

## Obituaries for June, July, August 2020; 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)

**ROMISKI, Patricia D.**, 76, of Polander Hill, Alden, passed away Wednesday, May 13, 2020, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Patricia was born in Santa Ana, CA, on October 28, 1943; and she was the daughter of the late Steve and Evelyn (Duttinger) Romiski. She was employed by Techneglas, Jenkins Township, until her retirement. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Donald. She is survived by her sisters, Shirley (husband, Mike); Kathleen; Karen; and Noreen; brothers, Richard, Stephen, and James; and best friend, Barbara Iannatuoni. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home of Glen Lyon.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/CitizensVoice/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=196192830>

### (02)

**HANDO, Donna Marie** (nee Artmont), 68, of Hones Path, SC, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2020, in AnMed Hospital, Anderson, SC. Donna was born in Wilkes Barre, the daughter of the late Dominick Artmont and Pauline Olshefski. Besides her father, she was predeceased by her husband, USAF Staff Sergeant Donald D. Hando. Donna is survived by her daughters, Yvonne Hando Kubacki (Robert) of Easley, SC, and Dawn Hando Pirkle (Shane) of Ware Shoals, SC; mother, Pauline McCosky of Glen Lyon; brother, David Artmont; and partner, William G. Krause Jr. of Hornea Path, SC.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=donna-marie-artmont-hando&pid=196321010>

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**MYERS, Shirley M.** (nee Burman), 86, of Laporte, passed away Monday, June 8, 2020, at home. Shirley was born in Hunlock Creek on January 26, 1934, and she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Hilda (Whitesell) Burman. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of “52.” She was employed as a bookkeeper in her late husband’s business,

Russell Myers Lumber. Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her sisters, Sylvia Ogin and Luella Young; and brother, Ray Burman. Shirley is survived by her daughter, Nancy Cramer; and son, Robert Myers (Darlene). Arrangements were made with Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc. of Pikes Creek; and interment was in Stairville Cemetery of Slocum Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=shirley-m-myers&pid=196321009>

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**COLWELL, Paul**, 61, of Glen Lyon, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at home. Arrangements were made with Daniel J. Hughes Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Wilkes Barre.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=paul-n-colwell&pid=196352468&fhid=30946>

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**CHMURA, Joseph M.**, 69, of Nanticoke, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2020. Joseph was born August 19, 1950, and he was the son of the late Joseph and Julie (Wonsavage) Chmura. He is survived by his wife of 40 years Loretta (Kleyps) Chmura, formerly of Alden and Newport Township High School graduate. He was a US Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and former commander of Nanticoke American Legion Post 350.

Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke and interment was in Saint Mary’s Cemetery of Hanover Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-m-chmura&pid=196361827&fhid=28274>

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**ZARZYCKI, Richard J.**, 80, of Rhone, Nanticoke, passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2020, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Richard was born in Glen Lyon on March 8, 1940; and he was the son of the late Anthony and Lillian (Czapracki) Zarzycki. He is survived by his wife, Julianna (Sopko) Zarzycki, a Newport Township High School graduate class

of “58.” Richard graduated from South side High School in Newark, NJ, retired from NJ Bell Telephone, and later worked for Pitney Bows of Wilkes Barre. He was a member of the NJ National Guard and lifelong blood donor for the American Red Cross. Besides his wife, Richard is survived by his daughters, Christine Bandittelli (husband, Steve) of Wilkes Barre; and Alicia Kairo (husband, Scott) of Mountain top. Arrangements were made with Grontkowski Funeral Home OC of Nanticoke and entombment was in Saint Mary’s Cemetery of Hanover Township.

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[https://www.citizensvoice.com/richard-j-zarzycki/article\\_14ff7394-3ce9-5d64-ba77-4979bb6cd2f8.html](https://www.citizensvoice.com/richard-j-zarzycki/article_14ff7394-3ce9-5d64-ba77-4979bb6cd2f8.html)

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**MACK, Chester JR.**, 84, a lifetime resident of Glen Lyon, passed away Saturday, July 4, 2020, at Guardian Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Nanticoke. Chet was born in Glen Lyon on September 20, 1935, and he was the son of the late Chester and Caroline (Tushinski) Mack. He attended Newport Township High School and was a member of Holy Spirit Parish. Chet was a US Air Force veteran and retired as a truck-driver from PennDOT. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Gerald Mack and sister, Marie Morucci. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sheila (Alstrove) Mack; sons, Steven Mack, York Haven; and Chester (wife, Karen) of Glen Lyon; and daughter, Denise Whittaker (husband, James) of Sheatown. 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=chester-mack-jr&pid=196455230>

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**LEWIS, Jean Marie** (nee Levulis), 78, of Nanticoke, passed away Sunday, July 5, 2020, in Geisinger

Wyoming Valley Medical Center of Plains Township.

Jean Marie was born on December 25, 1941, raised in Glen Lyon; and she was the daughter of the late John

Shelly and Caroline (Osowiecki) Levulis. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of “59.” Jean Marie had been employed as a

supervisor for American Tobacco Company, Mountain Top; a waitress for various restaurants in the local community; and retired from Greater Nanticoke Area School District. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 30 years, Robert Lewis; sister, Ramona Csop; and brother, Chester Levulis. Jean Marie is survived by her sister, Lorree Levulis with whom she resided; and daughter, Pam Lenkofsky (husband, Martin) of Shickshinny. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and interment was in Saint Mary’s Cemetery of Hanover Township.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=jean-marie-lewis&pid=196460932>

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**MYERS, Raymond**, 82, of Dorrance Township, passed away Monday, July 6, 2020. Raymond was born and raised in Dorrance Township; and he was the son of the late Leroy G. and Mary (Finogle) Myers. He attended Newport Township Pulaski and High School. He was a lifelong farmer and also retired from King Fifth Wheel Co. in Mountain Top. Besides his parents he was predeceased by his brother, Russell; and sisters, Mildred Myers and Elizabeth Walck. Raymond is survived by his wife of 58 years, Eva (Barry) Myers; daughter, Judy Himebach (husband, Marc); and son, Daniel Myers, (wife, Marie). Arrangements were made with McCune Funeral Service Inc. of Mountain Top and interment was in the Emmanuel Cemetery of Dorrance.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=raymond-myers&pid=196460959>

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**BATOGOWSKI, Shirley** (nee Moyer & Suda), 90, of Newport Center, Sheatown, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2020, at Guardian Health Care & Rehabilitation Center, Sheatown. Shirley was born on November 8, 1929, raised in Sheatown, and was the daughter of the late John and Grace (Belles) Moyer. She was employed by General Cigar of Nanticoke and had been a certified child care provider for many years. She was a lifetime member of Saint John's Lutheran Church of Nanticoke and a member of its WELCA Group. She was very active as a volunteer for Mercy Health Care, Guardian Elder Care, a foster grandparent, and American Legion Post 350. She was predeceased by her husbands, Charles Suda (1971); Joseph Batogowski (1997); and brother, George Moyer. Shirley is survived by her son, Charles Suda of Newport Center; daughter, Lori Pauska of Glen Lyon; brother Carl Moyer (wife, Esther) of Shavertown; and grandsons, Robert, Brian, and Michael Pauska. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and interment was in Newport Cemetery in Newport Center.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=shirley-l-batogowski&pid=196480233>

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**STARKEY, Catherine**, 91, of Robert Street, Sheatown, passed away Monday, July 6, 2020. Catherine was a 1970 Newport Township high school graduate of the Greater Nanticoke Area School district. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=catherine-a-starkey&pid=196478516&fhid=28274>

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**PRYMOWICZ, Geraldine Mary** (nee Orbon), 85, of Celina, TX, formerly of Wanamie, passed away July 14, 2020. Geri was born in Wanamie on June 1, 1935; and she was the daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Rokosz) Orbon. She was raised in Wanamie and was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "53." She had been employed as manager of Furrier Shop in Westfield, NJ. Besides her parents, Geri was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Prymowicz; and sisters, Francie O'Boyle and Lorraine Karvaski. She is survived by family members, Deb and Tim Scheiwe', Alex and Sarah Scheiwe', Diane and Bill Gordon; William Gordon Jr.; Aloysius Gordon III; and Joe Prymowicz. Geri was of the Catholic faith and her cremains will be interred in Saint Mary's Cemetery of Wanamie.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=geraldine-mary-prymowicz-orbon&pid=196513151>

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**YEAGER, Eleanor J.** (nee Troyan), 79, of Mountain Top, formerly of Newport Township, passed away Friday, July 24, 2020. Eleanor was born on April 8, 1941, in Nanticoke; and she was the daughter of the late Frank and Anna Troyan. She was raised in the Polander Hill section of Alden and graduated from Newport Township High School class of "60." She worked in the textile industry and traveled the world as a military wife with her husband. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ernest; and sons, Scott of Papillion, NE; David of Mountain Top; and Mike (wife, Justine) of Mountain Top. Arrangements were made with Desiderio-Lehman Funeral and Cremation Services; and interment will eventually be in Arlington National Cemetery alongside her husband.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=eleanor-jean-yeager&pid=196545974>

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**ROKE, Philip James**, 65, of Fredericksburg, VA, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at his residence. Philip was raised in Glen Lyon; and he was the son of the late Mario and Elaine Roke. He attended Newport Township schools and graduated from John S. Fine High School class of "73" and Wilkes College with a B.S. in Psychology in 1985. In Newport Township he was an active volunteer with the fire and ambulance departments, and a police officer for three years. He retired from the Federal Department of Transportation in Washington D.C. after a 32 year career. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Lisa (Roke) Higgins. He is survived

by his wife of 42 years, Theresa (Mierzwa) Roke; daughters, Jessica (husband, Shawn) Mulligan and Jaelyn (husband, Aaron) Nelson; and brother, Mark (wife, Debbie) Roke. Arrangements were made with Mullins and Thompson Funeral Service of Fredericksburg and interment was private.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=philip-james-roke&pid=196587506>

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fredericksburg-va/philip-roke-9289383>

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**TARNOWSKI, Gertrude** (nee Tarasewicz), 94, of Ridgefield, CT, passed away on Monday, July 20, 2020. Gertrude was born in Wanamie on November 15, 1925, raised in Wanamie; and she was the daughter of the late Michael and Helena (Pawlowski) Tarasewicz. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of “43.” Besides her parents, Gertrude was predeceased by her husband of 70 years, Kaz; and

her daughter, Carol. She is survived by her daughter, Joan Stefura (husband, John).

Arrangements were made with Jowdy-Kane Funeral Home Inc. of Danbury, CT.

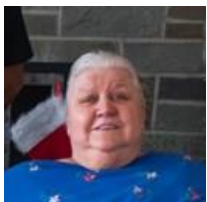
Published in the Ridgefield Press on July 21, 2020.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theridgefieldpress/obituary.aspx?n=gertrude-tarnowski&pid=196522839&fhid=24247>

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**DYMOND, Alice P.** (nee Hillman), 78, of Glen Lyon, formerly of Wanamie, passed away Monday, August 10, 2020, at home. Alice was a graduate of Newport township High School class of “60.” Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home Inc. of Glen Lyon.

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**TABBIT, Barbara A.** (nee Youlls), 70, of the Lower Askam section of Hanover Township, and a resident of Guardian Healthcare Center of Sheatown for the past three years, passed away Monday, August 10, 2020, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. Barbara was born November 10, 1949, and she was the daughter of Mary Lou (Dula) Youlls and the late Walter Youlls. She was a graduate of Hanover High School, had been

employed by Lord and Taylor distribution Center and Park Market of Nanticoke; and was a member of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church of Buttonwood. Besides her mother, Barbara is survived by her husband of 41 years, Leon Tabbitt; sons, Michael Brogan of Harvey’s Lake and Richard Brogan (wife, Sheri) of Nanticoke; brothers, Robert Youlls (wife, Elsie) of Pittston and Dean Youlls (wife, Christa) of Berwick; and sister, Deborah Gushok (husband, James) of Wilkes Barre. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke, and interment was in Saint Joseph’s Slovak Catholic Cemetery of Nanticoke.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=barbara-a-tabbit&pid=196631207&fhid=28274>

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**LAGANOSKI, Helen**, 81, of Philadelphia, formerly of Saint Stanislaus Orphanage of Sheatown, passed away in Virtua Hospital of Marlton, NJ. Helen was raised in Sheatown and was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "56." After graduation, Helen been employed in architectural marketing management. She is survived by her classmates and longtime friends Barbara (Rinehamer) Fletcher and Mary (Czech) Hunt. Arrangements were made with Bradley Funeral Home and interment was in Saint Peter and Paul Cemetery of Marlton, NJ.

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**Czyzycki, Thomas E**, 74, of Vienna, OH, formerly of Florida for 15 years, and Glen Lyon before that, passed away at home on July 20, 2020. Thomas was born on October 13, 1945, in Wilkes Barre; and he was the son of the late Peter and Sophie (Pishnock) Czyzycki. He was a veteran of the US Air Force serving during the Vietnam War and a member of the American Legion. He retired working as a truck driver for 30 years with James Pauley Trucking. Besides his parents he was predeceased by his brother, Andrew. Thomas is survived by his wife, the former Susan Clark; sons, Thomas E. Jr. (wife, Mary Beth) Czyzycki and James Czyzycki, both of Glen Lyon. Arrangements were made with Stewart-Kyle Funeral Home of Hubbard, OH.

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=thomas-e-czyzycki&pid=196578710&fhid=27651>

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**MESHINSKI, John J.**, 77, lifetime resident of Glen Lyon, passed away Friday, August 21, 2020, at Guardian Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Sheatown. John was born on July 3, 1943, and he was the son of the late Joseph and Helen (Hamersky) Meshinski. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "61." John was a US Army veteran; member of Holy Spirit Parish, Glen Lyon; and member of American Legion Post 539 and the Italian-American Sporting Club, both of Glen Lyon. He was employed by Hazle Associates prior to retirement. John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Doris (Fabrizio) Meshinski, at home; daughter, Joyce Pietrzyk (husband, Gerard) of Glen Lyon; and sister, Joanne Sullivan (husband, Donald) of Nanticoke. 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=john-j-meshinski&pid=196699075&fhid=22966>