wife of Raymond D. Allum, 1390 Allison Avenue, Washington, Pa., died Sunday, December 28, 1947 at 2:30 p.m., in the Washington Hospital.

She was born near Eighty Four, Pa., April 23, 1901, a daughter of the late Bankhead and Martha Gantz Barr.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and two daughters, James Arthur and Clinton, at home; Hala, wife of William Smagner, of Washington and Martha, wife of Anthony Presto, at home; two grandchildren, Martha Ann Smagner and Hala Fern Presto; a brother, W. C. Barr of St. Louis, Mo., a son, Raymond E. "Jappy" Allum, died upon his arrival in Pittsburgh, Pa., from Army service in Germany, December 11, 1945. CL

JAMES K. MOUNTS

James K. Mounts, aged 69 years, an employee of the Taylorstown Natural Gas Company, died suddenly Saturday in his home on Irwin Street, Claysville.

Mr. Mounts was born December 7, 1859, A son of Richard and Matilda Mounts, of Dutch Fork.

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He was one of a family of ten children, all of whom are dead except one half sister, Mrs. E. R. Deems. His wife survives. A daughter, Mrs. George Hilton, died about 14 years ago. CL

Robert Kent Howarth*U.S. Steel executive played football in Sugar Bowl*

Robert Kent Howarth, 88, of North Franklin Township, died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, in Presbyterian SeniorCare, Washington, following a lengthy illness.

He was born February 17, 1918, in Frankfort, Ind., a son of Joseph "Spot" and Frances Cox Howarth.

Mr. Howarth graduated from Carnegie Tech (Carnegie Mellon University), where he played football in the Sugar Bowl.

He worked for U.S. Steel for 35 years, working as an executive specializing in international accounts.

Mr. Howarth was a member of Avery United Methodist Church, Washington, and formerly attended Baldwin Community Church, Whitehall.

On August 1, 1942, he married Ruth Smith, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Terry Kent Howarth (Wanda Snatchko) of Washington; a daughter, Arlene Howarth Hill (Stewart Hill) of Fairfax Station, Va.; a sister, Lois Jeanne Thorne of Sebastian, Fla.; and three grandchildren, Dustin Kent (Sonia) Howarth, Molly Elizabeth Hill and Brendan Andrew Hill. RR

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's investigation into a collision on Presque Isle Bay on Friday that left two Washington residents dead continued Saturday.



Amber Miller

A boat accident reconstructionist examined both the 22-foot powerboat and the jet ski on which Andrew David Miller, 19, and Amber Miller, 22, were riding when watercrafts collided.

Andrew Miller, a 2005 graduate of Washington High School, and Amber Miller, were pronounced dead at Hamot Medical Center about one hour after the 4 p.m. accident. The victims suffered severe head injuries.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, the pair, who are not related, were pulled from the water by nearby boaters. A Coast Guard rescue boat arrived within five minutes of the accident and rushed the pair to a landing dock where emergency crews were waiting to take them to the hospital.

The accident occurred about 500 yards off shore of Presque Isle Bay and a Coast Guard spokesman said Saturday limited access to the landing dock near the peninsula made the rescue effort more difficult.

Andrew David Miller

2005 Washington H.S. graduate



Andrew David (Drew) Miller, 18, of Washington, died Friday, June 16, 2006, in Erie, due to injuries sustained in an accident.

He was born June 30, 1987, in Washington, a son of Thomas Miller Sr. and Dana Engle Miller of Washington.

Mr. Miller was a 2005 graduate of Washington High School, where he was a member of National Honor Society.

He was employed by Redwood Construction, Washington, and enjoyed motorcycling, fishing in the Keys and camping in Erie.

Mr. Miller was an organ donor.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a brother, Thomas (Chantel) Miller Jr. of Washington; his maternal grandparents, Dave and Gladys Engle of Washington; his paternal grandparents, Patricia and Robert Balsler of Claysville and Charles and Louise Miller of Hickory; his paternal great-grandparents, Betty Filauro of Hickory and Alma Dunkle of Claysville; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Deceased is his maternal great-grandmother, Catherine Laird, who died June 18, 2006.

Melinda J. Falconi Borrelli

Member of Business and Professional Women



Melinda J. Falconi Borrelli, 82, of Washington, died Sunday, June 18, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born February 19, 1924, in Hill Station, a daughter of Ceasare and Elena Giovinni Falconi.

On July 27, 1947, in St. Patrick Church, she married Ernest P. Borrelli, who died November 2, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Judy (Jay) Caldwell of Yountville, Calif., and Paula Polochak of Canonsburg; her twin brother, Angelo Falconi of Presto and Washington; three grandchildren, Jacob (Krissy) Polochak, Jessie Polochak and Michael Angelo Caldwell; a great-grandson, Jacob Polochak; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three sisters, Elena Morascyzk, Antonina "Tiny" Horwath and Rita Skittle. **WF**

Anna Bobyak

May 19, 1917-June 20, 2006

Anna Bobyak, 89, of Atlasburg, died Tuesday, June 20, 2006, in her daughter's home in Munhall, where she had been living for the past year.

She was born May 19, 1917, in New Salem, a daughter of the late George and Julia Bumbera.

She retired from Colliers Steel, Colliers, W.Va., where she was a welder for more than 25 years. She was a member of St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church.

On January 29, 1939, she married John Bobyak, who died January 1, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, John R. (Jack) Babyak and his wife, Kathy, and James A. Bobyak and his wife, Susan, all of Burgettstown; a daughter, Joanne M. Smoley of Munhall; nine grandchildren, John Babyak and his wife, Paula, Kim Fanase and her husband, Carmen, James Babyak, Leslie Wager and her husband, Michael, Timothy Smoley and his wife, Connie, Michelle Scripp and her husband, Jeff, David Smoley and his wife, Tracey, Amanda Murphy and her husband, Rob, and Heather Jacobs and her husband, Jon; 16 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Vera Bumbera of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her parents and husband, are four brothers, George, Andrew, John and Joseph Bumbera, and a son-in-law, Ron Smoley. **MP**

John H. Wagner

WWII vet received Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross



John H. Wagner, 81, of Canonsburg, died at 10:44 a.m. Sunday, June 4, 2006, in UPMC-Shadyside hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born September 27, 1924, in Eldersville, a son of Joseph and Julie Wagner Wagner.

Mr. Wagner attended Hickory High School.

He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II, serving with an American Flying Fortress group as a waist gunner. He participated in 31 missions, of which 13 were daylight bombing attacks on Hitler's "European Fortress." During his service, Mr. Wagner was awarded the Air Medal with an oak leaf cluster and Distinguished Flying Cross.

He was a steelworker for the former Universal Cyclops of Bridgeville before retiring after 36 years.

On June 30, 1951, he married Sophia M. Czarnecki, who died March 11, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, John Edward (Marian) Wagner of Washington and Robert J. Wagner of Hickory; two step-grandchildren, Kristian and Keith Mounts; a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Mounts; three sisters, Elsie Tau and Helen Sumney, both of Washington, and Mildred Friday of Pittsburgh; two brothers, Paul Wagner of Canonsburg and Delbert Wagner of Hickory; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a sister, Anna Smigiel; and a brother, Joseph Wagner. **FL**

Flora Jean Calloway

Nurse's aide at Washington Hospital for 21 years



Flora Jean Calloway, 80, of Day's Personal Care Home, Washington, died at 1:15 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2006, in Washington Hospital following a brief illness.

She was born January 12, 1926, in Washington, a daughter of Harry and Mae Fisher Mull.

She worked as a nurse's aide at Washington Hospital for 21 years, until her retirement.

She was a member of Nazareth Baptist Church and Senior Action Group of Washington.

Surviving are a brother, Elmer Mull of Washington, and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Emery Richard Mull and George Mull, and a sister, Dorothy Howard. **W**

Cheryl Ann Ralston

June 15, 1945-June 14, 2006



Cheryl Ann Ralston, 60, of Boyce Road, Bridgeville, died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, in her mother's home in Bulger.

She was born June 15, 1945, in Sewickley, a daughter of Juanita Eversole Ralston of Bulger and the late Edward McCready Ralston.

She was a graduate of Burgettstown High School and received her bachelor of science degree and her master's degree in Speech Pathology from California University of Pennsylvania.

She was a speech/language pathologist for 36 years in Intermediate Unit I in Canon-McMillan and Peters Township school districts, and served as a speech/language pathologist with various child alert services.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are two brothers, William A. Ralston and wife Katherine of Castle Shannon and Darrell M. Ralston of Bulger; and a sister, Phyllis R. Williamson, whose late husband was James L. Williamson, of Columbus, Ohio. She was the aunt of Andrea and husband Garry Harris, David Ralston, Shawn Williamson and wife Danielle and Eric Williamson and wife Angela; great-aunt of Ella and Jake Harris and Reed Williamson; and devoted niece of Mildred Ralston and her husband, the late Andrew, Geraldine Eversole and her husband, the late Walter, and Donna Eversole and her husband, the late Herald.

Deceased, in addition to her father, are her maternal grandparents, William and Choral Eversole; and her paternal grandparents, Rezin and Anna Mary Ralston.

David W. Berty

Canon-McMillan bus mechanic was avid woodsman

David W. Berty, 50, of Cecil, died Sunday, June 18, 2006, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

He was born October 21, 1955, in Washington, a son of Walter G. and Dorothy O'Rourke Berty.

Mr. Berty was employed as a school bus mechanic in Canon-McMillan School District.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Massimino Berty; two sons, David W. and Jeremy L. Berty, both at home; two sisters, Hazel and husband William Johnston of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Kathleen Hall of Brooksville, Fla.; two brothers, Clarence and wife Carol Berty of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Charles and wife Joyce Berty of Parma, Ohio.

A brother, Walter J. Berty, is deceased. **WF**

Sylvia Louise Mounts Breese

Claysville homemaker

Sylvia Louise Mounts Breese, 85, of Claysville, died Friday, June 23, 2006, in Hillsview Personal Care Home, Buffalo Township.

She was born June 27, 1920, in Washington County, a daughter of William H. and Sylvia Jane Scott Mounts.

On June 26, 1937, in West Virginia, she married Lloyd Sprowls Breese, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Cora Brownlee and Janet Meurl Brownlee, both of Claysville, and Linda Ruth Breese of Washington; two brothers, Sherman and Dean Mounts, both of Claysville; a sister, Martha Rinehart of Claysville; 15 grandchildren, Susan Lacock, Lloyd, Baum, William, John Scott and James Brownlee, Amy Dillie, Joseph Brownlee, Karen Ealy, Sherman Dean Brownlee, Pamela Carroll, Bryan Brownlee, Kenny Breese, Cora Hauer, and Tina Stewart; 35 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are four brothers, William, Melvin, Charles and Cephas Mounts; and a sister, Mildred Applegate. **FA**

Harry Kotyk

WWII veteran retired from Abex Corp.

Harry Kotyk, 90, of Houston, died Thursday, June 22, 2006, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born August 14, 1915, in Canonsburg, a son of Daniel and Maria Cygan Kotyk.

On September 7, 1957, he married Margaret (Peggy) Cole, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Gregory A. (Tammy) Kotyk of Washington, Kerry (Barbara) Kotyk of Jacksonville, Fla., Thomas Kotyk of Houston and Todd Kotyk of Hickory; a grandson, Allen Gregory Kotyk; four sisters, Anne Kotyk, Helen Kotyk and Nellie Koval, all of Canonsburg, and Eva Kulik of Houston; and a brother, Frank Kotyk of Canonsburg.

Deceased are three brothers, Steve, John and William Kotyk; and two sisters, Julia Verakis and Pearl Kotyk. **MP**

Eleanor Mae Ulrich

Oakdale resident worked for airline food service

Eleanor Mae Ulrich, 78, of Oakdale, died Wednesday, June 21, 2006, in ManorCare, McMurray.

She was born May 14, 1928, in Andover, Ohio, a daughter of Michael and Ruth Wells Stover.

On September 28, 1946, she married Michael Ulrich, who died June 18, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruth (Thomas Wayne) Campbell of Midway; a brother, Michael Thomas Stover of Burgettstown; three grandchildren, Thomas (Judy) Campbell, Kim (Warren) Campbell and Sherry Campbell; and two great-grandchildren, Michael McElhaney and Emily Campbell.

Deceased are two brothers, Charles Lynn and Robert Stover.

Dorothy Mae White

Taylorstown VFD radio operator for four decades



Dorothy Mae White, 69, of Taylorstown, died Thursday, June 29, 2006, in UPMC Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburgh, following a

lengthy illness.

She was born May 29, 1937, on Highland Ridge in Buffalo Township, a daughter of Harold and Agnes Stanley, who ran Stanley Tea House in Taylorstown.

On June 4, 1964, she married Paul J. White, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Kevin M. White of Washington, James Dean (Brenda) White of Sioux Falls, S.D., Dennis R. White of Eighty Four and Kenneth P. (Kelly) White of Lagonda; six grandchildren, Amanda 16, Breanna 16, Dustin 12, Cera, 11, Megan 9, and Danielle, 6; a sister, Betty Rider of Florida; a niece, Sandy Hannan; and several other nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a sister, Mary Jane Adrian. **CL**

Paul J. Quinlan

Retired steelworker for Union Electric Steel

Paul J. Quinlan, 79, of Sturgeon, died Friday, June 23, 2006.

He was a son of Thomas and Margaret Connelly Quinlan.

He was the beloved father of Kevin Quinlan of Sturgeon, Mark Quinlan of Ross Township, Bridget Quinlan of McMurray, Claire Rose of Lumberton, N.J., Jean Quinlan of Suffield, Conn., Margaret Weber of Lititz and Patricia Connell of Bridgeville; grandfather of Nathaniel and Kyle Weber and Dale Quinlan; and brother of John "Buddy" and James Quinlan, Rosie O'Neil and Patricia "Patsy" Walsh.

Deceased are his beloved wife, Patricia Gaitens Quinlan, who died May 31, 1998, and two brothers, Thomas and Francis Quinlan. **RR**

Marion G. Little Stevens

Member of Canonsburg UP Church



Marion G. Little Stevens, 78, of Canonsburg, died at 10:32 a.m. Sunday, July 2, 2006, in Washington Hospital, following a brief illness.

She was born January 16, 1928, in Canonsburg, a daughter of James Earl and Carolyn Taylor Little.

Mrs. Stevens was a 1946 graduate of Canonsburg High School and attended Penn Commercial School of Business.

She was an avid reader who instilled the love of reading and learning in her children and grandchildren. Her hobbies were genealogy, bowling and ceramics.

On March 19, 1953, she married Donald T. Stevens, who died October 31, 1986.

She was the devoted mother of D. Kevin (Deborah) Stevens, James (Marie) Stevens and Carol Stevens, all of Washington, Kimberly Stevens of Canonsburg, Judy (Michael) Liberatore of Houston and Rebecca (Donald L.) O'Donnell of Canonsburg; beloved grandmother of Tanya, Sean and Brianna Sumey, Chelsea Liberatore Heasley, Chastity Liberatore, James Ethan Stevens and Emerson and Duke O'Donnell.

Mrs. Stevens was the last of her immediate family.

Deceased are a son, David Alan Stevens, who died in a sledding accident in December 1977; a sister, Jean Little; and three brothers, Frank, Robert and James Little. **OS**

Edward B. Schaffer

Life insurance agent for Western Southern Life

Edward B. Schaffer, 65, of McDonald, North Fayette Township, died unexpectedly Saturday, June 24, 2006.

He was the beloved son of the late Bert and Rebecca Schaffer; father of John (Donna) Schaffer of Crafton, David Schaffer of Rennerdale, Steven (Virginia) Schaffer of Massachusetts and Susan (Sean) Benson of Pittsburgh; grandfather of Corey and Matthew Schaffer and Dillon Benson; brother of William (Barb) Schaffer of Rennerdale and Diana Wilke of Peters Township.

He was the loving companion of Nancy Scott. **RR**

Eleanora C. Craft-Bender

March 26, 1918-June 26, 2006

Eleanora C. Craft-Bender, 88, of Burgettstown (Hanover Township), died Monday, June 26, 2006, in Washington Hospital.

She was born March 26, 1918, in Baltimore, Md.

She was a graduate of Union High School, Burgettstown. She was a cook for Farm Restaurant in Florence and was the manager/bartender for Polish Club of Slovan. She was a member of Cross Creek United Presbyterian

Surviving are four sons, Edward Craft of Langeloth, Homer Craft of Langeloth, Donald Craft of Lebanon and Arthur Craft of Carnegie; six daughters, Rena Gusse of Athen, Tenn., Nancy Yetsick of Carnegie, Janet Kotouch of Eldersville, Faye Magby of Rochester, Dorothy Thomas of Burgettstown and Pam Craft of Hanover Township; 32 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Viola Diamond of Slovan.

Deceased are her first husband, Edward Clifford Craft, who died August 19, 1957; her second husband, Frank Bender, who died October 13, 2005; two daughters, Cathy Dunbar and Elva Jane Calafactor; two sisters, Helen Debaker and Bertha Ward; and a brother, Perry Freshwater. **F**

Gary W. Briceland

Russell Standard salesman was Air Force veteran

Gary W. Briceland, 65, of Houston, died at 7:30 a.m. Monday, July 3, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born April 26, 1941, in Canonsburg, a son of Edward T. and Virginia Ward Briceland.

On September 5, 1964, he married Pat Marosz, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Scott Briceland and Warren Briceland, both of Canonsburg; and two grandchildren, Ryan and Megan Briceland.

A sister, Diane Briceland, is deceased. **QH**

Amanda Jean Crisco

North Fayette Township resident

Amanda Jean Crisco, 21, of McDonald, North Fayette Township, died Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

She was born April 18, 1985, a daughter of Randy McClelland of Burgettstown and the late Debra Jean Crisco, who died November 7, 2003.

Surviving are her grandmothers, Alice Crisco of McDonald, North Fayette, and Pauline McClelland of Burgettstown; aunt Sandy Crisco of McDonald, North Fayette; uncle John Crisco of McDonald, North Fayette; and fiancé David Moss of Burgettstown.

Deceased is her maternal grandfather, John Crisco Jr. **OA**

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Marion G. Little Stevens

Member of Canonsburg UP Church



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She was born January 16, 1928, in Canonsburg, a daughter of James Earl and Carolyn Taylor Little.

Mrs. Stevens was a 1946 graduate of Canonsburg High School and attended Penn Commercial School of Business.

On March 19, 1953, she married Donald T. Stevens, who died October 31, 1986.

She was the devoted mother of D. Kevin (Deborah) Stevens, James (Marie) Stevens and Carol Stevens, all of Washington, Kimberly Stevens of Canonsburg, Judy (Michael) Liberatore of Houston and Rebecca (Donald L.) O'Donnell of Canonsburg; beloved grandmother of Tanya, Sean and Brianna Sumey, Chelsea Liberatore Heasley, Chastity Liberatore, James Ethan Stevens and Emerson and Duke O'Donnell.

Mrs. Stevens was the last of her immediate family.

Deceased are a son, David Alan Stevens, who died in a sledding accident in December 1977; a sister, Jean Little; and three brothers, Frank, Robert and James Little.

Margaret L. Boni

Owned Boni's Dry Cleaners, Burgettstown

Margaret L. Boni, 82, of Burgettstown, died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born July 15, 1923, in Burgettstown, a daughter of Severino and Caroline Laurenti Gariglio.

On August 29, 1942, she married Rocco Boni, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard R. (Janice Krista) of McMurray and David A. (Pam Creehan) of Joffre; two daughters, Peggy (Roy) Lochran of Burgettstown and Roxanne (Douglas) Howell of Burgettstown; 11 grandchildren, Eric, Ryan, David, Laura and Christian Boni, Danielle Boni Macheck, Angela Lochran Robinson, April Lochran Burke, Chris and Mike Rose and Douglas Howell II; and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, Severino Godish and Benjamin Gariglio, and two sisters, Linda Thornburg and Wanda Hucik.

Helen Sutherin Adams

Former Canonsburg resident

Helen Sutherin Adams, 89, of Westlake, Ohio, formerly of Canonsburg, died Saturday, November 19, 2005, in Westlake.

She was born May 18, 1916, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Clark and Clara Sutherin. She and her sister, Mary, lived with their parents and maternal grandmother, Hannah Eliza Cook Griffith, at 12 East Pike Street, Canonsburg.

Mrs. Adams was a member of the former Greenside United Presbyterian Church in Canonsburg.

She attended Canonsburg schools and was a 1934 graduate of Canonsburg High School.

She moved to the Cleveland, Ohio, area in 1941 and resided there until her death.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Richardson of Middle Bass Island, Ohio, and Boca Grande, Fla.; a son, Peter Adams of The Villages, Fla.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. OS

Paul J. Bowen

Retired as master mechanic for Tomsic Chrysler

Paul J. Bowen, 83, of Crafton, formerly of McDonald, died Tuesday, July 11, 2006, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born June 29, 1923, in Oakdale, a son of Joseph and Rebecca Shemila Bowen.

Mr. Bowen served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving is a nephew, Arthur V. Bowen of McKees Rocks.

Deceased are a sister, Naomi Delaney, and a nephew, Franklin Wayne Bowen. RR

Anna Mae Kozma

Lifelong Avella resident



Anna Mae Kozma, 86, of Avella, died Saturday, July 8, 2006, in Lorrantffy Care Center, Akron, Ohio.

She was born June 7, 1920, in

Avella, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Bukorovics Fedor.

Mrs. Kozma was a lifelong resident of Avella, where she was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church.

She married Gyula (Julius) Kozma, who survives.

Mrs. Kozma was the last of her immediate family.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two nieces, Janet Zebrasky of Avella and Cindy Meili of Michigan, and two nephews, Tony Zebrasky of California state and Tad Canning of Michigan.

Deceased are five sisters, Elizabeth Zebrasky, Julia Canning, Margaret Hamilton, Anna Fedor and Susie Fedor. I

David E. Shaw

Former owner-editor of Claysville Recorder

David E. (Gene) Shaw, 92, of Washington, died Friday, July 14, 2006, in HCR ManorCare, McMurray.

He was born October 11, 1913, in Clarksburg, W.Va., a son of James Gayley and Honor Bright West Shaw.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Estopinal Shaw; a son, David Shaw and wife Julie Shroyer of Washington, D.C.; two daughters, Rachel Moninger and husband Billy of North Strabane Township and Madelaine Gray and husband Rupert Bullard of Mt. Gretna; and five grandchildren.

Deceased are five brothers, Sam, George, Douglas, Henry and John Shaw. WF

Mesdeo Rubis

Retired Army captain was county VA administrator

Mesdeo "Spider" Rubis, 82, of Houston, formerly of Muse, died at 7:55 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2006, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

He was born October 1, 1923, in East Brady, a son of Angelo and Bertha Oliver Rubis.

In June 1951, he married Mary Ruth Skeens, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffrey A. Rubis of Houston; two daughters, Angela Borrelli of Houston and Sharon Dulaney of Washington; two brothers, Victor "Buck" Rubis of North Strabane Township and Rudy Rubis of Cecil Township; three sisters, Blanche McNurlen of Canonsburg, Julie Bushmire of Washington and Rose Pogoreltz of Canonsburg; four grandchildren, Bryna Rudy, Cristal Dunbar, Danielle Alder and Samuel Borrelli; and three great-grandchildren, Conner and Katy Alder and Kiana Dunbar. WF

Susan Kathryn Staudt

1979 graduate of Washington & Jefferson

Susan Kathryn Staudt, 48, of Hickory, died Tuesday, July 11, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born June 2, 1958, in Washington, a daughter of Beverly J. Marple Staudt of Hickory and the late David T. Staudt.

Miss Staudt was a 1975 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and a 1979 graduate of Washington & Jefferson College with a degree in political science.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are a sister, Mary A. Cook of Allison Park, and an aunt, Edbina Marple, and a cousin, Dr. Charelle Samuels, both of Pittsburgh. MP

Darla Jean Donahoo

South Franklin Township resident



Darla Jean Donahoo, 35, of South Franklin Township, died Tuesday, June 27, 2006, in HCR ManorCare, McMurray.

She was born July 7, 1970, in Washington, a daughter of Paul Richard and E. Darlene Mounts Donahoo.

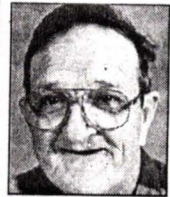
Miss Donahoo worked as a clerk for Gabriels. Prior to her 1987 automobile accident, she was a junior at McGuffey High School.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are a brother, Richard Neil Donahoo of Penn Hills; maternal grandfather Sherman Mounts of Claysville; six uncles, Carl (Ellen) Donahoo, Leroy (Kathy) Donahoo, Delmer Mounts, Jerry (Jill) Mounts, Danny (Donna) Mounts and Tom (Kristi) Mounts; and numerous cousins. DONAHOO

Deceased are paternal grandparents Walter and Grace Mounts; maternal grandmother M. Eleanor Wolfe Mounts; two uncles, Arthur Donahoo and George W. Mounts; an aunt, Shelva Mounts; and a cousin, Michael Lee Donahoo. PR

Clarence C. Curtis

Florida resident formerly of Avella



Clarence Charles Curtis, 74, of West Melbourne, Fla., formerly of Avella, died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2006, in

William Childs Hospice House, Palm Bay, Fla.

He was born March 1, 1932, in Moon Run, a son of William and Marie Kolling Curtis.

Mr. Curtis was a resident of West Melbourne for the past four years.

He was employed by North Star Transfer, retiring in 1984.

On February 15, 1964, he married Janet M. Kelso, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Debra Zuver of Avella and Barbara Orison of Burgettstown; three sons, James and Donald King and Vernon Curtis, all of Avella; three brothers, Harry Curtis of Bulger, Raymond Curtis of McDonald and Reggis Curtis of Hickory; four sisters, Peg Hall and Donna Bayerback, both of McDonald, Dorothy Shonner of Gibsonia and Connie Allen of Delaware; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Deceased are three brothers, Richard, Francis and John Curtis; and two sisters, Jane Hallam and Lois Bayerback. MP

Mary Gracey Scott

Formerly of Washington

Mary Gracey Scott, 72, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Washington, died Saturday, July 8, 2006, in Tucson.

She was born July 22, 1933, in Washington, a daughter of William T. and Mary G. Driehorst. Her stepmother was Leah S. Driehorst.

Surviving are her husband, Walter R. (W.R.) Scott; two daughters, Patti (Johnny) and Becky (Rob); two sons, Walter (Theresa) and Brian (Kathy); 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty Allison; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Charles G. Morris

WWII Army veteran from North Fayette Township

Charles G. Morris, 85, of McDonald, North Fayette Township, died Thursday, July 20, 2006.

He was born June 11, 1921, a son of Harold and Anna Lytwyn Morris.

Mr. Morris was a mill worker with Teledyne Columbia in Carnegie and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Helen Chauvet Morris; a son, Philip (Colleen) Morris of McDonald, North Fayette Township; three grandchildren, Michelle, Philip and Jason Morris; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a daughter, Linda Morris Bailey, who died in 1999; a sister, Mary Mullen; and two brothers, Andrew and Mike Morris.

RR

Josephine Mariah Solomon Fischer

Langeloth homemaker

Josephine Mariah Solomon Fischer, 76, of Langeloth, died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, in Avella.

She was born November 28, 1929, in Smith Township, a daughter of Victor and Josephine Piro Solomon.

On October 18, 1947, she married Harry F. Fischer, who died March 7, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters, Brenda Mika, wife of Robert, of Burgettstown, and Barbara Halulko, wife of Michael, of Georgetown; four sons, Thomas Fischer of Burgettstown, John Fischer, husband of Barbara, of Langeloth, George Fischer, husband of Bernice, of Castle Shannon and Harry Fischer, husband of Karen, of Avella; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Deceased is a sister, Rose Marie Solomon.

MP

Wilma Bane Woodruff

Centenarian known for award-winning dahlias



Wilma Bane Woodruff, 100, of Washington Road, Canonsburg, died Sunday, July 23, 2006.

She was born August 10, 1905, in Rock Lick, W.Va., a daughter of William and Clara Fletcher Bane.

When she married Dorsey Woodruff in 1923, the couple moved to Taylorstown. They later lived in Eighty Four and Peters Township before settling on a farm in North Strabane Township where they raised beef cattle and trotters and sold hay and straw to manufacturers and other farmers. Woodruff Farm is now a cemetery, Woodruff Memorial Park.

Her husband died March 11, 1982.

Surviving are a son, Frank Woodruff and wife Beula of Washington; a daughter, Ada May Stimmel of Houston; 11 grandchildren, Sherry Dula, Lingley, Monty and Arthur Stimmel, Sandra Kendro, Richard Johnston, Gary Woodruff, Janet Ross, Donna Klink, Lorraine Randolph and Kathy Dobbin Heesch; 16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are two daughters, Willadeen Johnston and Eileen Dobbin; two sisters, Erma Wiseman and Orenza Bane; and a great-grandson, Doug Kendo.

WF

Rebecca Jane Burnette Laffey

October 13, 1963 - July 21, 2006

Rebecca Jane Burnette Laffey, 42, of Clinton (Hanover Township), Beaver County, formerly of Pittsburgh, died Friday, July 21, 2006, in her home surrounded by her loving family, after a lengthy illness.

She was born October 13, 1963, in West Virginia, a daughter of Vickie Phillips Latshaw of Langeloth and the late Dale Lee Roberts.

Mrs. Laffey was a homemaker and worked as a deli clerk for Giant Eagle in Robinson Township.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, is her husband, Craig B. Laffey; two sons, Andrew and Adam Burnette, both of Langeloth; a sister, Heather Miller and husband Jeremy of Hanlin Station; her stepfather, David Latshaw of Langeloth; and two nieces, Haley Tittle and Abigail Ward.

A brother, Michael Roberts, is deceased.

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Vero Truzzi

Construction supervisor, St. Columbkille Church member

Vero Truzzi, 92, of Clinton, Raccoon Township, died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, in Weirton Medical Center.

He was born June 25, 1914, in Primrose, a son of Benvenuto and Rosa Ravacchi Truzzi.

His wife, Prema Sartori Truzzi, died January 19, 1996.

Mr. Truzzi was a construction supervisor with Wise Construction Co. He was a member of St. Columbkille Roman Catholic Church and Holy Name Society. He enjoyed golfing and gardening.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Lheureau of McDonald and Linda (Jay) Boulter of Salisbury, N.C.; five grandchildren, Shannon and Leah Boulter and Edward, Jay Randall and Dr. Thomas Lheureau; six great-grandchildren, Karen, Dana, Theresa, Adam, Noah and Luca; and two sisters, Justine Lefebvre of Midway and Ida Cox of Primrose.

Deceased, in addition to his wife and parents, are a son-in-law, Edward Lheureau; a sister, Ermes Sartori; four brothers, Plinio, Prima, Rebella and Voglio Truzzi; three stepsisters, Gema Sterckle, Speranza Sterckle and Severina Longhi; his stepmother, Elizabeth Sterckle; and a stepbrother, Americus Sartori.

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Violet N. Fullen

Avella resident since 1965



Violet N. Fullen, 83, of Avella, died at 4:15 p.m. Saturday July 29, 2006, in her home.

She was born October 1, 1922, in Richwood, W.Va., a daughter of Sherley and Cardelia Carden Cain.

Surviving are seven daughters, Mary Jane Opalenek, Wilma Bertovich and Edith Dupain, all of Avella, Norma Jean Knight of West Virginia, Nancy Fullen and Tammy Dobbin, both of Washington, and Cordelia McCory of Indiana, Pa.; a son, Bud Fullen of Avella; two sisters, Nellie Bowen of East Liverpool, Ohio, and Carmolea Harrington of Prosperity; two brothers, Franklin Carr of East Liverpool and Dennen Carr of West Monroe, La.; 35 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three sisters, Margaret Miller, Adeline Spark and Eleanor Mae Carr.

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Elwood Black

Member of Center United Presbyterian Church, Midway

Elwood (Roger) Black, 65, of Midway, died Wednesday, August 2, 2006, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born December 8, 1940, in Imperial, a son of Mildred M. Tobias of Imperial and the late Henry A. Tobias.

Mr. Black was a retired maintenance man for McDonald's Restaurant and a former employee of TW Oil Co. He was a member of Center United Presbyterian Church, Midway.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Anna Campbell Black; three daughters, Phyllis Black of Midway, Denise Geisler of Oakdale and Lisa (Donald) Hall of Burgettstown; four grandchildren, Jessica and Kristen Geisler and Stacy and Anna Hall; three sisters, Marlene Washabaugh of Imperial, Linda Polaski of Green Tree and Karen Carver of Buckhannon, W.Va.

Deceased are a granddaughter, Justine Hall (1994); a brother; and his maternal grandparents, Donald and Alice Boling.

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Mary Amorose Kimberland

Homemaker specialized in doll houses, apple pies

Mary Amorose Kimberland, 79, of Canonsburg, died Wednesday, August 2, 2006, in her home, with her loving family at her side.

She was born August 6, 1926, in Slickville, a daughter of Joseph and Cora Massimo Amorose.

Mrs. Kimberland was Catholic.

On June 3, 1948, she married Harold V. Whitey Kimberland, who died June 11, 1977.

Surviving are a son, Harold (wife Ginny) Kimberland of McDonald; two daughters, CoraJo Adams, with whom she made her home, and Margaret (husband Carl) Kimberland Martelli of Bridgeville; two granddaughters, Tara and Tiffany Stokes of Canonsburg; a great-granddaughter, Leah Noelle Schrimsher; two brothers, Samuel Amorose of Canonsburg and Nick Amorose of Saltsburg; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased are four brothers, John, Mike, Dan and Tony Amorose; and three sisters, Lena Weishner, Stella Rubic and Dora DePaoli.

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Earl Eugene Hartzell

Army veteran worked
for R.G. Johnson



Earl Eugene "Dude" Hartzell, 68, of Washington, died at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2006, in his residence,

following a brief illness.

He was born February 6, 1938, in West Finley, a son of Barney "Jack" and Mable Santmayer Hartzell.

Mr. Hartzell was a veteran of the Vietnam era, serving in the Army Airborne Infantry for six years.

He worked in coal-mined construction for R.G. Johnson for 15 years.

Mr. Hartzell was a member of East Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

He enjoyed old cars.

On June 12, 1959, he married Patricia Gray, who survives. They recently celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary.

Also surviving are two sons, Mark Hartzell of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Brian (Cheryl) Hartzell of Washington; a daughter, Lorraine (Paul) Warnick of Washington; a brother, Ed (Joan) Hartzell of Washington; a sister, Mary Belle Porter of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren, Nikkole Hartzell, Benjena Hartzell, Stephanie Harnett, Sarah Hartzell, Matthew Hartzell, Amber Cox, Ashley Cox, Kristen Cox and A.J. Cox; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a sister, Sis Hartzell Craig; and his stepfather, Robert McCreery.

Ursula M. Culley

October 18, 1940-
July 27, 2006

Ursula M. Culley, 65, of Burgettstown, died Thursday, July 27, 2006, in the Greenery, Canonsburg.

She was born October 18, 1940, in Germany, the only child of the late Walter and Katherina Litz Daschke.

She was educated in Germany and moved to the United States in 1966.

On March 18, 1966, she married Newton M. Culley, who survives. They met while he was stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Michele M.K. Garren and her husband, Frank, of Bavington; a son, Christopher M. Culley of Weirton, W.Va.; and two granddaughters, Katarina and Helena Garren, who affectionately called her "Oma," which is German for "grandmother." LL

Jarrett Lee Deitt

Member of West Alexander
Presbyterian Church

Jarrett Lee Deitt, 25, of Weirton, W.Va., died Sunday, July 23, 2006.

He was born February 10, 1981, in Wheeling, W.Va., a son of Janet Winters and Marshall W. Deitt of Weirton.

Mr. Deitt was manager at a family-owned complex in Weirton and a member of West Alexander Presbyterian Church.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his brother, Marshall L. Deitt and wife Angela of Valley Grove, W.Va.; his maternal grandmother, Elaine Winters of Valley Grove; his paternal grandfather, James A. Deitt of Washington; five uncles, Louis Winters and Paul Winters, both of Valley Grove, David Winters of Salisbury, Md., Alan Deitt and wife Iris of West Alexander and Steve Deitt of Tucson, Ariz.; an aunt, Barbara Ferrari and husband Lee of Washington; and several cousins.

Deceased are his maternal grandfather, Howard L. Winters; paternal grandmother, Mildred E. Deitt; and uncle, Brian Deitt.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Kepner Funeral Home, 166 Kruger Street, Wheeling. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, in West Alexander Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Jeri-Lynne Bouterse officiating. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

James T. Holleran

May 4, 1928-July 25, 2006

James T. Holleran, 78, of Burgettstown (Hanover Township), died Tuesday, July 25, 2006.

He was born May 4, 1928, in McMurray, a son of Walter E. and Caroline Sayers Holleran.

He was a 1946 Peters Township High School graduate and served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1948.

Mr. Holleran attended Potomac State College in Keiser, W.Va., before transferring to Waynesburg College, where he graduated in 1952 with a bachelor of science degree in biology.

He began his teaching career in Fort Cherry School District. He taught high school biology in Burgettstown School District, retiring in 1996.

He attended Florence Presbyterian Church, Florence.

On June 14, 1950, he married Mary K. Kidner, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Susan Holleran and her husband, Johg Hua Kim of Huntsville, Ala.; a brother, John Sayers Holleran of Waynesburg; a niece, Karen Holleran of Iowa; and a nephew, Kevin Holleran of Waynesburg.

George E. Knox

Retired manager
for Sears Auto Center



George E. Knox, 70, of Claysville, died at 10:19 a.m. Sunday, July 30, 2006, in Washington Hospital, after

battling cancer for the past six months.

He was born June 10, 1936, in Washington, a son of Dorothy Belle Post Knox of Washington and the late Clyde Monroe Knox.

He had resided in the Claysville area all of his life.

On March 28, 1959, he married Mary Snyder, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his mother and wife, are three daughters, Debra, wife of Fred Group of Washington, Diane, wife of William Zoeller III of Claysville, and Eva Jo, wife of Ray Shingle of Fort Ashby, W.Va.; a brother, Charles, husband of Vickie Knox of Washington; two sisters, Frances, wife of Sonny Morehead of Claysville, and Cindy, wife of Thomas Munnell of Aurora, Colo.; nine grandchildren, Rae Lyn Group McMillion, Ryan and Reva Group, Edward, David and William Zoeller IV, Alex, Jacob and Steffani Shingle. FE

Harold Kenneth Herron

Worked for Precision
Industries for 20 years



Harold Kenneth Herron, 91, of Washington, died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, in his home.

He was born November 7, 1914, in Washington, a son of John B. and Annie D. Herron Polen.

On February 3, 1934, he married Elizabeth Swartzfeger, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Samuel R. (Carol) Herron of Ocean Isle, N.C.; two daughters, Marilyn H. (Burson) Plants of Claysville and Susan J. (Richard) Gifford of Lynchburg, Va.; nine grandchildren, Matthew, Mark and Timothy Herron, Mark Plants, Carilee Doran, Lorilee Lemley, Brian Plants, Troy Gifford and Lynnea Tate; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Carolyn N. Herron; a brother, Clyde Raymond Polen; and a sister, Helen Polen Russell. W

A. Duane Taggart

Member of North Buffalo
Presbyterian Church



A. Duane Taggart, 67, of Washington, died at 3:45 a.m. Wednesday, August 2, 2006, in Kindred Hospital, following an eight-week illness.

He was born April 30, 1939, in Washington, a son of Alvin T. and Wilda Allison Taggart.

He was a self-employed, retired food vendor. He was a member of North Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Sunset Lodge 623 F&AM and B.P.O.E. 776. He had been an organist for more than 30 years at various Presbyterian churches. He was an elder at North Buffalo and Upper Buffalo Presbyterian churches.

On October 28, 1960, he married Shirley Gamble, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Mark and his wife, Beth Taggart of Washington and John and his wife, Cathy Taggart of Hickory; a daughter, Sandra and her husband, John Danna of West Alexander; two brothers, Eugene and his wife, Eleanor Taggart of Cross Creek and Halden "Bud" and his wife, Robbie of Hickory; his mother-in-law, Esther Gamble of Washington; his sister-in-law, Mary Lib Taggart of Streetsboro, Ohio; and seven grandchildren, Darrene, Cassie, Faith, Brittany and Brandon Taggart and Coleman and Tori Danna.

Deceased are a sister, Floradale Taggart Gray; and a brother, Roland Taggart. WM

P. Miller Lydick

Ordained minister
and funeral director

P. Miller Lydick, 84, of Washington, died unexpectedly Sunday, July 30, 2006, in his home.

He was born May 10, 1922, in Atlasburg, a son of Charles Percy and Margaret Isabelle Miller Lydick.

He was a member of Evangelical Friends Church in Damascus, Ohio.

Mr. Lydick was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He served during World War II in the European Theater, the 14th Field Artillery Observation Battalion in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Surviving are a son, Michael (Peggy) Daniels of McMurray; a daughter, Michele "Marty" Alderson of Pittsburgh; a sister, Jean Hanas of Washington; and two grandchildren, Nathan and Abigail Daniels. W