

Obituaries for Summer Newsletter - April & May 2015

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BEZDZIECKI, Julia T., Yeninas, 94, of Glen Lyon, passed away on Wednesday, March 11, at her home. Julia was born in Glen Lyon on October 16, 1920, and was the daughter of the late Anthony and Anna (Latwiss) Yeninas. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School. Over the years she was employed by the AC&F of Berwick, Department of Veteran's Affairs, RCA of Mountain Top, and the Social Security Administration. Besides her parents, preceding Julia in death were her late husband of 57 years, Edward Bezdziecki; brothers, Anthony, Walter, Matthew, William, Joseph, and Edward; and sisters, Mary Laboda and Anne Stavins. She is survived by her son, Edward Bezdziecki, and his wife, Linda, of Hanover Township; and daughters, Judy Szymanski, and her husband, Charles, of Taylor; Irene Bezdziecki of Glen Lyon; Janet Karper, and her husband, Brice, of Delmont; and Diane Bezdziecki of Scranton. Funeral services were held from George A. Strish, Inc. Funeral Home. Burial was celebrated from Holy Spirit Parish, Glen Lyon, with interment at St. Adalbert's Cemetery in Glen Lyon.

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NOVAK, Edward J., 83, of Endwell, New York, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away March 7, at his home. He was the son of the late Helen Novak. Edward was preceded in death by his wife, Florence (Mrus) Novak, his parents, and two brothers. He is survived by his two brothers-in-law, John Mrus of Alden, and Joseph Mrus of Georgia. Ed was a veteran of the US Air Force and served during the Korean War. He was employed by IBM.

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GRIFFITH, James W., 78, of Wanamie passed away Tuesday, March 17, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. Mr. Griffith was born in Newport Township on August 25, 1935, and was the son of the late Sylvester and Esther (Belles) Griffith. He worked as a heavy diesel mechanic. Besides his parents James was preceded in death by his wife, the former Janet Rule, and sons James Griffith Jr., and Sylvester (Fess) Griffith Sr. Surviving are daughter, Daune Muchler, and son, Brian Griffith Sr. Services were held from the Earl Lohman Funeral Home, Nanticoke. Interment was Old Newport Cemetery, Newport Center.

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SEDORCHUK, Henry A. III, 42, of Wanamie passed away Sunday, March 22, at his home. Henry was born in Wilkes Barre and was the son of Henry A. Jr. and Mary Alice (Lane) Sedorchuk. He was an avid sportsman and served as a coach for Little League and Mini Football. Besides his parents he is survived by his wife, Annie (Rowles) Sedorchuk; son, Henry IV; and brother, James Sedorchuk, and his wife, Tina, of Alden. Funeral services were held from the George A. Strish Funeral Home, Ashley. Interment was at Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township.

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PAZGAN, Martha (Waselus), 88, of Nanticoke passed away Monday, March 23, 2015 at Birchwood Nursing Center. Martha was born in Glen Lyon and was the daughter of the late Michael and Mary Waselus. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Pazgan. She is survived by nieces and a nephew. Funeral arrangements were made with Stanley Stegura Funeral Home, Inc., Nanticoke. There will be a mass for Martha in St. Faustina Parrish, Nanticoke, with interment was at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Newport Township.

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BODEK, Helen (Kozobowski), 90, of Sheatown passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at Birchwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Nanticoke. Helen was born in Wanamie on June 5, 1924, and was the daughter of the late Bruno and Mary (Rospierski) Kozobowski. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of "42." During WW II she worked at Bell Aircraft in Wheatfield, NY. Besides her parents Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, and sister, Felecia Slojkowski, of Kenmore, NY. She is survived by her son, Norman Bodek, of Sheatown and his fiancée, Cindy Roback; daughter, Pamela Marcinkowski, and her husband, David; and brother, Ben Kay of Wellesly, Mass. Funeral arrangements were with Grontkowski Funeral Home PC, Nanticoke. Mass was held at St. Faustina Parish Church, Nanticoke, and interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Wanamie.

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KALINOWSKI, Helen (Kostek), 93, of Sheatown passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at Birchwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Nanticoke. Helen was born April 30, 1921, in Alden to the late Alex and Julia (Wanchisen) Kostek and attended Newport Township schools. She had been employed by Duplin Silk Mill and General Cigar. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward F. in 2006; brothers, Andrew Kostek and Michael Kostek; and sisters, Mary Balutanski, Anna Sudick, and Theresa Pearl Vernitis. She is survived by her son, Edward A. Kalinowski, and his wife, Marlene. Funeral arrangements were made with Grontkowski Funeral Home PC. Mass was held at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Alden and interment was at St. Vladimir's Cemetery, Alden Station.

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BABECKI, Alfred J., (89), of Sebastian, FL, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away at home on January 17, 2015. He was born in Nanticoke on August 23, 1925, and was affectionately known as "Big Al." Al was a WW II US Army veteran serving in the ETO at the Battle of the Bulge. He was a graduate of Penn State in Metallurgy and worked at the Berwick AC&F, Naval Research Laboratory in Washington D.C., and NASA in Greenbelt, MD. He was very active with the VFW and American Legion. Al is survived by his wife of 67 years Dolores (Dory) (Nitkowski) Babecki; daughters, Barbara Jones and Susan Hansborough and her husband, Jeremiah; and son, Steven; His remains will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

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PETERFREUND, Josephine, "Tina" (Rogowicz), passed away on March 27, 2015, at The Nottingham, in Jamesville, NY. Tina was born in Glen Lyon on January 25, 1925, and was the daughter of the late Edward and Celia (Dutch) Rogowicz. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, class of "42" and Syracuse University's School of Education. She was an elementary teacher in Syracuse and Jamesville. She was the widow of Dr. Sheldon Peterfreund, professor of philosophy at Syracuse University, who passed away in 1994. Besides her parents and husband Tina was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph Rogowicz, and sister, Laura Sherin. She is survived by her sister, Arline Koval, of Levittown; brother, Edward, and his wife, Jeannine, of Hershey; and sister-in-law, Carole Rogowicz, of Yardley. She was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

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SKLANEY, Gertrude (Chojnowski), 87, formerly of Alden, passed away Friday, April 3, at Minora Park Nursing Center, Dewitt, NY. Gertrude was born February 16, 1928, in Nanticoke; and she was the daughter of the late Frank and Sophie (Shipperski) Chojnowski. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony C. Sklaney; stepfather, Leo Novak; brother Leo Novak; and sister, Dolores Novak. She is survived by her son, Anthony, and his wife, Mary. Funeral arrangements were made with Stanley S. Stegura Funeral Home, Inc., Nanticoke. There was mass held at St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, and interment was at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Newport Township.

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LAKATOS, Raymond, 68, of Sheatown, passed away Friday, April 3, 2015, at Birchwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Nanticoke. Raymond was born in Nanticoke and was the son of the late John and Elizabeth (Scott) Lakatos. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Class of "64" and Kings College. He was employed in the banking and insurance industries. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers Medard and John. Raymond is survived by his wife, Patricia (Capozzi) Lakatos; stepchildren, Mrs. John (Ann Marie) Murray, Nicholas Capozzi and Rebekah Capozzi; sister, Bernadine Sadowski; and sister-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Lakatos. Arrangements were made with Stanley S. Stegura Funeral Home, Inc. Ray will be buried from St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, and interred at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Newport Township.

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SCOBLE, Geraldine J. (Durso Trathen), 75, of Alden died Monday, April 6, 2015, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. Geraldine was born in Hazleton on March 5, 1940, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Helen (Bennis) Durso. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Herman; sisters, Dolores and Mary Jane; sons, tony and Edmund Trathen; and daughter Lisa. Surviving are her sons, Nick Durso, and his wife, Judy of Kingston, Carl Trathen of Wilkes Barre, Herman Trathen and Robert Scoble of Alden; daughters, Sharyn Trathen of Kingston, Theresa Trathen Taylor of Wilkes Barre, and Sandra Scoble Haines of Alden;

sisters, Joyce and husband, Rick, and Cathy and husband, Mike. Funeral arrangements were made with Yeosock Funeral Home in Plain Township, and interment will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Hanover Township.

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SEROKA, Alma M., of Sheatown, passed away at home with her family at her side. She had been married to the late John Seroka. Alma is survived by her daughter, Nancy Ferguson, and sister, Marie Skalla. Arrangements were made with Grontkowski Funeral Home PC, Nanticoke.

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OLEN (Olenginski), Chester P., 93, of Heritage Springs Memory Care, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Lewisburg. Chester was born December 28, 1921, in Glen Lyon and was the son of the late Walter and Helen Olenginski. Chester graduated from Newport Township High School and was a veteran of the US Air Force serving his time at Langley AFB, VA. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years Alma (Yarashefski) Olen; brothers, Ed, Stanley, and Al; sisters, Alberta, Wanda, Leona, Jeanne, and Felecia. He is survived by his brother, Raymond; and sons, Lawrence, and his wife Dianne, Westminster, MD, Dr. Thomas Olenginski and his wife, Jessica, of Lewisburg, and Kenneth and his wife, Paula, of Birdsboro. Arrangements were made by George A. Strish Funeral Home, Inc. of Glen Lyon. Chester was buried from Holy Spirit Parish (St. Adalbert's) and buried in St. Adalbert's Cemetery, Glen Lyon.

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PRESTASH, Frank J., 70, of Nanticoke and formerly of Alden passed away Friday, April 10, 2015, at Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Robert was born March 27, 1945 in the Alden Station of Newport Township and was the son of the late Frank and Louise (Melick) Prestash. He worked in construction and was a member of the Labor International Union of North America. He is survived by his children, Melissa Halchak, and her fiancé John Storm of Nanticoke; Colleen McDonald and her husband, Matthew, of Hunlock Creek; John Prestash and his wife Cindy of Nanticoke; sisters, Teresa Zelek and her husband, John, in Arizona, and Gertrude May and her husband, Ronald Sr., of Nanticoke. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home, Nanticoke, and interment was in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Nanticoke.

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YUHAS, Peter, 81, of Alden passed away April 16, 2015, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital surrounded by his family. Peter was born in Alden on May 26, 1933, and was the son of the late Paul and Mary (Warrick) Yuhas. Peter was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of "51" and a member of Holy Spirit Parrish, Glen Lyon (St. Adalbert's). He was a proud career veteran serving in the US Air Force as a technical sergeant and worked for 17 years at LCCC. Besides his parents Peter was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Yaskulski; brothers, John, Wasil, Nick, and Fred; sisters, Mary and Anna. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Pauline (Lucas) Yuhas; sons, Peter, and his wife, Colleen, of Easton, Stephen, and his wife, JoAnn, of Wilkes Barre; and so-in-law, Chester Yaskulski. Funeral arrangements are made with Grontkowski Funeral Home PC of Nanticoke. Peter was buried from Holy Spirit Church (St. Adalbert's), Glen Lyon and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Wanamie.

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YOUELLS, Christine, 45, of Falls passed away April 16, 2015, after a lengthy illness. Christine was born in Plymouth on August 25, 1969, and was the daughter of David and Many Ann (Yanoka) Youells. Her maternal grandparents were the late Michael and Julia (Semko) of Glen Lyon. Arrangements were made with S. J. Grontkowski Funeral Home of Plymouth, and Christine was buried in the parish cemetery in Plymouth Township.

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SUDOL, Joseph B., 87, of Bloomington, CA, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on April 18, 2015 at Kaiser-Permanente Hospital. "Sud" was born in Glen Lyon on May 20, 1929, and was the son of the late Joseph P. and Stella (Lemanowicz) Sudol. Besides his parents Joseph was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy (Sidas) Sudol; sisters, Louise Evans, and Marie Monti; and sons, "Joey" and Ronny. "Sud" worked in the coal mines while living in Glen Lyon and worked for Executive and Vogue Motor Homes in CA. He is survived by his daughters, Brenda, Kathy, and Joann; son, Danny; and sisters Arlene Sudol of Mountain top and Donna Wilkins and her husband, Duane, of Spring TX.

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RESAVY, Edith M. (Deluca), 94, of Wanamie died Monday, April 20, 2015, at Mountain City health and Rehabilitation Center in Hazle Township. Edith was born in Pittsburgh on June 29, 1921 and was the daughter of Quinto and Phoebe (Rasi) Deluca. She was a life resident of Wanamie and graduated from Newport Township High School class of "39." Besides her parents preceding her in death were her husband of 46 years, Edmund Resavy; brothers, Joseph and Ralph Deluca; and sisters, Palmira Krafchick, and Matilda Zubritski. She is survived by her son, Stephen Resavy, and his wife, Mary Jo of Wanamie. Funeral arrangements were made with George A. Strish, Inc. Funeral Home. Edith was buried from Holy Spirit Church (Saint Adalbert's) in Glen Lyon and buried at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Wanamie.

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CHESNEY, Margaret Mary (Padagomas), 88, formerly of Wilkes Barre and Woodleaf, NC, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at timber Ridge Health Care Center, Plains Township. Margaret Mary was born in Blakely on March 15, 1927, and was the daughter of the late Peter and Elizabeth (Williams) Padagomas. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School Class of "45" and later employed by Terry Sportswear and RCA of Mountain Top. Besides her parents Margaret Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Thomas A. Chesney Sr.; son Gilbert Chesney; and brothers, Peter and Edward Padagomas. She is survived by her sons; Thomas R. Chesney, and his wife, Kristin, of Woodleaf, NC, and Peter J. Chesney and his wife, Gail, of Hanover Township; daughter-in-law, Margaret Chesney, of Plains Township. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home, Inc. Burial mass celebrated at Holy Spirit Parish (Saint Adalbert's), Glen Lyon and interment was at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Wanamie.

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RUCH, Matthew, a resident of Glen Lyon and New Jersey, passed away on March 30, 2015, due to crash related injuries which took place February 8, 2015, on the Lee-Mocanaqua Highway. Charges of homicide by motor vehicle while DUI have been filed against a second vehicle driver involved in the incident.

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RUDAWSKI, Mary T. (Radziak), 82, of Alden, passed away May 1, 2015, at home. Mary was born in Nanticoke on January 8, 1933, and was the daughter of the late Paul and Catherine (Krzak) Radziak. Mary was employed locally for many years by ACME markets. Besides her parents she was also preceded in death by her husbands, John Skorka and Michael Rudawski; and brother, Paul Radziak II. Mary is survived by her daughters, Sandra Repak and Jackie "Tootsie" Alesczyk; son, Stephen Rudawski, and his wife, Lisa. Arrangements were made with Stanley S. Stegura Funeral Home, Inc., Nanticoke. Mary was buried from Saint Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, and interred at Saint Mary's Cemetery (new) in Wanamie.

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STAVETSKI, Barbara D. (Delefeti), 77, of Turnersville, NJ, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on March 27, 2015. Barbara was born on October 24, 1937, and was the daughter of William and Adeline (Brozowski) Delefeti/Popish. Barbara is survived by her daughter Barbara A. Stavetski. She graduated from Newport Township H. S., class of "55." Funeral arrangements were with Egizi Funeral Home of Washington Township, NJ with interment at Gloucester County Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown, NJ.

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DeVries, John C. R. Jr., 45, of Glen Lyon passed away Friday, May 1, 2015. Funeral services were held from the George A. Strish, Inc. Funeral Home in Glen Lyon.

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PRZEKOP, Peter J, 68, of Glen Lyon passed away Saturday, May 2, 2015, in the Department of Veterans Medical Affairs Center, in Plains Township. Funeral arrangements were made with the George A. Strish, Inc. Funeral Home in Glen Lyon.

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WOZNIAK, Helen (Radziak), 95, of Nanticoke, passed away Friday, May 8, 2015, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Helen was born in Alden on April 16, 1920, and was the daughter of the late Paul and Catherine Krzak Radziak. She was employed by Penn Footwear and was a member of Saint Faustina Parrish. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley Wozniak; sisters, Mary Rudawski, Victoria Nork Kaminoka, and Anna Troyano; brothers, Paul, Edward, John, Joseph and Leonard Radziak. Funeral arrangements were made with the Stanley S. Stegura Funeral Home, Inc., Nanticoke. Burial was from Saint Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, with interment at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Hanover Township.

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PISH, Edmund Z., 71, of Nescopeck Township, and formerly of Wanamie, Newport township, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2015, in Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. Ed was born in Nanticoke on September 11, 1943, and was the son of the late Zigmund and Helen (Shershen) Pish. He attended Newport Township schools and graduated from Milton Hershey School. He was self-employed as a building contractor and worked at the Red Rock Job Corps. He is survived by his companion, Marsha Thompson; sister, Janice Pish and her husband, Tom Dexinger of Mountain Top; daughters, Angel Bestwick, and her husband, Jack, Laura Pish; sons, Edmund Pish Jr. and Jason Pish. Arrangements were made with Heller Funeral Home, LLC of Nescopeck.

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WOMELSDORF, Dorothy J. (Schultz), 86, of Sheatown passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Dorothy was born in Askam, one of seven children, of the late Frank and Mary (Kowalski) Schultz. Dorothy enjoyed a long career as a bookkeeper, stenographer, and secretary. She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Alden Station. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers: Helen Walski, Viola Yarmolowicz, Bruno Schultz, Edward Schultz, and Victor Schultz. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Thomas, of 65 years; sons, Ronald Womelsdorf, and his wife, Margaret, of Sheatown, Gary Womelsdorf of Sheatown, Terrance Womelsdorf and his partner, Jaynan Temarantz, of Plymouth, Gary Womelsdorf of Sheatown, Kevin Womelsdorf of Nanticoke, and daughter, Tracey, and her husband J. P. of Mountain Top. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home, Nanticoke. Interment was in Newport Cemetery in Newport Center.

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TROYAN, Elizabeth (Rish), of Alden passed away Monday, May 11, 2015 at Birchwood Rehabilitation Center, Nanticoke. "Ez" was born in Alden and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Alice Rish. "Ez" worked for Glen Lyon Garment but was a homemaker for most of her life. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; son, Edward; daughter, Carolyn; and brothers and sisters. She is survived by her daughter, Maribeth Obitz, and her husband, James of Nanticoke. Arrangements were made with Stanley S. Stegura Funeral Home, Inc., Nanticoke. Burial was from Saint Faustina Parish (Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church) with interment in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Nanticoke.

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BUJNO, Thaddeus, 83, of Alden passed away Thursday, May 14, 2015, in the Celtic Hospice Unit of Geisinger South Wilkes Barre. Ted was born in Mocanaqua on June 4, 1931, and was the son of the late John and Stella (Yasniesky) Bujno. He was a member of Saint Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, and worked out of Labor Union 215. Ted was a veteran of the US Army serving in the 82nd Airborne Division. Surviving are Lydia (Eckrote) Bujno, his wife of 58 years, and daughter, Diane Brodowski, and her husband, James, of Nanticoke. Funeral arrangements were made with Earl W. Lohman Funeral Home, Inc., Nanticoke. Ted was buried from Saint Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, and buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Mocanaqua.

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POWELL, TARA, 27, of Main Street, Glen Lyon, died May 21, 2015, at Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Funeral arrangements were made with Yeosock Funeral Home, Plains Township.

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WENDOLOWSKI, Tillie "Tekla" (Russian), 84, of Glen Lyon, has entered into peace on Saturday, May 23, 2015, at Wilkes Barre General Hospital. "Tekla" was born on April 27, 1931, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Stephina Russian. She graduated from Newport Township H. S., Class of "49" and worked as a bookkeeper and sewing machine operator for many years. Tillie was a life member of St. Adalbert's Church. Besides her parents she was preceded by her husband of 32 years, Joseph, in 1987 and sister, Carol Russian. She is survived by her son, Denis Wendol, and wife, Dorothy, of Wapwallopen; and daughter, Denise Dragon, and her husband, Paul, of Trucksville. Tillie was buried by Strish Family Funeral Home, Glen Lyon and be interred at St. Adalbert's Cemetery in Glen Lyon.

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CESARZ, Lillian P. (Yeninas), 85, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away at Smith Health Care in Mountain top. Lillian was born in Glen Lyon on august 5, 1929, and was the daughter of the late Anthony and Catherine (Yarrish) Yeninas. She was a graduate of Newport Township H. S, Class of "47" and WBGH School of Nursing. She worked as a RN for WBGH, and later for Pomeroy's and Boscov's. Besides her parents Lillian was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Narcissus Cesarz, and a sister Leona. Lillian is survived by her daughter, Carol Golanoski, and her husband, Edward, of Mountain Top. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish, Inc. Funeral Home with Lillian being buried from Holy Spirit Parish and interred in St. Adalbert's Cemetery.