

Obituaries for March, April, May & June 2019 - 2019 Summer 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, (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 or call (570) 736-6981.

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SUGALSKI, Raymond, 81, of Saylorsburg, and formerly born and raised in Glen Lyon, passed away Thursday, February 21, 2019. Raymond was born on December 11, 1937, and was the son of the late Bolish and Celia (Turek) Sugalski. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "55" and Bloomsburg University with a BS degree in Education. Besides his parents, Raymond was predeceased by his first wife Patricia (Koehler) Suglaski; and daughter, Joyce Suglaski. He is survived by his wife, Dolores Suglaski; son, Michael of Phillipsburg, NJ; and brother, Leonard (wife Dee (Babetski) Suglaski of TN. Arrangements were made with Clark Funeral Services of East Stroudsburg; and interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

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STASKIEL, Joseph J., 80, of West Scranton, and formerly of Glen Lyon, died Sunday, March 3, 2019, at Regional Hospital of Scranton. Joseph was born in Glen Lyon on December 11, 1938, raised in Glen Lyon, and was the son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Dankulich) Staskiel. He graduated from Newport Township High School class of "57" and was a veteran of the US Army serving in Iceland. He retired as an analysis technician from Procter & Gamble; was a member of SS Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church and a member of Kosciusko American Legion Post 207. Besides his parents, Joseph was predeceased by his sisters, Josephine Hodick, Rosemary Sutcavage, and (infant) Arlenka; and brother, Edward Staskiel. Joseph is survived by his wife of 31 years, Maryann (O'Malley) Staskiel; and daughters, Lori Bogedin (husband, Jerry), and Jennifer Staskiel (husband John Waskovich).

Arrangements were made with Edward J. Chomko Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thetimes-tribune/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-j-staskiel&pid=191732683&fhid=22947>

(03)



BOGDON, Leon R. Sr. "Bugsy," 81, of Railroad Street, Glen Lyon, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at Berwick Retirement Village II. Leon was born and raised in Nanticoke and was the son of the late John and Helen (Januszewski) Bogdon. He was a graduate of Nanticoke High School. He worked for Heavenly Shoe, Air Products, and retired from Price's Greenhouse, Nanticoke. He was a member of Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish of Nanticoke.

Besides his parents, Leon was predeceased by his wife of 53 years the former Betty Turner; brothers, Joseph and John Bogdon and Edward Januszewski; and sisters, Ann Rusinko, Sophia Machanski, Valeria Warzechowski, Eleanor Machowski, and Helen Bau. He is survived by his son, Leon R. Bogdon Jr. (wife, Crystal) of Glen Lyon. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=leon-r-bogdan-bugsy-sr&pid=191766171>

(04)

STEIN, Ruth J. "Butch" (nee Walck), 93 of Dorrance Township, passed away Thursday, December 20, 2018, at Berwick Retirement Village II. Ruth was born in Indiana, PA on January 28, 1925; and she was the daughter of the late Howard and Margaret (Clawson: Walck. She attended Newport Township High School and retired as an employee of Ronnie Dress in Shickshinny. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Stein; sister, Durerta Ramberger; and brothers, Elmer and James Walck. Arrangements were made with Heller Funeral Home of Nescopeck.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/CitizensVoice/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=191066414>

(05)



WASHINGTON, Theresa G. (nee Mieczkowski), 81, of Mocanaqua, and formerly of Newport Center, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2019, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Theresa was raised in Newport Center where she was born on September 1, 1941; and she was the daughter of the late Anthony and Katherine (Sobolewski) Mieczkowski. Theresa was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "59." She worked for Bee Line Fashions and

Christy Fashions in Glen Lyon. She was a member of Saint Mary's Church/Faustina Parish of Mocanaqua. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Thomas Washington; sons, Thomas (wife, Beverly) of Pringle and John (companion, Melissa Jamieson) of Plains Township; daughter, Patricia Gendier (husband, George) of Mountain Top, and brothers, Ted Mieczkowski of MI and John Mieczkowski of Clifton, NJ. Arrangements were made with Mayo Funeral Home, Inc. of Shickshinny; and burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Mocanaqua.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=theresa-b-washington&pid=191766169>

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BURD, Richard D. Jr., 69, of Nescopeck Township, and formerly of Slocum Township, passes away Saturday, September 29, 2018, at Berwick Hospital Center. Richard was born in Nanticoke on March 6, 1949, and was the son of the late Richard D. Sr. and Helen (Deno) Burd. He was raised in Pond Hill/Slocum Township and graduated from Newport Township High School. "Burdy" retired from the Maintenance Department at Wise Snacks in Berwick where he worked for 50 years. He was a member of Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nescopeck. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Gary and Wayne Burd. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda M. (Stankeviitch) Burd; children, Autumn-Burd Paden (husband, Keith); Richard Burd III (companion, Heather Boston); Jeremy Burd (companion, Holly Whitmoyer); Arlinda McDaniel (husband, Denton); Linda June Burd (companion, Benjamin Reeder); Johnny Lee Burd (companion, Bethany Conklin); and Angelina Burd (companion, Brock Gurns; sisters, Eleanor Cragle, Mifflinville; Betty Shuman (husband, Duane), Mainville; and brothers, Elmer Burd, Pond Hill; and Donnie Burd and Ronnie Burd, Slocum Township. Arrangements were made with Heller Funeral Home LLC of Nescopeck.

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

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WOJCIECHOWICZ, Joseph N. "Wojo,"

76, of Shickshinny Lake, and formerly of Conyngham Township, die Thursday, March

7, 2018, at home. Joseph was born in Nanticoke on November 10, 1942, and was the son of the late Adam and Anna (Roskowski) Wojciechowicz. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "60." Joe was a

veteran of the US Army for six years and the Army Reserves for twenty five years. He retired as a Correction Officer at SCI-Dallas. Besides his parents, Joe was predeceased by two brothers, John and Norbert Wojciechowicz. She is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda (Remensnyder) Wojciechowicz; sons, Joseph A. (wife, Debbie) of Berwick and Joseph Jr. (fiancée, Lisa Gregory) of Shickshinny; daughter, Krista A. Wojciechowicz of Mocanaqua; and sister, Elaine Spook. Arrangements were made with Mayo Funeral, Shickshinny; and graveside services were in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Mocanaqua, with American Legion Post 495 military services.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-n-wojciechowicz-wojo&pid=191791565>

(08)



WOMELSDORF, Thomas C., 95, of Sheatown, passed away

Monday, March 11, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Tom was born in Nanticoke on December 30, 1923; and he was the son

the late Charles and Charlotte (Hutchinson) Womelsdorf. He graduated for Newport Township High School class of "43." He was a US Army Air Corps veteran serving with the 980th MP Company during the air offensive in Europe and Rhineland. He retired as a night watchman from Mercy Health Care Center, Sheatown, after being employed by Hedden Construction Company, PP&L power plant, and Reilly Plating. He was a member of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Alden, Newport Township Fire Company, and Newport Township Lions Club. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Dorothy (Shultz) Womelsdorf; brothers, Ellis, Orville, William, and an infant brother; and sister, Florence Honabach. Tom is survived by five children. daughter, Tracey Marso, (husband, J.P.) of Mountain Top; sons, Ronald (wife, Margaret) and Gary of Sheatown; Terrance (partner, Jaynan Temerantz) of Plymouth; and Kevin.

Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and interment was in Newport Cemetery of Newport Center.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=thomas-c-womelsdorf&pid=191812472>

(09)

MIHNESKI, Frank J. Jr., 88, of Glen Lyon, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. He was born in Glen Lyon on May 7, 1930, raised in Glen Lyon, and was the son of the late Frank W. and Sophie (Soboleski) Mihneski.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=frank-w-mihneski-jr&pid=191854146>

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KOSIN, Norbert H., 96, born and raised in Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2019 at Little Flower Manor, Wilkes Barre.

Norbert was born on November 26, 1922; and he was the son of the late Zigmund and Helen (Shiffka) Kosin. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "41." He was a US Army Air Corps veteran serving in WW II with the 8th Air Force, 466 Bomb Group as a SSG technical crew chief. The 466 Bomb Group flew missions from Attlebridge, United Kingdom to the European Theater. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator with Glen Alden Coal Company, Biscontinini and Sons Coal Co., and Blue Coal Corp. retiring after 40 years in 1985. Besides his parents, Norbert was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, the former Marie (Hassay) Kosin in 2017; daughters, Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Pelletier, and Mary Claire at birth; and brother Edward Kosin. He is survived by his children, Norberta Kosin of Mountain Top; Ann Marie White; Mary Ellen Watkins; Mark Kosin, David Kosin; Theresa Kosin, all of Wilkes Barre; Michael (wife Debbie) Kosin of Kingston; Thomas (wife, Melanie) Kosin of Olyphant; Marie Crowder (husband, Bryan) of Anadarko, OK; and son-in-law, Gene Pelletier. Arrangements were made with Daniel J. Hughes Funeral Home of Wilkes Barre; interment was private.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=norbert-h-kosin&pid=191880312&fhid=30946>

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LAWRENCE, Sheldon W. "Shelly," 75, of Glastonbury, CT, and formerly of Sheatown, died at home on Monday, February 18, 2019, of pancreatic cancer. Sheldon was born in Nanticoke

on November 15, 1943, raised in Sheatown, and was the son of the late Sheldon and Margaret Lawrence. He was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Wilkes College and was a veteran of the US Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from the Hartford Insurance Group after 37 years.

Sheldon is survived by his wife of 47 years, the former Debbie Lukens; sons, Ryan (wife, Lauren) and Eric (wife, Roshawn); and sisters, Karen Justus and Pam Paprota (husband, John). Arrangements were made with Mulryan Funeral Home of Glastonbury.

Published in Hartford Courant on Feb. 20, 2019.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/hartfordcourant/obituary.aspx?n=sheldon-w-lawrence-shelly&pid=191603716&fhid=4281>

(12)

ROSMUS, Bernadine M., 78, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Mocanaqua, died Friday, March 22, 2019, in PAM Specialty Hospital, Wilkes Barre. Bernadine was born in Mocanaqua on May 31, 1940. She was raised in Mocanaqua and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret (Lenkaitis) Rosmus. She graduated from Newport Township High School class of "58." She retired from Consolidated Cigar in Macado and was a member of Saint Faustina Parish/Saint Mary's Church in Mocanaqua. Besides her parents, Bernadine was predeceased by her sisters, Lorraine Prukalski, Mary Ann Steber, and Margaret Steber. Arrangements were made with Mayo Funeral Home, Shickshinny.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=bernadine-m-rosmus&pid=191907554>

(13)

ZAPOTOCKI, Thomas H., 64, of Spring Street, Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2019 at Birchwood Nursing Home, Nanticoke. He is survived by his companion, Dorothy Heffron. Arrangements were made with Yeosock funeral Home, Plains Township.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/CitizensVoice/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=191914928>

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MLECZYNYSKI, Joseph H., 76, of Glen Lyon, passed away Monday, March 25, 2019, at Birchwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Nanticoke. Joseph was born in Wilkes Barre on November 12, 1942 and was the son of the late Theodore and Mary (DiMaggio) Mleczynski. Besides his parent, he was predeceased by his step-daughter, Tricia Ralston and brothers; Robert, John, Theodore Jr., Anthony, and Leonard Mleczynski. Joseph is survived by his wife Florence (Arnold) Mleczynski; step-children, Sandy Weitosh, Tammy Ortiz, Jean Cooper, Betty Mae, Eugene Mae, and Michael May; and sisters, MaryAnn Koch, Maria DiMaggio, Rosemary Schwartz, and

Virginia Herrick. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. funeral home, of Glen Lyon.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-h-mleczynski&pid=191987087&fhid=22966>

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ROKOSZ, Annabel, 76, of Wanamie passed away Thursday, March 28, 2019, at her home. Annabel was born on October 15, 1942, in Bronx, NYC; and she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Catherine (Juszczyszyn) Lachowecz. She was a graduate of Bayside High School, Bayside, NY and a member of Saint Faustina Parish, Nanticoke. She was predeceased by her infant son, Stanley Rokosz, and sister, Irene Shybloski. Annabel is survived by her husband of 57 years, Carl R. Rokosz; daughters, Jean Rokosz; Christine Eroh (husband, Raymond); Karen Bielecki (husband, Joseph); sons, Daniel Rokosz (wife, Janet); Michael Rokosz (wife, Lynn); Ronald Rokosz; and James Rokosz (wife, Ashley). Arrangements were made with George A. Strish, Inc. funeral Home, Glen Lyon; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Wanamie.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=annabel-rokosz&pid=192015621&fhid=22966>

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JACOBS, Andrew J., Sr., 82, of Berwick, and formerly of Mocanaqua, passed away, Monday, March 11, 2019, at The Gardens in Orangeville. Andrew was born July 12, 1936, in Mocanaqua,

and was the son of the late Stephen and Anna (Olenik) Jacobs. He attended Newport Township High School. He was a US Marine Corps veteran. He worked as a mechanic for Penn Jackhart Weaving Mills Aluminum Factory until he retired. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Andrew J. "Butch" Jacobs Jr.; and brothers, Stephen Jacobs, Jr. and Joseph Jacobs. He is survived by his children, Douglas Jacobs (wife, Ruthann) of MD; Theresa Jacobs, FL; Michael Jacobs (wife, Jill) of Berwick' and sisters, Carol Jacobs, MI; and Rita Herstick of Mocanaqua. Arrangements were made with Heller Funeral Home of Nescopeck.

Published in Hellers Legacy Page 4.

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

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LASTOWSKI, Lillian K. (nee Maday), 96, formerly of Alden and Nanticoke, passed away Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at Little Flower Manor, Wilkes Barre. Lillian was born in Alden on June 8, 1922; and she was the daughter of the

late Agnes Stoy and John Maday. She attended Newport Township schools and owned and operated George's Market on Green Street, Nanticoke, with her late husband, George Lastowski. She was a member of Saint Mary's Church, Nanticoke. Besides her parents and late husband, George Lastowski, Lillian was predeceased by her brothers, Joseph, Edward, Leon, Frank, and Stanley Madey; sisters, Katherine Elias, Mary Ferlick, Theodora Nowasacki, and Sylvia Czerwinski; and companion, Michael Cordora. She is survived by her children, George and (Nina) Lastowski of MI; Gerald and (Annabella) of Swiftwater; Karen and (Eli) Fleisher of Kingston; and Patrick Lastowski and husband, Dr. Jeff Miles of CA. Arrangements were made with Stanley S. Stegura funeral Home of Nanticoke; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Wanamie.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=lillian-k-lastowski&pid=192215623&fhid=28277>

(18)



BROWN, Doris L. (nee Honabach), 90, of Slocum Township, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2019, at Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Doris was born in Newport Township on March 19, 1929; and she was the daughter of the late Harold W. and Florence M. (Womelsdorf) Honabach. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School and worked at Leslie Fay in Glen Lyon. She was a member of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church of Alden. Doris is survived by her husband of 68 years, Ralph R. Brown; sons, Richard Brown of Slocum Township and David Brown (wife, Dee) of Nanticoke; and sister, Charlotte Wida of Elmira, NY. Arrangements were made with Heller Funeral Home of Nescopeck; and burial was in Slocum Cemetery.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=192268510>

(19)



BOYEK, Joan Agnes, 89, of Silver Springs, MD, formerly of Glen Lyon and Berwick, passed away April 3, 2019, at Washington Adventist Hospital. Joan was born in Glen Lyon on July 18, 1929 and was the daughter of the late Walter and Antoinette Boyek. She attended Newport Township schools, Salem Township Elementary School and graduated from Berwick High School in 1948. She graduated with a nursing degree from Washington Missionary College, worked at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, and retired from Washington Hospital Center. Joan is survived by

her sister, Ann Lawrence, Laurel, MD; and foster sister, Ellen Morgan (husband, Gerry). Arrangements were with Kelchner Funeral Home of Berwick; and burial was at Pine Grove Cemetery, Berwick. Published in Kelchner Funeral Home Legacy.

<http://www.kelchnerfuneralhome.com/>

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CIONZYNSKI, Margaret (nee Wyda), 96, of Nanticoke, passed into eternal rest on Friday, April 12, 2019, at Wesley Village, Laflin. Margaret was born in Glen Lyon in 1925; and she was the daughter of the late Helen (Peplinski) Wyda and John Wyda. She had been employed with Dr. Thaddeus Salachinski; as a riveter during WW II; with Stanley Works Tool Co., CN; in the garment industry, Glen Lyon; and American Tobacco Co; and retired in 1984. She was a member of Saint Faustina Parish, Nanticoke. Margaret was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Henry V. Cionzynski; sisters, Helen Rynkiewicz, Della Kirby, and Eleanor Sikorski; brothers, Clement Wyda and Cpl. John Wyda (POW Korea). Arrangements were made with Davis Dinelli Funeral Home, Nanticoke; and burial was in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Sheatown.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=margaret-cionzynski&pid=192373009&fhid=28274>

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WITT, Geraldine "Geri" T. (nee Maday), 89, passed away Friday, April 12, 2019, at Mercy Center, Dallas, where she was a resident. Geraldine was born in Alden pm September 17, 1929; and she was the daughter of the late John and Agnes (Stoy) Maday. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "47." She retired from Dow Jones. Besides her parents, Geraldine was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Frank Witt; brothers, Joseph, Edward, Leon, Frank, and Stanley Maday; sisters, Katherine Elias, Mary Ferlick, Theodora Nowasacki, Sylvia Czerwinski, and Lillian Lastowski; and care giver, Raymond Gustave.

Arrangements were made with Gubbiotte Funeral Home, LLC, Exeter; and entombment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton, and Kingston Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=geraldine-t-witt-geri&pid=192389137&fhid=10158>

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KUTZ, Pauline T. (nee Pelczar), 86, of Dallas and formerly of Wanamie, passed away Friday, April 19, 2019, at Smith Health Care, Mountain Top. Pauline was born in Wanamie; and she was the daughter of the late Walter and Theresa (Dekutoski) Pelczar. She was the valedictorian of her Newport Township High School senior class upon graduation. She also graduated with a nursing degree from Temple University subsequently to working there for staff surgeons and retired as School Nurse for Dallas Area School district. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Anthony Walter Kutz; brother, Dr. Eugene Walter Pelczar; and sister, Irene Ann (Pelczar) Boyle. Arrangements were made with Snowdon Funeral Home of Shavertown; and burial took place at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary-print.aspx?n=pauline-t-kutz&pid=192626393>

(23)



ECKROTE, Dean A., 56, of Reyburn, Union Township, and formerly of Alden, died, Friday, April 19, 2019, from injuries sustained from an automobile accident in Plymouth. Dean was born in Nanticoke on February 15, 1963, raised in Alden, and was the son of the late Calvin and Lorraine (Lore) Eckrote. He attended K. M. Smith School and GNA schools and served with the National Guard 109th Field Artillery.

Besides his parents, Dean was predeceased by his brother, Joseph Craig Eckrote. He is survived by his sisters, Debra (husband, Robert) Conrad and Sonia (husband, Raymond) Bowman of Shickshinny; Nicole (husband, Raymond) Lanteigne of Plymouth, and brother, Randy Eckrote of Plymouth. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=dean-a-eckrote&pid=192681238&fhid=28274>

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MYERS, Joan, (nee Arnold), 85, of Dorrance Township, passed away Thursday, November 1, 2018, at Mountain Top Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Joan was born in Nanticoke and was the daughter of the late Stanley and Myrtle Arnold. She was educated in Slocum Township and Newport Township schools. She also was a graduate of the Valley Crest LPN Nursing Program and retired from there after a 30 year career. She was a member of Stairville United Methodist Church. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Ellis Myers; daughter, Linda Myers; brother, Ted Arnold; and sister, June May. She is survived by her daughters, Diane Jensen (husband, Richard) of Hobbie and Joanne Hazus of Mountain Top; son, Kevin Myers (wife, Brenda) of Dorrance; sisters, Ruth Rinehimer of

Hobbie; Florence May; Sue Ogin; and Roxanne Shovlin, all of Wilkes Barre. Arrangements were made with Desiderio Funeral Home, Inc. of Mountain Top; and interment was in Stairville Cemetery.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=joan-myers&pid=190645848&fhid=28297>

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JENKINS, Jennie (nee Peters), 90, of Wapwallopen, passed away Friday, January 25, 2019, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Jennie was born in Slocum Township; and she was the daughter of the late Gilbert and Agnes (VanFossen) Peters Sr. Jennie was educated in Slocum Township and Newport Township schools. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church. Besides her parents, Jennie was predeceased by her husband of 72 years, Robert Jenkins;

and sisters Marian Gross and Edna Yancoski. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Jenkins with whom she resided; son, David Jenkins (companion, Nancy Butz) of Bethlehem; brothers Warren Peters (wife, Jane [Ogin]) of Huntington Valley and Gilbert Peters JR.; and sister, Rachael Woodring. Arrangements were made with McCune Funeral Home of Mountain Top.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=jennie-jenkins&pid=191380886&fhid=18020>

(26)

STEC, Sophie, 990, of Dorrance Township, passed away on January 8, 2019, at Mountain Top Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center. Sophie was born in Dorrance on May 14, 1928, and raised in Dorrance. She was the daughter of the late John and Ann (Kocon) Stec. She was educated in Dorrance Township and Newport Township schools. Besides her parents, Sophie was preceded in death by her sisters, Cecelia Stec and Helen Walczyk; and brothers, John, Joseph, and Louis Stec. Arrangements were made with Heller funeral Home of Nescopeck; and burial was in Saint Mary's Parrish Cemetery, Dorrance.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=191238111>

(27)

HOCH, Niles P., 75, of Bloomsburg, passed away Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at the Geisinger Hospital, Bloomsburg. Niles was born in Slocum Township on February 8, 1943, and was the son of the late Paul and Marian (Deets) Hoch. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "60." He was an owner/operator of a tractor/trailer and later retired from Sokol, Inc., of Bloomsburg. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Virginia; children, Sherrie L Wright (husband, Chris) of Berwick; Paul N. Hoch of Bloomsburg; and Seth J. Hoch of Hanover Township; step-children, Denise

Y. Harvey of Elysburg; Christopher T. Harvey of Bloomsburg; and Stanley J. Harvey III of Berwick; sisters, Brenda Ryman (husband, Martin) and Miriam Hoch, both of Wapwallopen; and brother, John Hoch (wife, Bonnie) of Wapwallopen. Arrangements were made with Allen Funeral Home, Inc. of Bloomsburg; and interment was at Hidlay Cemetery.

Published by Allen Funeral Home, Inc. Legacy.

<https://www.allen-funeralhome.com/obituaries/Niles-Hoch/#!/Obituary>

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LUTSEY, Robert Charles, 76, of Swoyersville, passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2019, at the Gardens of East Mountain. Charles was born in Woodlynne, NJ, on September 25, 1942; and he was the son of the late Robert Palmer Lutsey and Sarah Margaret Lutsey. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "60." He retired as a letter carrier from the Wilkes Barre Postal Service. Robert is survived by his daughters, Angela Lyons (spouse, Joseph) of Millville; Robin Andy (spouse, Nancy) of FL; Tina Clements (spouse, Nick) of Shickshinny; Marianne Girton of Millville; and Megan Myers (spouse, Greg) of Swoyersville; and sons Randy Lutsey of CO, and Matthew Lutsey (spouse, Jennifer) of Forty Fort.

Arrangements were made with McCune Funeral Home of Mountain Top; and entombment was Elan Memorial Park of Bloomsburg.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=robert-charles-lutsey&pid=191150651&fhid=18020>

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TARNOWSKI, Albina S. (nee Makarczyk) of Wilkes Barre, formerly of Nanticoke, passed away, Friday, May 10, 2019, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Albina was born in Nanticoke on March 31, 1930, raised in Nanticoke, and was the daughter of the late Stanley P. and Sarah (Citko) Makarczyk. She was a co-owner/operator of Tarnowski's Economy Market in Glen Lyon along with her late husband Leo Tarnowski. She attended Nanticoke schools and was a member of the former Holy Trinity Church. Besides her parents and husband, Albina was predeceased by her daughter, Marie Tarnowski, and three brothers and four sisters. She is survived by her son, Stephen D. Tarnowski (wife, Kathy) of Mesa, AZ; and daughter, Karen Amesbury, husband, Judge William) of Wilkes Barre. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish, Inc, Funeral Home of Ashley; and burial was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

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RINEHIMER, Jane P. (nee Peters), 75, of Dorrance, passed away Friday, February 1, 2019, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.. Jane was born in Mountain Top and she was the daughter of Minnie (Koons) Peters

and the late Lee Peters... She was a member of Emmanuel UCC Church and retired from the PNC Bank. Besides her mother, she is survived by her husband, Ronald Rinehimer, a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "58"; children, Rhonda Madigan (husband, Bob) of Dorrance; Melonie Mansley of Harleysville; Ron Rinehimer (wife, Lisa) of Dorrance and Jeff Rinehimer (wife, Carolyn) of Dorrance; and sister, Gail Peters Hart of Mountain Top. Arrangements were made with McCune Funeral Home of Mountain Top; and burial was in Emmanuel UCC Church Cemetery.

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BALKUNAS, Barbara (nee Tommor), 70, of South Abington Township, passed away Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Allied Hospice Inpatient Unit. Barbara was born in Alden and was the daughter of Veronica Andrysik and the late Joseph Tommor. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "65" and Bloomsburg University with a degree in elementary Education. She is survived by her husband, Joseph E. Balkunas; and brother, Paul Tommor (wife, Kathy) of Alden. Arrangements were made with Grontkowski funeral Home, PC, of Nanticoke and internment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery in Sheatown.

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PANZITTA, Katherine M. (nee Urban), 86, of Mountain Top, passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2018. She was born in Glen Lyon and was the daughter of the late Adam and Stacia Urban. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School, Kings County Hospital Center Nursing Program, Wilkes College, and Scranton University with a Master's

Degree. She retired after many years with the Keystone Job Corps in Drums. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, Joseph Kapral of Askam. Katherine is survived by her husband of 55 years, Attilio Panzitta; children, Deborah Pace (husband, Ralph); Gary Kapral (wife, Rosemary); Saveria Saunders (husband, Christopher); and Salvatore Panzitta (wife, Elaine); sisters, Emilia Kramer, Eleanor Ciesla, and Leona Monahan; and brother, Frank Urban. Arrangements were made with Desiderio-Lehman Funeral Home of Mountain Top; and interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Drums.

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STEFANCIN, Nellie (nee Stec), 93, of Dorrance Township, passed away Thursday, February 14, 2019, at Birchwood Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Nellie was born in Dorrance on February 9, 1925 and was the daughter of the late John and Anne (Kocon) Stec. She was educated and attended Dorrance and Newport Township schools and worked with her husband on the family farm. She was a member of Saint Mary's Our Lady Help of Christian Church. Besides her parents and husband, George Stfancin, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Cecilia T. Stec, Helen Walczuk, and Sophie Stec; and brothers, John, Joseph, and Louis Stec. Arrangements were made with Heller funeral Home LLC of Nescopeck; and burial took place at Saint Mary's Parish Cemetery, Dorrance Township. Published in Times Leader from Feb. 18 to Feb. 19, 2019.

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STOLA, Alfred J. Sr., 91, of Salem Township, passed away Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at home. Alfred was born in Glen Lyon on April 1, 1927, and was the son of the late John and Marianne (Janiszewski) Stola. Throughout his lifetime he was a dairy farmer, worked for the AC&F and Americana in Berwick, and assisted in land surveying. He was able and proficient in car and machinery repair. Besides his parents, John was predeceased by his wife Velma (Lipovsky) Stola; and sister, Jennie Mosack. He is survived by his children, Alfred Stola, JR. (wife, Lynn) of Turbotville; Cark Stoka, Berwick; Ann Marie Lynn (husband, George), Berwick; Robert Stola, Berwick; David Stola (wife, Teri), Shickshinny; John Stola (companion, Tina Kriebel), Berwick; and Rich Stola (wife, Margarey), Nescopeck. Arrangements were made with Heller Funeral Home LLC of Nescopeck; and burial was at Pine Grove Cemetery in Berwick.

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CHESNEY, Albert P. "Azzie," 70, of Glen Lyon, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2019, in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospice Unit in Plains Township. Albert was born on September 13, 1948, raised in Glen Lyon, and was the son of the late Stanley and Stephania (Niemic) Chesney. He was

a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "66." Albert was a US Navy Vietnam veteran and served aboard the USS Guadalupe. He was a member of Glen Lyon Chester Stralka VFW Post 8353, Glen Lyon American Legion Post 539, and AMVETS Post 59. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Michael and twin Gilbert; and sister, Evelyn. "Azzie" is survived by his sisters, Kathy Wilkes (husband, John) of Sheatown; Rose Ann Namowicz (husband, David) of Glen Lyon; and life partner, Lorrie Materewicz. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home of Glen Lyon; and interment was in Saint Michael's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

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