

## **Obituaries for June, July & August 2019, Fall Newsletter**

*Written by Tom Kashatus* The Newport Township Community Organization (NTCO) has added an obituary page to its quarterly newsletter as of the 2014 winter issue. These obituaries are in reference to individuals who have ties to Newport Township and/or Newport Township High School. This page has been receiving favorable news reviews from our readers and we hope that it continues into the future. The obituaries in this newsletter are published in abbreviated form due to limited space; thusly, it has been decided to run a more complete obituary on our web site, [www.newporttownship.com](http://www.newporttownship.com), (to include employment, survivors, predeceased family, church membership, funeral director, place of interment, etc.) as space available is not a relative issue. There is also a link leading to the original newspaper obit or that of the funeral home. As usual, your comments are always welcome; and, if someone is missed, please notify this writer at [tomkashatus@gmail.com](mailto:tomkashatus@gmail.com) or call (570) 736-6981.

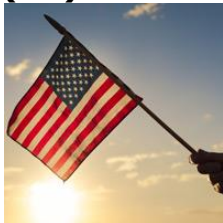
**(01)**



**RUTKOSKI, Michaeline "Mickey,"** 84, formerly of Sugar Notch and Sheatown, passed away Friday, May 31, 2019, at Saint Luke's Villa, Wilkes Barre. "Mickey" was born in Sugar Notch on June 16, 1934, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Anna Rutkoski. She was a graduate of Sugar Notch High School class of "51" and was employed by RCA in Mountain Top and Berkley Publishing Co. in West Pittston. She was a member of Ss. Peter & Paul Church of Sugar Notch. Besides her parents she was predeceased by sisters, Ella Rutkoski, Maydlyn "Peggy" Shans, Matilda Minkle, Marie Rutkoski, Anna Zalinski, and Regina Cooney; and brothers, Stanley, Joseph, William, James, and George Rutkoski. Arrangements were made with Davis Dinelli funeral Home of Nanticoke; and interment was in Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Sugar Notch. Published in the Citizens Voice on June 2, 2019.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=michaeline-rutkoski-mickey&pid=193040686&fhid=28274>

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**KUTZ, Joseph J.,** 85, of Myerstown, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, May 26, 2019, at Wellspan Good Samaritan Hospital. Joseph was born in Glen Lyon on August 28, 1933, and was the son of the late Louis "Squire" Kutz and Mary (Benko) Kutz. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "50" and a US Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He worked for Pan

American and American Airlines prior to retirement. He was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Lebanon. Besides his parents, Joseph was predeceased by his brothers, Anthony and Francis. He is survived by his sister, Theresa of Lebanon, PA. Arrangements were made with Thompson Funeral Home, Inc. of Lebanon; and interment was held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery with full military honors.

<https://www.thompsonfuneralhomelebanon.com/obituary/joseph-kutz>

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**AMBROSE, Robert C. Sr.**, 86, of Mountain Top, passed away on Monday, June 3, 2019, at home. Robert was born in Nuangola on April 13, 1933, and he was the son of the late John and Stella Ambrose.

He was raised in Nuangola and graduated from Newport Township High School class of "51." He was a veteran of the US Navy serving from '52 to '56, graduated from Wilkes College with a degree in Commerce and Finance, and received a direct commission in the Naval Reserve – retiring as a Captain after a career of 43 years. He

served his community on the Nuangola Borough Council and was council president for many years. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 12174, 4th Degree Member of Assembly 925 in Wilkes-Barre, American Legion Post 781, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7918, Korean War Veterans of Wyoming Valley, the USS Wisconsin Association and Plank Owner of the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, John Ambrose; and sisters, Arlene Buckshaw and Jean Flynn. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Betty (Sherksnas) Ambrose; children, son, Robert Jr. (wife, Barbara); daughter, Brenda Ambrose (John Lemmond); daughter, Alesia (husband, Brian Russoniello); daughter, Susie (husband, Tony DellDonna); sister, Dorothy Greene; and brother, Donald Ambrose, both of CA. Arrangements were made with Desiderio-Lehman Funeral Home of Mountain Top; and entombment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery Mausoleum, Hanover Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=robert-ambrose&pid=193074675&fhid=28297>

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**STOY, Stanley J.**, 82, of Alden, and life resident of Newport Twp., passed away Sunday, June 9, 2019, at Birchwood Healthcare Center, Nanticoke. Stanley was born on October 27, 1936; and he

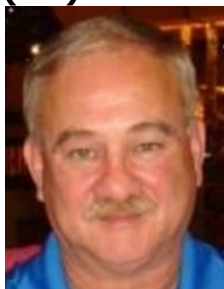
was the son of the late John and Rose (Nalezny). He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "54" and well known as "Stanley Steamer" for his athleticism on the football field. Stanley was a US Navy veteran serving as a corpsman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in Annapolis, MD and Tripler Army Hospital in Hawaii. He

was a graduate of Kings College with a degree in accounting, worked for Shaffer and Murzin, and retired as self employed after 58 years of continuous service. He was a member of Saint Faustina Parish, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 350, VFW Post 7918, Corpsmen United USN, and Nanticoke Rotary. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, John; and sister, Josephine Zajackowski. Stanley is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth "Betty" (Guzenski) Stoy; son, Stanley J. Jr. (wife, Angeles) of FL; daughters, Jacqueline Stoy and Ann Croxin, and sister, Loretta Raydo. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and entombment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery of Hanover Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=stanley-j-stoy&pid=193106316&fhid=28274>

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**PADDEN, Eugene M.**, 68, of Alden, passed away Monday, June 12, 2019, in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospice Unit, Plains Township. Eugene was born September 30, 1950, and he was the son of the late Thomas and Frances (McConologue) Padden. He was a graduate of Ashley/Sugar Notch High School. Eugene was a US Army veteran serving as a Helicopter Crew Chief for multiple tours in Vietnam where he earned the Silver Star and 13

Air Medals. He retired as a Correction Officer from LCCF and was a member of the Catholic War Vets and American Legion Post 673. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Thomas Jr. and Robert; and sisters, Rose and Nancy. He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Hanover Township; son, Eugene Jr. of CA; and daughter, Cheryl (fiancé, Larry Moretti) of Harvey's Lake. Arrangements were made with Lehman Family Funeral Services of Wilkes Barre; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

<https://www.lehmanfuneralhome.com/notices/EUGENE-PADDENSR>

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**CHAPIN, Dorothy J.** (nee Stair), 84, of Nescopeck, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2019, at Geisinger Medical in Danville. Dorothy was born in Dorrance Township on June 23, 1934; and she was the daughter of the late Bruce and Esther (Rinehimer) Stair. She graduated from Newport township High School. For the most part, Dorothy was a homemaker for her husband and six children while also working at chores on the family farm. She was a member of Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nescopeck. Besides her

parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Alfred Stair. Dorothy is survived by her husband of 66 years, Rudolph D. "Boots" Stair; children, Donald Chapin (wife, Joann); Karen Lear (husband, Mark); Eugene Chapin (wife, Kathy); Aileen Lear (husband, Walter, all from Nescopeck Township; Linder Henger, Berwick; and Jeff Chapin (wife, Susan) of VA; brother, Carl Stair of Nescopeck; and sister, Judy Nobel of Barnesville. Arrangements were made with Heller funeral Home of Nescopeck; and interment was at Mount Zion Cemetery in Briggsville.

Heller Funeral Home Obituaries, Page 3.

<http://hellerfuneral.com/Obituaries.html>

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**SWICKLIK, Marie Dorothy** (nee Oseski), age 84, of Dallas, and formerly of Glen Lyon and Nanticoke, passed away [June 18, 2019](#) at Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Marie was born on [February 2, 1935](#) in Nanticoke; and she was the daughter of the late John and Anna (Sheeder) Oseski. Marie graduated from Nanticoke High School and later worked at RCA in Mountain Top before retiring. She was a member of Holy Spirit Parish. Besides her parents, Marie was predeceased by her husband of 36 years, Joseph Peter Swicklik; son-in-law Gary (wife, Cynthia) Sagan, daughter-in-law Donna (husband, Joseph) Swicklik, and brother, John Joseph Oseski Jr. She

is survived by son Joseph Carl Swicklik, daughters Susan (husband, David) Boston; and Cynthia Sagan; brother, Carl Oseski, grandchildren, Gary (wife, Justine) Sagan; Joseph (wife, Stephanie) Swicklik; Amanda (husband, Brian) Moran; Kathryn Boston; Zachary Boston, and 4 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home of Glen Lyon; and interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=marie-d-swicklik&pid=193192562&fhid=22966>

**(08)**



**McWILLIAMS, Lillian M.** (nee Morgis), 89, of Hunlock Creek, and formerly of Newport Township, passed away Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at Residential Hospice Unit Geisinger South Wilkes Barre. Lillian was born on January 5, 1929, in Glen Lyon; and she was the daughter of the late Eli Sr. and Elizabeth Mary (Petcavage) Morgis. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School and Wilkes Barre Business College; retired from Western Union in Washington D.C.; and served in the US Air Force during the Korean War. She was a member of Greenbelt American Legion and Corpus Christi Saint Mary's Church. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by husband, John T. McWilliams; sister, Betty Morgis Modla and brother, Eli Morgis Jr. Lillian is survived by her son, Robert A. McMillian of Hunlock Creek. Arrangements were made with Kearney funeral Home, Inc. of Nanticoke.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=lillian-m-mcwilliams&pid=193192558>

**(09)**

**KEMP, DONALD P., 49**, of Hanover Township, and formerly of Glen Lyon, Newport Township, passed away Thursday, July 4, 2019, in Residential Hospice at Geisinger South, Wilkes Barre. Donald was born in Wilkes Barre on November 19, 1969, raised in Glen Lyon, and was the son of Ruth (Chabin) Kemp and the late Donald F. Kemp. He graduated from John S. Fine High School, class of 87" and was employed as a dispatcher for Mid-State Lumber. Besides his mother, Donald is survived by his wife of 10 years, the former Christine (nee Deininger) Kemp; son, Evan Kemp; and brothers, John Kemp (wife, Michelle) and Patrick Kemp (fiancée, Leslie Locaisio). Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home of Ashley.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=donald-p-kemp&pid=193345926>

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By request. **KASHNICKI, David R.**, 68, of Newport Township, Shickshinny, and Florida, passed away Thursday, October 3, 2015.

David was born on January 29, 1945 and raised in Sheatown. He was the son of the late Anthony and Antoinette Kashnicki. He attended Newport Township schools and graduated from Nanticoke High School. He was a veteran of the US Army serving in the Vietnam War for two years. He was owner and operator of his own trucking business. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist religion. Besides his parents, David was preceded in death by his son Anthony Kashnicki. He is survived by his children, Amy Kashnicki of Nanticoke; Adam Gleave, Amber Gleave, and Andraya Gleave of Utah; stepson, Richard Mazzoni of Hanover Township; brother, Michael Kashnicki, Mountain Top; and sister, Christine Conti, Mountain Top. . Military services were conducted by the American Legion Post 495 of Shickshinny.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=david-r-kashnicki&pid=167470888>

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**KWIECIEN, John N.**, 68, of Meadville, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away at UPMC, Hamot, on April 30, 2019. John was born on November 5, 1950, and was the son of the late John and Anna (Morris) Kwiecien. John was a graduate of Newport Township High

School class of "67." He was a career veteran of the US Navy, retired as an electrician, and then worked as a Security Guard at Advanced Cast. Besides his parents, John was predeceased by his sister, Barbara. He is survived by his significant other, SueAnn Glancy; sister, Tanya (David) Trzeciak of Middleboro, MA; and four step-children, April Foreman, Angela Foreman, Ellen Magee, and James Magee. Arrangements were entrusted to Hathaway-Tedesco Funeral Home.

<http://obituaries.meadvilletribune.com/obituary/john-kwecien-1074390796>

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**EZZYK, Mary P.** (nee Sabanos), 83, of North Centre Township, Berwick, and formerly of Glen Lyon, Lee, passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at home. Mary was born in Mocanaqua, Conyngham Township on February 10, 1936, and was the daughter of the late George and Veronica (Jarick) Sabanos. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "54." She had worked at

Campbell Soup, Consolidated Cigar, the family farm and its roadside stand over the years.

She was a member of Ss Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Berwick. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Joseph Ezzyk; son, Martin Ezzyk; sister, Magdaline; and brothers, Mike and Joseph

Sabanos. Mary is survived by her sons, David Ezzyk, Ricky Ezzyk (wife, Jeannie), and Randy Ezzyk, all of Berwick; sisters, Ann Gryziec (husband, (Tony) of Rahway, NJ; Margie Kashatus (husband, Tom) of Glen Lyon; and Gizele Mierzwa (husband, Mike) of Riverside; and brothers George and Steve, both of TX. Arrangements were made with Heller Funeral Home, LLC of Nescopeck and burial will take place in the parish cemetery of S'ts. Cyril and Methodius Church.

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<http://www.hellerfuneral.com/Obituaries.html>

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**KIEWLAK, Theresa A.** (nee Kozik), 87, of Hanover Township, formerly of Wanamie, passed away Monday, July 15, 2019, at Guardian Elder Care Center in Sheatown. Theresa was born in Wanamie on January 17, 1932, raised in Wanamie, and was the daughter of the late John and Celia (Ruchinski) Kozik. She graduated from Nanticoke High School in 1949 and was a member of Saint Faustina Parish Saint Mary's Church in Nanticoke. She had been employed by Barbara's Custom Floral in Sheatown. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Chester Kiewlak; infant son, John, stepfather, John Paluch; and brother, John Ruchinski. Theresa is survived by sons, Michael Kiewlak (wife, Mary) of Nanticoke; Mark Kiewlak of Nanticoke; and daughter, Patricia Edgerton (husband, Richie) of Hanover Township. Arrangements were with Grontkowski funeral Home PC of Nanticoke; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery of Hanover Township.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=theresa-a-kiewlak&pid=193445647&fhid=28276>

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**SAGER, Ralph Edward**, 91, of New Carlisle, OH, and formerly of Sheatown, passed away on Monday, February 4, 2019, at Vancrest of New Carlisle, OH. On July 12, 1927, Ralph was born in Sheatown and was the son of the late John Sr. and Dorothy (Mayley) Sager. He was raised in Sheatown and was a graduate of Newport township High School class of "47." He was a WW II

veteran of the US Navy and worked at NCR and Chemineer as a final inspector. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Dayton, OH. Besides his parents, Ralph was predeceased by his wife of 59 years Marion (Harmon of Wanamie) Sager; and brothers, Charles Olen Sager and Jack Sager Jr. He is survived by his son Dale

(wife, Kathy Lynn) Sager. Arrangements were made with Blessing-Zerkle Funeral Home, Tipp City, OH.

<https://www.zerklefh.com/obituary/ralph-sager>

<http://ohioobits.tributes.com/obituary/show/Ralph-Edward-Sager-106810531><https://www.blessingfh.com/obituary/ralph-sager>

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**RYMAN, Shirley J.** (nee Rinehimer), 79, of Bloomsburg, formerly of Slocum Township, and recently a resident of the Gardens at Millville, passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at Geisinger Bloomsburg. Shirley was born May 7, 1940, in Slocum Township and was the daughter of the late John H. and Margaret (Heller) Rinehimer. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "58" and had been employed by Berwick Hospital and Columbia Montour

Home Health Services. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Clarence Rinehimer; sisters, Florence Mowery and Myrtle Gurkovich; and companion, Edward Cole Sr. Shirley is survived by her two sons, Eugene P. Ryman (wife, Cathy) of Benton and Jeffrey P. Ryman (wife, Sheree) of Nescopeck.

Arrangements were made with McMichael Funeral Home, Inc. of Benton; and interment was in the Waller Cemetery, Columbia County.

<https://www.mcmichaelfuneralhome.com/notices/Shirley-Ryman>

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**ROONEY, Genevieve** (nee Szychowski), 94, of West Wyoming, and formerly of Alden, passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at Anderson Personal Care/Wesley Village, Jenkins Township.

Genevieve was born in Alden and was the daughter of the late Anthony and Julia (Liput) Szychowski. She was a graduate of Hanover Township High School and had been employed by United

Furniture and Sans Souci Park. Besides her parents, Genevieve was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Leo G. Rooney; brothers, Thaddeus and Clemens; and sister, Helen Szychowski. She is survived by her children, Linda Rooney Davis of Mechanicsburg; George Rooney (wife, Carmella Paiani) of York; Atty. Susan M. Rooney (husband, Atty. Keith Saunders) of Nanticoke; and sister, Irene Zielinski (husband, Walter) of Iselin, NJ. Arrangements were with Gubbiotti Funeral Home, LLC, of Exeter; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery of Hanover Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=genevieve-szychowski-rooney&pid=193491260>

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**SAMUELS, Joseph R.**, 81, of Glen Lyon, died unexpectedly Sunday, August 4, 2019, at home...

Joseph was born in Glen Lyon on July 31, 1938, and was the son of the late Frank and Mary Lesnicki Samuels. He graduated from Newport Township High School class of "56" and was a veteran of the US Army from 1961 to 1963. He was a member of Holy Spirit Parish of Glen Lyon and retired from SCI-Retreat as a

Carpenter Instructor. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Frank Samulevich. Joseph is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sharon (Kutz) Samuels; daughter, Jolene Hrobak (husband, Bob) of Fayetteville, NC; son Joel Samuels (wife, Karen) of Main Road Lee, Glen Lyon; and brother, Ron Samuels (wife, Molly) of Berwick. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home of Glen Lyon and burial was in Saint Michael's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-r-samuels&pid=193575930&fhid=22966>

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**FRACE, Courtney B.**, 75, of Mocanaqua, and formerly of Glen Lyon, died Thursday, August 8, 2019, at home. Arrangements were made with Mayo Funeral Home Inc. of Shickshinny.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=courtney-b-frace&pid=193594684>

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**LEO, The Reverend John**, 97, Episcopal priest, passed away Tuesday, August 6, 2019, away at Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Plains

Township. Locally, he served five years as pastor of Saint Andrews Parish in Alden. Father John was born in Winooski, Vermont; and he was the son of the late Abraham and Zareaf Leo. He was a graduate of the University of Vermont, Bexley Hall Seminary, and

Cal Poly University. Father John was a veteran of WW II serving with a photo-reconnaissance team in the ETO. He retired as a Chaplain and Captain with the US Air Force. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Charles, Michael, and George; and sisters, Sarah Leo and Mary Prim. He is survived by sisters Della Lovewell and Elizabeth Leo. Arrangements were entrusted to Daniel J.



Hughes Funeral and Cremation Services, Wilkes Barrel and interment was in Saint Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Cemetery of Hanover Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=john-leo&pid=193594690>

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**NASSER, Dorothy K.** (nee Kamon), 93, a resident of Mercy Center Nursing Unit, Dallas, formerly of Robert Street, Sheatown, passed away Sunday, August 11, 2019. Dorothy was born in Nanticoke on March 11, 1926; and she was the daughter of the late Stanley and Anna (Kowalski) Kamon. She graduated from Nanticoke High School and was employed by the US Army at the Pentagon and retired from Brunozzi Chevrolet/Early Motorworld in 1965. She was a member of Saint Faustina Kowalska Church of Nanticoke. Dorothy was predeceased by her first husband, Henry T. Katra, second husband, Samuel Nasser; and brother, Stanley Kamon Jr. She is survived by her sons, Henry M. Katra (wife, Patricia) of Birchrunville; Jeffrey D. Katra (wife, Deborah) of Hunlock Creek; and daughters, Judith Kaczinski (husband, Joseph) of Hanover Township; and Maria Tarnowski (husband, Robert) of Newport Township. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home of Ashley and interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery of Nanticoke.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=dorothy-k-nasser&pid=193624696>

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**LARSON, Edward M.**, 89, of Glen Lyon passed away Friday, August 16, 2019, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Plains Township. Edward was born November 12, 1929, in Hanover

Green; and he was the son of the late Michael and Ruth (Ellis) Larson. He was a US Air force veteran serving during the Korean War and attained the rank of Airman First Class. He retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Plains Township. He was a member of Holy Spirit Parish Saint Adalbert's Church of Glen Lyon and Glen Lyon VFW Post 8353. Besides his parents, Edward was predeceased by his sister, Jane (Larson) Dermott, and brothers, Douglas Larson and Elwood Larson. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Eleanor (Kowaleski) Larson; daughter, Cindy Krestynick; and son, Michael Krestynick (wife, Barbara). Arrangements were made with George

A. Strish Funeral Home, Inc. of Glen Lyon; and burial was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon with military honors.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=edward-m-larson&pid=193675858>

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**GRABINSKI, Richard J. Sr.**, 78, of Wanamie passed away Thursday, August 15, 2019, in Geisinger South Wilkes Barre. Richard was born in Nanticoke on September 7, 1940 and was the son of the late Joseph and Frances (Konopka) Grabinski. He was a graduate of Nanticoke High School and was a veteran of the US Navy serving aboard the Destroyer, USS Caperton, attaining the rank of Seaman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. He was employed as a welder and

retired from the Carpenters Union Local No. 645 of Scranton. He was a member of many veteran and civic organizations. Besides his parents, Richard was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Ann I. (Smith) Grabinski; and brother, Joseph Grabinski. He is survived by his daughters, Teri Czarnecki (husband, Bob); and Rita Tocket (husband, Van); son, Richard Grabinski Jr.; and companion/caregiver, Rosemarie Czarnoski. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home, Inc. of Glen Lyon; and burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery of Wanamie with military honors.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=richard-j-grabinski-sr&pid=193671002>

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**PAULSON, Patricia K.** (nee Poremba), 79, of Nanticoke, formerly of Alden, passed away August 18, 2019, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. Patricia was born and raised in Newport Township; and she was the daughter of the late Stanley and Pearl (Stichak) Poremba. She was of Catholic Faith and a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "57" and Wilkes University with an Associate Degree in Medical Technology. She retired as a Medical Technologist from Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Patricia is survived by her husband of 40 years, Andrew; son, Kristofer Bergstrasser of Mount Wolf; daughter, Paula Ann Bergstrasser of Nanticoke; and sister, Paulette Poremba of Alden. Arrangements were made with Stanley S. Stegura funeral Home of Nanticoke.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=patricia-k-paulson&pid=193683645&fhid=28277>

**(23)**

**COOK, Robert J.**, 45, of Glen Lyon, passed away Friday, August 23, 2019, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. Robert was born in Wilkes Barre on June 7, 1974, and he was the son of the late William cook and the late Jean Tinney. He is survived by his son, R.J. cook; sisters, Patty Crumrine, Lily Cook, and Peggy Tinney; brothers, David, Roy, and Michael Tinney, and William Cook. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish funeral Home, Inc. of Glen Lyon.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=robert-j-cook&pid=193744991&fhid=22966>

**(24)**



**ZENDARSKI, Sgt. Ryan S.**, 30, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Friday, August 23, 2019, at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

Ryan was born November 1, 1988, in Kingston;

and he was the son of Robert Jr. and Patricia (Guarnari)

Zendarski. He attended Newport Township schools and graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High School. He was an Army

Reservist and a US Army veteran serving in Iraq. Later he was a member of the 109<sup>th</sup> FA Artillery, Nanticoke, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He was employed by SCI- Mahanoy for the past seven years. He was a member of Saint Faustina Parish Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church, Nanticoke. He was predeceased by his sister, Elizabeth Zendarski. Besides his parents, Ryan is survived by his son, Kameron, brother, Kyle; and sister, Chaquana. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and burial took place in Saint Mary's Cemetery of Hanover Township with full military honors.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=ryan-s-zendarski&pid=193744992&fhid=28274>

**(25)**

**ADAMS, Mary Lou** (nee Raitter), 85, of Luzerne, formerly of Wanamie, passed away Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at Kingston Health Care. She was born in Nanticoke and was the daughter of the late William and Agnes (Forney) Raitter.

She had been employed by RCA in Mountain Top and several retail department stores. Mary Lou was predeceased by her husband, Daniel Adams and several brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son, Daniel Adams Jr. (wife, Cindy) of Swoyersville; daughter, Darlene Lupinski (husband, Michael) of Luzerne; along with a brother and several sisters. Arrangements were made with Betz-Jastremski Funeral Home, Inc. of Luzerne.

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**<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=mary-lou-adams&pid=193765594&fhid=7048>**