

Viola Leanna Kraeer

Co-owner of Clayton's Dress Shop in McDonald



Viola Leanna Kraeer, 89, of Hickory, died Tuesday, March 3, 2009, in Washington County Health Center, Chartiers Township.

She was born February 19, 1920, in Hickory, a daughter of Brady Wilford and Annie Schaeffer Ahrns. She was born and lived her entire life on the family farm in Mt. Pleasant Township.

Mrs. Kraeer graduated from Hickory High School in 1939. For more than 20 years, she was the co-owner of Clayton's Dress Shop in McDonald.

Mrs. Kraeer was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Canonsburg, where she enjoyed teaching Sunday school. She also enjoyed playing cards, traveling and peeling apples for the Hickory Apple Festival.

On December 9, 1945, she married Thomas O. Kraeer, who died May 31, 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas A. (Linda) Kraeer of Burke, Va., and David B. (Jill) Kraeer of Hickory, and two grandchildren, David T. and Lindsey L. Kraeer, both of Hickory.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, with Pastor Jeff Marquis officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Additional information and a guest book are online at www.nealfuneralhome.com.

IN MEMORY OF
**JERRY
E.
ANDERSON**

Obituary for Jerry E. Anderson



Jerry E. Anderson, 44 of McDonald, Smith Twp., passed away tragically on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at his home.

Jerry was born on November 19, 1977, in Washington, PA, a son of the late Jerry E. and Linda L. (Harbison) Anderson.

Mr. Anderson was a plumber for Cowden Plumbing, he was truly a hard worker. Jerry loved being outdoors, some of his favorite past times included coaching youth baseball & football, hunting, motorcycle rides, camping and playing golf. Being the Pittsburgh man he was, of course Jerry was a dedicated Pittsburgh sports fan. He never missed watching a game, he especially enjoyed watching the games with his kids and friends. Jerry was a family man, he loved them more than words can describe. His life was dedicated to his two boys, family and friends and always making sure they were cared for. Everyone that Jerry met knew how much he loved them, and you couldn't help but love Jerry back. His laugh was infectious and his smile even more so. Jerry had a big heart that he filled with the love he had for so many people and his love for others, is something that will never be taken away.

Survived by Ryshelle Trulove and their two sons, Teagen and Caden Trulove/Anderson, siblings, Brian, Kelly and Chad Guta, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Friends and family will be received on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, from Noon-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas-Little Funeral Service, Inc., 314 W. Lincoln Ave., McDonald (724-926-2800). A Service will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Interment will follow at Robinson Run Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Jerry's family, to help care for his sons.

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Court. Tacy's relatives could be seen waiting outside the courtroom because they were likely to be called as witnesses to the shooting. Tacy Sr. did not speak as he

appeared for the proceeding shackled and wearing an orange jail jumpsuit.

Tacy Sr.'s formal arraignment is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 30 at 9 a.m. before Judge Valarie Costanzo. Tacy is being held without bond in the Washington County jail.

Man accused of killing neighbor waives case to court

BY MIKE JONES

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The Smith Township man accused of fatally shooting his neighbor last month waived his case to court during his preliminary hearing Friday morning.

Bryce Kevin Tacy Sr. waived the single felony charge of criminal homicide



Tacy Sr.

ing neighborhood feud.

Tacy, 52, of 14 Loffert Road, is accused of shoot-

in the May 25 shooting death of Jerry E. Anderson in what investigators have said was caused by a simmer-

ing Anderson in the back and head during a dispute while Anderson was cutting his grass on a riding mower. Medical attention to Anderson was delayed for nearly two hours because medics could not reach him while Tacy held police at bay inside his home and told officers he wanted to die by "suicide by cop." Washing-

ton County SWAT officers eventually arrested Tacy without incident, but Anderson, 44, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Tacy's son, Bryce Tacy Jr., told investigators that his father had various conflicts with Anderson in the past, according to court documents. He also told police that he saw his father fire

several gunshots at Anderson, and later saw the neighbor slumped over on his lawnmower, investigators said.

Family members of Anderson attended the brief proceeding before District Judge Gary Havelka in Washington County Central

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Washington County man dies in crash

Head-on collision claims the lives of two in Allegheny National Forest

A Washington County man was one of two people killed in an accident early Sunday in Warren County.

State police said Dennis Atchison, 31, of Washington R.D.2, died in the accident at 3:30 a.m. which also killed the driver of the car in which he was a passenger.

Also killed was Doreen E. Flick, 21, of Tiona, Warren County. They were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which happened on U.S. Route 6, about 10 miles south of Warren, in the Allegheny National Forest.

Police said the Flick car was traveling east when a collision occurred in its lane with a van driven by Brian M. Petruney, 17, of Sheffield.

Petruney and three teenage passengers were hospitalized.

Atchison was a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and worked as a dockworker for Overnight Transportation Co.

Surviving are his wife, Grace E. (Goldie) Ankrom Achison, his mother, Ivadean Atchison-Mays of Washington, and his grandparents.

Dennis Atchison

Dennis James Atchison, 31, of Washington R.D.2, died Sunday, May 3, 1987, in an auto accident in Warren.

He was born February 14, 1956, in Washington. A dockworker for the Overnite Transportation Co., he was a graduate of Ft. Cherry High School and a member of ABATE.

Surviving are his wife, Grace E. (Goldie) Ankrom Atchison; his mother Ivadean Atchison-Mays, Washington; his grandparents, Mrs. Alwilda Atchison and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atchison, and several aunts and uncles.

His father, Chester Mays, is deceased.

Dorothy Beadling Welch

Former Western Center

registered nurse



Dorothy Beadling Welch, 92, of Hickory, died at 3 a.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2016, in Washington Hospital.

She was born October 11, 1923, in Studa, a daughter of the late Couch Edwin and Edith Peterson Beadling.

Mrs. Welch was a 1941 graduate of Avella High School and a 1945 graduate of Washington Hospital School of Nursing. She also attended Pennsylvania State University, the University of Pittsburgh, Purdue University and Chambersburg University.

She was a school nurse at Burgettstown and Hickory high schools and a substitute nurse at Fort Cherry and Avella high schools. She also worked as a registered nurse at Western Center in Canonburg and at Jessop Steel in Washington.

Mrs. Welch was a member of Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church and also attended several other churches in the area.

She enjoyed sewing and playing bridge with her friends.

On December 26, 1949, in Second Presbyterian Church, Washington, she married M. Reed "Junie" Welch Jr., who died June 1, 1977.

She was the last of her immediate family.

Surviving Mrs. Welch are three children, M. Reed (Shirley) Welch IV of La Selva Beach, Calif., Richard G. Welch of Washington and John B. Welch of Hickory; eight grandchildren, Kristine (Paul) Kidger, Megan (Jat) Verma, Renee, Heather (Jamie) Rohaley, Elizabeth Welch, Rachel (Patrick) Cooper, John (Allison) Welch and Lynn (Rob) Welch; and seven great-grandchildren, Colton, Evelyn, Conner, Nicholas, Molly, Nora and Emma.

Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, are a brother, James Edwin Beadling, and three sisters, Betty Beadling Malinky, Edna Beadling Barwidi and Gertrude Joan Beadling.

There will be no visitation.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 15, in Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions can be made to Washington Hospital School of Nursing.

Condolences may be expressed at www.stefkovichfuneralhome.com.

Glenn O. Bedillion

Glenn O. Bedillion, 61, of McDonald R.D.4 died at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, May 5, 1988, in the Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

He was born November 10, 1926, in Mt. Pleasant Township, a son of William K. and Eva McCloskey Bedillion

Mr. Bedillion was employed by the Hickory Feed Mill.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy.

A lifelong resident of the Hickory area, he was a member of the Midway VFW and the Cherry Valley Sportsmen's Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. David (Donna) Reedy of Denver, Colo., Glenda Trussell of Matthews, N.C., and Barbara Bedillion of Denver; one son, Robert Bedillion of Cromwell, Conn.; two sisters, Mrs. Ralph (Ruth) Dias of Brighton, Mich., and Mrs. James (Wilma) Nunn of Hickory; one brother, Warren Bedillion of Rea, and five grandchildren.

James R. Bedillion

James R. Bedillion, 87, of Hickory, passed away, Wednesday, September 1, 2021 in his home.

He was born April 24, 1934 in Hickory, a son of John D. and Leila Redinger Bedillion.

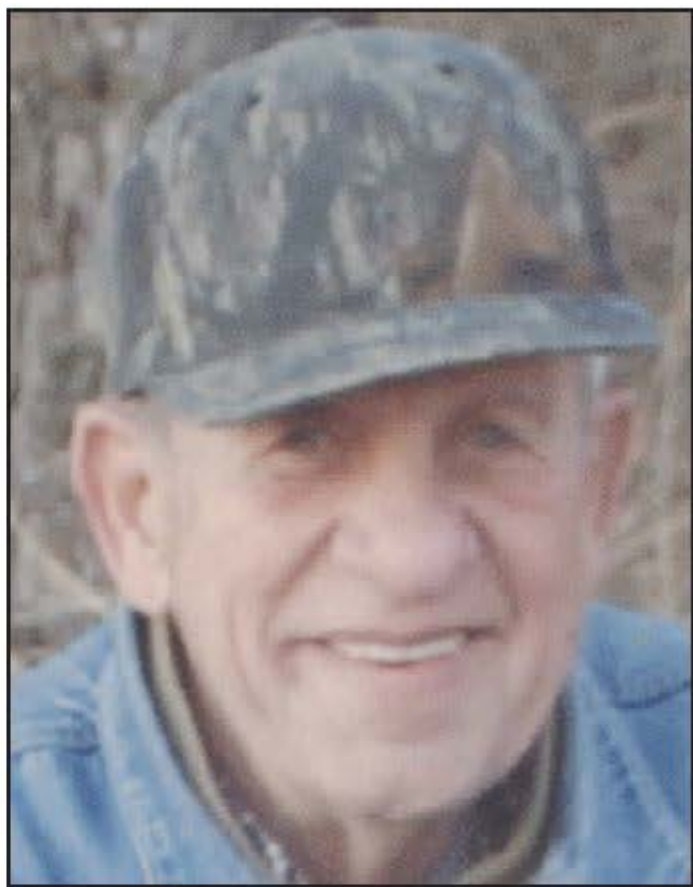
Mr. Bedillion was a 1953 graduate of Hickory High School.

He was employed by Columbia Gas for 35 years, retiring in 1987.

Jim was a member of the Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Indian Springs Rod and Gun Club in Avella. He was an avid golfer and loved the outdoors.

Mr. Bedillion had been on numerous hunting trips, many to western states and Canada.

Surviving are a sister, Barbara Shaffer (the late Donald) of Cathedral City, Calif.; Sisters-in-law, Ruth Ferguson Bedillion and Jean Bedillion; and many nieces and nephews.



Deceased are three brothers, John Bedillion, Ronald W. Bedillion and his wife Skip, and Gary R. Bedillion; and a sister, Leila White and her husband Bob.

Services and internment are private. Arrangements have been entrusted to the McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Robert K. McIlvaine, Owner / Supervisor, 27 Cherry Ave., Houston, PA 15342.

Condolences may be left by viewing at www.mcilvaine-speakman.com.

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.

He was a 28-year member of Central Assembly of God in Houston and had been a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, where he had served as an elder and Sunday school teacher.

An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Bedillion served with the 386th Infantry, Black Hawk Division, in both the European and Pacific theaters. He received a Purple Heart and received a battle field commission to 1st lieutenant.

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.

Mr. Bedillion was a former member of Hickory Lions Club.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling in general and also in his motor home, and was an instrument-rated pilot.

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.

Friends will be received from 2

ALLISON – Friends and relatives of Lucille Bell Allison of Hickory, who died Wednesday, January 6, 1999, are invited to attend a memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 9, in Hickory United Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Douglas R. Reinard officiating. Private interment in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Arrangements by the William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd.

Lucille Bell Allison

Member of Hickory
United Presbyterian

Lucille Bell Allison, 79, of Hickory, died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 6, 1999, at her home, following a one-year illness.

She was born September 20, 1919, in Tucson, Ariz., a daughter of John Arthur and Constance Schneider Bell.

Mrs. Allison was a 1937 graduate of Washington High School and attended Washington Seminary.

She was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church,

She also was a member of ACBL Bridge Club, the Women's Golf League at Godwin's and a bowling league at Route 19 Bowl.

On May 21, 1947, she married Jay R. Allison, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jay R. Allison Jr. of Bethel Park and Jeffery B. Allison of Hickory; a brother, John Daniel Bell of Elm Grove, W. Va; and three grandchildren, David Jay, Elizabeth Ann and Jesse Austin Allison.

Bernice Beaumariage

Bernice Bell Carter Beaumariage, 78, of Hickory, died of 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 1986, in Canonsburg General Hospital following a 10-day illness.

She was born May 15, 1907, in Mount Pleasant Township, a daughter of Robert Frederick and Lina E. Mitchell Bell.

Mrs. Beaumariage was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, and had served as a ruling elder in the church. She had been an elementary school teacher, having taught in Cecil Township, Cross Creek Township, Canon-McMillan School District, and the last five years in the Fort Cherry School District.

She graduated from Hickory High School in 1924 as valedictorian, and Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, in 1926.

She was a member of the state and national Retired Teachers' Associations, Mount Pleasant Society of Farm Women, the Women's Missionary Society of the church and the Fireside Club.

After retirement from teaching she served as a companion to the elderly.

She was twice married, first to Clarence E. Carter on June 11, 1931. He died on January 30, 1970. On July 31, 1971, she was united in marriage to Jules N. Beaumariage, who died August 1, 1971.

Surviving are three sons, Robert L. Carter and Elden D. Carter, both of McDonald R.D.4, and Larry G. Carter of Avella R.D.2; a daughter, Mrs. Harry R. (Gayle) McDonald of Washington R.D.4; three stepdaughters and nieces, Mrs. Donald (Patricia) Rhodes of Monroeville, Mrs. Bernard (Phyllis) Flynn of Washington and Mrs. Wendell (Nancy) Pryor of Eighty Four R.D.3; a sister, Mrs. Oakley (Volena) Lighthizer of Summerfield, Fla.; a brother, Denny N. Bell of Rogue River, Ore.; 11 grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a stepson and nephew, Gerald Wayne Beaumariage, and two sisters, Mary Beaumariage and Roberta Beaumariage.

Mary Beaumariage

Mary Bell Beaumariage, 82, of Hickory, died Wednesday, January 8, 1986, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

Born December 13, 1903, in Cecil Township, she was a daughter of Robert F. and Lina Mitchell Bell.

In 1922, Mrs. Beaumariage graduated from Hickory High School and in 1927, she graduated from Muskingum Collge, New Concord, Ohio.

She taught in both the Mt. Pleasant Township and Canon-McMillan school districts.

Mrs. Beaumariage was a member of the Pennsylvania State Retired Teachers Association, the National Retired Teachers Association, the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and the Venice Presbyterian Church.

In addition, she attended the Christian Reformed Church of Washington.

Her husband, Alexander C. Beaumariage, died August 30, 1966.

Surviving are two daughters, Marjorie Kay Beaumariage at home and Mrs. John L. (Priscilla) Bernard of Hickory; two sisters, Bernice Beaumariage of Hickory and Volena Lighthizer of Summerfield, Fla.; one brother, Denny N. Bell of Rogue River, Ore.; and two grandchildren, Michelle and Michael Bernard of Hickory.

Deceased is one sister, Roberta.

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.

Mr. Bezusko was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Burgettstown, and was a life member of Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department.

He enjoyed the outdoors, especially camping, hunting and fishing.

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 accorded in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Burgettstown.

Charles John Bistarkey Jr.

Charles John Bistarkey Jr., 65, of Hickory, died Tuesday, February 15, 2022, in his brother's home in Peters Township, after a long battle with liver failure.

He was born November 11, 1956, in Pittsburgh, son of the late Charles John and Edna G. Butler Bistarkey Sr.

He was a graduate of Fort Cherry High School, and was a former Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fireman and EMT. He enjoyed hunting and was a avid fisherman.

He worked as a Miner for Consol Coal, Bailey Mine, was a pyrotechnician for Zambelli Fireworks, and worked as a operating room technician at Washington Hospital.

Surviving are his daughter, Heather Bistarkey of Washington; son, Shawn Bistarkey of Houston; three brothers, Larry Bistarkey, of Canyon City, Colo., Dave (Terrie) Bistarkey of Penn Hills, and Bruce (Dawn)



Bistarkey of Peters Township; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Coleman-Taylor Funeral Services, 3378 Millers Run Road, Cecil, PA 15321, where services will be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday, with Pastor David Perry, officiating.

Private interment will be in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

Rose Marie Bologna Friday

*Animal lover enjoyed time
with her family*



Rose Marie Bologna Friday, 71, of Hickory, died at 5:03 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2013, in UPMC-Shadyside hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born August 24, 1941, in Avella, a daughter of the late Gesido and Assunta Tulle Bologna.

Ms. Friday attended Burgettstown High School and was employed as a manager for 20 years at Settlers Place Apartments in Hanky Farms, retiring in 2007.

She had lived in Hickory since 1974.

Ms. Friday was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church of Avella.

She was a true animal lover and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan (Bobby) Morrow of New Port Richey, Fla.; three sons, Robert J. Friday of Hickory, Michael Friday (and fiancée Pam) of Hickory and Joseph (Larissa) Friday of Bethel Park; four grandchildren, Nicholas, Alexa, Kayla and Adam; and four brothers, Vincent (Evelyn) Bologna of Follansbee, W.Va., Louis (Linda) Bologna of Akron, Ohio, Raymond (Christina) Bologna of Moon Township and Anthony (Mary) Bologna of McMurray.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, is a brother, Joseph Bologna.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday in Jerome A. Stefkovich Funeral Home Inc., 18 Campbell Street, Avella. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, in St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, 95 Highland Avenue, Avella, with the Rev. Robert M. Staszewski officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Avella. Memorial contributions may be made to Washington Area Humane Society or St. Michael Church Building Fund.



Zona Gale White

Zona Gale White, 92, of Hickory, died peacefully on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

She was born in Houston on March 3, 1930, a daughter of the late Jesse Bowen and Elizabeth Smith Bowen.

She attended grade school in Houston and graduated in 1948 from Hickory High School.

On April 28, 1950, in Houston Methodist Church, she married Harry Mac White, who died on September 13, 1995.

She was a member and former Sunday School teacher at Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a lifetime member of the Chartier Chapter No. 97 Order of Eastern Star, Buffalo Homemakers, Open Doors for the Handicapped, and Hickory High School Alumni Association.

Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her sister. She also enjoyed sewing, cooking, feeding the birds, and watching the sunset over the farm each evening.

Surviving are her daughter, Bonnie Jane Thomas (Edward), of Burgettstown; a son, Bruce White (Cheryl), of Spring Mills; three grandchildren, Nathan Thomas, Jennifer (Martin) Wall, Natalie (Eric) Green; two step-grandchildren, Nick (Carly) Brown and Michael (Kristen) Brown; great-grandchildren, Ava Thomas and Liam Thomas, Hannah Wall and Charlotte Wall; three step-great-grandchildren, Lena Brown, Jon Michael Brown and Frances Brown; a sister, Donna Lowry of Avella; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased in addition to her parents and husband, is a son, William "Bill" White; and a brother, Charles Bowen.

Friends will be received from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 2022, in the William G. Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington. A service will be held at Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, at 11 a.m. on March 14, 2022, with Pastor Lou Templeton officiating.

Interment to follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 210 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340, or to the Benevolent Fund at Southmont of Presbyterian Senior Care Network, 835 South Main Street, Washington, PA 15301.

Additional information and a guest book are available at NealFuneralHome.com.

Robert B. Brezinski

*WWII vet, dairy farmer
worked for Mathies Mine*



Robert B. Brezinski, 81, of Hickory, died Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

He was born January 24, 1928, in Rea, a son of John and Laura Dobroski Brezinski.

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

He was employed by Consolidation Coal and Mathies Mine. He also was a dairy farmer.

Mr. Brezinski was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church.

He had been a resident of Hickory since 1968.

On September 3, 1949, he married Margaret Whitco, who died January 28, 1980.

On May 22, 1981, he married Julia Ann Pochiba, who died September 5, 2006.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Frank (Barbara) Wudkwyh of Hickory, Mrs. John (Mary Ann) McHenry of Russell and Mrs. George (Bernadette) Heron of Hickory; a son, Paul (Barbara) Brezinski of Hickory; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Henry and Richard Brezinski, both of Washington, and James Brezinski of Hickory.

Deceased, in addition to his wives and parents, are two sisters, Irene Magon and Theresa Wiegman, and five brothers, Frank, Charles, Steve, Joseph and Sigmund.

Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in Jerome A. Stefkovich Funeral Home Inc., 18 Campbell Street, Avella, PA 15312. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, February 16, in St. Michael Church, 95 Highland Avenue, Avella, with Father Pierre Sodini as celebrant. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Church Building Fund, 95 Highland Avenue, Avella, PA 15312.

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.

He was a farmer, hauled cattle for 20 years and was an avid horseman and trainer.

Mr. Briggs was a member of Pennsylvania Pony Pulling Association, Old National Pike Festival and Washington County Fair Board.

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.

Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, with the Rev. Barry Sweet officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads United Presbyterian Church Memorial fund, 502 Old Hickory Ridge Road, Washington, PA 15301. Additional information and guest book are online at www.Neal-FuneralHome.com.



Eric L. Briggs

Eric L. Briggs, 59, of Hickory, died unexpectedly, Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

He was born March 6, 1962, in Washington, a son of Shirley Wolf Briggs of Hickory and the late Kay L. Briggs.

Mr. Briggs was a 1980 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and attended Penn Commercial in Washington.

Eric worked out of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 57, Local 2006 in Pittsburgh.

He was a member of the Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Briggs enjoyed his work, working for friends, and helping them out whenever needed. He was everyone's best friend.

Eric loved his sports and Southern Rock and Roll.

Surviving in addition to his mother; are a brother, Eugene Briggs and his wife Patty, of Hickory; a sister, Tammy Lander and her husband Ben Jr., of McKees Rocks; a nephew, Benjamin Lander III; a niece, Lauren Lander; and many cousins and friends.

Friends will be received from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday, in the McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Robert K. McIlvaine, Owner/Supervisor, 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston, PA 15342, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 7, 2022, in the Hickory UEP Church, 210 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340, where services will begin at 11 a.m., with Louis Templeton officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the church, or to the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Co., 106 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340.

Condolences may be left by viewing the obituary at www.mcilvaine-speakman.com.

BRIGICH – Friends of Carl P. (Alf) Brigich of Hickory, who died Monday, July 26, 2004, will be received from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 29, with the Rev. Cathy Peternel officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Please view or add tributes at www.woodrufffamily-services.com.

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.

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.

Mr. Caldwell attended Hickory High School. He was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, where he was former elder and longtime member of the choir. He formerly was a member of East Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Caldwell was a dairy farmer in Hickory until 1966. From 1966 to 1970, he worked for Pasco Ford Equipment of Washington and Oakdale, and from 1970 until his retirement in 1991, he was head mechanic for Peters Township School District.

He was a board member of Mt. Prospect Cemetery Association, a former member of Taylorstown Volunteer Fire Department and a 30-year member of Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department.

He enjoyed singing and was a member of Washington Festival Chorale, Washington Community Theater, Avella Aires and Oglebay Summer Theater Group.

Mr. Caldwell was a founding member of Washington/Greene County Antique Tractor Association. He loved using his antique equipment to plow and mow for people in the community.

On June 6, 1952, in the former Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, he married Carol Cowden, who survives.

Also surviving are three daugh-

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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.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston, and from 10 to 11 a.m., the time of service, Saturday, March 18, in Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to Hickory United Presbyterian Church Choir. Please view or add tributes at www.mcilvaine-speakmanfuneralhome.com.

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Virginia Caldwell

Virginia (Aunt Ginny) Caldwell, 80, of McDonald, died Friday, February 6, 1987, in her home.

She was born August 20, 1906, in Hickory, daughter of Joseph Milton and Flora Ella Jane McCarrell Caldwell.

Miss Caldwell was a 1927 graduate of California Normal School, now California University of Pa. She was a former schoolteacher, retiring in 1971 after having taught elementary school in the Hickory area for 44 years.

She was a member of Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church, Hickory, and was a member of the Heany Memorial Sunday school class of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, McDonald.

Surviving are seven nieces and nephews, Donald Campbell of Aliquippa, Doris Jean Cowden of McDonald, Richard D. and William C. Campbell, both of Hickory, Jane Popeck and David Davis, both of Washington, and Josie Crumling of Wrightsville, Pa.; 19 great-nieces and nephews; and six great-great-nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, William Howard Caldwell and Donald Milton Caldwell; two sisters, Florella McCarrell Campbell and Lois Davis; one nephew, Robert Campbell; and one great-great-nephew, Bryce Campbell, are deceased.

Jennie Menichi

Member of St. Patrick
Church, Canonsburg

Jennie Menichi, 97, of McDonald, formerly of Peters Township, died at 12:29 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 1999, in her home.

She was born May 1, 1902, in Donora, a daughter of Ernest and Anna Narozzi Cappelli.

Mrs. Menichi was a member of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, Canonsburg, and its Catholic Daughters.

She spent her lifetime in the Donora, Peters Township and Hickory areas. She was active in her community.

Mrs. Menichi was a member of Peters Township Grange and Hickory Farm Women.

She enjoyed crocheting and knitting. She especially loved her flowers.

On October 27, 1920, she married Stefano Menichi, who died January 1, 1973.

Surviving are two sons, Louis Menichi and Ernest Menichi, both of McDonald; two daughters, Erma Grego of Venetia and Anna Marie Corrado of Washington; two sisters, Emma Caponecchia of Donora and Edith Silvioni of Pittsburgh; 10 grandchildren, Roanna Sanders, Pamela Manganello, Ronald and Steven Corrado, Mary Christine D'Angelo, Chester Grego, Irene Keirsbilick, David Menichi, Lynette Ligman and Patrice Johnstonbaugh; 19 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, are a brother, Angelo Cappelli; and two sisters, Louise Fontana and Theresa Caponecchia.

CARLISLE – Friends of James W. Carlisle Sr. of Houston, formerly of Hickory, who died Monday, April 28, 2003, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, with Pastors Jeffrey Marquis and Gary Gibson officiating. Interment in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Family requests donations to Make-a-Wish Foundation or charity of one's choice. Richard Vaux Lodge 454 F&AM will hold Masonic services at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. Additional information and guestbook are available online at www.NealFuneralHome.com.

James W. Carlisle Sr.

Received Outstanding Postal Retiree Award



James W. Carlisle Sr., 69, of Houston, formerly of Hickory, died Monday, April 28, 2003, in Donnell House,

Washington, following a lengthy illness.

He was born November 10, 1933, in Hickory, a son of Clifford C. and Wilhelmina Stewart Carlisle.

Mr. Carlisle was a graduate of Hickory High School and a member of its Alumni Association.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and received the National Defense Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Korean Service Medal.

For more than 31 years, Mr. Carlisle worked as a rural mail carrier in the Hickory area, retiring in 1994. Upon retirement, he received the Outstanding Postal Retiree Award for working 31 continuous years without a sick day. For this, he was featured on Channel 4 News.

He was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, Richard Vaux Lodge 454 of Burgettstown, Valley of Pittsburgh, National Rural Letter Carriers Association and National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Mr. Carlisle was a former officer and member of Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, was active in youth baseball and football, and was an original board member of Tri-State Youth Football.

On June 28, 1958, he married Linda Braden, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, James W. Carlisle Jr. of Newark, Ohio, Matthew C. Carlisle of Charlotte, N.C., and Steven E. Carlisle of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Lisa L. Duhig of Bethel Park; two sisters, Alene McBride of Cambridge, Ohio, and Dolores Loughry of Hickory; and 12 grandchildren, Andrew, Katie, Abby, Rhianna, Liam, Ronin, Colin, Christopher and Caroline Carlisle and Jordan, Austin and Alex Duhig.



Alvin Carter

Alvin "Mac" Carter, 84, of McDonald, died Saturday, January 12, 2022, in Strabane Woods, Washington.

He was born November 19, 1937, in Washington, a son of the late Alvin Dale and Ellen C. McCarrell Carter.

Mac was a 1955 graduate of Hickory High School and spent his life farming and in sales for Growers Fertilizers.

He was very involved in his community as a 4-H leader, director and vice president of Canonsburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company, past director of the Farm Bureau, board member of Farmland Preservation, member and alumnus of Future Farmers of America; member, director and state delegate of Washington County Holstein Association, board member of Mt. Prospect Cemetery Association, and participated in the annual Hickory Apple Festival.

Mac was an active member of his church, Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, serving as elder and on multiple committees.

He enjoyed watching Penn State sports, but his greatest love was farming.

On November 9, 1996, Mac married Sheila Gary Phillips, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Connie (Rick) Weaver; two sons, Donald Carter and Ronald (Amy) Carter; stepdaughters, Robin (Tom) Ranager, Jymme McQuillan, Christie (Chester) Hoffman and Sherry Foster; brother, Jay D. Carter; sister, Lois Anne Risser; grandchildren, Megan (Jerry) Hickman, Morgan Weaver, Michele (Slade) Waller, Riley Carter and Regan Carter; numerous step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Ayden Horr, Brayden Hickman and Brooklyn Hickman; and several nieces and nephews.

Mac was preceded in death by his first wife, Bertha Lou "Sis" Corwin, who died February 23, 1995; and brother, T. Lee Carter.

Family and friends will be received from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday, January 16, and from 9 to 11 a.m., the time of service, Monday, January 17, in Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Douglas Reinard officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 210 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340.

Arrangements have been entrusted to William G. Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, PA 15301.

Additional information and guest book are available at NealFuneralHome.com.

GEORGE A. CARTER

George A. Carter, 46, of Hickory, R.D.1, died at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 10, 1969, in Washington Hospital, of injuries suffered in an accident at the Westland Mine.

He was born June 13, 1923, at Bentleyville, a son of Bessie Williams Carter, of Canonsburg, and the late Joseph Carter.

Mr. Carter was employed as master mechanic at the Westland Mine, and was also partner in Carter Brothers at Westland.

He was a member of the Westland United Presbyterian Church where he also served as an elder. A 1941 graduate of Cecil High School, Mr. Carter was an Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 902 and VFW Post 191.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Estella Watson Carter; two sons: George Lesley, of California, and Jeffrey Eugene, a student at West Virginia University; six brothers: William H., of Hickory, R.D.1; Joseph, of McDonald; Thomas, of Brownsville; Calvin, of Strabane; Donald, of Southview, and Richard, of Canonsburg, and four sisters: Mrs. Laverna Reeves, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Laura Kennedy, of Eighty Four, and Mrs. Shirley Thomas and Mrs. Donna Mastrangelo, both of Canonsburg.

1969 Sept 10

Two Men Killed At Westland Mine

Two men were crushed to death Wednesday when a mine wall collapsed at Pittsburgh Coal Company's Lynn Portal mine at Westland.

One of the men was identified as mine superintendent Thomas P. Shaynak, 35, of 1164 McEwen Avenue, Canonsburg.

The other miner was listed as master mechanic George A. Carter, 46, of Hickory, R.D.1.

According to County Coroner

Farrell Jackson, the accident occurred at 2:15 p.m. while both men were working with a clean up crew attempting to clear out a previous roof fall.

Jackson said they were using a "Joy loader" to pull an iron beam from under the rubble when the mine wall suddenly collapsed. A large chunk of sandstone, weighing eight to ten tons, fell on the two men, Jackson said.

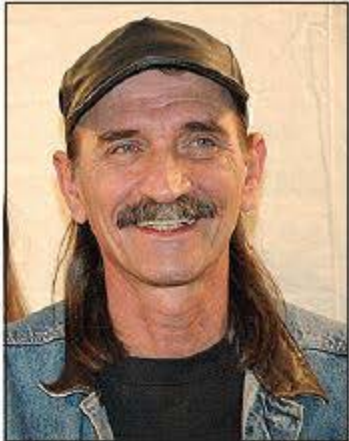
Shaynak was killed instantly, Jackson said, and Carter died en route to Washington Hospital. Hospital authorities said death was attributed to skull fractures.

The incident is under investigation by Federal Mine Inspectors, company officials and a safety committee from the UMW local at Westland.

Shaynak, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and a

licensed engineer, is survived by his wife and two children.

Carter is survived by his wife and two sons. He was an elder in the Westland United Presbyterian Church and was a partner in Carter Brothers at Westland.



John Keith Carter

John Keith Carter, 66, of McDonald, died Monday, January 17, 2022, in his home.

He was born July 12, 1955, in Washington, son of the late Walter I. and Irene V. Moore Carter, Jr.

He was a member of the Muse Italian Club and enjoyed fishing, camping, drinking beer, and riding Harley Davidson's.

He worked as an Auto Detailer for Tomsic Motor Company and then Bowser Cadillac, where he retired in 2016.

Surviving are Son, Greg J. (Lori Smith) Carter, of Wintersville, Ohio; grandchildren, Christopher, Destiny Alyssa, Greg Jr., Svanna and Xavier; brother, Raymond (Deborah) Carter, of Cecil; sister, Linda (Frank) Wozniak, of Canonsburg; and a special sister-in-law, Kathy (Gary) Vuchinich, of Gladden. Also surviving are many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gretchen Carter; and brother, Bruce Carter.

All services were private. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Coleman-Taylor Funeral Services, 3378 Millers Run Road, Cecil, PA 15321.

Four area residents lost their lives as a result of one-car accidents over the weekend.

The dead:

Terry (Pixie) Carter, 18, of Hickory R.D. 1, who was killed when the car she was driving crashed on Route 18 in Smith Township.

Robert Paul Marraccini, 19, of First Avenue, New Eagle, and Thomas Brooks, 18, of Fifth Avenue, New Eagle, victims of a crash on Route 88 in Bethel Park.

Mrs. Lois Simon, of Sixth and Wood Streets, New Eagle, was fatally injured in an accident on Main Street in Monongahela.

County Coroner Farrell

Jackson said Miss Carter was killed, and three persons injured, when their car skidded on a curve one and one-half miles north of Burgettstown, plunged over a bank and landed in a ditch.

Jackson said all four occupants were thrown from the car. Miss Carter was dead on arrival at Washington Hospital with a fractured skull.

Injured in the 1:15 a.m. accident were Donna Casper, 19, of Westland, who was hospitalized in satisfactory condition with a broken back, and William Brower, 22, of Westland, and Rodney Petras, 21, of 178 McGovern Road, Houston, both

treated for lacerations and released.

Jackson said the four were reportedly returning home from a dance.

Miss Carter, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Carter, was a 1969 graduate of Fort Cherry High School where she had been a cheerleader and a member of the National Honor Society. She was employed at the McGraw-Edison Plant in Canonsburg.



Christina Carter Louk

Christina Carter Louk, 42, of Langeloth, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, May 14, 2022 in Washington.

She was the daughter of Patricia L. Nixon (deceased), and Jeffrey E. Carter, of Sun City West, Arizona.

She was the loving and caring mother of four children, Nathan Louk, Eleanor Dessify, Anja Dessify and Jeffrey Dessify.

Christina graduated from Chartiers-Houston High School in 1997, and went on to graduate from the California University of Pennsylvania in 2003.

Christina is survived by Frank Dessify; her aunt, Deborah Trojan of Columbia, S.C.; her uncle, George Carter of Moundsville, W.Va.; along with several cousins. Previously deceased: her husband Nick Louk; grandparents, Estella and Albert Chesnik, James and Pat Nixon; aunt, Diane Craig; and uncle, Rick Nixon.

A memorial service will be held at the Venice Presbyterian Church in Venice at 11 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2022.

Lois Anne Risser

Lois Anne Risser, 89, of Lancaster, passed away at Penn Medicine Lancaster General Hospital Sunday, June 5, 2022. She was the wife of the late Jay Martin Risser, who died January 29, 2019. Born in Washington, she was a daughter of the late Alvin D. and Ellen McCarrell Carter.

Lois Anne graduated from Hickory High School, Class of 1950 and attended Indiana State Teachers College.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, where she served as secretary and circle leader of the Women's Association. Lois Anne was also an accomplished organizer for Community United Methodist Church.

Active in her community, Lois Anne served on the West Lampeter Fair Board for 61 years and as treasurer from 1961 to 2019.

Her various interests and enjoyments were her flowers, Penn State sports, Pittsburgh Steelers, quilting, knitting, and traveling.

Surviving her are three children, Carol R. and husband Dennis R. Fahnestock of Landisville, J. Ronald and wife Betti Summers Risser of Lancaster, Maryellen and husband Seth Cranston of Ashfield, Mass.; four grandchildren, Andrew and David Risser, Matthew and Katelyn Fahnestock; a brother,



Jay D. Carter of Hickory.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, T. Lee Carter and A. McCarrell Carter.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., the time of a memorial service, Tuesday, June 14, in First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, 101 South Decatur Street, Strasburg, with the Rev. Robert K. Bronkema officiating. The service will be live Streamed at www.straspres.org.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Kindly omit flowers.

Contributions may be made, in Lois' memory, to the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg – Organ Fund.

Arrangements entrusted to Murray A. Miller at Reynolds & Shivery Funeral Home, Quarryville. reynoldsandshivery.com.

Clara Bell Goughenour

Clara Bell "Pooch" Goughenour, 93, of Hickory, passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2022. She was born August 28, 1928, to the late Charles and Minnie Clemens.

Her first husband, Ralph Kennedy, passed in 1953.

On November 5, 1955, she married Burl Goughenour, who passed September 7, 2006. She then moved to her apartment in Southview for the next 16 years.

Clara was the last of her immediate family. Preceding her in death were siblings, Russel Clemens, Beulah Allen, Betty Filairo, Mary Walters, Helen Cooke and Peg Grabski; daughters, Patty Kennedy Rodgers, Janet Kennedy Carter, Clara Jane Goughenour; a son, Gary Lee Kennedy; and a grandson, Michael Edward Bongiorno Jr.

Surviving are her daughters, Nancy (Bubby) McElhaney, and Amy (Mike) Bongiorno; grandchildren, Heather Mullen, Kasie and Sam McElhaney, John and Mike Rodgers, Dylan and Geno (Nicolette) Bongiorno, and Brittany (Joe) Stevens; great-grandchildren, Joey Stermer, Reagan, Belva, Natasha and Natalie Rodgers, Carson and Riley Stevens, Hensley Bongiorno; also two very special persons, caregiver Veronica Cross and lifelong dear friend Chanda Cook.

Chester W. Corwin Sr.

Chester W. Corwin Sr., 73, of Hickory died at 8:19 a.m. Saturday, November 9, 1985, in Washington Hospital.

He was born November 20, 1911, in Pittsburgh, a son of Charles Arthur and Bertha Murphy Corwin.

Mr. Corwin was the founder and general manager of Corwin Jeep AMC Renault of Hickory.

He was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. He also was a member of the Pennsylvania Automobile Dealers Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Surviving are his wife, Kathryn VaLelle Corwin; one daughter, Mrs. Mac (Sis) Carter of Hickory; two sons, Chester W. (Bo) and James V. Corwin, both of Hickory; one sister, Mrs. Catherine Shine of Osage, W.Va.; three brothers, Clayton and Paul Corwin, both of Morgantown, W.Va., and Tom Corwin of Fairmont, W.Va., and five grandchildren.

Two brothers, Charles Arthur Jr. and John C. Corwin, are deceased.

JAMES M. COWDEN

James M. Cowden, 54, Scenery Hill, died at 8 a. m. Sunday, July 3, 1966, in the Veterans' Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born September 7, 1911, at Hickory, a son of the late William B. and Susan Phillips Cowden.

He worked for the State Highways Department as an assistant superintendent as long as his health permitted. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Disabled Veteran Association of Pittsburgh; and the Davidson Methodist Church, Glyde.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Nyswaner Cowden; two sons, James Ray, in the Armed Forces in Viet Nam; Stanley R., at home; two daughters, Brenda Faye and Mary Ann, both at home; one brother, Kline, of Hickory; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Toward of Hickory; Mrs. Eleanore Perrin of Coraopolis; Mrs. Jane Borland of Hartford, Conn.

Three brothers and one sister are deceased.

Obituary

William B. Cowden

William Bell Cowden, 88, prominent farmer in the Hickory district for many years, died Tuesday, Apr. 25, at 2:35 p. m. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Toward, Hickory. He was stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage one week ago.

He was born at Venice, Pa., November 19, 1861, a son of the late Mark Kelso and Jane Thompson Cowden.

He had lived in the Hickory district for 55 years. He retired from farming in January of this year.

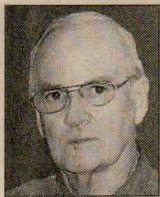
He was a member of Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church of Hickory.

He is survived by the following children: Harry, Kline, Mrs. Mary Toward, Andrew, and Glenn, all of Hickory; Mrs. Wilda Porter, Washington; Mrs. Eleanor Perrin, Corapolis; James, Scenry Hill; and Mrs. Jane Borland, Hartford, Conn.; one brother, Van Eman, and one sister, Miss Lyda Cowden, both of Houston; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His wife, Susan Phillips Cowden, preceded him in death September 25, 1945.

Friends will be received at the Rogers Funeral Home, McDonald, after 6 o'clock this evening until noon Friday. Remains may be viewed at the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church Friday from 1 p. m. until time of services at 2:30 p. m., in charge of Rev. B. M. Wallace. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Allan Dale Cowden

*Hickory UP Church member
was truck driver*



Allan Dale Cowden, 76, of Mt. Pleasant Township, died Monday, September 8, 2008, in Canonsburg General Hospi-

tal.

He was born October 5, 1931, in Hickory, a son of Mark Kline Cowden and Olive Davidson Cowden.

Mr. Cowden graduated from Hickory High School. He was a truck driver for Suwak Trucking for 35 years and Dillner Transfer Co. for 10 years. During his employment, he was a member of Teamsters 585 for 35 years and Teamsters 249 for 10 years.

He was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Army in France and Germany. For his service, he was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal - Germany and National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged November 6, 1954, with a rank of corporal.

On January 8, 1955, in Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, he married Martha Jeanette Long, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and their wives, Mark and Amy Cowden and Greg and Lori Cowden, all of Hickory, and Cary and Andrea Cowden of Marianna; a daughter-in-law, Linda Progar of Bradenton, Fla.; five grandchildren, Robert "B.C." Cowden of Washington, Mark Cowden of Hickory, Gregory (Jessica) Cowden of Canonsburg, Maria

Gregory (Jessica) Cowden of Canonsburg, Maria

Joseph Ard Cowden

Member of Hickory United
Presbyterian Church

Joseph Ard Cowden Jr., 74, of Hickory, died at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, September 7, 1994, in Washington Hospital, following a two-month illness.

Born July 24, 1920, in Mt. Pleasant Township, he was the son of Joseph Ard Sr. and Gladys McCalmont Cowden.

Mr. Cowden was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church and had been employed as a truck driver with REA Express and also Quinn Trucking Co.

A 1938 graduate of Hickory High School, Mr. Cowden also attended Pennsylvania State University.

On November 1, 1941, he married Lois Gladden, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Joseph Ard Cowden III of Hunker; a daughter, Mrs. Harold (Donna) Coffield of Hickory; two brothers, Thomas Cowden and Clair Cowden, both of Hickory; two sisters, Mrs. Ed (Grace) Wert of Muncy and Mary Jane Cowden of Zephyrhills, Fla.; a grandson, Kevin Michael Cowden; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a son, John Kevin Cowden; a brother, John M. Cowden; and a sister Martha Jean Cowden

John B. Filosi Jr.

Hickory man killed in New Jersey accident

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 camp-

ground 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.

He was a water tower painter for World Wide Industries of Chesterland, Ohio.

Previously, he was a self-employed mechanic.

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.

Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 6, with the Rev. Doug Reinard officiating. Private burial in Mt. Prospect Cemetery will be held at the family's convenience. Additional information and guest book are online at www.NealFuneral-



Russell L. Cowden Sr.

Russell L. Cowden Sr., of Prosperity, died on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 in the Washington Hospital.

He was born June 14, 1929, the son of the late Joseph Lawrence Cowden and Alice Thelma Rumbaugh Cowden.

Mr. Cowden was a 1948 graduate of Hickory High School and served in the U.S. Army following High School. He was employed by Bell Telephone Company for 36 years.

Mr. Cowden was a member of Upper Ten Mile Presbyterian Church, American Legion Post 902, Chartiers Lodge 297, and Anawanna Hunting and Fishing Club.

On September 15, 1951, he married Phyllis A. Gray, who died on August 7, 2016.

Surviving are four children, Rev. Russell L. Cowden, Jr., (Rev. Carolyn Griffith) of Poland, Ohio, Susan (Greg) Dunn of Prosperity, Gary M. (Jane) Cowden of Hickory, and Bruce E. (Sandy) Cowden of Prosperity; 12 grandchildren, Russell L. (Tamara) Cowden III, Maj. Daniel (Julie) Cowden, Greg (Amanda) Dunn, Jr., Dr. Robert (Dr. Leslie) Dunn, Alex (Joelle) Cowden, Hannah (Jordan) Lenz, Samuel (Dr. Breanne) Cowden, Scott Cowden, Eric Cowden, Courtney (Brian) Gray, Matthew (Jess) Law, and Daniel (Lauren) Law; and 13 great-grandchildren, Riley and Erin Dunn, Emmett and Graham Dunn, Evelyn, Jeremiah and Brynn Cowden, Violet and Jack Lenz, Porter Gray, Madison, Carter and Reagan Law.

Deceased are twin daughters, Ruth and Robin Cowden, who died at birth; and siblings, Ila Snyder, Alvin Cowden, Joseph L. Cowden, Jr., William Cowden, Lois King, Belva White, Evelyn Athey, and Nancy Schmidt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Upper Ten Mile Presbyterian Church, Change for Change Fund, 25 Church Lane, Prosperity, PA 15329.

Friends will be received from 10 a.m. till 12 p.m., the time of service, on Wednesday, May 18th, in William G. Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, with Cody Rogers officiating. Burial will follow in Prosperity Cemetery.

Military rites will be accorded graveside by American Legion Edwin Scott Linton Post 175.

Additional information and guestbook are available at NealFuneralHome.com.

Nancy C. Schmidt

Member of Hickory United
Presbyterian Church

Nancy Carolyn Schmidt, 63, of Hornhead Road, McDonald, died Monday, April 21, 1997, following a brief illness.

Born November 26, 1933, in Mt. Pleasant Township, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Lawrence and Alice Thelma Rumbaugh Cowden.

Mrs. Schmidt was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

On April 23, 1960, she married Edward J. Schmidt, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Edward J. Schmidt Jr. of Hickory; three daughters, Kimberly J. Spencer of Avella, Thelma E. Schafer of Amity and Deborah S. White of Imperial; eight grandchildren, Kara and Mitchell Spencer, Robert, Kristopher and Kylie Schafer and Brett, Megan and Zachary White; four sisters, Ila M. Snyder of New Cumberland, W. Va., Lois King of Houston, Belva White of Mercer and Evelyn Athey McGinnis of Atlasburg; three brothers, Joseph L. Cowden of McDonald, William E. Cowden of Washington and Russell L. Cowden of Prosperity; and a foster brother, George "Bud" Schurr of Houston.

Deceased are a brother, Alvin R. Cowden, and a grandson, Andrew C. Schafer.

SCHMIDT - Friends of Nancy Carolyn Schmidt of Hornhead Road, McDonald, who died Monday, April 21, 1997, will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 25, at Hickory United Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Douglas Reinard officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, the American Cancer Society or Hospice Care of Washington Hospital.

Beth Tustin

*Retired South Strabane
police officer*



Beth Tustin, 58, of Washington, died Monday, April 8, 2013, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born January 27, 1955, in Washington, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Cunningham Cowden.

Mrs. Tustin graduated from Trinity High School in 1972 and attended Beaver County Community College and Lock Haven University, where she received her bachelor's degree.

She was a police officer for South Strabane Township, retiring in 1998 after 21 years of service.

Mrs. Tustin was a member of Canonsburg FOP Lodge 22 and the Women's Auxiliary of American Legion Post 175 in Washington.

She enjoyed crafts and traveling, especially trips to Disney World.

On April 20, 1993, she married Donald H. Tustin, who survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Ann Cowden of Elyria, Ohio; a brother, Don Cowden (Darla) of Hickory; two sisters-in-law, Jean Bedillion (Gary) of Hickory and Carol Schwartz (Don) of Canonsburg; and many nieces and nephews.

At the request of the deceased, all services will be private. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Donnell House, in care of Hospice Care of the Washington Hospital, 155 Wilson Avenue, Washington, PA 15301. Arrangements have been entrusted to McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Robert K. McIlvaine, owner/supervisor, 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston. Condolences may be left by viewing the obituary at www.mcilvaine-speakman.com.

Louise C. Boone

Member of Hickory United
Presbyterian Church

Louise C. Boone, 87, of Olean, N.Y., formerly of Hickory, died Friday, December 27, 2002, in Olean General Hospital.

She was born January 3, 1915, in Prosperity, a daughter of Forest and Elizabeth Dodd Craft.

Mrs. Boone was a graduate Blaine Township High School and was an active member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years.

She was a member of Hickory Women's Club and Hickory Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Boone enjoyed quilting and was a member of her church's quilting club.

She enjoyed playing cards and was a member of several bridge and 500 clubs. She also enjoyed traveling and going on mission trips.

Her husband, Lawrence A. Boone, died January 2, 1969.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. George Boone of Selinsgrove and the Rev. Rawley Boone of Columbus, Ohio; a daughter, Sarah Ellen Larson of Olean; six grandchildren, Louise Olsheski, Daniel and David Boone, Betsy Nguyen, Ben Larson and Jesse Larson; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Sarah Wilson of Claysville; and a brother, Fred Craft of El Segundo, Calif.

A brother, Kenneth Craft, is deceased.

BOONE – Friends of Louise C. Boone of Olean, N.Y., formerly of Hickory, who died Friday, December 27, 2002, will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston. Services will be held at noon Monday, December 30, in Hickory United Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Douglas Reinard officiating. Interment will follow in Washington Cemetery. www.woodrufffamilyservices.com.

CROWLEY – Friends of Reginald E. Crowley of Sommerville, S.C., formerly of Hickory, who died Saturday, July 1, 2000, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in McIlvaine Funeral Home Ltd., 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston, where services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, with the Rev. Paul Salansky officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Woodruff Family Services LLP.

Reginald E. Crowley

Former Hickory resident

Reginald E. Crowley, 55, of Sommerville, S.C., formerly of Hickory, died Saturday, July 1, 2000, in Sommerville.

He was born March 29, 1945, in Washington, a son of the late Chester R. and Myrtle Kendall Crowley.

Mr. Crowley was a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and was a custom cabinet maker.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Ruskowski Crowley; one son, Ronald Crowley of Sommerville; two daughters, Michelle Hoffman and Amy Brumbak, both of Sommerville; two brothers, Robert W. Crowley of Hickory and Ronald D. Crowley of McDonald; two sisters, Betty Jo Salansky of Sandwich, Ill., and Rebecca Sue Lucoski of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Sondra Acheson

Resident of McDonald

Sondra Acheson, 53, of Fort Cherry Road, McDonald R.D.4, died unexpectedly Saturday, July 15, 1995, in her home.

She was born November 30, 1941, in Michigan, a daughter of the late William and Mildred Acheson Dallmeyer.

Surviving are one aunt, Lois Acheson of Hickory; and several cousins.

Deceased are her husband, Brian Acheson; and one daughter, Laura Jean Acheson.

There will be no visitation and services are private.

Arrangements are being handled by the Thomas and Little Funeral Home, McDonald.



Benjamin Anthony D'Angelo

Benjamin Anthony D'Angelo, 64, year-old of Hickory, died Thursday, January 27, 2022, at McMurry Hills Manor.

He was born July 19, 1957, in Washington, son of the late Ben and Mary Saccomanik D'Angelo.

He was a member of New Life in Christ Church, Washington. He enjoyed social dancing, bowling, and traveling, especially to Gettysburg as he was a huge civil war buff.

He loved spending time with and will be sadly missed by his family, grandchildren, and friends.

He finished his career as a Supervisor Quality Technician, for Joy-Komatex Manufacturing. He also worked 20 years for US Air as a gate agent, ticket counter, and reservation specialist along with many other jobs but flying the plane.

Surviving are the love of his life, Kandise D'Angelo of Hickory; step-children, Tiffany Texas-Tokah Clerred Tokah of Washington, Jordan (Rachel) Alderson of Uniontown, Amanda Alderson of Hickory, and Paige (Jeremy) Noah of Washington; grandchildren, Annabella, Micah, Quincy, Serena, and Avery Benjamin; brother, Gary D'Angelo of Waverly; sister, Lisa (Dale) Fross of Bethel Park; and nephews and niece, Kevin, Michael, Travis, and Ashley.

He was preceded in death by sister-in-law, Veronica D'Angelo.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, January 30, at the Coleman-Taylor Funeral Services, 3378 Millers Run Road, Carl.

Funeral services will be held at Coleman-Taylor Funeral Services, at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 31, with Pastor David Lutz officiating.

Interment will follow in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

Hilda D. Wagner

*Accomplished seamstress
enjoyed baking and canning*



Hilda D. Wagner, 85, of Brighton, Colo., died Tuesday, December 18, 2007, in Brighton.

She was born February 16, 1922, in Washington, to Lawrence and Francis Maye Dunn Davidson.

Mrs. Wagner attended Mt. Pleasant Township public schools.

On August 16, 1952, she married Harry Wagner, who is deceased.

She had lived in the Brighton area since 2001. She spent the majority of her life in Hickory and worked in Cox's Department Store in Washington.

An accomplished seamstress, Mrs. Wagner baked and canned and loved spending time in her garden. She was a role model to her family and those in her community and was a proud and prolific grandmother and great-grandmother.

Surviving are her sons, Robert (Nancy) Reedy of Venetia, Wes (Susan) Reedy of East Lansing, Mich., James (Sally) Reedy of Burgettstown and David (Donna) Reedy of Walsenburg, Colo.; a daughter, Bonnie (Michael) Kolano of Brighton; a brother, Kline Davidson of Hickory; a sister, Janet Weimer of Glasco, Mont.; 10 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to her parents and husband, are brothers Louis, Renzie and Richard Davidson; and a sister, Nora Jean Simpson.

Friends will be received from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the hour services, Friday, December 28, in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, with the Rev. Les Howard officiating. Interment will follow in Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Cemetery, Washington. Memorial contributions may be made to Brighton Senior Center, 575 Bush Street, Brighton, CO 80601.

Additional information and guest book are online at www.NealFuneralHome.com.



Mary D. Stewart

Mary D. Stewart, 97, beloved by her family and many friends, went home to the presence of Jesus on Thursday, June 16, 2022 after a brief illness. Mary was a longtime resident of Washington PA, but recently resided in Birmingham, Ala., to be near family.

She was born August 8, 1924, a daughter of the late Peter and Mary Delsignore and graduated from Hickory High School.

In 1947, she married John Denham Stewart to whom she was married 55 years; they had three children: Linda Kacena (George), Sandra Gority (David) and John R. Stewart (Linda). Mary was blessed with seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren all of whom brought a big smile to her face. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

As a young adult, Mary committed her life to Jesus as her Savior. Her life was marked by devotion to Christ as she lived in obedience to Him in her quiet and numerous ways; loving, serving and faithfully praying for others. Mary enjoyed cooking and often showed love by preparing food and hosting a meal. She was a long time active member of the Washington Alliance Church where she served in several capacities. Mary and John also served on short term mission trips to Asia, Africa and South America.

Mary retired from Trinity School District, where she managed a school cafeteria. She is remembered by those who knew and loved her, not by her occupation, but by thoughtfully giving of herself to family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband John; her three brothers Domenick, Angelo and Nicholas Delsignore and a nephew Larry Delsignore.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to support her granddaughter, Julie who serves with her husband as a missionary in Brazil. Contributions may be made to: Action International, PO Box 398, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. Note to account #51008 E and J Maderia.

Louis V. Dire

Former owner of Ole Hickory Inn

Louis V. Dire, 82, of Hickory, died Thursday, January 4, 2001, at his home.

He was born October 24, 1918, in Italy, a son of Angelo and Angela Berlingieri Dire.

Mr. Dire was a retired laborer from McGraw-Edison and the former owner of Ole Hickory Inn. He was also a member of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church in McDonald.

His wife, Jean Monaco Dire, died in 1995.

Surviving are his children, Tony Dire of Washington, Angeline Morrison of Hickory, Richard Dire of Avella and Mary LeFebvre of Midway; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Mike Dire of Washington; four sisters, Mary Warrick of Washington, Joanne Ross of Washington, Josephine Lugaila of Hickory and Erma Baroni of Hickory; and numerous nieces and nephews

DIRE – Friends of Louis V. Dire of Hickory, who died Thursday, January 4, 2001, will be received from 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Thomas-Little Funeral Service Inc., 314 West Lincoln Avenue, McDonald, where a blessing service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, January 8, with the Rev. John Harvey officiating. Interment will follow in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Peters Township.

Michael Dire

Self-employed homebuilder



Michael "Mike" Dire, 82, of Washington, passed away Saturday, June 1, 2013, surrounded by his five loving daughters.

He was born November 22, 1930, in Hickory, a son of the late Angelo and Angela Berlinger-Dire.

Mr. Dire lived most of his life in Hickory and Washington and graduated with Hickory High School, Class of 1948.

He served with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and had been a self-employed homebuilder, mason and bricklayer. Dire Drive in Hickory, the street he built, was named for him.

Mr. Dire was a former member of Hickory Lions Club, American Legion Post 639 of Claysville and Canonsburg Senior Citizens, where he enjoyed dartball and Wii bowling. He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing cards, going to the casino, working with his hands and his morning coffee.

Surviving are five daughters, Patricia Kraus of Canonsburg, Linda Dire (Tim) Miller of Canonsburg, Jerri Dire (Chester Osiecki) of Canonsburg, Tracy (David) Hapchuk of Washington and Angel (John) Dire-Nunamaker of Lawrence; four grandchildren, Diane Fehl, Ryan (Megan) Ludwin, Nicholas Dire and Christopher Hapchuk; two great-grandchildren, Kendall and Tyler Ludwin; four sisters, Erma Baroni of Bridgeville, Josephine Lugalina of Hickory and Mary Warrick and Joann Ross, both of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, Albert and Louis Dire; a sister, Edith Vernon; and his former wife, Elma Jarman.

Friends are welcome from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Salandra Funeral Service Inc., Joseph P. Salandra, owner/supervisor, 304 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, 724-745-8120, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, with Pastor George Garancosky Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Gardens, McMurray, with full military rites accorded by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 191 and American Legion Post 902 honor guard. To view or extend condolences, please visit www.salandrafunerals.com.

Glenn H. Doumont

Member of Center U.P.
Church, Midway

Glenn Henry Doumont, 59, of Cherry Valley Road, McDonald, died Saturday, April 17, 1999, in Canonsburg Hospital.

He was born November 4, 1939, in Midway, a son of Thelma Raab Doumont of McDonald and the late Joseph H. Doumont.

He once worked for Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and McDonald Borough. He had been retired since 1990 because of poor health.

Mr. Doumont was a lifelong member of Center United Presbyterian Church, Midway.

He enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and was a history buff.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are two sisters, Jane Phillis of Mt. Pleasant Township and Janet Cox of Oakdale; two brothers, Verne L. Doumont of Eldersville and Dale J. Doumont of Hickory; 11 nieces and nephews; and 15 great-nieces and nephews.

DOUMONT - Friends of Glenn Henry Doumont of Cherry Valley Road, McDonald, who died Saturday, April 17, 1999, will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Nation Funeral Home Inc., 220 East Lincoln Avenue, McDonald, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, with the Rev. John Salley, pastor of Center United Presbyterian Church, Midway, officiating. Interment in Center Cemetery, Midway.



Patricia S. Rolek

Patricia S. "PJ" Rolek, 77, of Canonsburg passed away peacefully Saturday, July 2, 2022, in Amber House Assisted Living in Mount Pleasant.

She was born December 15, 1944, in Southview a daughter of the late William Charles and Anna Marie Malinak Duke.

Mrs. Rolek was a graduate of Ft. Cherry High School but lived most of her life in the Canonsburg area and was a member of St. Oscar Romero Parish, St. Patrick Church. She had been employed for many years at the former Western Center, retiring as a supervisor. She had been employed parttime by ARC and was a dedicated advocate for special need and rights for the mentally handicapped.

PJ enjoyed baking and everyone loved her cookies. Left behind to cherish her memory is her beloved husband, Joseph L. Rolek; her devoted children, Joseph R. Rolek and his wife Debra of Jeanette and Jody M. Rolek of Canonsburg; her granddaughter, Morgan C. Rolek; her sister, Evelyn Logar of Washington and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased in addition to her parents is her brother, John Duke and four sisters, Elizabeth Ylilt, Barbara Purdy, Anna Marie Hete and Dorothy Mae Markle.

Friends and relatives are welcome from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday July 6, in Salandra Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc. Joseph P. Salandra LFD owner/supervisor 304 West Pike Street Canonsburg where departing prayers will begin at 8:10 a.m. Thursday July 7. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. in St Oscar Romero Parish St. Patrick Church, 317 West Pike Street, Canonsburg. Interment will follow at 10 a.m. in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Twp. To view or extend condolences please visit www.salandrafunerals.com.

Irma J. Wagner

*Member of Hickory United
Presbyterian Church*

Irma J. Wagner, 87, of Hickory, died Monday, January 12, 2009, in her home.

She was born May 22, 1921, in Bridgeville, a daughter of Michael and Anna Wagner Eltschlager.

Mrs. Wagner had worked for General Electric in Bridgeville.

She was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

On November 20, 1942, she married Joseph Wagner, who died June 14, 1975.

Surviving are two daughters, Judy Coulter of Washington and Joanne Cowden (Dave) of Hickory; two sons, Joseph Wagner Jr. and Jeffrey Wagner, both of Hickory; a sister, Betts Vrabel of Bridgeville; a brother, Harry Eltschlager of McDonald; five grandchildren, Suzanne Dupke, Diane Reckner, Tami Samol (Ed), Amy Rogers (Rick) and Scott Dire; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased is a brother, Bill Eltschlager.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Robert K. McIlvaine, owner/supervisor, 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston, PA 15342, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 15. Interment will be in Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to American Heart Association. The obituary and condolences may be viewed at www.mcilvaine-speakman.com.

Herman J. Engel

Herman J. (Junie) Engel Jr., 62, of Hickory R.D.1 died Tuesday, September 30, 1986, in his home, after a long illness.

He was born May 13, 1924, in Mt. Pleasant Township, a son of Clara England Engel and Herman J. Engel Sr.

He was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church and the Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department, of which he was vice president and a past president.

Mr. Engel was a bus driver for the Fort Cherry School District for 37 years and was an equipment operator for Mt. Pleasant Township.

Surviving are his wife, Mabel Riggle Engel; two daughters, Karen O'Leary, Washington, and Susan Willis, Danville, Va.; one son, John Engel, Hickory; six grandchildren; one brother, John D. Engel, McDonald R.D.3; one stepdaughter, Mary Lee Suprek, Colorado Springs, Colo., and one stepson, Ronald Wayne Braddock, Zolfa Springs, Fla.

John D. Engel

WWII vet was former mail carrier and dairy farmer

John D. Engel, 69, of Hornhead Road, McDonald, died Saturday, June 7, 1997, in his home following an illness of several months.

He was born November 22, 1927, in Mt. Pleasant Township, a son of Herman and Clara England Engel.

Mr. Engel was a member of Venice Presbyterian Church.

He retired from the former McGraw-Edison in Canonsburg in 1985 after 17 years of service. He also was a rural mail carrier for 39 years, retiring in 1989 after working for the McDonald and Cecil post offices.

He also had been a longtime dairy farmer.

Mr. Engel was a member of Chartiers Lodge 297 F&AM, Canonsburg.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 191 of Canonsburg and American Legion Post 793 of Cecil.

On March 9, 1951, he married Mary Jane Snedeker, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry and Jerry Engel, both of McDonald; one daughter, Sally Clark of McDonald; and six grandchildren, Shelly, Kristy, Natalie and Chelsey Engel, and Stephanie and Ashley Clark.

Deceased is one brother, Herman Engel.

Mildred Elder Errett

*Longtime member of Hickory
Presbyterian Church*

Mildred Elder Errett, 93, of Dunnellon, Fla., died Friday, February 16, 2007, in Monticello, Ga.

Mrs. Errett was born in Gillespie.

She was a 1936 graduate of Waynesburg College.

She was a longtime member of Hickory Presbyterian Church and a first-grade teacher at Hickory Elementary School.

Surviving are her children, Donna Errett of Madison, Ind., David Errett of Hickory, Richard Errett of Dunnellon, Daniel Errett of Lancaster and Dianne Jackson of McDonough, Ga.; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, in Hickory Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends at a reception following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Covenant Childrens Home, 1060 Withlacoochee Trail, Dunnellon, FL 34434. Haisten Funeral Home, McDonough. (770-914-8833/www.haistenfunerals.com)

Elizabeth Markish

Member of Atlasburg
Church of the Nazarene



Elizabeth Patterson Farner Markish, 97, of Hickory, died Friday, March 28, 2003, following an illness of two and a half years.

She was born July 29, 1905, in Burgettstown, a daughter of James Matthew and O'Ella Mont Neil Farner.

Mrs. Markish was a retired telephone operator for Hickory-Woodrow Telephone Co.

She was a member of Atlasburg Church of the Nazarene, where she was the organist and pianist for many years.

Mrs. Markish was past chief of Grand Temple Pythias Sisters of the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and a member of Pride of Silver Cliff Musicians.

Her first husband, Charles Lyons of Florence, died during their first year of marriage.

In 1927, she married John Markish, who died in May 1948.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Carlisle of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two sons, Samuel Edward Markish of Burgettstown and Thomas Audley Markish of Bulger; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three sons, James Joseph Markish, who died in 1975; David Albert Markish, who died in 1996; and John Markish Jr., who died in 2002.

At the request of the deceased, there will be no public visitation. Services and interment will be private, with Pastor Douglas R. Keith officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Arrangements are under the direction of William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., Washington.

Lorna Jean Tustin

*Member of Hickory United
Presbyterian Church*

Lorna Jean Tustin, 86, of Hickory, died Monday, December 15, 2003, in Washington Hospital, a day after her husband, Donald.

She was born March 16, 1917, in Cecil Township, a daughter of Howard L. and Eva Hill Fee.

Mrs. Tustin attended Cecil High School.

She was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church and Hickory Woman's Club.

Mrs. Tustin enjoyed spending time with her family.

On February 15, 1925, she married Donald C. Tustin, who died December 14, 2003.

Surviving are four daughters, Jean Bedillion and Donna Walker, both of Hickory, Carol Schwartz of Canonsburg and Patricia Sadler of Buffalo, N.Y.; a son, Donald H. Tustin of Washington; five grandchildren, Beth Curtis, Lisa McElhaney, Nicole and Erin Walker and Shannon Stage; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to American Lung Association of Western Pa., P.O. Box 100, Cranberry, PA 16066. Arrangements are being handled by McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Houston.



James A. Forney

*Retired area building contractor
Korean War era veteran*

James A. Forney, of the Bellmead Apartments/Presbyterian Senior Network, formally of Avella, was received by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Thursday, January 20, 2022, in the Donnell House, Washington. He was born January 8, 1933, in Boalsburg, Centre County, a son of the late Daniel C. and Ila L. Cummins Forney.

A graduate of Hickory High School Class of 1951, he was a retired building contractor of over 45 years, with the first part of his career working in a partnership with his father and brother, Daniel L. Forney as DC Forney & Sons, and the later portion was in a partnership with his son, Randy A. Forney as Forney Construction.

Jim's love of his Lord Jesus Christ, his family, Bible studies, and gardening brought him much joy and happiness. He was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church and the Highland Brethren Church. He enjoyed music, having played the alto saxophone in several marching and concert bands, and in several church groups. He also participated in several mission trips to Haiti and Guatemala. In retirement he and his wife enjoyed traveling abroad on many trips and cruises.

He was a veteran of the Korean War era, and served as a corporal in the 9th Signal Co. and 9th Infantry Division during the Occupation of Germany, 1953-1955.

On November 15, 1953, he married the love of his life, companion, and best friend, his surviving spouse of 68 years, Delilah M. Miller. Surviving, in addition to his wife, Delilah, are two daughters, Sandra K. (Donald) Bruce of Avella, and Connie S. (Alan) Courson of Cranberry Township; his brother, Daniel L. Forney of Hickory; seven grandchildren, Joel J. (Michelle) Halmi of Pittsburgh, Rachel L. (David) Vandergraft and Alycia A. (Justin) Dorsey, all of Avella, Marshall J. Forney of Imperial, Amanda R. (Alan) Wild of Valencia, Jacob R. Trudeau of Honolulu, Hawaii; and Kaleb R. (Rachael) Trudeau of Altoona; six great-grandchildren, Jordan Halmi, Elias Vandergraft, twins Brylin and Jaxton Dorsey, Liam Trudeau and Mason Wild; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and a daughter-in-law, Janet Forney.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his parents, were a son, Randy A. Forney January 25, 2021; a daughter, Cynthia Lee Forney March 7, 1964; and a granddaughter, Ashley K. Bruce August 21, 2004.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Washington City Mission, Washington, or a charity of one's choice that helps others in need.

Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 26, in William G. Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 27. Military rites will be accorded, at the funeral home, by Edwin Scott Linton Post 175 of the American Legion.

Due to anticipated weather conditions, all services will conclude at the funeral home.

A guest book is available at www.NealFuneralHomes.com.

William Edgar Frye Sr.

WWII vet, Hickory church member active in UMW



William Edgar Frye Sr., 89, of Hickory, died Wednesday, June 5, 2013, in Washington Hospital, following a brief illness.

He was born November 5, 1923, in Mt. Pleasant Township, a son of the late Albert Floyd Frye and Sarah Viola Sloop Frye.

Mr. Frye was a graduate of Hickory High School and worked as a heavy equipment operator at Aloe Coal Co. for 43 years.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army as a sergeant with Company A, 157th Engineering Battalion. He was involved in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. For his service, he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal with four bronze battle stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

He was a member of Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and deacon, and was an active life member of UMW International.

Mr. Frye was a former member of Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, founding member and first president of Mt. Pleasant Township Little League Baseball and an umpire and member of Washington County Umpires Association.

He volunteered for Habitat for Humanity for 12 years and enjoyed woodworking.

On August 23, 1947, he married Florence Luella Martin, who died June 13, 2011.

Surviving are two sons, William E. Frye Jr. (Susan) of McDonald and Ronald Frye (Cynthia) of Elizabethtown; five grandchildren, Jesse Frye, Erica Palmer, Rhonda Rodriguez, Richard "Rocky" McGeary and Kimberly Dawson; and 10 great-grandchildren, Rowan Frye, Keaton Frye, Maranda West, Shelby West, Amanda McGeary, Samantha McGeary, Rocky McGeary, Ty McGeary, Sydney Dawson and Broc Dawson.

Deceased are brothers Albert Jr., David L., James M., Harry L. and Leroy Frye, and sisters Elizabeth Sherwood, Mary Rankin, Adeline Sheller, Viola Jean Dorma and Thelma Marquis.

Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington. Additional visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m., the time of services, Saturday, June 8, in Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Bob Shull officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery. Military rites will be accorded graveside by American Legion Edwin Scott Linton Post 175.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 210 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340. Additional information and guest book are available at www.NealFuneralHome.com.

RANKIN – Friends of Mary Katherine Rankin of Rocky Mount, Va., formerly of Hickory and Washington, who died Monday, January 7, 2002, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 11, with the Rev. R. Douglas Reinard officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

Mary K. Rankin

Former Hickory and
Washington resident

Mary Katherine Rankin, 90, of Rocky Mount, Va., formerly of Hickory and Washington, died at 7:08 p.m. Monday, January 7, 2002, in Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital, Rocky Mount.

She was born June 5, 1911, in Buffalo Village, a daughter of Albert F. and Viola Sloop Frye.

Mrs. Rankin was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church and Hickory Senior Citizens.

She was a licensed practical nurse and worked for McMurray Hills Manor Nursing Home. She also was head cook for Kade Nursing Home in Washington.

Mrs. Rankin was a 1930 graduate of Hickory High School and received her nurse's training in Monongahela.

On April 1, 1940, she married Samuel Hupp Rankin, who died November 18, 1980.

Surviving are two sons, Samuel A. Rankin of Rocky Mount and James Vance Rankin of Washington; a daughter, Lucie Idler of Hackettstown, N.J.; three brothers, William E. Frye of Hickory, David L. Frye of Westland and LeRoy S. Frye of Canonsburg; a sister, Thelma Marquis of Hickory; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a daughter, Helen Zoscak; a granddaughter, Diane Wright; three brothers, Albert, James Milton and Leman H. Frye; and three sisters, Adeline Sheller, Elizabeth Sherwood and Jean Dormo.

Sara E. Sherwood

Former elementary
school teacher



Sara Elizabeth (Libby) Sherwood, 91, formerly of Dire Drive, Hickory, died Sunday, April 15, 2001, in Mennonite Home

in Lancaster County.

She was born August 21, 1909 in Hickory, a daughter of Floyd and Viola Frye.

Mrs. Sherwood had been an elementary school teacher for 40 years in the Chartiers-Houston School District.

She was a graduate of Slippery Rock University; a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Retired Teachers; and a member of the Association of Retired Teachers.

Mrs. Sherwood was a former member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church and was a member of Highland Presbyterian Church in Lancaster at the time of her death.

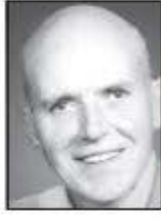
Her husband, J. Kenneth Sherwood, died May 12, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Alice S. Lehmann of Lampeter; two grandsons, Blake and Christopher Lehmann; two sisters, Thelma Marquis of Hickory and Mary Rankin of Rocky Mount, Va.; and three brothers, William Frye of Hickory, David Frye of Westland and Leroy Frye of Burgettstown.

SHERWOOD – Friends of Sara Elizabeth (Libby) Sherwood of Dire Drive, Hickory, who died Sunday, April 15, 2001, will be received from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston. Additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., the time of service, Friday, April 20, in Hickory United Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Douglas Reinard officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Woodruff Family Services, LLP.

David Paul Gregg

*Avid golfer
enjoyed hunting*



David Paul "Buzzy" Gregg, 74, of Hickory, died Wednesday, February 27, 2013, in his home, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was born August 30, 1938, in Washington, a son of the late Sherman C. and Naomi Campbell Gregg.

Mr. Gregg was a 1957 graduate of Washington High School.

He worked for Bob Evans in sales for 20 years, was a self-employed bricklayer and drove a school bus for Fort Cherry School District.

Mr. Gregg was an avid golfer and enjoyed hunting.

He was a player and coach for men's softball in the Ten Mile League.

Mr. Gregg was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

On January 9, 1960, he married Bonnie D. Greer, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Dawn (Donald) Litman of Canonsburg and Luann Bonato and Paula (Bill) Randour, both of Washington; six grandchildren, Brooke Layhue, Logan Litman, Kassie Gordon, Timmy Gordon, Corey Randour and Jeremy Randour; and five great-grandchildren, Taylor, Morgan, Bently, Brady and Xander.

Deceased are two brothers, Charles "Bud" Gregg and Melvin "Bo" Gregg, and a sister, Jean Robinson.

Friends will be received from noon to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington. Additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., at which time a funeral service will be held with the Rev. Ray Fosnight officiating, Monday, March 4, in Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 331 South Main Street, Washington, PA 15301.

Additional information and a guest book are available at www.NealFuneralHome.com.

John Frederick Grose

Mt. Pleasant fire company member owned Grose Market



John Frederick Grose, 69, of Hickory, died at 4:14 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2007, in Canonsburg General Hospi-

tal.

He was born August 24, 1937, in Washington, a son of Walter R. and Lois J. Alexander Grose.

Mr. Grose was a 1956 graduate of Claysville High School.

He was the owner/operator of Grose Market in West Washington and Hickory for 45 years.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed clowning and playing Santa Claus.

An active member of the community, he was a member of Old School House Players, Avery Methodist Church in Washington, and a life member of Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Company.

On November 28, 1957, he married Kay Miller, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Tracy R. (Don) Hamm of Frederick, Md., and Paige Grose (David) Sisk of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Reginald (Roma) Grose of Hickory and David (Judy) Grose of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Carol J. (David) Reutschi and Ruth Raber, both of Taylorstown; a grandchild, Nathan Alexander Hamm; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 26, with the Rev. Neal K. Rogers officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, 106 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340, or Old School House Players, Wabash Avenue, Hickory, PA 15340. Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department will hold a memorial service at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Additional information and guest book are online at www.NealFuneralHome.com.

Eleanor H. Welsh

Eleanor H. Welsh, 95, of Houston, formerly of Hickory, passed away Sunday, July 24, 2022, in her home.

She was born September 15, 1926, in Chartiers Township, a daughter of Charles and Mildred Davidson Hamilton.

Mrs. Welsh was a 1944 graduate of Chartiers High School and was a lifelong member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Houston.

Eleanor was a member of the Millers Run Church Cemetery Association Board and the former Millers Run Grange.

She enjoyed being outdoors, taking care of her flowers, vegetable gardening, cooking and dogs.

On February 25, 1950, she married William P. Welsh, who passed away May 24, 2019.

Surviving are three children, Rebecca Hough of Houston, Jeffrey Welsh and his wife, Debra of Bethel Park and Julie Lesko and her husband, Denny of Crossville, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Jennifer Flavell (Gary), David Hough (Jenni-



fer), Emily Smoller (David) and Robert Welsh; and five great-grandchildren, Luke Flavell, Lindsey and Logan Hough, and Grayson and Maxim Smoller.

Deceased are two sisters, Dorothy Hamilton and Gail Ely; and a brother, Charles Hamilton Jr.

At the request of the deceased, all services are private.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Robert K. McIlvaine, owner/supervisor, 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston, PA 15342.

Condolences may be left at www.mcilvaine-speakman.com.

Harrower

Alexander P. Harrower, 53, of Hickory, died in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, Saturday, October 16, 1976.

He was born in Cowdenbeath, Scotland, September 1, 1923, a son of Christina Paton Harrower, who survives, and the late Andrew Harrower.

He was employed by McGraw-Edison Power Systems Division, Canonsburg. A member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his widow, Mildred Rozanc Harrower; a daughter, Rosanna, wife of William Baskind of Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; a son, David A. Harrower of Canton, Ohio; his mother, Christina Paton Harrower of Washington; a brother, Andrew of Canonsburg R.D.1, and a grandchild, Paton Harrower.

One brother, James, is deceased.

HAYNES – Friends of Glenn Alan Haynes of Midway, who died Wednesday, February 6, 2002, will be received from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday in Thomas-Little Funeral Service Inc., 106 St. John Street, Midway, where services will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, February 9. Private interment in Center Cemetery, Midway.

Crash kills Midway man

BY MATT UMSTEAD

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ATLASBURG – A 41-year old Midway man was killed Thursday evening when the vehicle he was driving struck a tree on Atlas-Cherry Valley Road in Smith Township, police said.

Glenn Haynes of Herron Street was pronounced dead at the scene by Washington County Deputy Coroner Tim Kegel at 9:05 p.m.

Smith Township police Chief Robert King said speed was “definitely a factor” in the accident, which was occurred about 8 p.m.

Haynes was traveling west-bound when he crested a slight knoll on the curvy road and lost control.

The two-door sedan vehicle Haynes was driving skidded about 100 feet and turned sideways as it slid off the road, colliding with the tree on the passenger’s side, police said.

Kegel said toxicology tests will be performed to detect possible alcohol or drug use.

An unidentified relative at the scene said she did not believe Haynes was drinking, but was en route to play darts at Sputsy’s Pub & Grub in Avella.

Smith Township police said they are trying to combat frequent accidents and speeding on Atlas-Cherry Valley Road.

Glenn Alan Haynes

Owner/operator
of Integrity Auto Service

Glenn Alan Haynes, 41, of Midway, died Wednesday, February 6, 2002, in Washington Hospital after injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born August 2, 1960, in West Virginia, a son of Wallace Haynes of Hickory and Etta Fisher Katocs of the state of Washington.

Mr. Haynes was owner/operator of Integrity Auto Service in Hickory.

He was a member of Crossroads United Methodist Church in Oakdale.

On August 2, 1999, he married Betsy Clark, who survives.

Also surviving, in addition to his parents, are three sons, Glenn Haynes Jr. and Brandon and Luke Haynes; his stepmother, Helen Haynes of Hickory; his stepfather, Paul Katocs of the state of Washington; a sister, Terry Ann Terry; and two brothers, Bruce Katocs and Michael Haynes.

Wallace C. Haynes

*Mt. Pleasant VFD member
drove for Brownlee Trucking*

Wallace C. "Buck" Haynes, 75, of Washington, formerly of Hickory, died at 7:25 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in his home.

He was born March 23, 1933, in Cherry Valley, son of George William and Gladys Black Haynes.

Mr. Haynes served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged February 14, 1954, with the rank of sergeant.

He was employed by Star Mold Engineering and Dynamics from 1951 to 1985. He also was employed as truck driver for Brownlee Trucking for 10 years, retiring in 1995.

Mr. Haynes was a member of Bert C. Siders American Legion Post 643 of Avella, Richard Vaux Masonic Lodge 454 of Burgettstown and a Lifeline member of Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department.

His wife, Helen Rhea Haynes, whom he married December 1, 1966, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Terry Ann Terry of Kittitas, Wash.; two sons, Bruce Katocs of Ellensburg, Wash., and Michael Haynes of Cle Elum, Wash.; a daughter-in-law, Betsy Haynes of Midway; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased, in addition to his parents, are a son, Glenn Alan Haynes, who died in February 2003; and an infant sister.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in Jerome A. Stefkovich Funeral Home Inc., 18 Campbell Street, Avella, PA 15312, where services will be held at noon Saturday, May 17, with the Rev. Joseph Jeffreys officiating. Burial will be in Cross Creek Cemetery, Avella.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department or to a charity of one's choice.

Bert C. Siders American Legion Post 643 of Avella will provide military services.

Samuel J. Herriott

Samuel J. Herriott, 61, of Weirich Avenue, Washington, formerly of Hickory, died Saturday November 2, 1991, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born August 12, 1930, in Imperial, a son of the late Samuel Herriott and Beatrice Davis Herriott Miller.

He retired in 1985 from Ford Motor Co. in Cleveland, Ohio.

He had served in the U.S. Army.

Surviving are several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Karen Elizabeth Price



Karen Elizabeth Price, 73, of Avella, died Wednesday, February 9, 2022, in her home.

She was born February 16, 1948, in Oakland, California, a daughter of the late Lenny and Bea Hess.

Karen graduated from California State College in Hayward, California, with a degree in early childhood education.

A self-employed art teacher, she owned and operated the local Monart School of Art.

Karen was a member of St. Isidore the Farmer Parish and its St. Michael worship site in Avella and the Marine Corps League 1138 Auxiliary.

Faith and family were very important to her. She loved art and gardening, and volunteered anywhere she was needed.

On December 30, 1971, she married James Mitchell Price, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jamie Price (Heather) of Washington; a daughter, Jennifer Lacey (Pat) of Havertown; a brother, Gary Hess (Sarah) of Freeland, Washington; a sister, Valerie Andersen (Christopher) of Washington Depot, Connecticut; six grandchildren, Dartanyian, Kalani and Sebastian Price, and Sean, Mackenzie, and Jack Lacey; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, February 14th, in William G. Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where a Blessing Service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 15th, with Father Zachary Galiyas officiating. Burial will follow in National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Township.

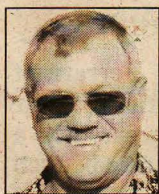
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to ALSAC / St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Additional information and guestbook are available online at NealFuneralHome.com



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 Nemaocolin 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.

He was employed by Ross Mould as a mould maker for 18 years and prior to that worked for Crile Machine for 21 years.

Mr. Hinerman loved golf and golfed almost every day. His final golfing partner was Boo Stough. He was up by six strokes when he died.

He represented two teams in the Pavella Cup, one in Highland Springs and also Indian Run and was a member of Lone Pine Country Club.

Mr. Hinerman was an avid Wash High fan of all sports. He did the sticks for football for 15 years and attended all sporting events. He had a lot of "Prexi Pride."

He coached Brownson Hous basketball and umpired youth baseball.

Mr. Hinerman was a wonderful husband, a loving father and a devoted grandfather to his three grandsons. He also was a great friend to everyone he knew.

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.

Blanche S. Gorby

Blanche Shirlene Gorby, 52, of 180 Point View Drive, Washington, formerly of Hickory, died at 10:50 p.m. Saturday, January 12, 1985, in Washington Hospital, following a long illness.

Born December 25, 1932, in Detroit, Mich., she was a daughter of Violet Majewski Holmes of Washington and the late H.L. (Dutch) Holmes.

On June 21, 1983, she married William E. Gorby, who survives.

Mrs. Gorby was last employed as a seamstress for Bobby Brook Co. and had formerly worked for Hazel-Atlas Glass and Brockway Glass.

She was a 1949 graduate of the Washington High School. She was a Catholic.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and mother, are one son, Donald D. Miller II of Hickory; one stepson, William C. Gorby of Washington; one brother, Harry L. (Cappy) Holmes Jr. of Washington; one sister, Mrs. Ralph (Bette) Vanucci of Flint, Mich., and a niece and four nephews.

Dr. George A. Hoop

Dr. George A. Hoop, D.D.S., 92, of Hickory, who for the past year lived at Humbert Lane Health Care Center, died at 9:35 a.m. Friday, April 15, 1988, in Washington Hospital.

He was born November 12, 1895, in Uniontown, a son of Elmer E. and Julia Farr Hoop.

Dr. Hoop practiced dentistry for 50 years in Avella. He was a member of the American Dental Association and the Odontological Society of Western Pennsylvania.

A 1915 graduate of Uniontown High School, he was a 1918 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dentistry.

Dr. Hoop was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, F&AM Lodge No.45, a life member of the Syria Temple and the Consistory. He was also a member of the Hickory Volunteer Fire Company.

He took an active interest in farming and soil conservation and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

On February 24, 1920, he married Margery Ellen Deffenbaugh, who died in 1973.

Surviving are three sons, George A. Hoop Jr., J. Wendell Hoop and Dr. Darwin D. Hoop, all of Hickory; one brother, Robert Hoop of Point Marion; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Willard B. Hoop; two brothers, Dr. E. Paul Hoop and Thomas Hoop; and two sisters, Valeria Bucy and Frances Hoop, are deceased.

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.

She was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church and served on many church committees.

Mrs. McCarrell was a past president of Hickory Senior Citizens and a former member and officer of Hickory Women's Club.

She enjoyed playing the piano.

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.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston, and 12:30 until 2 p.m., the time of service, Monday, August 22, in Hickory United Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Dr. Gregg Graybill officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. The family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice Care of Washington Hospital, 155 Wilson Ave., Washington, PA 15301. Please view or add tributes at www.woodruff-familyservices.com.

Jane Goddard

Mrs. Jane Goddard, of Washington, joined the love of her life in heaven Tuesday, February 8, 2022, surrounded by her family. She was born February 22, 1925, in Sebring, Ohio, a daughter of the late John Davis King Sr. and Mary Poorbaugh King.

She was a graduate of Sebring High School and Kent State University. Before she completed her degree, she began her teaching career early due to the teacher shortage during World War II. Jane later completed her education at California University. She spent her career as an elementary school teacher, primarily at Crossroads and Allison Park Elementary.

At just 20 years old, she boarded a train alone and traveled across the country to marry the late Luther "Lou" Goddard October 9, 1945, in San Luis Obispo, Calif., when he returned home from World War II. She loved to travel and, throughout her life, she and Lou spent their free time exploring the world, but their favorite spots were summers in Myrtle Beach, S.C., with their family



and winters in Florida with friends.

Jane was a dedicated charter member of the Church of the Covenant in Washington, where she served as an elder and deacon as well as a volunteer with the church's library. She was also an active member of the Presbyterian Women and Monday's Readers Group.

The matriarch of the family, she is missed by her son, Jeff (Tami) Goddard of Hickory; and daughter, Judy (Dan) DiGiovanni of Washington; six grandchildren, Jodie (Bill) Bedillion, Cortney Jane (Johnny) Capo, Jeffrey (Tiffany) Goddard, Douglas (Courtney) DiGiovanni, Corey (Jenni-

fer) DiGiovanni and Kerri Ann (Ty) Lacock. She was the beloved "Who-Who" to 15 great-grandchildren, Kierstin and Adriana Bedillion, Liliana and Giovanni Capo, Malyna, Luke and Leyton Goddard, Gabriella and Rocco DiGiovanni, Serafina, Dino and Jameson DiGiovanni, and Allie, Ivy and Ty Lacock. Her lessons and love live on in every member of the family.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, John "Jack" Davis King Jr.

At the request of Jane, immediate services will be private. A public memorial service at The Church of the Covenant will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Church of the Covenant, 267 East Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301.

Arrangements are entrusted to Piatt and Barnhill Funeral Directors, Inc., Charles R. Piatt, owner/supervisor, Andrew C. Piatt, director.

Condolences may be expressed at www.piattandbarnhillfh.com.

Mary Ellen Hill

Member of Atlasburg Church of the Nazarene

Mary Ellen Hill, 77, of Main Street, Hickory, died at 5:15 a.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2000, in her home.

She was born December 25, 1922, in Chartiers Township, a daughter of David and Lena Mae Shields Klages.

Mrs. Hill was a member of Atlasburg Church of the Nazarene, was a church steward and Sunday school secretary.

She had been employed by Ace Reconditioning and enjoyed sewing and made wedding cakes.

On January 19, 1945, she married Harry Hill, who died June 30, 1983.

Surviving are a sister, Martha Johnson of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are five brothers, George, Charles, David Jr., Samuel and William Klages; and four sisters, Della Jane Klages, Mildred Malarkey, Agnes Yuhas and Kathleen Klages.

HILL – Friends of Mary Ellen Hill of Main Street, Hickory, who died Tuesday, January 4, 2000, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 7, with the Rev. Jeff Kramer officiating. Interment in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

Louis A. Kobuchi

*Army vet, retired teacher,
active church member*

Louis A. Kobuchi, 69, of Meadow Lands, died unexpectedly Thursday, November 6, 2008, in the emergency room of Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born February 6, 1939, in Meadow Lands, a son of Louis and Julia Zipko Kobuchi.

Mr. Kobuchi had been a resident of Meadow Lands all his life.

He was a member of Christian Bible Fellowship Church, where he was serving as deacon at the time of his death.

Mr. Kobuchi was a 1957 graduate of Chartiers High School.

He attended Waynesburg College on a wrestling scholarship under Coach Murdock and later graduated from California State Teachers College.

He was a member of All American U.S. Army Wrestling Team.

Mr. Kobuchi was a Vietnam War veteran, having served with the U.S. Army as a Sp 4 with Co. B 25th Medical Battalion.

Prior to retirement, he was employed by Fort Cherry School District as a biology and earth science teacher for 33 years and also was Fort Cherry High School's wrestling coach for several years.

Mr. Kobuchi was a member of Pennsylvania State Education Association, National Rifle Association, Pennsylvania and National Trappers Associations and Fire Takers of America.

KRAEER – Friends of Thomas O. Kraeer of Hickory, who died Friday, May 31, 2002, will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, with Pastor Jeffrey Marquis officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Additional information and tributes online at www.NealFuneral-Home.com.

Thomas O. Kraeer

Board chairman
of Hickory Telephone Co.

Thomas O. Kraeer, 81, of Hickory, died at 10:47 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2002, in the Washington Hospital emergency room.

He was born September 26, 1920, in Woodrow, a son of Otto Irons and Bertha Bell Miller Kraeer.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Canonsburg, where he served on the church council and was first layman president-elect.

Mr. Kraeer was employed by J.R. Cowden Trucking Co. from 1941 to 1991 and by Russell Asphalt from 1968 to 1986. He also farmed and raised beef cattle.

Mr. Kraeer was active in Hickory Lions Club, having worked up the chairs to serve as president. He was a charter member, joining the club April 13, 1955.

He was a graduate of Hickory High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II with 158th RCT-SWP from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Kraeer served on the board of Canonsburg Mutual Insurance Co., the board of supervisors in Mt. Pleasant Township for four years and the board of Hickory Telephone Co., having been chairman of the board for the past 22 years.

On December 9, 1945, he married Viola Leanna Ahrns, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Thomas Ahrns Kraeer of Burke, Va., and David Brady Kraeer of Hickory; two grandchildren, David Thomas Kraeer and Lindsey Leanna Kraeer; and his stepmother, Jane Rossi Kraeer of Washington.

Deceased are four sisters, Hazel Miller Johnston, Gladys Kraeer Agnew, Ruth Kraeer Clayton and Anna Belle Kraeer Sherman.

Mary L. Yamber

*Member and secretary of
SNPJ Lodge 241*

Mary L. Yamber, 83, of Burgettstown, died Saturday, November 3, 2007, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born January 23, 1924, in Burgettstown, a daughter of Antone and Antoinette Laurich.

Mrs. Yamber was a member of and employed as a secretary for SNPJ Lodge 241.

She was an exceptional baker and enjoyed going to auctions, knitting, crocheting, making crafts and gardening.

Surviving are two sons, Francis (Frankie) Yamber, husband of Debbie of Burgettstown, and Anthony Yamber of Burgettstown.

Deceased are her husband, Frank A. Yamber, who died December 17, 2003; two brothers, William and August "Goose" Laurich; and four sisters, Hannah Pollana, Rose Bongiorno, Mildred Yamber and Evelyn Ostop.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in Taucher Funeral Home, 23 Erie Mine Road, Burgettstown. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 6, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Burgettstown, with the Rev. Robert Connolly, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will be in the church cemetery. The family suggests memorial donations be made to Donnell House, Washington.

Mildred Yamber

Owned Burgettstown hote

Mildred Yamber, 84, of Burgettstown, died Wednesday, January 22, 2003, in her home.

She was born April 18, 1918, in Burgettstown, a daughter of Anthony and Antoinette Alex Laurich.

Mrs. Yamber owned and operated Pleasant Valley Hotel in Burgettstown.

She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Burgettstown and its Christian Mothers.

She was a member of SNPJ, was an avid baker and enjoyed crocheting.

On November 28, 1947, she married John Yamber, who died February 12, 1967.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandy Ulrich of Bulger; three sons, John Yamber of Burgettstown, Joseph "Smoke" Yamber of Avella and Stanley Mozina of Atlasburg; two sisters, Evelyn Ostop of Burgettstown and Mary Yamber of Atlasburg; eight grandchildren, John, Jessica, Joe and Joelle Yamber and Bethany, Corrie, Tom Jr. and Tyler Ulrich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two brothers, August and William Laurich; and two sisters, Rose Marie Bongiorno and Hannah Pollana.

YAMBER – Friends of Mildred Yamber of Burgettstown, who died Wednesday, January 22, 2003, will be received from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday in Hayden-Taucher Funeral Home, 23 Erie Mine Road, Burgettstown. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 25, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Burgettstown, with the Rev. Richard J. Tusky as celebrant. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The Rev. Tusky will conduct a wake service at 8:45 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

James C. Lee

Graduate of Hickory High
worked for Atlas Equipment

Word has been received of the death of James C. Lee, 70, of ~~Kingman, Ariz.~~, who died November 26, 1996, after a lengthy illness.

He was born August 30, 1926, in Cross Creek, a son of H. Lester and Florence I. Lee.

Prior to his retirement he was employed by Rish Equipment Co. of Corona, Calif., and Atlas Equipment Co. of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Lee graduated from Hickory High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

In November 1947 he married June Marie Wampler, who survives.

Also surviving are three children, Barbara Speer of Kingman, Douglas Lee of Sun City, Calif., and Jacquelin Laubenthal of Akron, Ohio; three sisters, Ann Sullivan of Wooster, Ohio, Lois Cowden of Washington and Jean Russell of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; a brother, Harry Lee of Washington; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Mary Gresser, is deceased.

Services were held December 4 in Riverside, Calif., and burial was in the Pierce Brothers Crestlawn Memorial Park.

Richard Caldwell Lee

Richard Caldwell "Dick" Lee, 91, of San Angelo, Texas, went to meet his heavenly father Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, in St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 2506 Johnson Street, with Craig Meyers officiating.

Dick was born September 13, 1930, on the family farm near Cross Creek, to Leroy and Eleanor Caldwell Lee.

He enlisted in the Air Force April 5, 1952.

In a five-year period he went from working the fields with a horse-drawn plow to flying a KC-97, an aerial refueling tanker. He and his crew survived a plane crash in Alaska, and he jokingly recalled that they probably set a speed record as they dashed away from the crash site through waist deep snow. He always said "any landing you could walk away from is a good landing."

Dick was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1961, after 9 years of service as a pilot with the rank of First Lieutenant.

He was married to Ruth Dunbar December 26, 1953, and they traveled extensively in the U.S. as well as overseas. Their overseas adventures included Spain, Czechoslovakia, Scotland, Austria and Switzerland.

He enjoyed many adventures during their road trip to Alaska in their motor home and when they pulled a 32-foot recreational vehicle to the Arctic Circle.

Dad's passion for flying continued into his civilian life. He was a private pilot for a company in the northeast and worked in San Antonio, Texas, as an air traffic controller. He was a member of the Confederate Air Force, now the Commemorative Air Force, for several years and loved the old war birds. He particularly enjoyed flying a plane to Pennsylvania and Arizona with his family aboard.

His son, Richard, remembers working with his dad at Lee Recreational Vehicles and Mobile Home Sales from 1968 to 1983. He said he learned work ethic and honesty from his dad.

There was even some time for fun, too, Richard recalled, especially during



their participation in the river raft races on the Concho.

Dad was an active member of the Wool Capitol Region Antique Car Club of San Angelo. He drove his 1941 Packard in many parades and attended many car shows. He completed three long antique car races across America in the Great Race with his daughter, Becky Wilson and his granddaughter, Kelly McClendon as his navigators. His daughter, Nancy was the chase crew and cheering squad. The Great Race gave us so many incredible memories of time spent with dad that we still laugh about those good times, said Becky.

Dad was a good provider and loved his family. He attended countless band concerts, halftime shows and basketball games. He helped his children and grandchildren maintain their cars, and he would do anything to keep the love of his life, Mom, happy. He was a great man from a great generation and he will be missed.

Survivors include three children, Richard S. Lee and wife Judy of Austin, Texas; Becky Wilson and husband Alan of San Angelo; and Nancy Hannifin of Austin. Grandchildren include Chris Lee, Dawn Pitts, Kelly McClendon, Dusty Organ, Sarah Malone; as well as nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 57 years, Ruth Dunbar Lee; and his much loved Pekingese, Tiger.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Dick's many caregivers, Kindred at Home and Kindred Hospice as well as Visiting Angels, Lyndale and Regency House. Many thanks to friends for keeping the family in their prayers.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests planting a tree or contributing to a charity of one's choice.



Frank Leopold

Trucker was life member
of Mt. Pleasant VFD

Frank Leopold, 73, of Grandview Avenue, Hickory, died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 13, 1999, in ManorCare Health Services, McMurray.

He was born August 29, 1926, in Burgettstown, a son of Frank and Nellie Steveson Leopold.

He was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Leopold served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was stationed in the Philippines.

He was a life member of Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department in Hickory and a member of Houston American Legion Post 902.

Mr. Leopold was formerly employed as a truck driver for Gutman Oil.

In March 1948, he married Margaret Louella Rossi, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Frank R. Leopold of Powhatan Point, Ohio; a daughter, Cathy Ann Whetzel of Hickory; a sister, Jean Scull of Glenwillard; five grandchildren, Cynde Leopold, Joy Curfman, Matthew Whetzel, Joshua Battistone and Jamie Whetzel; and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Willa Bane, is deceased.

LEOPOLD - Friends of Frank Leopold of Grandview Avenue, Hickory, who died Wednesday, October 13, 1999, will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 16, with the Rev. Douglas R. Reinard officiating. Interment in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

David Mader

Retired coal operator at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel

David "Punky" Mader, 82, of Langeloth, died Saturday, November 22, 1997, in McDonald.

He was born in Red Bank, a son of Charles A. and Emma May Deters Mader.

Mr. Mader spent most of his life in the Smith Township area.

He was a member of the Church of Christ of Langeloth and had served with the U.S. Marines during World War II.

Mr. Mader was an avid golfer who enjoyed helping players with their golf games.

He retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Co., where he had been a coal operator in the coke plant.

Mr. Mader was a member of the Polish National Alliance Group No. 1870 of Slovan, American Legion Post 0643 of Avella, VFW Post 520 of Midway, SNPJ of Midway and the Raccoon Valley Sportsman Club.

His wife, Evelyn McKay Mader, whom he married May 24, 1937, survives.

Mr. Mader and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this May.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel C. Mader of Washington; a daughter, Margaret Lynn of Manchester, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Lewis Mader of Langeloth; and a sister, Hazel Kaufman of Westland.

Walter L. Marcott

Walter L. Marcott, 64, of Hickory R.D.1 died Friday, September 14, 1990, in St. Clair Memorial Hospital, Mt. Lebanon.

He was born June 8, 1926, in Cross Creek Township, a son of Silvio and Eleanor Vergellesi Marcott.

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

He worked for over 30 years as a well driller, retiring in 1984.

He has lived in the Hickory area since 1949.

On August 9, 1946, he married Kathryn Monticello, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Anita Marcott Riley of Farmington Hills, Mich.; one brother, Henry Marcott of Rea; and one granddaughter, Denise Riley.

Deceased are two daughters, Mary Beth Marcott and Victoria Lynn Marcott.

Funeral services will be private.

Family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or the Washington County Hospice Care.

MARQUIS – Friends of Charles “Bud” Marquis, of Hickory, who died Saturday, May 23, 1998, will be received from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, in the McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home, 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston, followed by a funeral service at 8 p.m. in the funeral home with the Pastor Gary Gibson officiating. Interment in Mt. Prospect Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340, or Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church of Aliquippa, Building Fund, c/o elder Jeff Marquis, 4024 Eaglewood Drive, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Charles Marquis

Former Mt. Pleasant
Township supervisor

Charles "Bud" Marquis, 65, of Hickory, died Saturday, May 23, 1998, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born August 21, 1932, in Washington, a son of Raymond and Sadie Lanier Marquis.

Mr. Marquis had been an auto mechanic for Hagan Olds and Cadillac and a truck driver for Russell Industries.

He was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, a lifetime member of Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, a former member of the Hickory Lions Club and a former member of Mt. Pleasant Water Authority.

Mr. Marquis was on the board of supervisors for Mt. Pleasant Township for 12 years.

On June 25, 1955, he married Shirley Griest, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jeff Marquis of Aliquippa, James Marquis of Fort Worth, Texas, and Jon Marquis of Duncansville; a daughter, Janet Marquis of Wernersville; eight grandchildren, Michele, Jessie, Casey, Weston, Elija, Brandon, Amanda and Jenna; and a sister, Betty Jean Bigelow of Bruceton Mills, W.Va.

Raymond Marquis

Raymond Marquis, 83, of Hickory R.D.1, died Wednesday, May 20, 1987, in Washington Hospital.

He was born October 16, 1903, in Woodrow, a son of Charles M. and Bessie Jeffrey Marquis. He was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Marquis worked 22 years for the P&WV Railroad and was a self-employed painter and contractor. He was a member of the Pine Glen Hunting Lodge, Indian Springs Rod and Gun Club and the Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Co.

He was married October 8, 1925, to Sadie Lanier, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Betty Jean Bigelow of Bruceton Mills, W.Va.; one son, Charles R. (Bud) Marquis of Hickory; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Bresnan, Ruth Marley and Jean Mohr, all of Greenville; and two brothers, LeRoy of Greensboro, and Kenny of Cottonwood, Ariz.

Two sisters, Margaret Chapman and Belle Marquis, and three brothers, Wilson, Russell and Robert, are deceased.

ANNA MARY HILL

Anna Mary Hill, 82, of Hickory R. D. 1, died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, May 27, 1974, at the residence of her son, Paul Hill, with whom she had made her home for several years. She had been ill for the past three months.

She was the widow of Hubert Hill, who died in 1957.

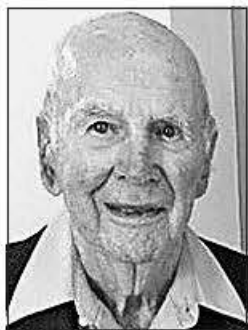
A daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Bane Briggs, she was born July 17, 1891, in Canton Township. Mrs. Hill had lived most of her life in the Hickory area, and was a member of the Atlasburg Church of Nazarene.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ora Hughey, Burgettstown R. D. 3; Mrs. Emma Nelson, Auburn Heights, Mich.; three sons, Harry Hill, Hickory R. D. 1; Paul Hill, McCarrell Road, Hickory; and Roy Hill, Main Street, Hickory; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Two children are deceased.

Jay W. McCarrell Sr.

Longtime farmer



Jay W. McCarrell Sr., 96, of Washington, went peacefully home to his Lord Saturday, January

14, 2017, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born August 15, 1920, in Hickory, a son of the late Thomas Leman and Estella Mary Taggart McCarrell.

Mr. McCarrell was married to Evelyn Morgan in her home December 30, 1941. They recently observed their 75th wedding anniversary.

He was a 1938 graduate of Hickory Vocational High School and attended Penn State. He was the recipient of FFA Keystone Farmer Degree and was actively involved with Washington County Agriculture Extension Committee, in his earlier years.

Along with his father and brother, he farmed where The Meadows is currently located, and in 1952, they were jointly recognized as Pennsylvania Master Farmers. Since 1965, he and his wife raised Black Angus and grew quality hay at Red Mailbox Farm in Eighty Four. Through the years, his hay won numerous awards in the United States and Canada, including a World Championship.

For many years, he served as a bus driver for Canon-McMillan and Bentworth school districts.

Mr. McCarrell was a mem-

ber of North Ten Mile Baptist Church in Amity and The Gideons International.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three children, Jerry (Barbara) McCarrell of Quarryville, Judy (Pedro) Ruiz of Schwenksville and Jay (Barbara) McCarrell Jr. of Palmdale, Calif.; grandchildren Debby Schaefer, Ryan Ruiz, Kyle McCarrell, Carina Marchese, Jay McCarrell III, Julissa McCarrell and Jeff McCarrell; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, Leman McCarrell, and two sisters, Ellen Carter and Lois Brown.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Piatt & Barnhill Funeral Home, 420 Locust Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 18, the Rev. Gary Schneider officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the missions' work of North Ten Mile Baptist Church, 322 Ridge Church Road, Amity, PA 15311, The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214, or a ministry of your choice.

Condolences maybe expressed at www.piattandbarnhillfh.com. Piatt & Barnhill Funeral Directors Inc., Charles R, Piatt, owner/supervisor, Lawrence K. Donovan, director.

Mary M. McCarrell

Mary Marthetta McCarrell, 84, of Hickory, died at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, 1989, in Presbyterian Medical Center following a brief illness.

She was born April 16, 1905, in Hickory, a daughter of Andrew Donaldson and Mary McBurney McCarrell.

Miss McCarrell was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, Hickory Women's Club, and Mt. Pleasant Township Historical Society Library.

She attended schools in Hickory, as well as the Washington Seminary and Muskingham College.

For three years she taught school at Primrose and for 37 years at Hickory, now the Fort Cherry School District. She was a member of Washington County Retired Teachers Association and the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

Surviving are several cousins.



DIES — Mary Marthetta McCarrell of Hickory died Tuesday, July 4, 1989. She had been a teacher in the Fort Cherry School District for 40 years.

William Byron McCracken

*Former owner/operator
of Ole Hickory Inn*



William Byron (Bill) McCracken, 60, of Washington, died at 8:40 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2007, in his residence, following a one-year illness.

He was born September 18, 1946, in Glendale, W.Va., a son of Betty Ruth Chase McCarrell of Washington and the late Basil McCracken Jr.

A 1964 McGuffey High School graduate, Mr. McCracken graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with an accounting degree and became a certified public accountant.

He was Catholic and the owner/operator of Ole Hickory Inn for 23 years.

Mr. McCracken loved going to amusement parks and riding roller coasters. He also enjoyed boating, the trolley museum in Arden, going to the symphony, visiting the beach and ocean and traveling to New York City.

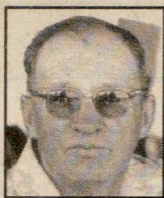
Surviving, in addition to his mother, are two brothers, Robert (Linda) McCracken of Madison, Tenn., and Basil F. (Dorothy) McCracken of Wyanet, Ill.; a sister, Bonnie Bitz, with whom he made his home; two nieces who were like children to him, Stephanie Bitz and Erin Simpson; a niece, Brianna Alexander; and a nephew, Scott McCracken.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 395 East Maiden Street, Washington, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Burial will follow in Claysville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hillman Cancer Center, Brain Cancer Program Development, 5150 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

Additional information and guest book are online at www.NealFuneralHome.com.

John H. McDowell Jr.

Member of Mt. Prospect
United Presbyterian Church



John H.
McDowell Jr., 82,
of East
Washington,
formerly of
Hickory, died
Tuesday, March
31, 1998, in

Washington Hospital.

He was born December 23, 1915, in Mt. Pleasant Township, a son of John and Margaret McPeak McDowell.

Mr. McDowell was a member of Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church, Hickory, a member of the Hickory Lions Club, Indian Springs Rod and Gun Club, served as a member of Mt. Prospect Cemetery Board and attended Hickory High School. He enjoyed golfing.

Prior to his retirement in 1980, he was a truck driver for Russell Industries, Bridgeville.

On December 25, 1937, in Hickory, he married Myrtle Neil, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, John Howard McDowell III of Pittsburgh; a daughter, Mary Jo Williams of McMurray; two granddaughters, Cathleen Danley Seybert and Gretchen Lynn Danley; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, James McDowell, who was killed in World War II; and two sisters, Sally Davis and Katherine James.



Donna Jean Kumer

Donna Jean Kumer, 86, of Hickory, died Thursday, May 19, 2022, in Woodside Place, Washington.

She was born October 18, 1935, in Washington, a daughter of the late James and Veronica Schmit McFarland.

Donna graduated from Hickory High School and was a homemaker.

She enjoyed bingo, getting her hair and nails done, and going out to eat and to the casino. She watched game shows on tv and was an avid Steelers fan. She made the best chicken noodle soup. Donna loved sitting on the porch at her daughter's farm and attending grandchildren's sporting events.

On June 5, 1953, Donna married John Kumer, who died December 26, 2016.

Surviving is a son, Ralph A. Kumer (the late Frances), of Washington; a daughter, Terri L. McGinnis (Richard), of Washington; grandchildren, Carly McGinnis, Richard McGinnis, Gregory J. Kumer, Jr., Joshua Kumer, Laken Kumer, Bridgette Davis, Linda Buchert, Marcy Morosko, Jackie Ann Gurdish, Timmy Reedy, Jennifer Poland, Thomesina Sonson; several great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Sherri Kumer, of Hickory.

Preceding her in death were son, Gregory J. Kumer; daughter, Cindy R. Poland; and brother, James McFarland.

Friends and family will be received from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2022, in William G. Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where a service will be held Thursday, May 26, at 12 p.m.

Interment to follow in National Cemetery of the Alleghenies with her husband.

Additional information and a guest book are available at NealFuneralHome.com.

Samuel B. McMillan

**Worked at Fort Pitt
Bridge Works in Canonsburg**

Samuel Brady McMillan, 79, of 490 Westland Road, Hickory, died Tuesday, March 23, 1993, in his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 15, 1913, in Hickory, son of John Hunter McMillan and Louetta Ayres McMillan.

Mr. McMillan was Protestant.

A steelworker, he was retired from the former Fort Pitt Bridge Works of Canonsburg. He was a member of United Steelworkers of America.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Anna Marth McMillan; a son, Samuel R. McMillan of Hickory; a daughter, Georgia Winland of Brilliant, Ohio; a brother, Alvin McMillan of McDonald; and three grandchildren, Smauel Brady McMillan, Russell Winland and Jessica McMillan.

Deceased are eight brothers and six sisters.

Marianne Shumaker

Marianne Shumaker, 92, of Hickory, died Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

She was born November 2, 1929, in Pittsburgh.

For 18 years, Mrs. Shumaker worked for Fort Cherry School District in its cafeteria.

She enjoyed reading, building puzzles, crafts and painting.

Mrs. Shumaker was a member of Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

On June 28, 1947, she married Wilbur Shumaker, who died August 23, 2012.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda (James, deceased) Sparks, Susan (Joey) Lilley, and Kathleen (Doug) Gregg; three grandchildren, Kelley Sparks, Jami (Vincent) Volk, and Lorianne (Paul) Ethridge; four great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn O'Bryon, Connor Allen, Sarrah Ethridge, and Wynston Ethridge; and two great-great grandchildren, Rylee Davis and Dakota Davis.



At the request of the deceased, all services were private.

Arrangements were entrusted to William G. Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., Washington.

Additional information and guest book are available at www.NealFuneralHome.com.



FORMER ATLASBURG GIRL LOSES LIFE IN OIL FIRE

Ruby Melvin, aged 13 years, a former student of the Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational high school was one of nine persons who lost their lives when the oil gusher, Struble No. 1, caught fire at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, Sunday. She was among those trapped by flaming oil and died in a hospital Monday.

She was the daughter of John Melvin, field superintendent of the oil company; and had gone out with her father to view the gusher which came in on Saturday after it had been shot. Some one in the crowd that had gone out Sunday to see the gusher dropped a lighted cigarette and the fire immediately followed. Mr. Melvin was also seriously burned.

Mr. Melvin had worked for a time in the Hickory and Cross Creek fields in this county and it was at that time his daughter had attended school at Hickory.

Amelia Meriage Whitaker

Amelia Meriage Whitaker, 85, of McDonald, Mt. Pleasant Township, passed away on Saturday, August 20, 2022, in Bridgeville Rehab Care Center.

Amelia was born on February 8, 1937, in Primrose, a daughter of the late George and Florence Lewis Meriage.

Ms. Whitaker was a retired legal secretary for Pecori Law Firm. She was also a member a Center United Presbyterian Church in Midway.

Amelia loved life and she was very fond of enjoying her life and living it to the fullest.



In her earlier years, Amelia served in the U.S. Air Force for eight years. She was even lucky enough to work in Paris and travel through Europe with the Air Force. After traveling for two years with them she was sent back to the United States to work in the Pentagon for the remainder of her service time.

Amelia also loved spending time at the horse races and testing her luck at the casino. But the simplest thing could make her happy. In fact, sitting on her porch with a cold beer was really her favorite place to be.

Amelia is survived by her siblings: Marie A. (Ronald) Snyder and Stanley (Nancy Ely) Meriage; sister-in-law, Diane Meriage; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Paul Meriage.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Thomas-Little Funeral Service Inc., 314 W. Lincoln Avenue, McDonald, 724-926-2800.

Nora M. Phillips

Nora M. Phillips, 65, of Hickory, died Wednesday, March 18, 1987, in Washington Hospital.

She was born November 9, 1921, in Erie Mine, a daughter of Wilbur Lee and Nora Virginia Moore. She retired from the Hickory Post Office in 1981.

She was a member, Sunday school superintendent and former elder of Hickory United Presbyterian Church and a member of the church women's association. She was secretary-treasurer of the Mt. Prospect Cemetery Association, and a charter member and historian of the Hickory Lioness Club.

On December 15, 1950, she married Joseph Clark Phillips, who died September 22, 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Lois M. Phillips, at home; a son, Thomas L. Phillips of Hickory; two granddaughters, Melissa A. and Amy L. Phillips; five brothers, Wilbur A. Moore of Hickory, Samuel T. Moore of McDonald, Charles E. Moore of Burgettstown, Harry P. Moore of Clarington, Ohio, and William H. Moore of Fredonia; three sisters, Alma L. Schwab of Burgettstown, Mary L. Wilson of Hickory and Martha Jane Briggs of Burgettstown.

Mary Evelyn Morgan McCarrell

Mary "Evelyn" Morgan McCarrell, 100, entered into the very presence of her beloved Savior at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Schwenksville, PA on May 24, 2022.

Evelyn was born on September 30, 1921, on McDonald Road near Hickory, PA. She was the daughter of the late Leroy Shelly Morgan and Marie Milliron Morgan.

Evelyn was a 1939 graduate of Hickory Vocational High School and attended Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing.

She was the beloved wife of Jay W. McCarrell for 75 years until his passing in 2017. She and Jay were married in her parents' home on December 30, 1941. They raised their three children on the farm where The Meadows is currently located. In 1965, when that farm was sold, they bought the Red Mailbox Farm in Eighty Four where they raised Black Angus and quality hay which won international awards. She wrote a "book" about her early days growing up in "The Big House on the Bend" and for 50 years she kept a detailed journal of her daily activities.

Evelyn was an avid reader of the Bible and taught Sunday School to elementary age children and Release Time classes in local public schools. In addition, she was known as "Aunt Evelyn" to hundreds of children and adults who took The Mailbox Club, Bible lessons through her tutorage. Her family and friends will miss her intercessory prayer for them and others around the world. Her one desire was that her family, including children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren along with anyone she met, would



have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 Even in her later years, she was giving out New Testaments and sharing her faith with staff and residents while living at Strabane Trails and Woods.

She was a member of North Ten Mile Baptist Church in Amity where she served as a mission advocate. Evelyn and her husband were also members of The Gideons International whose purpose is to make the Word of God available to everyone.

Surviving are three children: Jerry (Barbara) McCarrell of Quarryville, Judy (Pedro) Ruiz of Schwenksville, and Jay (Barb) McCarrell Jr. of Rancho Mission Viejo, CA. She is survived by 7 grandchildren: Debby (John) Schaefer, Ryan (Kristin) Ruiz, Kyle (Lynn) McCarrell, Carina (Ron) Marchese, Jay (Chelsea) McCarrell III, Julissa (Chris) Peters, and Jeff McCarrell. Also surviving are 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are two sisters, Helen Jane Morgan Gray and Ethel Marie Morgan Tuttle.



The family expresses their deep appreciation to Judy and Pedro Ruiz for the loving and compassionate care given Mom over the last 22 months.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, June 9 at William G. Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., 925 Allison Ave., Washington, PA. Additional visitation will be held at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Friday, June 10, followed by a celebration of life service at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Gary Schneider officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Evelyn's memory to the missions work of North Ten Mile Baptist Church, 322 Ridge Church Rd, Amity, PA 15311, Child Evangelism Outreach, Inc., 1654 Park Ave. Washington, PA 15301, or The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214.

Additional information and guestbook are available at www.NealFuneralHome.com



Alex Nagy

Former owner of Susie Q Tavern in Hickory

Alex Nagy, 88, of Hickory, died Thursday, February 17, 2000, in Canonsburg Hospital.

Born August 26, 1911, in Blaine, Ohio, he was a son of Louis and Julia Nagy.

Mr. Nagy and his wife had been owners of Susie Q Tavern in Hickory.

He was a life member of Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 127, Canonsburg, and Westland Sportsman's Club.

He also was a 50-year member of Fraternal Order of Eagles in Bridgeport, Ohio.

On August 16, 1940, he married Anna R. Skripek, who died December 8, 1996.

Surviving are a son, Charles Nagy of Hickory; a daughter, Barbara Moninger of Washington; five grandchildren, Bradley John Wurtzer, Krista Lee Miller, Kimberly Renee Hanna, and Craig C. Nagy and Tiffany R. Nagy; two great-granddaughters; and two sisters, Mary Tingler and Goldie Sinkhorn, both of Bridgeport, Ohio.

Three brothers, Kalman, Julius and Frank Nagy, are deceased.

NAGY – Friends of Alex Nagy of Hickory, who died Thursday, February 17, 2000, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston, where services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, February 21, with the Rev. Robert Brooks officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Woodruff Family Services, L.L.P.



Helen B. Brown

Hickory basketball star ran Brown's Greenhouses

Helen B. Brown died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2008, surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born May 15, 1914, in McDonald, the only child of John and Caroline Paskutis. Her family went back to Kaunas, Lithuania, and there she spent her early childhood. When World War I threatened their home, they moved to several other places, including St. Petersburg, Russia.

Eventually, she found herself awaiting passage to America aboard the *Majestic* from Southampton, England, and passed through Ellis Island as a 10-year-old.

Learning English was easy for her. She already knew five other languages. She was an avid reader and quickly became the class tutor. She skipped grades in school and transferred from Cecil to Hickory High School.

Besides being an academic standout, she was athletically gifted. She excelled in track, but was best known as a basketball star. As captain, she led her team to a division title in March 1929, when she set a scoring record of 76 field-goal and 20 foul-shot points. She was featured in *Ripley's Believe It Or Not*, and the record is thought to be intact today.

At 16, she graduated from Hickory as the May Queen and valedictorian. Her former high school, Cecil, honored her at graduation.

Following graduation, she played basketball with the Coca-Cola All Stars, a semi-pro team. She studied nursing at Mercy Hospital, but even with a scholarship, the Great Depression forced an end to her career aspirations.

She had a love for beauty and flowers and found her talent as a floral designer. She and her husband, William, ran Brown's Greenhouses in Hickory. Besides gardening, she also loved collecting antiques, sewing, interior decorating, traveling and especially ballroom dancing. Waltzing was her specialty.

Mrs. Brown enjoyed cards and belonged to Hickory Bridge Club. She was past president of McDonald Garden and Hickory Women's clubs.

Surviving are sons Ronald of Pittsburgh, John of Bucks County and Thomas of McMurray; a daughter, Sally Brown-Pawlosky of Hickory; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She also will be missed by her dog, Lassie, and loyal cat, Bunnie.

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 (724-926-2800). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, March 17, in St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, McDonald.

Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

Please sign the guest book online at www.thomas-littlefuneralservice.com.

MRS. SUSAN PHILLIP COWDEN

Mrs. Susan Phillip Cowden, 74, wife of W. B. Cowden, of Hickory, died at her home this morning at 12 05 a. m., after a lingering illness.

She had lived in Hickory all her life and was an active member of the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church, a member of the Womens Missionary Society and a regular attendant as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by her husband and the following children: five sons, Harry, Kline, Andrew, Glen and James, all of Hickory; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Toward, Hickory; Mrs. Wilda Porter, Washington, Mrs. Eleanor Perrin, Coraopolis, Mrs Martha Jane Borland, of Hartford, Conn. Six sisters and a brother also survive.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

William M. Piazza

Longtime Mt. Pleasant
Fire Department member

William M. (Bill) Piazza, 71, of Southview, died Friday, August 29, 2003, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born April 4, 1932, in Herminie, a son of Joseph Sr. and Teresa Mezzorabba Piazza.

Mr. Piazza retired from LTV Steel Corp. in 1981 and was a member of United Steel Workers of America in Aliquippa.

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

Mr. Piazza was a member of St. Mary Church in Cecil and St. Vincent DePaul Society of Guardian Angel Church.

He was a 33-year member of Mt. Pleasant Township Fire Department, where he was one of the founders of the Hickory Apple Festival.

His first wife, June Zimmerman Piazza, died March 5, 1986.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Klaric Fedell Piazza; a son, William J. Piazza of Holly Springs, N.C.; four stepchildren, Deborah, Thomas and Mitchell Fedell, all of Aliquippa, and Edward Fedell of Chippewa; a sister, Eleanore Ravitz of Detroit, Mich.; two brothers, Joseph Piazza Jr. of Southview and Felix Piazza of Washington; and five grandchildren, Rebecca and Michael Piazza, and Leah, Lori and Brandon Fedell.

Deceased are two brothers, John and Amelio Piazzon.

PIAZZA – Friends of William M. (Bill) Piazza of Southview, who died Friday, August 29, 2003, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in Eugene C. Coleman Funeral Home, Route 50, Cecil. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 2, 2003, in St. Mary Church, Cecil, with the Rev. Robert Connolly as celebrant. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Gardens, McMurray.

Henry Pirih

Bronze Star recipient

Henry Pirih, 83, of McCarrell Road, Hickory, died Friday, May 7, 1999, in Washington County Health Center.

He was born October 23, 1915, in Burgettstown, a son of John and Mary Pirih.

Mr. Pirih was employed at Climax-Molybdenum of Langeloth, retiring in 1987.

He was a member of St. John's Russian Orthodox Church in Canonsburg.

Mr. Pirih was a veteran of World War II, serving as a medic in company 105 of the Army infantry and fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts of Burgettstown and the SNPJ Lodge of Burgettstown.

Mr. Pirih was a former horse owner at Ladbroke At, The Meadows, and he was a member of the Two Minute Club and the U.S. Trotting Association.

On November 20, 1943, he married Eva Matyuf, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Pirih of Hickory; a daughter, Marian Krol of Hickory; two grandchildren, Michael and Marisa Pirih; a brother, Ben Pirih of Upland Calif.; two sisters, Caroline Kopolovich of Washington and Poldi Rozmus of Atlasburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a brother, John Pirih; and two sisters, Amelia Hardy and Mary Creo.

PIRIH - Friends of Henry Pirih of McCarrell Road, Hickory, who died Friday, May 7, 1999, will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in Bogan Funeral Homes Inc., 164 West Pike Street, Canonsburg. A blessing service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 10, in the funeral home, followed by services at 10 a.m. in St. John's Russian Orthodox Church, Canonsburg with the Rev. Joseph Oleynik officiating. Interment will be in Oak Spring Cemetery, Canonsburg. Full military rites will be accorded by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 191 and American Legion Post 902. Parastas services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Martha J. Miller

Member of Hickory

UP Church

Martha J. Miller, 81, of Hickory, died at 6:10 p.m. Monday, March 27, 2000, in Washington County Health Center, Washington.

She was born May 9, 1918, in Cross Creek, a daughter of John and Nannie Thompson Powelson.

Mrs. Miller was a graduate of Hickory High School.

She worked as a cosmetologist, manager and sales representative for Sarah Coventry and was a sales representative for C.A. Reed.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, Hickory Women's Club and Mt. Prospect Historical Society.

On October 28, 1938, she married William C. Miller, who died February 16, 1987.

Surviving are a son, John C. Miller of the Hickory area; and a grandson, Dennis Schurr of Hopedale, Ohio.

Mrs. Miller was the last of her immediate family.

Deceased are a son, William Rex Miller; two brothers, Ralph and Leonard Scott Powelson; and four sisters, Helen Findling, Alverda Stewart, Ruth Biernesser and Pearl Spense.

MILLER – Friends of Martha J. Miller of Hickory, who died Monday, March 27, 2000, will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Jerome A. Stefkovich Funeral Home Inc., 18 Campbell Street, Avella, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 31, with the Rev. Doug Reinard, pastor of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

Thelma Raab Doumont

*Mt. Pleasant Twp. resident,
Center U.P. Church member*



Thelma E. Raab Doumont, 91, of Mt. Pleasant Township, died Friday, June 6, 2008, in Weirton (W.Va.)

Medical Center, as a result of a fall in her home.

She was born July 27, 1916, on the family farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, a daughter of Henry G. and Mary Kaste Raab.

Mrs. Doumont was a 1934 graduate of Hickory High School, where she was a member of its girls basketball team.

On December 24, 1936, in Center United Presbyterian Church, Midway, she married Joseph H. Doumont, who died August 9, 1965.

She worked in the Fort Cherry High School cafeteria, retiring in 1986 after 20 years of service.

Mrs. Doumont was a member of Center United Presbyterian Church, where she had served as a deacon, Mariners group of the church, Mt. Pleasant Township Farm Women and McDonald and Midway senior citizens.

She enjoyed baking and

She enjoyed baking and cooking for her large family and traveling with her sister.

Surviving are four children, Jane (Earl) Phillis of Mt. Pleasant Township, Verne (Patricia) Doumont of Eldersville, Dale (Shirley) Doumont of Hickory and Janet (Richard) Cox of Oakdale; 10 grandchildren, William Phillis, Joseph (Paula) Phillis, Sherry (John) McGivern, Judith (Tom) Bayer, Dale (Michelle) Doumont, Verne (Julie) Doumont, Lori (Butch) Shuman, Timothy Doumont, Jason (Christina) Cox and Michelle Vereb; a sister, Ida Mae Walker of Hickory; 22 great-grandchildren, Rachel, Ben and Luke Phillis, Logan, Karlyn and Evan Bayer, Melissa, Johanna and Victoria McGivern, Tanner, Elizabeth, Susan and Gwen Doumont, Christina, Nick and Rebecca Shuman, Jenna and Shanna Doumont, Austin Rudy, Noah, Wyatt and Gunnar Vereb; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are a son, Glenn H. Doumont; a grandson, Eric Cox; a great-grandson, Dillon Doumont; a brother, Harry Raab; and sisters Dora Schwab and Selena Raab.

Memorial contributions may be made to Center United Presbyterian Church of Midway.

Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in Nation Funeral Home Inc., 220 East Lincoln Avenue, McDonald. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 9, in Center United Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Center Cemetery. The family requests memorial donations be sent to Center United Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 563, Midway, PA 15060.

James A. Reedy

James A. Reedy, 78, of Burgettstown, passed away after a two month illness in Allegheny General Hospital on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

James was born on August 10, 1943, son of Claire Reedy and Hilda G. Wagner. He was a 1961 graduate of Fort Cherry High School. After High School, he married Sally Reedy the love of his life, and best friend for 60 years.

James became a Mechanical Foreman at Testa Machine Company, where he had worked for over 30 years.

He enjoyed going on walks, being a jack of all trades, and volunteering at the Burgettstown Kids Center for many years.

James was known as "Pap" to every child in Burgettstown, being a pap meant the world to him. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Hilda Wagner; and brother, Robert Reedy.

Survived by wife, Sally Reedy; son, James (MaryAnn) Reedy; grandchildren, Jim, Joe, and Julia; brothers, Wes



(Susan) Reedy, of Mich., and Dave (Donna) Reedy of Colorado; sister, Bonnie (Mike) Kolano, of Colorado; sister-in-law, Nancy Reedy, of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation for James will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at Young Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc., 23 Erie Mine Road, Burgettstown. 724-947-2049 www.youngfhinc.com.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021, officiated by Reverend Tina Hossler.

Burial to follow at Mt. Prospect Cemetery.



William Edward Reedy Jr.

William Edward "Bill" Reedy Jr., 58, of Washington, died Saturday, January 1, 2022, in his home.

He was born December 22, 1964, in Washington, a son of the late William Edward Reedy Sr., and Dolores Mae Kovatch Reedy.

Mr. Reedy graduated from Immaculate Conception High School and was the owner/operator of Pennsylvania Solar Energy.

He was Christian by faith. A wonderful father, Mr. Reedy did everything for his children.

He enjoyed car racing of all kinds, from Formula One to drag racing, as well as hunting and fishing.

Surviving are two sons, Zachary (Kayla) Reedy and Blake Reedy; a daughter, Jennifer Reedy, all of Washington; two sisters, Cindy Reedy of Washington, and Pam (Ray) Heron of Charlottesville, Va.; a grandchild, Kensley Reedy; and several nieces and nephews.

He also leaves behind his bulldog, Tammy.

Friends will be received from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, January 7, in William G. Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 8. Burial will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

Additional information and guest book are available at www.NealFuneralHome.com.

Pamela Lynn Reedy Heron

October 9, 1954 - May 13, 2022

Pamela Lynn “Pam” Reedy Heron peacefully departed from her earthly life Friday, May 13, 2022, in her home in Charlottesville, Va., surrounded by her loving family.

Pam was the second child born October 9, 1954, in Hickory, to the late William E. and Delores Kovatch Reedy.

Pam was preceded in death by her younger brother, Billy.

She is survived by her loving husband, J. Raymond “Ray” Heron; and her three sons, Shawn (Brooke), Eric, and Patrick (Charlotte). She was promoted to grandmother in 2005 and has six beautiful grandchildren, Tyler, Jacob, Ainsley, Lily, Evelyn “Evee”, and Edward “Eddy”. She is also survived by her older sister and best friend, Cynthia “Cindy” Reedy of Washington; and Ms. Amanda Spigone, the mother of Tyler, Jacob, and Lily Heron, who held a special place in Pam’s heart as well. Also, surviving are many nieces, nephews, and cousins who were all loved by Pam.

Pam snagged her life-long partner, Ray, after “losing” her earring in his car, which ultimately led to a beautiful marriage in September of 1974 and they’ve never looked back.

She graduated from Immaculate Conception (IC) High School in Washington.



Pam wore many hats: she was a hairdresser, a florist, and a cable dispatcher for many years, but her best and the most rewarding job was wife to her best friend and a mother to her three very raucous boys. She was an animal lover and would bring home any size animal almost daily.

Pam fought and mostly won a battle with Multiple Sclerosis; the disease ravaged her body but was impotent against her spirit. Everyone knew her as beautiful and sweet, the beautiful was certainly accurate, but the sweet belied a feisty and strong-willed character.

In accordance with Pam’s wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial services. Instead, please send donations, prayers, and remembrances to: Holy Comforter Catholic Church, 208 East Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902, phone (434) 295-7185(email: office@holycomforterparish.org).

Edward B. Richards

Canon-McMillan School District teacher Edward "Buzz" Brian Richards, 42, of Washington, died Thursday in Washington Hospital.

Mr. Richards, formerly of Hickory in Mount Pleasant Township, taught in the district for 20 years. At the time of his death, he also was girls' volleyball coach at Canon-McMillan High School.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, and the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

Mr. Richards was a 1966 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and a 1971 graduate of California State Teachers College, now known as California University of Pennsylvania.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Martin Richards; his mother, Grace Wade Richards of Hickory; two daughters, Emily and Jill, both at home; two brothers, Mark and Timothy, both of Hickory; and a sister, Sandra Bongiorno of Burgettstown.

Friends will be received from noon to 3 and 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Piatt and Barnhill Funeral Home, 420 Locust Ave., Washington. A funeral mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow in Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, with the Rev. Robert Seeman as celebrant. Burial will be in Washington Cemetery.

Alice V. Rossi Auld

Alice V. Rossi Auld, 89, of Washington, formerly of Chartiers Township, died peacefully, Friday, August 12, 2022, in Southminster Place, her home of the past 12 years. Her devoted daughter was at her side when she went to be with her Lord and Savior.

Alice was born on August 21, 1932, in Hickory, daughter of the late Angelo Rossi and Iva Jane Young Rossi.

She was a graduate of Hickory High School, where she was a majorette in the band, and worked as a hostess and front office assistant at the former Holiday Inn in Washington.

Mrs. Auld was an avid Steelers fan and enjoyed reading, quilting, playing cards, and playing the piano. She was very generous with her time with family, and was involved with her children's and grandchildren's activities, especially sports.

On June 25, 1951, she married Roy Cecil Auld, who died April 29, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Lukich; a son, Michael Auld (Sherry); a sister, Margaret Leopold; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren plus one on the way; and many nieces and nephews, including a very special niece, Cathy Whetzel Larkin (Michael).

Deceased are two sons, R. Edward Auld and Thomas H. Auld; four brothers, Ernest, Harry, William A. and William Rossi; and five sisters, Jane Kraeer, Bessie Popp, Mary Chipps, Pauline Reed, and Angelina King.



Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, in William G. Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, August 17, with Rev. Dr. Jason Hefner officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

The family is very thankful for the wonderful, caring staff at Southminster Place who became like a second family to Alice.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Presbyterian Senior Care Benevolent Fund, 835 South Main Street, Washington, PA 15301, or Faith United Presbyterian Church, 900 East Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301.

Additional information and guestbook are available at www.NealFuneralHome.com.



Barbara R. Cole

*Route 19 seniors
league bowler*

Barbara R. Cole, 92, of Hickory, died Thursday, April 5, 2007, in Washington Hospital.

She was born November 23, 1914, in Cherry Valley, a daughter of Martin and Kathryn Pavlin Runtas.

Mrs. Cole was employed at Delphrates, Babirez Dairy, Meadowbrook Golf Course and Village Green Golf Course.

She was a member of Hickory Farm Women and Washington Senior Center and bowled in a seniors league at Route 19 Bowling Center.

On May 2, 1930, she married Leslie A. Cole, who died in 1971.

Surviving are a son, Henry (Judith) E. Cole of Lake Charles, Fla.; two daughters, Margaret Kotyk of Houston and Shirley Peterson of Niles, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Julia "Jay" (Wayne) Cowden of Cherry Valley.

Deceased are three brothers, Walter, Pete and George Runtas.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., 27 Cherry Avenue, Houston, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 7, with the Rev. Douglas Reinard officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hickory United Presbyterian Church Building Fund or the charity of one's choice.

Add or view tributes at www.mcilvaine-speakmanfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Stewart

70-year Hickory resident

Barbara Stewart, 76, of Hickory, died at 10:20 p.m. Monday, July 14, 2003, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born February 20, 1927, in Detroit, Mich., a daughter of John and Josephine "Dolly" Warner Schofield.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church and Hickory Historical Society.

She was a resident of the Hickory area for the past 70 years.

On February 29, 1948, she married Richard Dean Stewart, who died November 5, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy J. Stewart of Hickory; six grandchildren, Karen, Nathaniel, Jesse, Heather, Crystal and Cassandra; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Jack Schofield of Hickory.

Deceased are a son, Thomas R. Stewart, who died July 5, 2002; a brother, Kenneth Schofield; and a great-granddaughter, who died in infancy.

STEWART – Friends of Barbara Stewart of Hickory, who died Monday, July 14, 2003, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Jerome A. Stefkovich Funeral Home Inc., 18 Campbell Street, Avella. Additional visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., the hour of services, Thursday, July 17, in Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

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.

Mrs. Alrutz was a homemaker all her married life and was not afraid of hard work. She enjoyed her two grandchildren most of all. She also enjoyed attending church, baking, canning and doing yard work with her husband.

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.

Friends will be received from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, with the Rev. Kenneth N. Schott officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. The family is requesting donations to Special Olympics of Pennsylvania, Washington County, Megan Canterna Memorial Scholarship Fund, 144 Cummings Avenue, Houston, PA 15342. Additional information and guest book are available online at www.NealFuneralHome.com.

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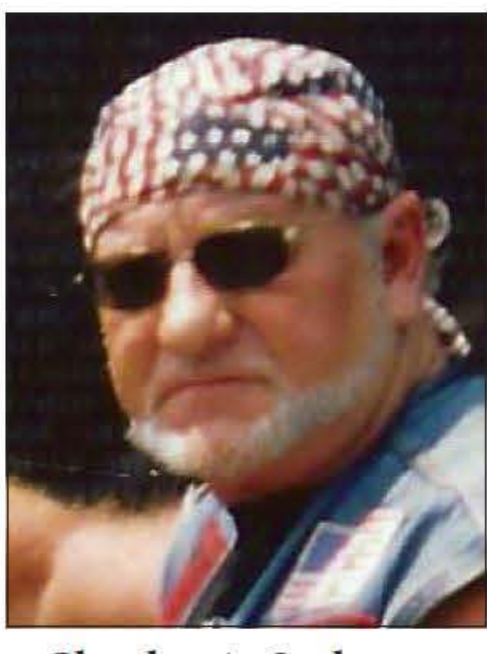
George C. Seitz Jr., 59, of Hickory, died at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 1982, in Washington Hospital after a short illness.

He was born April 15, 1922, in Swissvale, the son of Dr. George C. and Lillian Masters Seitz Sr.

He was a teacher for 34 years, most recently in the Chartiers Valley School District. He had previously taught at Hickory High School.

Mr. Seitz belonged to the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. He was a member of both the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the National Education Association. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Reynolds Seitz; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Jo Anne) Welch of Hickory; one son, David G. Seitz of Waterloo, Iowa; four sisters, Sarah Thompson of Wilkinsburg, Marion Whitfield of Chambersburg, Margaret Myers of Farmville, Va. and Georgia Pardee of Columbus, Ohio; and three grandchildren, James D. Seitz, Heather Anne Welch and Elizabeth Jean Welch.



Charles A. Sethman

Heaven was needing a Hero as Charles A. "Butch" Sethman, 72, of Hickory, died Wednesday, July 6, 2022 in VA- Oakland.

He was born December 6, 1949 in Westland, son of the late Charles E. and Betty V. Snedeker Sethman.

He was a member of Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club W-Chapter, American Legion Post 902 Houston, Canonsburg VFW 191, Westland Sportsman's Club, Palanka Sportsman's Association, Arden Athletic Club, and the Bears Club – Den 83 Meadows.

He enjoyed being at camp, fishing, was a great fan of fast cars and riding his motorcycle. He was a proud Veteran and advocated for other veterans.

He worked as a Truck Driver and maintenance man for Greif Brothers.

Surviving are his wife, Deborah Chabassol Sethman of Hickory; two sons, Shawn (Erin) Sethman of Imperial, and Scott Sethman of Houston; grandchildren, Halee, Alyssa, Delaney and Avery; and his baby girl dog, Ada; as well as many other relationships built solely on love.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 10 at the Coleman-Taylor Funeral Services, 3378 Millers Run Road, Cecil, where services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 11, 2022 with Pastor Stephen Thomas officiating.

Interment will be in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Township at 10 a.m. on July 14, 2022 with full military honors by the Canonsburg VFW 191 Honor Guard and U.S Army.

Donald R. Shaffer

Retired electrician was
World War II Navy veteran

Donald R. Shaffer, 71, of
Wabash Avenue, Hickory, died
Thursday, April 29, 1993, in his
home.

He was born November 24, 1921
in Mercer, a son of Harvey and
Blanche Henderson Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer was a member of
Hickory United Presbyterian
Church and a World War II Navy
veteran.

He worked for Columbia Gas
Co. as an electrician, retiring in
1986.

On October 23, 1948, he married
Barbara Bedillion, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter,
Mrs. A. Thomas (Betsy) Kiefer of
Hickory; a son, Ric Shaffer of San
Diego, Calif.; a grandson, Matthew
Burk; and two brothers, Robert
Shaffer of Kalispell, Mont., and
John Shaffer of Fremont, Calif.

Deceased are two brothers,
George and William Shaffer.



Albert Shekerko

Albert Shekerko, 77, of Hickory, passed away on July 23, 2022. He was born on May 3, 1945, in Canonsburg, a son of the late John and Christine Shekerko.

Albert worked at McGraw-Edison for 31 years until retirement. He also had his own trucking business which he loved. Albert was always reading the newspaper, working on tractors, and working on something in the garage.

He was a loving grandfather, father figure, and fiance of 43 years. He was so loved and will be missed by many.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by sisters, Anna Mae O'Donnell and Margaret Shekerko; brother, Thomas Shekerko; and his twin grandchildren, Jakob and Zoey Broutin.

He is survived by his fiancée Diana Kotouch and her daughter April (Paul) Broutin; sister, Nancy Nemeth; two brothers; Bob (Caren) Shekerko, John (Linda) of Las Vegas, aunt, Jean Macik; children, Molly (Shekerko) McKee, Albert (Bo) Shekerko, and Mike Shekerko; five grandchildren, John, Tommy, and Jesse McKee, Cash Shekerko, and Brady Broutin, and several great-grandchildren.

Friends and family will be received from 2 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, at Young Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. 23 Erie Mine Road, Burgettstown PA 15021 (724) 947-2049 www.youngfhinc.com. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, at the funeral home. Interment to follow at Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

Vance M. Smith Jr.

Hickory native founded
Bakerstown company

Vance M. Smith Jr., 75, of Vero Beach, Fla., formerly of Richland Township, Gibsonia, died unexpectedly Wednesday, December 26, 2001, in Indian River Memorial Hospital, Florida.

He was born April 10, 1926, in Hickory, a son of Vance M. Sr. and Jane Minerva Morgan Smith.

Mr. Smith was founder and former president of Bakerstown Container Corp.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Smith was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, Bent Pine Golf Club in Vero Beach, Oakmont County Club and Rolling Rock Club in Ligonier.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Elizabeth Crawford Smith; a son, Vance M. Smith III of Pittsburgh; two daughters, Barbara Rigby of Sugar Land, Texas, and Shelly Camissa of Oakmont; three brothers, James Arthur and Robert Smith, both of McDonald, and Richard Smith of Hickory; four sisters, Olive Ferrell of Hickory, Dorothy Walker of McDonald, Robert Ferrar of Neenah, Wis., and Elsie Smith of McMurray; and eight grandchildren.

A brother, Paul Smith, is deceased.

Private services will be held Sunday at the Inn at Oakmont, with private burial Monday in Crawford Memorial Cemetery in Emlenton. Memorial donations may be made to Western Pennsylvania Golf Association Scholarship Fund. Arrangement are by Schellhaas Funeral Home Ltd., 5864 Heckert Road, Bakerstown.

Anthony W. Spada

Anthony W. Spada, 71, of Hickory, died Monday, March 31, 1986, in Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh.

He was born December 14, 1914, in Cherry Valley, a son of Vincenzo and Regina Rizzotto Spada.

Mr. Spada was a retired coal miner, who had been employed at the Westland Mine. He was a member of the UMWA Local Number 2026.

He was a member of the Cherry Valley and Westland Sportmen's clubs.

Surviving are his wife, Jean Boni Spada; one daughter, Toni Spada at home; one sister, Irma Baronick of Summersville, W.Va.; a half sister, Mary Bozic of Washington, and a half brother, Albert Costa of Cherry Valley.

Deceased are his stepfather, Leopolda Costa, and a half brother, John Costa.

James M. Spiller

James M. (Jamo) Spiller, 45, of Hickory R.D.1, formerly of West Greene Street, Waynesburg, died Wednesday, May 17, 1989, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, following a lengthy illness.

He was born July 13, 1943, in Houston, a son of Armeda Gibellino Spiller Martorana of Hickory and the late James Spiller.

He was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Spiller was a member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

He was employed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, where he worked with the Food and Cover Corps, the Farm and Game Management Project, and also served as a deputy wildlife conservation officer.

Mr. Spiller was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was engaged to marry Joanne Dire of Hickory.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are a sister, Joylene Markish of Hickory; his stepfather, Frank Martorana of Hickory; two nieces, Pamela Bezusko and Tracey Engel; and a nephew, Bernard Guidos Jr.

Robert E. Strike

Robert E. Strike, 71, of Edgewood Avenue, Washington, died at 9:56 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, 1990, in Washington Hospital.

He was born March 20, 1919, in Houston, a son of Jacob E. and Gertrude Dean Strike.

He was employed as a custodian at Western Center until retiring in October 1982.

Mr. Strike was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, where he was a ruling elder and a Sunday school teacher, and was a charter member of the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, where he was a lieutenant and captain.

On March 3, 1945, he married Helen Moore Strike, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert V. Strike of McDonald; two daughters, Mrs. W.R. Alice May (Sue) Eichelberger Jr. of Washington, and Mrs. George (Debbie) Micik Sr. of Washington; one sister, Sarah Sickles of Washington; eight grandchildren, Robbie and Justin Eichelberger, Christina, Michelle and Brian Strike, and George Jr., Joshua and Helen Micik.

Deceased are one brother; one sister; and one grandson, Stephen Eichelberger.

Andy Suwak

Owned Suwak Trucking Co.

Andy Suwak, 83, of Hickory, died Thursday, January 4, 2001, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born January 29, 1917, in Washington, a son of Michael and Mary Kernasevics Suwak.

Prior to retirement, Mr. Suwak owned and was a driver for Andy Suwak Trucking Co.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 25th Bombardier Squadron.

Mr. Suwak was a member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Bulger.

Surviving are his wife, Robert Rometti Suwak, a daughter, Pamela Marie Perenic of Atlanta, Ga.; three brothers, John Suwak of Florida and Nick and Chuck Suwak, both of Washington; and a sister, Helen Artemko of Washington.

Deceased are his first wife, Mary Ann Machak; two brothers, Mike and Pete Suwak; and a sister, Mary Suwak.

SUWAK – Friends of Andy Suwak of Hickory, who died Thursday, January 4, 2001, will be received from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday in Hayden-Taucher Funeral Home, 23 Erie Mine Road, Burgettstown. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, January 8, in St. Ann's Church, Bulger, with the Rev. Rudolph Silvers as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to St. Ann's Church, Bulger, or Hickory Volunteer Fire Department.

Donald C. Tustin

*WWII veteran from Hickory
retired from Forbes Steel*

Donald C. Tustin, 88, of Hickory, died Sunday, December 14, 2003, in Washington Hospital.

He was born September 15, 1915, in Mt. Pleasant Township, a son of Ruebin and Blanche Mull Tustin.

Mr. Tustin attended Hickory High School.

He retired as a maintenance man for Forbes Steel in Canonsburg and had worked as a carpenter.

He was a veteran of World War II who served with the U.S. Army in Germany for most of his active service. He was a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge.

Mr. Tustin was a member of American Legion Post 902 of Houston and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Washington.

He enjoyed working with cars and doing yard work.

On February 15, 1935, he married Lorna Jean Fee, who died December 15, 2003.

Surviving are four daughters, Jean Bedillion and Donna Walker, both of Hickory, Carol Schwartz of Canonsburg and Patricia Sadler of Buffalo, N.Y.; a son, Donald H. Tustin of Washington; five grandchildren, Beth Curtis, Lisa McElhaney, Nicole and Erin Walker and Shannon Stage; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Woodrow Tustin of Washington.

Deceased are two sisters, Edith Morgan and Gladys Prowitt; and three brothers, Clifford, Carl and Marshall Tustin.

Services are private, with arrangements by McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Houston. Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association of Western Pa.

M. Jay Walker

Owned Walker Repair Service



M. Jay Walker, 86, of Hickory, died at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2003, in Washington Hospital, following a one-year illness.

He was born June 23, 1917, in Ruff Creek, a son of Edward Ross and Lydia Ella Kughn Walker.

Mr. Walker was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

He owned and operated Walker Repair Service for 30 years and was employed by the Farm Bureau for 25 years.

Mr. Walker served in the U.S. Army during World War II and Korean War. During World War II, he trained Japanese-Americans for European service.

He was a member of Edwin Scott Linton American Legion Post 175; one of the founding members of South Strabane Fire Department No. 1, where he served as chief for 19 years; and a member of Hickory Fire Department.

He enjoyed Pittsburgh sports and deer hunting.

On September 13, 1975, he married Ida Mae Raab, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Duane Walker and Don Reed, both of Hickory; two daughters, Donna Jean Boswell of Washington and Mary Elizabeth Stolze of Cross Creek; a sister, Dorothea Frances Mooney of Nineveh; nine grandchildren, Shawn, Nicole and Erin Walker, Richard and Kristi Boswell, Cheryl Semerod, Sherri Kumer, Don Reed Jr. and Brian Stolze; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are four brothers, Carroll, James, David and Edward Walker; and a sister, Helen Eisiminger.

WALKER - Friends of M. Jay Walker of Hickory, who died Tuesday, December 30, 2003, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and noon until 1:30 p.m., the hour of service, Saturday, January 3, in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., 395 East Maiden Street, Washington, with the Rev. R. Douglas Reinard officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. Military rites will be accorded graveside by Edwin Scott Linton American Legion Post 175. Additional information and tributes are online at www.NealFuneralHome.com.

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. A memorial service will be held at noon Thursday, March 2, in Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Memorial contributions can be made to American Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Houston. Please add or view tributes at www.mcilvaine-speakmanfuneralhome.com.

Richard C. Wallace

Richard C. Wallace, 83, of Hickory, died Wednesday, July 20, 2022. He was born April 25, 1939, in Titusville, a son of Chandler and Evelyn Hodges Wallace.

Mr. Wallace proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He was a lifetime member of the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Richard Vaux Masonic Lodge #454, as a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. Wallace enjoyed gardening, could fix anything and especially enjoyed time spent with his family and friends.

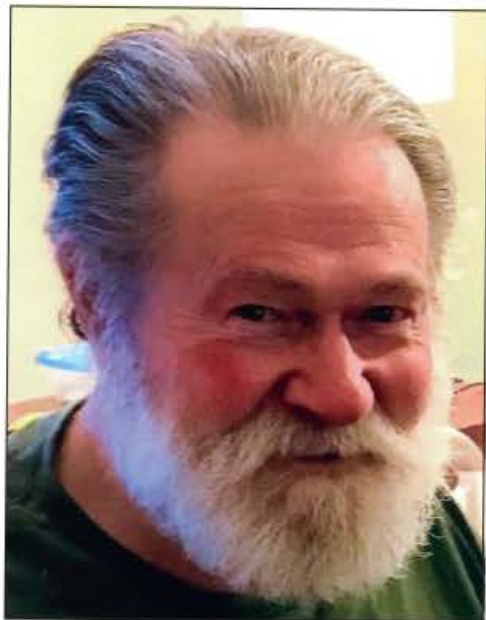
Prior to his retirement, he worked as an Electrical Engineer at R.C.A and A.R.L., and its affiliates.

On February 20, 1965, he married his loving wife, Carol Dixon Wallace, with whom he shared over 57 years of marriage.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Carol; are his daughters, Kimberly (Lucian) Livolsi, of Canonsburg and Jennifer (Jeff) Brezinski, of Hickory; his sister, Carolyn (Joe) Wiggins, of South Carolina; four grandchildren, Tyler (Hannah) Brezinski, Zachary (Caitlin) Brezinski, Holly Livolsi and Jacob Livolsi; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Jean Wallace.

Friends will be received from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, in the Hickory United



Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 210 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in the Mt. Prospect cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Sollon Funeral and Cremation Services LTD, 30 East College Street, Canonsburg, Phillip L. Sollon, supervisor, 724-746-1000.

The family kindly suggests memorial contributions be made to the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, 106 Main Street, Hickory, PA, 15340; or the Richard Vaux Masonic Lodge, 896 Steubenville Pike, Burgettstown, PA, 15021, in Richard C. Wallace's name.

Please visit www.sollon.com to leave online condolences.

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FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES, LTD.

Willis S. Weagly Jr.

Member of Lions Club

was U.S. Army vet

Willis S. "Bud" Weagly Jr., 82, formerly of Edenton, N.C., passed away Friday, April 19, 2013, in Masonic Village of Elizabethtown.

He was born June 13, 1930, in New Brighton, a son of the late Willis S. and Alberta E. Kross Weagly.

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

He retired from Kopper's Co. as a foreman.

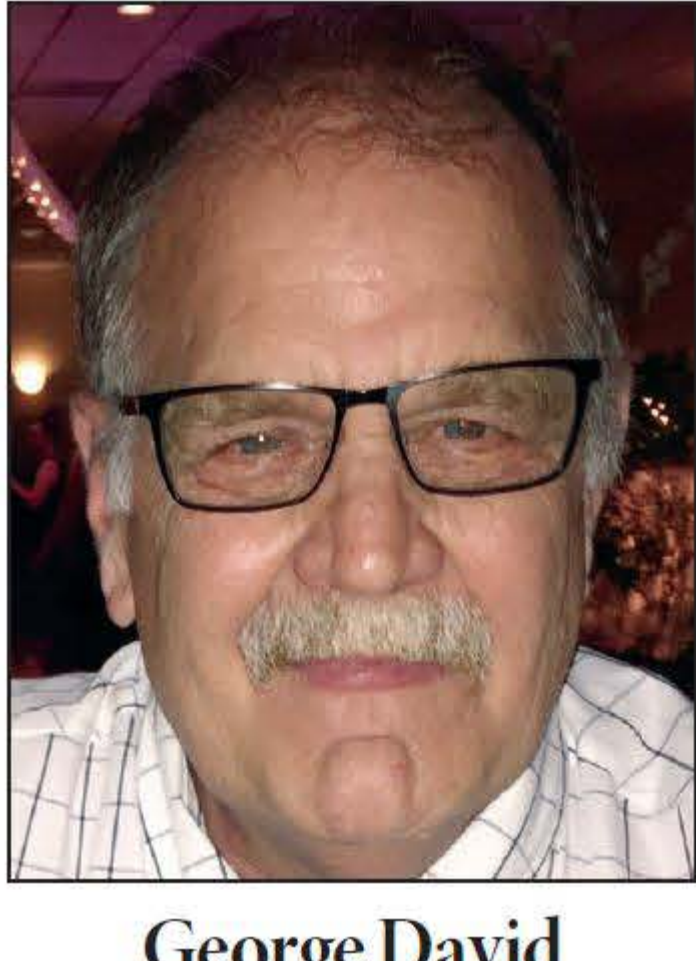
Mr. Weagly was a member of Edenton United Methodist Church, Unanimity Lodge F&AM of Edenton, a longtime member of Lions Club and a member of Albemarle Sound Barbershop Quartet.

He was a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and served on the Governor's One-on-One Program as a mentor.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma J. Hage Weagly; a daughter, Cynthia Frye and husband Ron of Elizabethtown; three sons, Philip Weagly and wife Lesa of Jacksonville, Fla., David Weagly and wife Lori of Quakertown and John Weagly and wife Luann of Winston-Salem, N.C.; eight grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date in Edenton.

Arrangements are under the care of Miller-Sekely Funeral Home & Crematory Inc. of Elizabethtown. View the obituary at www.millerfuneralhome.com.



George David

Weaverling Jr.

George David Weaverling Jr., 66, of Humble, Texas, formerly of Southview, passed away in his home, with his son, Cy by his side, Thursday, February 24, 2022. Dave passed away approximately four years after he lost the love of his life, Garnet "GG" Weaverling, who passed away February 23, 2018.

Dave was born October 21, 1955, one of five children to George David and Sarah Hopkinson Weaverling. Dave graduated from Fort Cherry High School in 1973. During his high school years he wrestled and played football. He was a Pittsburgh sports fan and loved the Steelers.

Dave was employed by PDM in August of 1973 and retired from CB&I (formerly PDM) in January of 2022.

On August 28, 1986, he married Garnet "GG" Girasek.

Surviving are his children, Christy Kampos of Bradenton, Fla., Dave (Lisa) Weaverling Sr. of Burgettstown, and Cyril Weaverling of Humble; grandchildren, Tyler and Dakotah McCalmon, Wendy Moreau, Logan Kampos, Allana (Hunter) Galley and David Weaverling Jr.; siblings, Robin (Todd) Yuhas, Tom (Jeni) Weaverling and Ronnie Weaverling. Dave had multiple nieces and nephews. He was especially close with his niece, Stephanie Yuhas, with whom he shared a special bond.

Deceased, in addition to his parents and wife, is his sister, Karen Simpson.

At this time there will be no public services. Arrangements are entrusted to Rosewood Funeral Home in Texas. The family will have a memorial at a later date, in Pennsylvania, where he and his wife were the happiest.

Welch

M. Reed (Junior) Welch III, 60, of 4111 Talon Lane, Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of Hickory, died in an automobile accident Wednesday, June 1, 1977.

Born June 12, 1916, in Cherry Valley, a son of the late M. Reed Welch and Jean Buchan Welch of Hickory, who survives, he was the former owner and operator of Meadowbrook Golf Course in Hickory and a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

He was also a member of the Richard Vaux Lodge No. 484 Free and Accepted Masons; Pittsburgh Consistory; and Syria Temple. He was presently employed by Carson Ford Sales of Brownsburg, Ind.

Surviving are his widow, Dorothy Beadling Welch; three sons, M. Reed Welch IV of Santa Clara, Calif.; Richard G. Welch and John B. Welch, both of Hickory; one brother, Willard of Lancaster; one grandson, John B. Welch Jr. of Hickory.

IN MEMORY OF
M. REED WELCH III

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DATE OF BIRTH
JUNE 12, 1916

DATE OF DEATH
JUNE 1, 1977

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE
JUNE 6, 1977 11:00 AM

SERVICE FROM
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OFFICIATING
REV. JOHN J. STONER

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ARRANGEMENTS BY
WILLIAM E. SPEAKMAN FUNERAL HOME
27 CHERRY AVENUE
HOUSTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Man killed en route from Beverly funeral

An Indianapolis man who was killed in an auto accident on I-74 in Green Township was returning home after attending the funeral of a relative who died in the Beverly Hills fire.

Police said Matthew Reed Welch Jr., 60, apparently suffered a heart attack and lost control of his car on the interstate highway Wednesday evening as he was en route home from the funeral of Virginia Ramler, 52, of Erlanger, Ky.

Police said Welch was driving westbound on I-74 near the Race Road overpass when the car crossed the center line, went through the eastbound lanes, over an embankment and overturned.

Former Resident Killed

A former Hickory resident died Wednesday in an automobile accident near Cincinnati, Ohio, while attending funeral services for a family member who was killed in the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire which claimed 160 lives Saturday night in Southgate, Ky.

M. Reed (Junior) Welch III, son of the late M. Reed Welch and Jean Buchan Welch of Hickory, and former owner and operator of Meadowbrook Golf Course, resided in Indianapolis, Ind. He was presently employed by Carson Ford Sales of Brownsburg, Ind.

Two sons, Richard G. Welch and John B. Welch, and one grandson, John B. Welch Jr., reside in Hickory.

Ramlers grieve again

Tragedy continues to haunt the Ramler family of Erlanger.

Mrs. Virginia K. Ramler, 52, 405 Timberlake Ave., died last Saturday in the Beverly Hills Supper Club fire.

Her daughter, Mrs. Shirley Welch, came in from Santa Clara, Cal., to make funeral arrangements. Mrs. Welch's father-in-law, M. Reed Welch Jr., came down from Indianapolis, Ind., for Wednesday's funeral.

Welch, 60, died the same day in an auto accident in Green Township near Cincinnati en route back to his Indiana home.

He was dead on arrival at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at General Hospital, Cincinnati.

Hamilton County police said Welch's car veered off I-74 near the Race Rd. overpass, went over an embankment and overturned.

Officers said Welch may have suffered a heart attack.

Linnemann Funeral Home, Erlanger, is in charge of local arrangements.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Monday at Speakman Funeral Home, Houston, Pa.

Dr. Edward H. White

Dr. Edward H. White, 72, of R. D. 1, Hickory, died Monday, June 10, 1974, in the Kade Nursing Home, Washington.

A son of John P. and Mary Miller White, he was born April 1, 1902, in Hickory. He was a member of the Hickory U. P. Church, the Men's Bible Class, and a former elder and Sunday School teacher in the church.

Dr. White, who had graduated from Hickory High School and the Veterinary College of Iowa State University, was last employed by the Meat Hygiene Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and prior to that had a private veterinary practice in Hickory.

He was a member of the Fireside Club of Hickory, and Milnor Lodge No. 287, F. & A.M., Pittsburgh. He had served as the first president of the Fort Cherry School Board. He also was well known as a local historian.

Surviving are his wife, Laura (Parney) Woodford White; a daughter, Mrs. Nancy Raybeck of Pittsburgh; a son, Edward W., of Wilmot, Ohio; three brothers, Clare M. White of Hickory, the Rev. Rowland White of Columbus, Ohio, and John P. White of St. George, Utah; a sister, Miss Elizabeth A. White, of Pittsburgh; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A daughter, Roberta Miller, is deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday in the Speakman funeral home, Houston, in charge of the Rev. Ronald Oglesbee, pastor of the Hickory U. P. Church. Burial will be in Mt. Prospect cemetery.

Elizabeth Anna White Banyay

*Proud member of St. Peter's
Lutheran Church*



Elizabeth "Becky" Anna White Banyay, 91, of Zelenople, formerly of Evans City, died Sunday, June 2, 2013.

Born October 31, 1921, in Hickory, Washington County, she was a daughter of the late Alvin D. Sr. and Laura Cooper White.

She was the beloved wife of the late Charles J. Banyay, whom she married June 2, 1944; mother of the Rev. Beverly Banyay of Blairsville, Patricia (Richard) Hanf of Marietta, Ohio, Nancy (Gary) Stoehr of Williamsville, N.Y., Wendell (Linda) Banyay of Suffolk, Va., Dan (Joan) Banyay of Cranberry Township and Reid (Emiko) Banyay of Bensalem; sister of Albert White of New Port Richey, Fla., Mary Crozier of Lancaster, John White of Hickory, Marjorie Smith-Peterson of Janesville, Wis., Margaret McCance of Lancaster, Richard White of Hickory and Willard White of Washington; grandmother of Susan Hanf of Chicago, Ill., Rick Hanf of Houston, Katie Stoehr (Ben Johnson) of Brooklyn, N.Y., Laura (John) Kammerer of Columbia, S.C., Christopher (Christine) Jordan of Blacksburg, Va., Elyse (Scott) Vaughan of Chesapeake, Va., Cory (Emma) Jordan of Charlottesville, Va., Greg (Jennifer) Banyay of Ellwood City and Laurie Banyay of Cranberry Township; great-grandmother of Mary, Robbie and Drew Jordan, Samantha and Charlotte Vaughan, Henry Johnson, Owen and Julian Kammerer, Adelaide Jordan and Garrett and Grady Banyay; and aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her parents and husband, are brothers Alvin D. White Jr. of Albuquerque, N.M., and Robert White Sr. of Hickory; and a great-grandchild, Ellis Jordan of Charlottesville, Va.

Mrs. Banyay graduated from Pennsylvania State University and retired in 1982 from the Seneca Valley School District, where she taught English for many years.

She was a proud member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evans City, Evans City Historical Society, Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees and American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Banyay was an avid reader who enjoyed crossword puzzles, nature, music, playing cards and spending time with family.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Boylan Funeral Home, 324 East Grandview Avenue, Zelenople. Additional visitation will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 7, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 202 Van Buren Street, Evans City, preceding the 11 a.m. funeral service in the church. Burial to follow in Evans City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lutheran Senior Life Foundation (Passavant Retirement Community benevolent care), 401 Sout Main Street, Zelenople, PA 16063, or Evans City Historical Society, 204 South Jackson Street, Evans City, PA 16033.

The staff members of Passavant Retirement Community took loving, compassionate care of Mrs. Banyay.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.boylanfuneralhome.com.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friends and family of Joy Williams Froebe will be received from 10 until 11 a.m., the time of the memorial service, on Saturday, April 23, 2022, in the Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Joy Williams Froebe

Joy Williams Froebe, 84, of Avella, passed away Monday, March 7, 2022, peacefully in her home, surrounded by family.

She was born March 8, 1937, in Avella, a daughter of the late David Holtz Williams and Thelma Marie Scouvard Williams.

Joy was a 1955 graduate of Hickory High School and received her degree from West Penn Hospital School of Nursing. She was a member of Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where she held numerous positions over the years.

Joy enjoyed baking, sewing and solving crossword puzzles, but what she loved the most was spending time with her family.

On April 25, 1975, in Hickory United Presbyterian Church, she married Philip E. Froebe, who survives. Together, they worked and lived on their farm, where they raised their family.

Surviving, in addition to her husband of 46 years, are a son, Jeffrey D. Hughes (Wendy L.) of McDonald; five grandchildren, Christopher D. (Alyssa L.) Hughes, Paul E.S. Hughes,



Sarah M. Hughes, Connor P. Hughes and Paige T. Hughes.

Deceased, in addition to her parents, are a son, Mark J. Hughes; and a brother, David H. Williams Jr.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Mount Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Co., 106 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340, or Hickory United E. P. Church, 210 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340.

All arrangements are being handled by Jerome A. Stefkovich Funeral Home Inc., Avella.

Condolences may be expressed at www.stefkovich-funeralhome.com.



Shirley W. Briggs

Shirley W. Briggs, 86, of Hickory passed away peacefully, Monday, September 5, 2022, in St. Clair Hospital.

She was born on August 25, 1936, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Eugene and Margaret Freese Wolf.

Shirley was proud to have worked in the banking business for over twenty years, first with Mellon Bank and then for most of her career, with Washington Financial. She took her customers business very seriously and was often sought out for advice.

She was a loyal and dedicated member of the Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian church in Hickory and was a member of the church choir for over 50 years. She and her husband, Kay, taught Sunday school and vacation bible school when their children were young.

In her younger years, she enjoyed playing cards, bowling, and square dancing. She especially loved music and being with people her entire life.

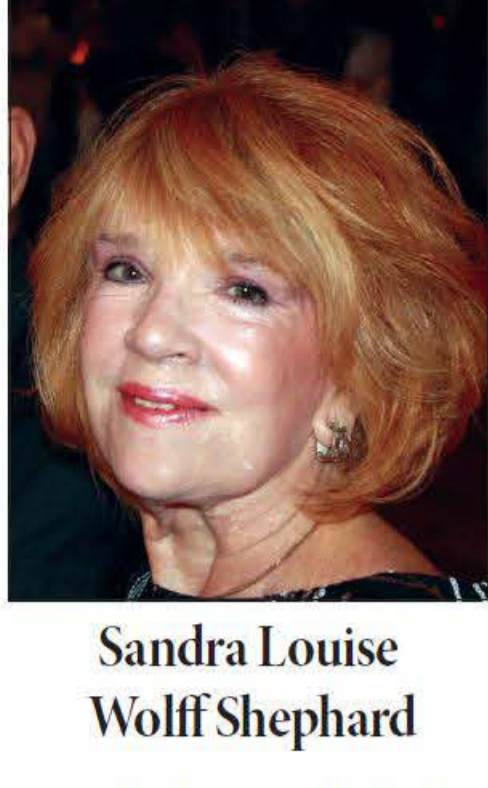
On July 20, 1957, she married Kay Lee Briggs who died on July 16, 2008.

Surviving are a son, Eugene Briggs and his wife Patty of Hickory; a daughter Tammy Lander and her husband Ben of Robinson; two grandchildren, Benjamin Lander II and Lauren Lander; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased in addition to her parents are a son, Eric Lee Briggs; and a sister, Esther Wallace.

Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, in the McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Robert K. McIlvaine, Owner/Supervisor, 27 Cherry Ave., Houston, PA 15342 and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 8, in the Hickory U.E.P. Church, 210 Main St., Hickory, PA 15340, where services will begin at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.mcilvaine-speakman.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hickory U.E.P. Church.



Sandra Louise

Wolff Shephard

Sandra Louise Wolff Shephard, of Hickory, passed away on Monday, August 1, 2022.

She was born in Leonardtown, Md., a daughter of Judson O. and Louise Simon Wolff.

She was a beloved and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She will be greatly missed but her memory will live on through every family get together, ski trip, bike ride and vacation all built on the foundations she started.

She enjoyed traveling, reading, watching movies, listening to music and attending concerts. She especially enjoyed talking and spending time with friends and family.

Sandy was employed for more than 30 years as a Legal Secretary in downtown Pittsburgh where she first worked on land acquisition transactions that led to her discovery and love for Hilton Head, S.C.

On May 2, 1970 she married, L. Alan Shephard who survives.

Cherished mother, of the late Eric (Karen) Shephard of North Fayette Township, Keith (Laura) Shephard of Upper St. Clair, Samantha (Jeffrey) O'Donoghue of Canonsburg and Judson (Megan) Shephard of North Huntingdon; beloved sister of Patricia Sechan of Portersville, Orion Wolff of Peters Township, and Marsha Christoffel of Chicago; loving "mema" of Brittney (Lane) Murphy, Holly Shephard, Scott (Beth) Parry, Hannah and Jack Shephard, Maura, Liam and Carson O'Donoghue, Aidan and Grace Shephard; great-mema of two and an aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate her life will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 13, 2022 in the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, EPC., 210 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 2151, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38101 or Tunnel to Towers Foundation 2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306.

Arrangements are entrusted to Nation Funeral Home Inc. 218. E. Lincoln Avenue, McDonald, PA. 15057.

JOHN YAMBER SR.

John Yamber Sr., 50, proprietor of the Pleasant Valley Hotel, Hickory R. D., died Sunday, February 12, 1967, in Veterans Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born September 26, 1916, at Noblestown, and operated the hotel the past 14 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes R. C. Church, Burgettstown.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Yamber was a member of Kucher Saska VFW Lodge No. 6955; the District Council of Carpenters No. 541; the Hungarian Lodge and the SNPJ Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred Laurich Yamber; three children, Sandra, John Jr. and Joseph, all at home; his mother, Bertha Yamber, of Imperial; four brothers, Andrew of Oakdale; Joseph, of Imperial; Steve, of Carnegie R. D., and Frank, of Burgettstown R. D.; and three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Klanek, of Coraopolis; Mrs. John Haser, of Moon Run, and Mrs. Alice Engel, of Bethel Park.

George Hugh Yonker

On Sunday, January 23, 2022, George Hugh Yonker passed into the arms of His Savior, Jesus Christ, surrounded by his family. He was the fourth child born to Elizabeth Palcsak and David Kenneth Yonker in Gallipolis, Ohio.

George grew up tinkering, fixing and helping to farm on his father's farm. Later, moving to Coraopolis with his mother, he grew his gift of restoring cars and building.

Marrying Pamela Lynn Reilly November 9, 1974, who preceded him, they had two children, Clayton Colby (Danielle) and Casie Colleen, who preceded him as well.

George started his contracting business in 1977, where his reputation for quality became his trademark. In his spare time he enjoyed working on old British cars, particularly Jaguar XKEs, which became his specialty.

On October 14, 2006, he married Kathleen Whiteman DeLucey Styche. Her two sons became his as well, Francis X. DeLucey (Jen Norkevicus), Daniel J. DeLucey (Brandi Earley).

Later in his life, George fulfilled his absolute dream job of being Pappy to Casie and Colton Yonker, Frankie and Noah DeLucey, and Alexa, Wyatt and Logan DeLucey. These grandchildren were the pride of his life.

Karen Cleric Ryan held a special place in George's heart after the passing of his daughter. Karen, as well as her entire family, became part of his family, loved as a daughter.

He is survived by his loving sister, Bonnie Broyles; and many nieces and nephews. The farm became the family farm, where George produced award-winning hay.

George's greatest joy was spending time with his



family. His strongest gift was mentoring. He never let an opportunity go by, whether hands on, life lessons or just a listening ear; he had time for those who needed him. George had a heart of gold for every stray, unwanted and abused animal. Each one became part of the "Pack"!

George was a member of Hickory Church and served in various capacities. He loved his church and saw how his Lord used it to reach out to his community.

George was a member of the Western PA Triumph Club and Jaguar Club, which gave him years of enjoyment. He considered the members family, too. George served on the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority for numerous years until his death. As a member of the Hickory Lions Club, the Lions gave him other ways to serve his community.

Family and friends will be received from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., the time of a celebration of life worship, Saturday, February 5, in Hickory UEP Church, 210 Main Street, Hickory, PA 15340.

For those inclined to memorialize George in some way, the following would be who he would smile on: Hickory Church, Washington City Mission, Washington Area Humane Society, or Western Pa Triumph Club (this club donated thousands to incredible causes through the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix).

Julia Dagnana

Hickory homemaker

Julia Dagnana, 96, of Hickory, died at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, November 6, 1999, in Canonsburg Hospital, following a brief illness.

She was born April 25, 1903, in Hopedale, Ohio, a daughter of Angelo and Louise Calageria Zambon

Mrs. Dagnana was a homemaker.

On August 12, 1922, she married Loreto Dagnana, who died March 31, 1966.

Surviving are a son, Ralph Dagnana of Hickory; two daughters, Virginia Cassidy of Washington and Dorothy Hill of Hickory; a brother, Albert Zambon of Hopedale, Ohio; a sister, Eleanor Scherille of the state of California; five grandchildren, Alan Hill, Kimberly Gilbert, Tammy Gilmore, Robyn Gardner and Timothy Cassidy; and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased are an infant son and a great-granddaughter.

Pfc. Charles L. Zoog

Hickory Marine Is Killed In Viet Nam

Marine Pfc. Charles L. Zoog, 22, of Hickory, has been killed in Viet Nam.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Zoog; were informed Wednesday that he died Saturday night.

The notification said he suffered fatal head wounds in fighting around Quang Ngai, during which American forces suffered heavy casualties.

Pfc. Zoog entered the Marines shortly after graduating from Ft. Cherry High School in 1963 and had been in Viet Nam since January.

He was serving in the 1st Marine Division, 3rd Battalion.

He was born August 2, 1943, at Hickory, a son of Jerome and Mary Retzer Zoog, who survive. Mr. Zoog is plant manager of the Eliza Metal Products Co. at Hendersonville.

He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are one brother, Roy J. Zoog, of Hickory, and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Zoog, of Canonsburg.

Arrangements are incomplete,

pending arrival of the body from Viet Nam. They will be in charge of the Louis N. Sollon Funeral Home, Canonsburg.



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