

Obituaries for May, June, July, & August 2018 - 2018 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, (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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STABULIS, Donald, 76, of Eddystone, PA, and formerly of Wanamie, passed away January 9, 2018. Donald was raised in Wanamie and was the son of the late Daniel and Ruth (Vandermark) Stabulis. He graduated from Newport Township High School class of "59" and was a veteran of the US Marine Corps. He retired from United Airlines. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel. Donald his survived by his wife, the former Gail Arnold; children, Wendy, Cheryl, Donald, and Gary; and sister, Sharon Skaluba (Frederick) of Gettysburg...

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ZOEPKE, William J., 86, of Wilkes Barre passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at Little Flower Manor, Wilkes Barre. William was born in Nanticoke on July 12, 1931, and was the son of the late John and Viola (Kivler) Zoepke. Bill was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "49" and was a US Navy veteran serving aboard the USS Charles P. Cecil during the Korean War. He had retired from Martz Trailways as a bus driver and was also a member of the Freemasons. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Isabel (Maloney) Zoepke; children, Barbara Nixdorf, Wilkes Barre; William Scott Zoepke (Melanie), Columbus, OH; and Kathleen Kaufman (Kraig), Paxton, IL; and sister, Marjorie Coogan, Warminster. Arrangements were made with Nat & Gawlas Funeral Home of Wilkes Barre; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=william-j-zoepke&pid=189155024>

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FORGACH, Matthew S. 86, of Center Avenue, Wapwallopen, and formerly born and raised in Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, May 27, 2018, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. He was born in Glen Lyon and was the son of the late Matthew and Genevieve (Laychus) Forgach. Matthew was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "49" and a US Army veteran from 1949 to 1952 serving during the Korean War. He was a retired Pennsylvania State Trooper. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, John Forgach. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, the former Genevieve Warzecha; daughter, Collette Forgach, Norristown; brother, Joseph Forgach, and sister Ann Firth. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home of Glen Lyon; and interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon. Publish in the Citizens' Voice on June 1, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=matthew-s-forgach&pid=189164500>

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ECKROTE, John H. "Toe," 72, of Alden, passed away Friday, June 1, 2018, in Geisinger Medical Center, Plains Township. John was born in Nanticoke on July 5, 1945, and was the son of John and Elizabeth (Evans) Eckrote. He attended Newport Township High School and worked in the construction and roofing industry. He had been predeceased by his daughter, Tamara. John is survived by his wife, the former Gloria Bonick; daughter, Jennifer Davis (Charles); son, John H. III (Michele); brothers and sisters. Arrangements were made with Earl W. Lohman Funeral Home and interment was in the Slocum Cemetery.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=john-h-eckrote&pid=189180736&fhid=28275>

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ZAPORA, Joseph L., 87, of Patterson, NJ, formerly of Newport Township, passed away, April 15, 2018. Joseph was born May 12, 1930. Arrangements were made with Stanley S. Stegura

Funeral Home of Nanticoke. Joseph was laid to rest at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Wanamie.

Obituary was published in the Citizens' Voice on June 8, 2018.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/189052974/joseph-leonard-zapora#>

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GLUSHEFSKI, Stephen Joseph, 58, of Glen Lyon, passed away June 7, 2018, after a long illness. Joseph was born in Wilkes Barre on April 7, 1961, and was the dearest son of Joseph and Lillian (Namowicz) Glushefski. He attended John S. Fine High School and received auto body certification from Wilkes Barre Vo-Tech - working for years at Morreale Mid City Auto Body and Bear Ford. He was honorably discharged from the National Guard, Plymouth Armory, for nine years. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his only beloved son, Stephen Jr. Joseph is survived by his wife, Eunice; daughter, Crystal Lee; sister, Sandra Glushefski LeBlanc (Kevin), Danville; and brothers, Joseph Glushefski (Betty) and Lawrence Glushefski, Nanticoke. Arrangements were made with Lehman Family funeral Service of Ashley. Published in the Citizens' Voice on June 8, 2018.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=stephen-joseph-glushefski&pid=189236205>

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SLAPIKAS, Edward F., a former resident of Wanamie, was 26 years old when he lost his life on the USS Oklahoma as a result of the bombing by the Japanese on December 7, 1941. Edward was born in Wanamie on August 9, 1915, and he was the son of the late Frank and Ursula Slapikas. He attended Newport Township schools and was a member of the former Saint Mary's Lithuanian Church in Wanamie. Besides his parents, Edward has also been deceased by his brothers, Thomas, Frank, Joseph, Anthony and John; and sisters, Ann Perluk and Helen Drozdowski. He is survived by a niece, Leona Hotko; and a nephew, Frank Slapikas (wife, Barbara) of Tuscaloosa, AL. Arrangements were made with

George A. Strish Funeral Home of Ashley and Glen Lyon; and interment was in Saint Mary's (new) Cemetery of Wanamie.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on June 7, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary-print.aspx?n=edward-f-slapikas&pid=189219837>

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BUSH, Muriel, 89, a life resident of Glen Lyon passed away June 9, 2018, at Birchwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Nanticoke. Muriel was born on July 20, 1922, and was the daughter of the late William and Amelia (Mayewski) Bush. She was a graduate of Newport township High School class of "40" and Wilkes Barre Business College. She had been employed as a secretary for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company and later the Social Security Administration until her retirement. Muriel was a member of Saint Adalbert's Church of Holy Spirit parish of Glen Lyon and is survived by cousins and friends. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home of Glen Lyon and burial took place in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

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

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=muriel-bush&pid=189268211&fhid=22966>

(09)



DEETS, Edward P., 89, of Mountain Top, died Thursday, June 7, 2018, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. Edward was born in Slocum

Township on December 13 1928, and was the son of the late Philip and Grace (Van Fossen) Deets. He attended Newport Township High School and was a member of the varsity baseball team. Edward was a decorated US Army veteran serving in the Korean War for the 2nd Army, 50th Anti-Aircraft Artillery, as a motor-pool transportation sergeant. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with three Battle-Bronze Service Stars. He began his career as a truck driver and later owned multiple businesses in PA, FL, and GA. In 1983, President Reagan appointed him to the Motor Carrier Rate Making Study Commission. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Cark and Greg;

sisters, Ruth and Marlene; and stepmother, Ann. He is survived by his wife, Betty (Ormanowski) Deets; daughters, Donna Courrege (husband, Peter); Darlene Lokken (husband, Corby); Debra Lysiak (husband, David); and Diane Deets. Arrangements were made with McCune funeral Services of Mountain Top; and interment was at Calvary Cemetery, Drums.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on June 11, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=edward-p-deets&pid=189259377&fhid=18020>

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RUNDLE, Robert L., 82, of Mountain Top, passed away June 3, 2018 at SpiriTrust, Hanover Township. Bob was manager of the Glen Lyon/Hanover Bank during the late 1960's and early 70's. Arrangements were made with Hugh b. Hughes & Son, Inc. of Forty Fort.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=robert-l-rundle&pid=189212563&fhid=22979>

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HOLMINSKI, Kiwa (nee Hauta), 84, of Glen Lyon, passed away at her home. Kiwa was born in Hokkaido, Japan on September 18, 1933, and was the daughter of the late Senji and Masa Hauta. She married the late William Holminski while he was serving with the military and they returned to live in his hometown, Glen Lyon. She had been employed by Leslie Fay in Glen Lyon until her retirement. Although Kiwa and William were childless, her greatest love was for her friends and neighbors and their children. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli funeral Home of Nanticoke.

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

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=kiwa-holminski&pid=189290127>

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BUJNO, Lydia "Nana" (nee Eckrote), 82, of W. Kirmar Avenue, Alden, passed away Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Lydia was born in Nanticoke on December 24, 1935, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Daisy (Buchanan) Eckrote. She was a member of Saint Faustina Parish and

worked as a seamstress prior to retiring from the local garment industry. Lydia was predeceased by her husband, Thaddeus; sisters, Sarah Rubright, Clara Stewart, and Olivia Wysocki; and brothers, Calvin, Joseph, Harold, and Floyd. She is survived by her daughter, Diane Brodginiski (husband, Jim) and sister, Mildred Tronsue (husband, Billy). Arrangements were made with Earl w. Lohman Funeral Home, Inc.; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Mocanaqua.

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2018.<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=lydia-ekrote-bujno&pid=189369518>

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KIELAR, Richard Thomas, 74, of Baltimore, Maryland, and formerly of Alden, passed away Saturday, December 20, 2014. Richard was born on July 7, 1940. He was a graduate of Newport township High School class of "58." Richard is survived by his wife, Karen (Davis) Kielar; son, Paul E. Kielar; sister, Sylvia Laibinis (husband, Joseph); and brother, Thomas Kielar of Alden. Arrangements were made with Lassahn Funeral Home, Inc.; and interment was in Parkwood Cemetery.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/baltimoresun/obituary.aspx?n=richard-thomas-kielar&pid=173566021&fhid=13835>

<http://www.lassahnfuneralhomes.com/book-of-memories/2009704/Kielar-Richard/obituary.php>

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STANELL, Romaine (nee Parks), 90, of Doylestown, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, June 17, 2018, at Doylestown Hospital. Romaine was born in Glen Lyon and was the daughter of the late William and Mary Parks. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School and Penn State University class of "50" with a B.S. in Microbiology, and LaSalle University class of "89" with a Master's Degree in Education. She had worked for Merk Laboratories in Philadelphia and retired as a math teacher from St. Hubert's Catholic High School for Girls in Philadelphia. She was a faithful communicant of Assumption BVM Church for 55 years. Romaine was a lifetime member of the Newport Township Community Organization. Besides her parents, Romaine was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, James R. Stanell. She is survived by children, Dr. Laurie Anne Stanell (husband, John T. Moore) of Pipersville; James "Jay" Parks Stanell (wife, Diana Marie) of Doylestown; and Dr. William Parks Stanell, (wife, Karen A. Giller) of New Hope. Arrangements were made with Joseph A.

Fluerhr Funeral Home, Inc.; and interment of Romayne and James was in Shenandoah.

Published in the Times Leader on June 20, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=romayne-parks-stanell&pid=189339411>

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RICKO, Elizabeth M. (nee Onafrey), 96, of Kingston, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2018, at Tiffany Court Kingston. Elizabeth was born March 27, 1922, in Glen Lyon, raised in Glen Lyon, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Anna Onafrey. She was a member of All Saints Parish, Plymouth. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Rudolph Ricko; daughter, Theresa Funke; and brothers and sisters. She is survived by her children, Lorine Werts (husband, Donald); Robert Ricko (wife, Maribell); and Don Ricko (wife, Donna). Arrangements were made with S. J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, Plymouth; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

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

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=elizabeth-m-ricko&pid=189391457>

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DEKUTOSKI, Thomas E., 77, of Leesburg, FL, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away March 31, 2018, after a brief illness. Tom was born on December 9, 1940, raised in Glen Lyon, and was the son of the late Edward and Anna (Pelczar) Dekutoski. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "58" and East Stroudsburg State College with a degree in Education. Tom received a masters' degree from Temple University. He retired as a school principal in Vermont after leaving the same position in Bucks County. In retirement Tom and his wife, Ginny, moved to Lovell, ME, bought and operated a hardware store there. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Joseph Dekutoski. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, "Ginny;" children, Tom Jr. (wife, Lisa) Denmark, ME; Kathleen Hunsicker (husband, Calvin) of Fryeburg, ME; and Amy Walton (husband, Kurt) of Bow, NH; and ten grandchildren. Arrangements were made with Baldwin Brothers Memorial Care Services, Inc., FL. Tom's funeral mass was held at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Leesburg, FL, on April 28th, burial immediately following took place at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Leesburg, FL.

http://topix.tributes.com/local/search/obituaries?solr=&first=Thomas&last=Dekutoski&city=Leesburg&state=FL&search_type=1&do d=

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SWITHERS, Harry Semmer, 90, of Flagstaff, AZ; Sun city, AZ; Southern, CA; and Alden, passed away at home on June 22, 2018. Harry was the

son of the late Ruth (Semmer) and Harry Swithers Sr. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "46." He was a veteran of the US Air Force stationed in the Philippines during the Korean War. He became a Mechanical Engineer and retired from Hughes Aircraft after working on space program projects; the SR-17; the F-14; the Stealth Bomber; and the AMRAAM missile. Harry is survived by his wife of sixty six years, the former Elizabeth "Betty" Norton of Nanticoke; and daughters, Arline Martens (husband, Chuck) and Gay Kiel (husband, Erik); and sister, Naomi Gay of Levittown. Arrangements were made with Norvel Owens Mortuary of flagstaff, AZ.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=harry-semmer-swithers&pid=189419971>

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BUDURKA, Eugene J., 80, of Nanticoke, died Sunday, July 1, 2018, at Birchwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Nanticoke. Eugene was born April 21, 1938, in Sheatown and

was the son of the late Otto and Helen (Sundie) Budurka. He was a graduate of Nanticoke High School. He served with the US Army Reserves and was employed as a mechanic with Deets Transportation, Martz Trailways, and retired from Eartly Motorworld. Arrangements were in the care of Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=eugene-j-budurka&pid=189449674>

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NAJAKA, Bruno Benjamin, 88, of Dushore, born and raised in Lee, Glen Lyon, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at his home. Bruno was born on March 3, 1930, and was the son of the late Bruno B. and Josephine (Kovaleski) Najaka. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "47" and Penn State University with a degree

in Liberal Arts and Industrial Arts. He retired from Sullivan County High School after an Industrial Arts teaching career of 41 years. He was a

member of Saint Basil's Church, Dushore. Besides his parents, Bruno was predeceased by his wife the former Mary Louise Rule of Wanamie and son, Bruce Najaka of Nanticoke. He is survived by his daughters, Sharon Sharkey (Patrick) of Lee, Glen Lyon and Joanne Day (Robert) of Dushore; and sister, Charlotte Terry of Levittown. Arrangements were made with Dean Homer Funeral Home of Dushore and interment was in Saint Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Mildred.

<http://www.homerfuneralhome.com/obituary/bruno-day>

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ZERILLO, Vito, 76, of Wapwallopen, entered into eternal life Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Vito was born in Brooklyn, NY, and he was a son of the late Morris and Rose (Piazza) Zerillo. How was a graduate of Newport township High School class of "59?" Vito is survived by his wife, the former Bernadine Zinga; children, Diana, Joyce, Frank, Ronald and Kris; brother, Joseph Zerillo, Florida; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and many aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were made with McCune Funeral Service Inc., Mountain Top.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=vito-w-zerillo&pid=187432791&fhid=18020>

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NIEMIEC, Bernadine (nee Kowalski), of Hillsborough, NJ, passed away Monday, July 9, 2018. Bernadine was born in Mocanaqua and was the daughter of the late Walter and Helen (Ceglarski) Kowalski. She was employed by Ambelside Gardening Center for many years. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Stanley Niemiec, born and raised in Glen Lyon; daughter, Sue; brothers, Richard, Charles, and Theofil; sister, Mary Ann Rowlands; and infant sisters, Lillian and Malvina.

Bernadine is survived by her brother, Henry Kowalski (wife, Joann) of Glen Lyon; and sisters, Irene Namowicz of Glen Lyon and Florence DeScipio of Freeland. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish, Inc. Funeral Home of Glen Lyon and burial was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=bernadine-kowalski-niemiec&pid=189570630>

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WASHINSKI, Joseph, 77, of Alden, died July 10, 2018. Joseph was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "59." Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Evelyn (Chesney) Washinski.

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-washinski&pid=189580183>

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THOMAS, Irene B. (nee Margalski), 74, of Wanamie, and formerly of Nanticoke, passed away Tuesday, July, 10, 2018, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Irene was born on March 21, 1944, and was the daughter of the late Frank and Jennie (Blek) Margalski. She was a graduate of Nanticoke High School and worked in several local dress factories and later as a human

resource consultant for the disabled. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her two brothers, Richard and Theodore Modrzejewski. She is survived by long-time companion Joseph Kozlowski, Wanamie; and daughter, Regina Olshefski (John) of Nanticoke. Arrangements were made with Metcalfe-Shaver-Kopcza Funeral Home, Inc., Wyoming.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on July 13, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=irene-b-thomas&pid=189580187>

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RAVIN, Joan B. (nee Cooper), 86, of Elizabethtown, and formerly of West Nanticoke, passed away at home, Monday, July 9, 2018. Mrs. Ravin was the wife of Dr. John L. Ravin, D.D.S. who was born and raised in Glen Lyon and graduated from Newport Township High School.

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

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=joan-b-ravin&pid=189648116>

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WENGRYN, John M., 79, of Kirmar Terrace, Alden, passed away Friday, July 20, 2018, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. John was born in Alden on June 3, 1939, and was the son of the late John and Helen (Sura) Wengryn. John was a life resident of Alden and a member of Newport Township graduating class of "57." He and his wife, Collette, owned and operated Grumpo's Warehouse in Wilkes Barre and he was a member of Saint Faustina Parish in Nanticoke.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Delores Depken; Eleanor Gullotta; Rita Stavitzski, and infant sister Nancy Wengryn. John is survived by his wife of

56 years, Collette (Sokoloski) Wengryn; daughters, Michelle Kollar (husband, David) Mountain Top; Deborah Bensel (fiancée, Jim) Mount Laurel, NJ; and son, Dr. John M. Wengryn (wife, Cindy) of Pembroke, MA. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish, Inc. Funeral Home of Glen Lyon and interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery, Glen Lyon. Published in the Citizens' Voice on July 1, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=john-m-wengryn&pid=189648121>

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COULTER, Daniel J., 80, of Shavertown, and formerly of Newport Township, returned to the Lord peacefully on July 22, 2018. Daniel was born in Wilkes Barre on August 5, 1937, raised in Sheatown, and was the son of the late Girard J. Coulter and Helen R. Litkowski. He was a graduate of Newport Township High School and a veteran of the US Army from June 1956 to June 1959. He was an active member of Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Wilkes Barre. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, sister, Beverly Lee; brother, Robert E. Coulter; sister, Margaret Yelland; and sister, Judith Gardjulis. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Darlene M. (Goss) Coulter; daughter, Charlotte M. Mahmoud (husband, Ahmad) of Forty fort; son, Daniel J. Coulter of Plymouth; son, James E. L. Coulter of Plymouth; Alan E. Coulter, Sr. of Dallas; daughter, Linda R. Bealla (husband, Joseph) of Wilkes Barre; brother, Girard J. Coulter; and sister, Gery Simonson. Arrangements were made with Yeosock Funeral Home of Plains Township.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=daniel-j-coulter&pid=189660816&fhid=16538>

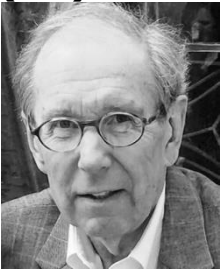
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REMEIKA, Gerard, of Port Jervis, NY, passed away July 2, 2017. Gerard was the brother of Joseph (wife, Eileen) of Wanamie. Arrangements were made with Kearney Funeral Home, Inc. of Nanticoke; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Wanamie.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on July 9, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=gerard-remeika&pid=186036923>

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KOTSULL, Robert J., 71, of Bear Creek, and formerly of Alden, passed away Thursday, July 19, 2018, at Lehigh Valley-Cedar Crest, Allentown. Robert was born in Nanticoke and was the son of the late Jacob and Adele Kotsull. He was raised in Alden, and graduated from Newport Township High School class of "64." He also earned degrees for Penn State

University, University of Scranton, Wilkes College, and Marywood University. He pursued doctoral studies at Temple University. He dedicated his life to the well-being of individuals with intellectual disabilities and spent many years of his life as a professor of psychology. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Barbara Stauffer. He is survived by his niece, Jennifer Sherrod (husband, John). Arrangements were entrusted to Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home of Kingston.

Published in the Times Leader on July 23, and 24, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=robert-j-kotsull&pid=189668950&fhid=22978>

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KANYUCK, Rosemary, 67, of Glen Lyon passed away unexpectedly Thursday, August 17, 2018, at home.

Rosemary was born in Nanticoke on August 15, 1951, and she was the daughter of the late George Kanyuck Jr. and Mary (Pauletti) Kanyuck with whom she resided. She was raised in Glen Lyon and was a graduate of Newport

Township High School, class of "69." She attended Wilkes

Barre Business College and had been employed by Luzerne County Road and Bridge. Rosemary was a member of Mount Moriah United Methodist Church. Besides her mother, she is survived by her brother, George, of Glen Lyon. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home and burial was in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Sheatown.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on August 18, 2018.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?pid=189980111>

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MAYO, Sharon, 42, of Olin North Carolina, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Tuesday, August 21, 2018, in Iredell Memorial Hospital, Statesville, NC. Sharon was born April 10, 1976, and was the daughter of the late William Mayo and the late Irene Mayo. She graduated from John S. Fine High School class of "94" of the Greater Nanticoke Area

High School District. She attended Luzerne County Community College. She had been employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the time of her passing. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Mark Chesney. She is survived by brothers, Donald Chesney (wife, Heidi) of Port Orange, FL; Stanley and Daren Chesney of Ashley; William Mayo (fiancée, Michelle) of Glen Lyon; and Stephen Mayo of Nanticoke; and companion, Charles Edwards of Olin, NC. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=sharon-l-mayo&pid=190031729&fhid=28274>

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GALICKI, Ralph T., 94, of Pond Hill Road, Mocanaqua, and formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, August 19, 2018, at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore. Ralph was born in Glen Lyon on February 27, 1924, raised in Glen Lyon, and was the son of the late Frank and Mary (Kizelowicz) Galicki. He was a member of Newport Township High School class of "41."

Ralph was a US Marine veteran of WW II participating in the landing at Okinawa and was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a graduate of King's College, worked as a corporate auditor and retired from PG&W. He was a member of Holy Spirit Parish/Saint Mary's Church, Mocanaqua, and very active in veterans' affairs as a member of VFW Post 5434 (Post Commander), Disabled American Veterans, and The Marine Corps League. He had been elected to public service as a Justice of the Peace and Supervisor for the Municipality of Mocanaqua. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Anne (Charnitski) Galicki; grandson, Ralph Christian Galicki; and sisters, Aurelia, Loretta, Sabina, and Rita. Ralph is survived by his sons, Ralph G. Galicki of Hanover Twp. and Frank Galicki (wife, Terry) of Mocanaqua; and daughter, Andrea Peck (husband, Ken) of Mocanaqua. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home of Glen Lyon; and interment was in Ascension Cemetery, Mocanaqua.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/citizensvoice/obituary.aspx?n=ralph-t-galicki&pid=190031730&fhid=22966>

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GRONKOWSKI, Mark M., 54, of S. Market Street, Glen Lyon, passed away Thursday, August 25, 2018 in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center,

Plains Township, as a result of a motorcycle accident. Mark was born in Nanticoke on January 12, 1964 and was the son of the late Leonard and Jean Ulawski Gronkowski. He graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High School and received a CDL from Schuykill Technology Center. He was employed by MT2 Metals Treatment Technology as a heavy equipment operator. He was a member of Holy Spirit Parish (Saint Adalbert's Church), Glen Lyon. Mark is survived by his wife of 27 years, Elizabeth (Fowler) Grontkowski; son, Matthew, Danville; daughters, Heather and Chelsea at home; Melissa, Ashley; sister, Betty Jean Skovronski (husband, David), Boyertown; and brothers, Rick Grontkowski (wife, Pat), Cheney, WA; Dave Gronkowski (wife, Mary Ruth), Larksville; and Gary Gronkowski (wife, Tania), Nanticoke. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home of Glen Lyon.

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BUSH, Frances, (nee Paganucci), 80, of Monroe Township, Wyoming County, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, August 26, 2018, at Celtic Hospice, Wilkes Barre. Frances was born and raised in Glen Lyon and she was the daughter of the late Liborio and Mary (Blasi) Paganucci. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "56." She retired as a nurses' aid after working in several nursing homes in the area and was a member of Beaumont United Methodist Church. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Robert Bush; and brother, Dino Paganucci. Frances is survived by her sons, James Bush and Jeff Bush (wife, Peggy) of Harveys Lake; and Jon Bush (wife, Jessa) of Middletown, MD; and brother, Liborio (wife, Barbara) Paganucci, of Glen Lyon. Arrangements were made with Disque Funeral Home, Inc., Dallas.

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