

## Obituaries for August, September, October & November 2018 - 2019 Winter 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 [tomkash@verizon.net](mailto:tomkash@verizon.net) or call (570) 736-6981.

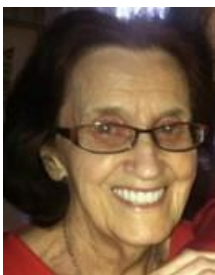
### (01)



**GARRISON, Jane L.** (nee Hartzel), 71, of Berwick, formerly of Wapwallopen, passed away July 26, 2018, at home. Jane was born December 26, 1946, in Wilkes Bare, and was the daughter of the late Woodrow Wilson and Margaret (Hess) Hartzel. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "64" and a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Berwick. Jane retired from Berwick School District as a Paraprofessional working with special needs and life skills children. Besides her parents, Jane was predeceased by her son Scott L. Garrison. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Robert I. Garrison; and daughter, Wendy I. Garrison, of Harrisburg. Arrangements were made with James L. Hinckley Funeral Home, Berwick; and burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Walnut Street, Berwick.

<https://www.jameshinckleyjrfuneralhome.com/obituary/Jane-Garrison>

### (02)



**BONCZEWSKI, Pearl A.**, 92, of Plymouth, passed away Friday, August 24, 2018, at Saint Luke's Nursing Home, Wilkes Barre. Pearl was the sister of Leonard Bonczewski, long-time resident of Wanamie.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=pearl-a-onczewski&pid=190061501&fhid=22973>

**(03)**

**NOGIC, Gertrude T.** (nee Klutz), 95, of Kingston, and formerly of Wanamie, passed away Friday, August 24, 2018. Gertrude was born and raised in Wanamie and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Pauline (Rafa) Klutz. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "38." Besides her parents, Gertrude was predeceased by her husband Anthony Nogic, Sr.; son, Anthony Nogic, Jr.; and nine siblings, Stanley, Anthony, Leonard, John, Mary Thomas, Theresa Klutz, Henrietta Thompson, Sophia Goodman, and Josephine Masakowski. She is survived by grandchildren, Chris Nogic, Hunlock Creek, and Katie Venrable Reilly, NC; and her caregiver, nephew, Steve Masakowski. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home, Inc. of Glen Lyon; and interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery of Sheatown.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=gertrude-t-nogic&pid=190061500&fhid=22966>

**(04)**

**SLINGERLAND, Lorraine Marie** (nee Cobosco), 84, of Bronxville, NY, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, September 9, 2018. Lorraine was born in Glen Lyon on November 9, 1933; and she was the daughter of the late Michael and Emma (Lipski) Cobosco. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School and Penn State University class of "55" with a degree in fine Arts. Throughout life she was an artist and a strong supporter of the arts and education. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, Michael (wife, Cornelia) of Nanticoke and Constance Cobosco. Lorraine is survived by her husband of 56 years, Richard Slingerland, Sr.; children, Mary Slingerland of Newtown, CT; Richard Slingerland, Jr. (wife, Amy) of Ossining, NY; Catherine Chomiak (husband, Peter) of Ridgefield, CT; and Christina Slingerland of Yonkers, NY. Arrangements were made with Fred H. McGrath & Son Funeral Home of Brownsville; and interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, NY. 317 Bronxville Road, Bronxville, NY 10708; 914-779-1820.

Published in The Journal News on Sep. 13, 2018.

<https://obits.lohud.com/obituaries/lohud/obituary.aspx?n=lorraine-c-slingerland&pid=190200290&fhid=27182>

**(5)**

**BLYDENBURGH, Cecilia T.** (nee Gonsecski), 102, of Shickshinny, died Sunday, September 9, 2018, in Berwick Hospital Center. Cecilia was born on December 24, 1915, in Glen Lyon where she was raised; and she was the daughter of the late Alexander and Tekla Gonsecski. She was a member of Saint Martha's Church in Fairmount Springs. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Edward K. Blydenburgh Sr.; brothers, Edward, Stanley, Albin, John, and Bunny; and sisters, Alberta, Amelia, Bertha, Helen, Marcella, and Eleanor. Cecilia is survived by her sons, Edward K. Blydenburgh, Jr. and Alexander Blydenburgh (wife, Kim), both of Shickshinny. Arrangements were made with Mayo Funeral Home of Shickshinny; and burial took place at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on September 12, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=cecilia-t-blydenburgh&pid=190196306>

**(06)**



**TOMCZAK, Sylvia M.** (nee Furmanski), 88, of Nanticoke, passed away on Monday, September 10, 2018. Sylvia was born on March 27, 2018, in Glen Lyon where she was raised; and she was the daughter of the late Sylvester and Martha (Kornowski) Furmanski. She retired from employment at Luzerne County Community College and was a member of Saint Nicholas Church, Wilkes Barre. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Alfred Tomczak and infant son, Brian. Sylvia is survived by her children, Marthann Elmir of Kingston; Sylvia Kozlofski (husband, Jeffrey) of Nanticoke; Roberta Kuranovich (husband, Joseph) of Wilkes Barre; Richard Tomczak (wife, Amy) of Nanticoke; and twins, Rev. Peter Tomczak of W. Wyoming and Allison Reilly (husband, John) of Glen Lyon. Arrangements were made with Bednarski Funeral Home of Wyoming and burial was at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Wanamie.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=sylvia-m-tomczak&pid=190196308>

**(07)**

**THOMAS. John Jay**, "Cheesy," of San Diego, CA, formerly of Wanamie, passed away November 14, 2017. John was a member of Newport Township High School class of "66."

**(08)**



**HUGHES, William J.**, 85, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Newport Township, passed away Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at Guardian Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, Sheatown.

William was born August 3, 1933, in Newport Township, and he was the son of the late William and Bertha (Jesuit) Hughes. He attended Newport Township schools and was a US Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He retired from the Tobyhanna Army Depot; was a member of Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish/Exaltation of Holy Cross Church in Buttonwood, Hanover Township; and a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. William is survived by his wife of 62 years, the former Mary Ann Hanish; daughters, Holly Novakowski (husband, Thomas) of Wanamie, Newport Township; and Tara Lynne Hughes of Nanticoke. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and entombment was at Maple Hill Cemetery Columbarium, Hanover Township.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=william-j-hughes&pid=190215792>

**(09)**



**KLINESMITH, Elouise J.** (nee Mowery), 75, of Summerhill, passed away Thursday, August 16, 2018, at home. Elouise was born in Wanamie and she was the daughter of the late Viola (Smith) Mowery. She graduated from Berwick High School and retired as a seamstress from Lady Ester. Besides her mother, she was predeceased by her husband of 49 years,

David E. Klinesmith; sons, Mark Klinesmith and Matthew Klinesmith; and brother Fillmore Mowery. Elouise is survived by her daughter, Tammy Woodruff of Berwick. Arrangements were made with Heller Funeral Home of Nescopeck.

Published in Heller Funeral Home Legacy, Page 5.

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/081818/page/6/story/elouise-j-klinesmith>

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

**(10)**

**STEPHANICK, John**, 60, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away. John was born in Nanticoke, raised in Glen Lyon, and attended Newport Township schools. He was the son of the late Stanley and Janet (Parks) Stephanick. John was employed by Reilly Finishing Technologies and enjoyed walking throughout the local woodlands. Besides his parents he was predeceased by an infant sister, Mary; and sister, Linda Kroll. John is survived by brothers, Paul and Blaise, both of Glen Lyon, and sister, Michele Hutchinson. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home, Inc. of Glen Lyon and interment was in Saint Michael's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

**(11)**



**WINTERS, Gertrude B.** (nee Burns), of Laurel, MD, and formerly of Arch Street, Glen Lyon, passed away Monday, September 17, 2018. Gertrude was the daughter of the late James P. and Josephine (Gajewski) Burns. She attended Newport Township schools and retired as an assembler working for RCA Corporation, Mountaintop. Gertrude was a member of Holy Spirit Parish of Glen Lyon. Besides her parents, Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Stanley I. Winters, in 1995; sisters, Helene Gajewski; Josephine Gavel; Mary Krystofik;; Margaret Okonieski; and Theresa Pegarella; and brothers, Gilbert Burns; Martin burns; and James R. Burns. She is survived by her daughter, Deane K. (husband, David) Bicjan of Laurel, MD; and sister, Corrine Okonieski of Fredericksburg. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home of Glen Lyon; and interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on September 25, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=gertrude-b-winters&pid=190309467>

**(12)**



**DULE, Daniel A.**, (78) of Glen Lyon, passed away Tuesday, September 25, 2018, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Daniel was born in Wilkes Barre on February 23, 1940 and was the son of the late Andrew and Berta (Yankoski) Dule. Dan graduated from Saint Leo's High School and attended King's College and Philadelphia School of Pharmacy. He was a veteran of the US Army, a member of Holy Spirit Parish/Saint Adalbert's Church, and a former Newport Township Commissioner. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia (Rembecki) Dule; daughters, Lisa Magras (husband, Daniel) and Rebecca Grohoski (husband, Mark); and sons, Daniel P. Dule (wife, Mary) and Stephen Dule (wife, Susan). 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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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=daniel-a-dule&pid=190329638>

**(13)**



**GREGORY, James M. Sr.**, 60, of Glen Lyon, passed away on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at home. James "Jimbo" was born in Wilkes Barre on December 31, 1957, and was the son of the late Thomas Gregory and Ella (Smith) Wilcox. He attended John S. Fine High School and was employed by Joseph Hudack Construction and later Berry Plastics of Mountain Top. Besides his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Stanley. James is survived by his wife of 38 years, the former Ann Marie (Turner) Gregory; son, James Gregory, Jr. (companion, Debbie May) of Nanticoke; Rachael Schrader (husband, Butch); step-father, Carl Wilcox; brothers, Carl Wilcox, Tom and Tim Gregory; sisters, Nell Cosilman, Linda Helen, and Sally; and special niece, Wendy Bralczyk. 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=james-m-gregory&pid=190338766&fhid=22966>

**(14)**

**CZAPLA, Mary** (nee Lukaszewski), 92, of Alden Station, passed away Tuesday, September 25, 2018, in Geisinger South, Plains Township. Mary was born in Mocanaqua on August 14, 1926, and she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Helen (Szepanski) Lukaszewski. She was a member of Saint Faustina Parish, attended Mocanaqua schools, and worked in the local garment. Besides her parents, Mary was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Louis Czapla, and five brothers and three sisters. She is survived by her brother, Dan Lukaszewski (wife, Marie). Arrangements were made with Grontkowski Funeral Home P.C., Nanticoke; and burial was in Holy Trinity Cemetery of Sheatown.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on September 28, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=mary-h-czapla&pid=190338775&fhid=28276>

**(15)**



**JENKINS, John Carl**, 77, of Dallas, and formerly of Lily and Glen Lyon, passed away Monday, September 24, 2018, at Post Acute Medical Specialty Hospital, Wilkes Barre. John Carl was born July 31, 1941, and was the son of the late Carl and Dorothy (Mayewski) Jenkins. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "59," received his bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg University and master's degree from Syracuse University. He was a teacher, coach, and, later in life, self-employed as a Sewer Enforcement Officer). He was a member of Stairville United Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara (Pastelak) Jenkins in 1999. John Carl is survived by his daughters, Deborah, (husband, Raymond), Pamela (husband, Joseph), Cheryl (husband, Erwin), and Jessica (husband, Chuck), brother, Dawson (wife, Linda); and companion, Karla Narkiewicz. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke.

Published in the Times Leader on September 27 & 28, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=john-carl-jenkins&pid=190337984>

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**ANSKIS, Jolynn**, 41, of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, September 30, 2018, in Geisinger South, Wilkes Barre. Jolynn was born in Wilkes Barre on March 2, 1977, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Genevieve (Barron) Anskis. She attended K. M. Smith School and Greater Nanticoke Area School District. She was employed by Sid Harvey Distribution Center of Hanover Township. She is survived by her companion of 23 years, Francis Kirschner; son, Joseph Kirschner; and sisters, Christine Mitkowski and Heather Sarday.

Arrangements were made with George A. Strish, Inc. funeral Home of Glen Lyon.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 3, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?pid=190377886>

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**FEDORCHAK, Anna** (nee Bilak), 99, of Smithtown, NY, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Friday, September 28, in Smithtown, NY. Anna was born in Glen Lyon on February 11, 1919, and was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Labeda) Bilak. She attended Newport Township schools and retired from employment at Hampton House in Hanover Township. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Paul Fedorchak; sisters, Mary Osterberg, Helen Bilak, and Emily Warmus; and brothers, John, Charles, and Michael Bilak. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home, Inc. of Ashley; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 4, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=anna-fedorchak&pid=190387913&fhid=2829>



**(18)**



**JONES, Irene R.** (nee Roman), 95, a lifetime resident of Glen Lyon, passed away Thursday, October 4, 2018, at the Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Irene was born in Wilkes Barre and she was the daughter of the late Julian and Julia (Gull) Roman; and she graduated from Newport Township High School. She became a Registered Nurse through the Wilkes Barre General Hospital School of Nursing and eventually retired from there working in the Obstetric Department. Irene was a member of Saint Adalbert's Church Holy Spirit Parish in Glen Lyon. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Anuerin D. Jones; and sister, Eleanor Bartosiewicz. Irene is survived by her son, Ronald W. Jones of Glen Lyon. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc funeral Home of Glen; and interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 6, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=irene-r-jones&pid=190406341>

**(19)**



**TUSHINSKI, Ronald**, 82, a resident of Hutchinson Island South, FL for the past 20 years, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away October 4, 2018. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School and a US military veteran. He retired as a certified registered nurse of anesthesia working in New York City. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Jean. Arrangements were under the direction of Haisley Funeral and Cremation Service, Port Saint Lucie, FL.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 14, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=ronald-tushinski&pid=190472063>

**(20)**



**STEWART, John W.**, 96, of E. Kirmar Avenue, passed away Tuesday, October 16, 2018. John was born in Nanticoke and was the son of the late Ira and Thelma (Woolford) Stewart. He attended schools in

the Newport Township system. John was a 24 year veteran of the US Army serving his country in WW II and the Korean War. He had served with the 17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division and the 513<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment (82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne) and participated in Operation Varsity and Operation Market Garden. John had received the Bronze Star. Besides his parents, John was predeceased by his wife, the former Clare Eckrote; brother, Richard Stewart, sister, Ethel Sadilak; and sons, John Stewart, and William Stewart and wife, Christine. He is survived by his children, Richard "Peanut" Stewart (wife, Anne) of Alden; Sue Antonishak (husband, Stephen); Walter J. (wife, Linda) Steward of Nanticoke; Jerry Stewart of Alden; Michael Miller (companion, Marissa) of W. Pittston; Mark J. Stewart of Brunswick, NJ; Jonathan R. Stewart (wife, Jennifer) of Wanamie; Shawn Stewart of Pittston; and Moriah Stewart of Philadelphia. Arrangements were made with Earl Lohman Funeral Home of Nanticoke.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 19, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=john-w-stewart&pid=190514032>

**(21)**

**RESAVY, Stephen E.**, 71, a lifetime resident of Wanamie, passed away Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at his home. Stephen was born in Nanticoke on December 8, 1946, and was the son of the late Edmund and Edith (Deluca) Resavy. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "64," King's College, and received a Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation from Scranton University. Stephen retired as a Unit Manager working at White Haven Center. He was a member of Holy Spirit Parish of Glen Lyon and longtime caretaker of Saint Mary's Cemetery in Wanamie. Stephen is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Jo (Tilletski) Resavy; and daughters, Lisa Kotz (husband, John) of Wanamie; and Donna Wanchisen (husband, John) of Mountain Top. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home of Glen Lyon; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery of Wanamie.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 20, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=stephen-e-resavy&pid=190523096>

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**POWELL, Gary A.**, 53, of Glen Lyon, passed into eternal rest at the Wilkes Barre General Hospital Post Acute Medical Specialty Unit on Thursday, October 18, 2018. Gary was born in Wilkes Barre on January 5, 1965, and was the son of Robert J. Powell Jr. and Joyce (Donavan) Powell. He was raised in Ashley and attended Hanover Area Jr. /Sr. High School. He had been employed by Kapler and Tretter Construction and Malishchak Brothers thereafter. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Powell III. Gary is survived by his wife, Robin; daughters, Kimberly Powell (fiancée, Stanley O'Brien) of Moscow; Valerie Shoemaker (husband, Miles) of Glen Lyon; and Gariann Powell of Glen Lyon; brothers, Kenneth Powell (wife, Jackie) of Glen Lyon; and Thomas Powell of Ashley; and sister, Anita Powell McGeer of Ashley. Arrangements were made with John V. Morris Family Funeral Homes of Wilkes Barre.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 21, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=gary-allen-powell&pid=190530996>

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**GROCHOWSKI, Eleanor C. (Norch)**, (nee Luckiewicz), 94, formerly of Nanticoke and Newport Township, passed away on Friday, October 19, 2018, at Guardian Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Sheatown. Eleanor was born in Sheatown on April 6, 1924, and she was the daughter of the late Adam and Sara (Sagun) Luckiewicz. She retired from RCA and was a member of Holy Trinity Church of Saint Faustina Parish. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her husband John T. Grochowski in 1996. Eleanor is survived by her sister, Lori Wolfe, of Nanticoke. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke: and interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery in Sheatown.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 21, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=eleanore-c-grochowski-norch&pid=190530992>

**(24)**

**VOYTKOWSKI, Elaine M.** (nee Fecerici), 71, of Pond Hill, Conyngham Township, died Friday, October 19, 2018, at home. Elaine was born in Berwick on October 18, 1947, and was the daughter of the late Aldo and Agnes (Chiki) Federici. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "65" and a member of Holy Spirit Parish, Saint Mary's Church of Mocanaqua. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Joseph Voytkowski; daughter, Lisa Cereta of Pittston; and sisters, Maryann Chesney (husband, Anthony) of Lansdale and Janet Obitz of Hunlock Creek. Arrangements were made with Mayo Funeral Home of Berwick; and interment was at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Mocanaqua.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 21, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=elaine-m-voytkowski&pid=190530993>

**(25)**

**CAJKOWSKI, William J.**, 83, of Glen Lyon passed away Monday, October 22, 2018, at his home. Arrangements were with George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home of Glen Lyon; and interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 26, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=william-j-czajkowski&pid=190575777>

**(26)**

**THOMA, Anna Mae** (nee Jones), 67, of Dorrance Township, and formerly of Alden, passed away Sunday, October 28, 2018, in Celtic Hospice Inpatient Unit, of Geisinger South, Wilkes Barre. Anna Mae was born in Nanticoke, on December 13, 1950; and she was the daughter of the late William J. and Evelyn (Evans) Jones. She graduated from Newport Township High School class of "68." She retired from Commonwealth Health (Wilkes Barre General Hospital & Wyoming Valley Health Care). Anna Mae and her late husband, Gary Thomas, owned and operated Thoma's Pizza and Subs of Slocum Township. She was a member of Stairville United Methodist Church. Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her sister, Georgia Munson. Anna Mae is survived by

her daughter, Michelle Jacobson (husband, Eric) of Mountain Top; companion, Jerry Klopotoski; sisters, Sharon Miller, Binghamton, NY; and Joyce Raub (husband, William) of Rockville, MD; and brother, William Jones Jr. (wife, Marian) of Beach Creek Township. Arrangements were made with David-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and interment was in Stairville Cemetery.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 29, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=anna-mae-thoma&pid=190597743>

**(27)**



**KLISH, Helen S.** (nee Krukowski), of Glen Lyon, passed away Saturday, October 27, 2018, at Westminster Village, Allentown. Helen was born in Nanticoke and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Caroline Krukowski. She attended Nanticoke High School and Wilkes Barre Business School. She had been employed in the garment industry and retired from Leslie Fay. She was a member of Holy Spirit Parish, Saint Adalbert's Church of Glen Lyon. Besides her parents, Helen was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Chester Klish; brothers, Stanley Frank and Edward Krukowski; sisters, Sophie Indycki, Frances Salamone, and Mary Cieplik. She is survived by her sons, Robert Klish (wife, Leah) of Northampton; and Joseph Klish (wife, Vickiann) of Wall Twp. NJ. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home of Glen Lyon; and interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon. Published in the Citizens' Voice on October 31, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=helen-s-klisch&pid=190617636>

**(28)**

**SIMCHICK, Geraldine Ann**, 83, formerly of Nanticoke and Wanamie, passed away Saturday, October 13, 2018, at Timber Ridge Care Center, Plains Township. Geraldine was born in Wanamie and was the daughter of John Sr. and Helen (Sadowski) Simchick. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "52." and was retired from the CIA after 41 years after being recognized for her contributions to the Agency. Besides

her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, John Jr. and Robert "Bob." She is survived by her sister, Simone Baldwin. Arrangements were made with Kearney Funeral Home, Inc. of Nanticoke; and burial took place at Saint Adalbert's Cemetery in Glen Lyon. Published in the Citizens' Voice on November 1, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=geraldine-ann-simchick&pid=190627515&fhid=7214>

**(29)**



**SMITH, Thomas E.** formerly of Dorrance Township and Florida, died Friday, October 26, 2018, at Veterans Medical Center in Plains Township. Thomas was born on July 6, 1934, and was one of 14 children from the late William and Barbara (Drasher) Smith. He attended Newport Township schools. He was a US Air Force veteran serving during the Korean War as a jet mechanic. He worked and retired as a carpenter working for a pre-hung door manufacturer. He was a member of American Legion Post 781 of Mountain Top. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, James Smith and George Smith Sr.; sisters, Myrtle Cearsar, Elizabeth Kitchen, and Mary Kishbaugh. Thomas is survived by brothers, Robert Smith and William Smith of FL; Charles Smith and Richard Smith of PA; and sisters, Barbara Lewis of AZ; and Lillian Egbert, Dorothy Balliet, and Lois Kania of PA. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and interment was Emmanuel United Church of Christ Cemetery of Dorrance. Published in the Times Leader on October 30 & 31, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary-print.aspx?n=thomas-e-smith&pid=190616753>

**(30)**



**SOKOLNICKI, Gertrude A.**, 94, of Glen Lyon, passed away Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at home. Gertrude was born in Glen Lyon on August 20, 1924, and was the daughter of the late Alexander and Helen (Tarnowski) Sokolnicki. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "42," Temple University School of Nursing class of "45," and Misericordia College with a B.S. in Nursing Education. Gertrude was a major in the US Air Force serving at Lackland

AFB, TX and Clark AFB, Philippines. She retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in East Orange, NJ, and was a member of Holy Spirit Parish, Saint Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Leo, Marcel, and Raymond Sokolnicki; and sisters, Clementine Brezinski, Florence Gizara, and Matilda Shelhamer. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home, Inc. of Glen Lyon; and burial was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on November 2, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=gertrude-a-sokolnicki&pid=190636826&fhid=22966>

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**ALBEROLA, David Anthony**, 30, of Nanticoke, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away at his home on Saturday, November 3, 2018. David was born in Kingston and was the son of Mary Jo Olszyk and David C. Alberola. He was a graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School class of "06" and attended Luzerne County Community College. Besides his parents he is survived by his sister, Bianca Maria Alberola; son, Liam Joseph Alberola; and Bacci, Rita D. Olszyk. Arrangements were made with Stanley S. Stegura funeral Home, Inc. of Nanticoke.

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**BAVITZ, Henry A.**, 82, of Sheatown, and formerly of Nanticoke, passed away Monday, November 12, 2018. Henry was born on January 22, 1936, and was the son of the late Adam and Jennie (Lehman) Bavitz. He was a graduate of Nanticoke High School class of "54" and was a veteran of the US Air force. Henry was the proprietor of Bavitz Bowling Lanes and a professional bowler with the PBA. He was a member of Nebo Baptist Church of Nanticoke and the

American Legion Post in Murrells Inlet. Henry was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Viola Bavitz; and his sister, Janice Fanucci. He is survived by his children, daughters, Deborah Muench (husband, Clifford) with whom he resided; Linda Minish (husband, Randy) of Pleasant Gardens, NC; Susan Kosloski (husband, Michael) of Wilkes Barre; son, Mark Bavitz of Nanticoke; and brother, Robert Bavitz of Old Forge. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli funeral Home of Nanticoke.

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**MORRISON, Cynthia E.** (nee Skamarakas), 52, of Pittston, passed away November 17, 2018, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. "Cindy" was born in Nanticoke and was the daughter of Shirley (Fela) Skamarakas and the late James J. Skamarakas. She was a graduate of John S. fine High School, Nanticoke, class of "84." She worked for the Social Security Administration, Wilkes Barre, and retired from Cigna in Moosic. She was a member of Saint John Evangelist Church, Pittston. Besides her father, she was also predeceased by her sister, Janine (Skamarakas) Koch. Arrangements were made with Baloga Funeral Home, Inc., Pittston.

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**SKAMARAKAS, James J.** 76, of Register, Huntington Township, and formerly of Wanamie, passed away October 22, 2016. James was raised in Wanamie and attended Newport Township schools. He was a US Army veteran and retired as a Correction Officer from SCI-Retreat.