

[NTCO Obituaries for Spring 2022 NTCO Newsletter Website](#)

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 a photo, 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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TULLAI, Martin D. “Mitch,” 93, of Lutherville, MD, passed away October 25, 2021, at home. He was born in Glen Lyon on July 27, 1928; and he was the son of the

late Wasil and Sophia (Sascyn) Tullai. “Mitch” was raised in Glen Lyon, and he was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of “46.” **He was a US Army veteran serving with the 11th Airborne Division during World War II in the Pacific Theater in Japan.** He was a graduate of Western

Maryland College in Westminster, MD, with a Masters Degree in Education. He was a coach and teacher of history at Saint Paul’s School in Brooklandville, MD, for over 50 years and retired as a “Senior Master Emeritus.” He was inducted to the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 1996; National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Service to Football in 1990; Maryland State Athletic Director’s Hall of Fame in 1995; and Western Maryland College Sports Hall of Fame in 1981. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Jean (Beletsky) Tullai; daughter, Lisa Jean Dreano; grandson, Tyler Hanlon; brothers, Wasil, Mike, Simon, John, and Fred; and sisters, Anna, Irene, Marie, and Nancy. He is survived by his daughters, Jaye Ann Tullai, Kim Marie Todd (husband, John), and Brenda Martin Hanlon (husband, Peter); brother, Joseph. Mitch loved reading the NTCO Newsletter, especially material reflecting local history. Arrangements were made with Ruck Towson Funeral Home, Inc. and interment was private.

<https://www.ruckfuneral.com/obituary/martin-tullai>

https://www.luzernecountysportshalloffame.com/portfolio_page/martin-d-mitch-tullai/

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/obituaries/bs-md-ob-martin-mitch-tullai-20211028-xdhfbi7vebb2tn7akzllqinlza-story.html>

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/readers-respond/bs-ed-rr-mitch-tullai-letter-20211101-zp4mtgxrrerpbfdhjh7tnlki-story.html>

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TULLAI, Jean B. (nee Beletsky) of Lutherville, MD, formerly of Newport Township, passed away on November 22, 2017, at home surrounded by her husband and daughters. Jean was born in Alden on February 19, 1930; and she was the daughter of the late William “Bill” and Anna Beletsky of Alden. She was raised in Alden and graduated from Newport Township High School class of “46” as the Salutatorian at age 16, also completing studies in Junior Business Training.

While her husband, Martin “Mitch” Tullai taught and coached at Saint Paul’s School in Brooklandville, MD, for over 50 years, Jean also worked there doing many diverse assignments from managing the antique switchboard to running the Middle School bookstore. She also worked as Executive Secretary for the Regional Lacrosse Commissioner. Besides her parents, Jean was predeceased by her daughter, Lisa Jean Dreano; sister, Rebecca Szychowski; and grandson Tyler Hanlon. She was survived by her husband of 68 years, Martin “Mitch” Tullai; and is survived by her daughters, Jaye Ann Tullai; Kim Maria Todd (husband, John), and Brenda Martin Hanlon (husband, Peter). Arrangements were made with Ruck Towson Funeral Home and interment was private.

<http://www.ruckfuneralhomes.com/obituary/jean-b-tullai>

Published in the Capital Gasette November 27, 2017.

<https://www.capitalgazette.com/bs-md-ob-jean-tullai-20171127-story.html>

(3)



Sult, Shelia Ann, (nee Miraglia), 55, of Swoyersville, formerly of Newport Township, passed away Thursday, December 2, 2021, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plain Township. Shelia was born in Nanticoke and she was the daughter of Stanley and the late Diana Miraglia. Early on Shelia was raised in Glen Lyon and attended Newport Township schools. Besides her father, she is survived by her brother, Christopher Miraglia. Arrangements were made

with Blake Collins Funeral Home of Wilkes Barre.

Published in the Citizens Voice on December 8, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/sheila-sult-obituary?id=31784063>

(4)

SPEARS, Veronica K. (nee Kuhar), 99, of Wilkes Barre, formerly of Newport Township, passed away Friday, December 10, 2021, at Highland Manor, Wilkes Barre. Veronica was born in Glen Lyon and she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Veronica (Matsko) Kuhar. She was a graduate of Swoyersville High School and attended West Side Vocational Technical School. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church and retired as a paralegal from Children and Youth. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur. Veronica is survived by her daughter, Marti Fredsall (husband, John) of Rockville, NY; and son, Arthur Spears of Dallas.

Arrangements were made with Richard H. Disque Funeral Home Inc.; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery of Hanover Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/veronica-spears-obituary?id=31837076>

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BYTHEWAY, Carol Davis, formerly of Sheatown, passed away Saturday, November 27, 2021, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. She is survived by her son, Troy John Bytheway; and daughter, Teri Louise Cragle (husband, Donald) of Wilkes Barre. Arrangements were made with Hugh B. Hughes & Son Inc. of Forty Fort.

Published in the Times Leader on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesleader/name/carol-bytheway-obituary?id=31880147>

(6)



REPOTSKI, Barry S., 73, of Mocanaqua, passed away Sunday, December 12, 2021, at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. Barry was born on December 31, 1947, in

Nanticoke; and he was the son of the late Stephen and Lydia (Passetti) Repotski.

Barry was raised in Mocanaqua and graduated from Newport Township High School class of "65."

He was a veteran of the US Navy during the Vietnam War serving as Quartermaster on the USS Yorktown CVS 10. He was a member of Laborers Local Union 130. Besides his parents, Barry was predeceased by his brother, Richard... He is survived by his daughter, Jessica Demko (husband, Andrew) of Huntington Mills and sister, Andrea Tranell (husband, Dick) of Clearwater, FL. Arrangements were made with Allen Funeral Home Inc. of Bloomsburg.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/barry-repotski-obituary?id=31876738>

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EMEL, Max Louis, 75, of Hunlock Creek, formerly of Newport Township & Glen Lyon, passed away Sunday, December 12, 2021. Max was born in Belifont and he was the son of the late Joseph and Mary DeArmitt. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Perry, Raymond, Herbert, and Melvin; and sisters, Rosie and Janet. He is survived by his wife of 36 years,

Jennifer Emel; children, Max Jr., Brian, Connie, Bobby, Christine, Melvin, Billy, and Lindsay;

and step-children, Lisa, Lori, Caroline, and Jamey; brothers, Joe and Terry; and sisters, Kate, Tina, Dorothy, and Patty. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home Inc. of Ashley.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on December 17, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/max-emel-obituary?id=31912152>

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KOWALSKI, Henry Anthony, 82, of Glen Lyon, passed away Monday, December 20, 2021, at Allied Services Hospice Center, Wilkes Barre, after a courageous battle with

cancer. Henry was born July 24, 1939, in Mocanaqua; and he was the son of the late Walter and Helen (Ciglarski) Kowalski. He attended school in Mocanaqua, Shickshinny, and Newport Township High School. He served in the Navy Reserve and was a US Army veteran. He worked at Country Cousins shoe factory in Mocanaqua, Glen-Nan Coal Company (Biscontinini in Sheatown), and retired as a Correction Officer from SCI-Dallas after 28 years. Besides his parents, Henry was predeceased by his sisters, Bernadine, Mary Ann and brothers, Charles, Richard, and Theofold Kowalski. Henry is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joann (Shutta) Kowalski; sons, Daniel (wife, Leona) of Alden; James (wife, Paula) and Richard (Corrina), both of Glen Lyon; bonus daughters-in-law, Dianne Kowalski and Tammy Taylor; and sisters, Irene Namowicz and Florence DeScipio. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home of Gen Lyon; and interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

Published in the Citizens Voice on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/henry-kowalski-obituary?id=31975307>

(9)



SHIPTOSKI, Joseph R., 91, of Sheatown, passed away Friday, December 24, 2021, at Highland Park Senior Living, Wilkes Barre Township. Joseph was born in Glen Lyon and he was the son of the late Walter and Martha (Keel) Shiptoski. He was raised in Glen Lyon and was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "48." He continued his education at Penn State University in Engineering. Joseph had been employed as a part time instructor at Penn State Hazleton, worked for several local engineering firms as a Mechanical Engineer, and retired from Tobyhanna Army Depot engineering department. He was a member of Holy Child Parish, Sheatown, prior to its merger with Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish of Nanticoke. Besides his parents, Joseph was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Phyllis (Chrzan) Shiptoski; and is survived by his daughter, Maryann of Nanticoke; and sons, Richard of Huntington Township; Brian of Weatherly; and Paul (wife, Susan), Lee Section of Glen Lyon. 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/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/joseph-shiptoski-obituary?id=32002362>

(10)



BALAS, Lillian T. (nee Kwiatkowski), 90, of Sheatown, passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Plains Township. Lillian was born on April 29, 1931, in Nanticoke; and she was the daughter of the late Stanley and Lottie (Konczynski) Kwiatkowski. She was a graduate of Nanticoke High School class of "49." She had been employed at General Cigar Company in Nanticoke and retired as a Dietary Aide from Guardian Health Care Center of Sheatown (former Saint Stanislaus Nursing Home). Lillian was a member of Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish of Nanticoke. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Marty and a brother, Eugene. Lillian is survived by her daughters, Linda Meshinski (husband, Robert) of Nuangola and Cheryl Honeywell (husband, Michael) of Allentown. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery of Sheatown.

Published in the Times Leader on Saturday, December 25, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesleader/name/lillian-balas-obituary?id=31996280>

(11)



MAKAREWICZ, Simon S. "Mack," 78, of Chesapeake, VA, formerly of Newport Township, passed away, June 13, 2021. Simon was born on

February 21, 1943; and he was the son of the late Simon and Rose (Cobosco) Makarewicz. He was raised in Glen Lyon and was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "62." He was a US Navy veteran serving as a "Master Chef" and retiring as Petty Officer First Class after a 20 year career. He was self employed and owner of Mack's Lock and Keys in Chesapeake for 40 years retiring in 2020. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Florence; brothers, Chester and Sylvester; and sister, Barbara. Simon is survived by his wife of 21 years, Patricia Ann Makarewicz; step-son, Jeff Mixon of IN; and step-daughter, Dora Offers of DE.

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GREGOROWICZ, Thomas A. Sr., 68, of Mountain Top, formerly of Newport Township, passed away Wednesday, December 29, 2021, in Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. Thomas was born in Nanticoke on June 21, 1953, and he was the son of the late Joseph and Bertha (Dankulich) Gregorowicz. He was raised in Glen Lyon and attended Newport Township schools. He was employed by Phoenix Manufacturing of Nanticoke and retired from Mission Foods of Mountain Top. Besides his parents, Thomas was predeceased by his brother, Joseph Gregorowicz, and step-son, Anthony Throop. He is survived by his son, Thomas A. Gregorowicz Jr. (wife, Ashley); daughters, Tammy Gregorowicz and Amie Gregorowicz; step-daughter, Jamie Cooper; and sister, Nancy Kazmierski. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home of Ashley.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Friday, December 31, 2021.

https://www.citizensvoice.com/zz-dnp/thomas-a-gregorowicz-sr/article_1fb39944-cf1a-502e-9b60-41eac08f1f38.html/

(13)



SEDORCHUK, Henry A. Jr., of Newport Township passed away Thursday, December 30, 2021, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. Henry was born in Nanticoke and he was the son of the late Henry A. Sedorchuk, Sr. and Ruth (Kaskey) Sedorchuk. He was raised in Wanamie and attended Newport Township schools. He worked as a machinist in the manufacturing industry before and after retiring and was a member of the Newport Township Fire Department. Besides his parents, Henry was predeceased by his son, Henry A. Sedorchuk III and sister, Diana Gardjulis. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice (Lane) Sedorchuk; son, James Sedorchuk (wife, Tina) of Alden; sister, Judith Rinker of Wilkes Barre; daughter-in-law, Annie Sedorchuk of Nanticoke; sisters-in-law, Betty Ball (husband, Danny) of Pittston and Joyce Jarski (husband, Charles) of Wilkes Barre; and brother-in-law, the Reverend James Lane (wife, Helene) of Forty Fort. Arrangements were made with Lehman Family Funeral Service of Hazle Street, Ashley.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Monday, January 3, 2022.

https://www.citizensvoice.com/zz-dnp/henry-a-sedorchuk-jr/article_ac1691d9-a0ad-5414-a7df-31960415d804.html

Published by Lehman Family Funeral Service of Ashley.

<https://www.lehmanfuneralhome.com/obituary/HENRY-SEDORCHUK>

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SVETZ, Sylvia M. (nee Schimmel), 81, of Miner Avenue, Wanamie, formerly of Nanticoke, passed away Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Sylvia was born in Nanticoke on September 14, 1940; and she was the daughter of the late Daniel and Susie (Andes) Schimmel. She was raised in Nanticoke and attended Nanticoke

schools. She had been employed by Alta Products and retired from A. Rifkin Company, both of Hanover Township. She was a member of Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church/Faith Church of Nanticoke. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Andrew Svetz. Sylvia is survived by her daughter Pamela Grobinski (husband, Anthony) with whom she resided. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke and interment was in Nanticoke Cemetery.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Sunday, January 2, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/sylvia-svetz-obituary?id=32054379>

(15)



GLOSENGER, Tanya (nee Danchak), 80, of Cinnaminson, NJ, formerly of Newport Township, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Tanya was born in Nanticoke on April 9, 1941, and she was the daughter of the late Russell and Anna (Cirko) Danchak. She was raised in Alden and graduated from Newport Township High School class of "59." She also graduated from Bloomsburg State College, teaching school thereafter for 44 years, and retiring from Mount Laurel Township School District, NJ. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, William Glosenger; and children, Kara, and Bill (wife, Desiree) Glosenger. Arrangements were made with Sweeney Family Room Services of Riverside, NJ.

Published by Burlington County Times from July 12 to July 13, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/burlingtoncountytimes/name/tanya-glosenger-obituary?id=12523801>

<http://sweeneyfamilyroom.com/celebration/tanya-glosenger/>

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STAVETSKI, David J. Sr., 63, of Wilkes-Barre, formerly of Newport Township, passed away peacefully Friday, December 31, 2021, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He was born in Glen Lyon and was the son of the late Leonard and Ethel (Gully) Stavetski. He was raised in Glen Lyon and Wilkes Barre and was a graduate of Elmer L. Meyers High School. He had worked for Dyno Nobel Explosives and was employed with Wilkes Barre General Hospital as a maintenance mechanic. Besides his parents, Dave was predeceased by his son, David Jr.; daughter, Maggie Hagan; sister, Gerri Obitz; and brothers, Lenny and Edward. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo; children, William Nicely, Kyeria Nicely (fiancé, Bertin Cinto), Nadine Cusick, Christina Reilly, and Katie Stavetski; and sister, Patricia Kelly. Arrangements were made with Daniel J. Hughes Funeral and Cremation Service of Wilkes Barre.

Published by the Citizens' Voice on Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/david-stavetski-obituary?id=32193809>

(17)

STRAUB, Betty L. (nee Gavrish), 91, of Glen Lyon, passed away Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at her home. Betty was born in Glen Lyon on December 4, 1930; and she was the daughter of the late Louis and Bertha (Harcharik) Gavrish. She was raised in Glen Lyon; graduated from Newport Township High School class of "48;" and furthered her education at

Wilkes Business College. She was a member of Holy Spirit Parish, Saint Adalbert's Church of Glen Lyon; a former member of Saint Dennis Church and Eucharistic Minister; and a member of Phi beta Gamma. Betty was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Leonard C. Straub; and she is survived by her daughter, Jane Straub of Glen Lyon. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home of Glen Lyon and interment was in Saint John the Baptist Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Sunday, January 9, 2022,

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/betty-straub-obituary?id=32174095>

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KLOPOTOSKI, Gerard J., "Gerry," 71, of Pollock's Apartments, Glen Lyon, entered the Kingdom of Heaven, on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley

Medical Center in Plains Township. "Gerry" was born on April 30, 1950; and he was the son of the late Joseph E. Washock Sr., and Esther (Washock) Klopotoski. He was raised in Lower Broadway, Nanticoke and was a graduate of Nanticoke Area High School class of "68." **He was a ten year US Navy veteran serving aboard the USS Terrell County (LST-1157); USS Vernon County (LST-1161) in Viet Nam;** with Coastal River Division XI at Mare Island, CA; and aboard the submarine tender, USS Proteus (AS-19) at the US Naval Station, Guam. Upon discharge, he continued service to the US Navy as a civilian employee at Mare Island shipyard until it closed. Gerry retired as a high pressure pipeline employee for T. D. Williams. He was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Polish National Church of Nanticoke. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his companion, Anna Mae Thoma. He is survived by his brothers, Joseph Klopotoski Jr. of Nanticoke and Michael (wife, Deborah) Klopotoski of Wanamie. Arrangements were made with Earl W. Lohman Funeral Home Inc. of Nanticoke.

Published in the Times Leader on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesleader/name/gerard-klopotoski-obituary?id=31205290>

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MITARNOWSKI, Richard, 76, of Portland OR, and formerly of Forty Fort and Newport Township, passed away Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Richard was born in Nanticoke and he was the son of the late Henry and Stella (Wytoshek) Mitarnowski. He was raised in Glen Lyon, graduated from Newport Township High School class of "63," and graduated from Wilkes University class of "70."

He worked for and retired from the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in Wilkes Barre. Richard is survived by his wife, Jean; sons, Michael and Matthew, both of Portland, OR; brother, Joseph Mitarnowski of Drums; and sisters, Carol Broadbent of Westfield, NJ, and Teresa Dauber of Exeter.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Saturday, June 8, 2022.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/richard-mitarnowski-obituary?id=32162222>

(20)

WEINLE, Patricia Ann (nee Laskoski), 78, of Pocono Summit, formerly of Newport Township, died Friday, January 7, 2022, at Brookmont Care Center in Effort. Patricia was born in Nanticoke, and she was the daughter of the late Adam and Amelia Laskoski. Patricia was raised in Glen Lyon and she was a graduate of Newport Township High School. She retired as an Engineering Draftsman from Tobyhanna Army Depot after a 34 year career. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Brian J. Weinle. Patricia is survived by her husband of 41 years, John Weinle; and sister, Ann Marie Hoffman (husband, Edward) of Lansdale. Arrangements were made with Bolock Funeral Home and Crematory Inc. of Cresco; and burial was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

Published in the Pocono Record on Tuesday, January 10, 2022.

<https://www.poconorecord.com/obituaries/p0180705>

www.bolockfuneralhome.com

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JENCELESKI, Stanley C., 91, of Alden, passed away Monday, January 10, 2022, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Stanley was born July 12, 1930, in Newport Center; and he was the son of the late Chester Jenceleski and Lillian (Meck) Jenceleski. He attended Newport Township schools and was a member of Saint Faustina Parish (former Holy Trinity Church) of Nanticoke. He retired as a butcher for Economy Warehouse and was a 4th Degree Knight as a member of the Honor Guard of Bishop Hafey Assembly. Besides his parents, Stanley was predeceased by his wife, Dolores (Perez) Jenceleski; sisters, Sophie Kline, and Dolores Boberick; and brothers, Chester Jenceleski Jr., Leon Jenceleski, Eugene Jenceleski, and Thaddeus Jenceleski. He is survived by sisters, Geraldine Sosinski, Nanticoke; Anette Skirmont, Dallas; Joanne Long, Nanticoke; and Adelle Brudnicki, Danville. Arrangements were made with Grontkowski Funeral Home P.C. of Nanticoke; and interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery of Sheatown.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/stanley-jenceleski-obituary?id=32221577>

(22)



GUZENSKI, Robert, 90, of Ross Township, formerly of Newport Township, passed away Saturday, September 11, 2021, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Robert was born in Alden, and he was the son of the

late Joseph and Eva (Tullai) Guzenski. He was raised in Alden and graduated from Newport Township High School class of "49." **After graduation, he entered the US Navy and served as an engineer.** He was a member of the Shickshinny American Legion Post 575. Besides his parents, Robert was predeceased by his brothers, William, Frank, and Joseph. He is survived by his sons, Bob Guzenski (wife, Wendy) and David Guzenski; daughter, Kimberly; brother, James Guzenski; and sister, Elizabeth Stoy. Arrangements were made with Grontkowski Funeral Home P.C. of Nanticoke; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery of Hanover Township.

Published by Citizens' Voice on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/robert-guzenski-obituary?pid=200112557>

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PIRRHUS, Therese (nee Monmontplaiser) (Pirr-louis), 74, of Glen Lyon, passed away December 27, 2021. Therese was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti; and she was the daughter of the late Baco and Emersela (Pirr-louis) Monmontplaiser. She was a member of Nebo Baptist Church. Besides her parents Therese was predeceased by her husband, Roland M. Dhaiti, and son, Dieubon Dhaiti. She is survived by her sons, Roland Dhaiti of Glen Lyon, Dieuville Dhaiti, Roosevelt Dhaiti, and Daniel Dhaiti; and daughters, Rosele Dhaiti, Marise Dhaiti, Marielle Dhaiti, and Rosette Dhaiti. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Kniffen O'Malley Leffler Funeral & Cremation Services, Wilkes Barre. Published in the Citizens' Voice on Thursday, December 30, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/therese-pirrhuis-obituary?id=32030627>

<https://www.kniffenfuneralhome.com/obituary/Therese-Pirrhuis>

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EVAN, Steven D. Sr., 67, of Shickshinny, passed away Thursday, November 4, 2021, in Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Steven was born in Nanticoke Hospital on August 19, 1953; and he was the son of the late Joseph and Jennie Evan. He was raised in Mocanaqua, attended Conyngham Township and Newport Township schools, and graduated from John S. Fine High School of Greater Nanticoke Area School District. He had worked for Hasay Chevrolet and Stabler and Hempt Brothers and was the Union Steward for United Steel Workers 102. Steen is survived by his wife of 38 years, Debbie; daughter, Erica (husband, Eric) Kubasek of Mocanaqua; sons, Steven Jr. of Hunlock Creek and Joseph of Pittston; and brothers, Joe (wife, Loretta) of Shickshinny and Kenny (wife, Debra) of Mocanaqua. Arrangements were made with Heller Funeral Home, LLC of Nescopeck; and interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery of Mocanaqua.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/steven-evan-obituary?id=31349328>

<https://www.legacy.com/funeral-homes/pennsylvania/nescopceck/heller-funeral-home/fh-28278>

(25)

ROCKEL, Shirley M., (nee Rule), 92, of Pond Hill, passed away on Sunday, December 26, 2021, at home. Shirley was born in Nanticoke on July 28, 1929; and she was the daughter of the late Thomas "Harold" and Mabel B. (Finogle) Rule. She attended Newport Township High School. She had been employed and retired from RCA in Mountain Top. Shirley was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Dale F. Rockel; son, Dale T. Rockel Sr.; brothers, Harold "Sonny" Rule, Norman Rule, and Donald Rule; and sister, Marie Williams. She is

survived by her foster son, Emil Carver; and sister, Dorothy Myers of Dorrance. Arrangements were made with Heller Funeral Home, LLC of Nescopeck.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesleader/name/shirley-rockel-obituary?id=32011632>

<https://www.legacy.com/funeral-homes/pennsylvania/nescopeck/heller-funeral-home/fh-28278>

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SWANBERRY, Rose M. (nee Rasmus), 70, of Sheatown, passed away Monday, January 17, 2022, at home. Rose was born on February 7, 1951, and she was the daughter of the late John and Rose (Lapinski) Rasmus. She was a graduate of Nanticoke High School, worked for Christy Fashion in Glen Lyon and retired from Koehler Brightstar of Hanover Township. Besides her parents, Rose was predeceased by her five brothers, John, Leonard, Charles, Gerald, and David; and three sisters, Josephine Smith, Dorothy Balas, and Audrey Ostopick. She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Higgins (husband, Aaron) of Nanticoke and son, Shane Swanberry (wife, Lindsay) of Mystic, CN. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Sunday, January 23, 2022.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/rose-swanberry-obituary?id=32362183>

(27)



FIRMANTY, Leonard S., 91, of Newport Township passed away Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at Riverview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Wilkes Barre. Leonard was born on May 2, 1930, and he was the son of the late John and Helen (Krupinski) Firmanty. Leonard was raised in Glen Lyon and attended Newport Township schools. **He was a US Army veteran stationed in Germany during his service.** He retired and returned to Glen Lyon after employment with Philco-Ford of Philadelphia. Besides his parents, Leonard was predeceased by his sister, Louise Vance and her husband, Anthony. He is survived by nephews and nieces; and caretakers, Jim and Debbie (Krupinski) Gavin. Arrangements were entrusted with Corcoran Funeral Home Inc. of Plains Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/leonard-firmanty-obituary?id=32532157>

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KOWALCHIN, Wayne A. Sr., of Nanticoke, formerly of Newport Township, passed away Thursday, January 27, 2022, at his home. He was born in Nanticoke and was the son of the late Albert Kowalchin Sr. and Alice (Rustay) Kowalchin. Wayne was raised in Newport Center of the Sheatown section, attended Newport Township and Nanticoke schools. He was employed by KTL as a truck driver until his retirement. Besides his parents, Wayne was predeceased by his brothers, Albert Jr., Gerry, and George; and stepson, Zachary Frace. He is survived by his

wife, Annette (Fox) Kowalchin; sons, Wayne A. of Muncy and Justin of McEwensville; stepsons, Terry J. of GA and Jesse of Nanticoke; stepdaughter, Savannah of Nanticoke; and brother, Thomas of KY. Arrangements were made with Grontkowski Funeral Home P.C. of Nanticoke and interment was in Newport Center Cemetery of Newport Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/wayne-kowalchin-obituary?id=32471781>

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HANLON, Matthew P. Jr., 52, of St. Petersburg, FL, formerly of Newport Township, passed away on January 14, 2022, at his home. Matthew was born in Meriden, CN, on August 16, 1969; and he was the son of Linda (Adams) Hanlon and Matthew P. Hanlon Sr. He was raised in Wanamie and was a graduate of John S. Fine High School of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District and Wilkes University. He had been employed by Boscov's in Reading, QVC, HSN and VP in FL, and lately, Rising Tide Innovation Center as Community Director.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Eunice and Daniel Adams and Adeline and John Hanlon. He is survived by his spouse, Christopher Benish; parents, Linda Hanlon and Matthew Hanlon Sr. (wife, Sandra); sisters, Brenda Grabowski (husband, John), Sherri Burke (husband, Dave), Crustal Hanlon (Mike); and stepbrother, Shawn Maslowski (Maryann). Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli funeral Home of Nanticoke.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/matthew-hanlon-obituary?id=32947646>

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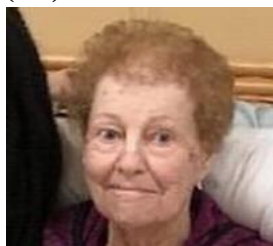
PERRONE, Anthony P. "Sonny," 80, of Pittston, formerly of Glen Lyon, passed away on Friday, February 4, 2022. Anthony was the son of the late Crician and Anna (Ross) Perrone. He was a graduate of King's College and thereafter dedicated his professional career to the Greater Nanticoke Area School District as a Spanish teacher, school psychologist, home and school visitor, counselor, and retiring as its Superintendent - working pro-bono for almost 10 years. He is survived by two sisters, AnnMarie Adonizio (husband, John W.) and Regina

Perrone Mattei (husband, Ron LaPorte). Arrangements were made with Adonizio Funeral Home LLC of Pittston; and interment was in Saint Rocco's Cemetery of Pittston.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Sunday, February 6, 2022.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/anthony-perrone-obituary?id=32767366>

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ZAPORA, Alicia (nee Richards), 84, of Somerset, KY, formerly of New Jersey and Newport Township, passed away on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Alicia was born on September 10, 1937, raised in Sheatown; and she was the daughter of the late Irvin "Tookey" Richards and Julia (Rish) Richards. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "56." Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Jan R.

Zapora and brother, “Baby” Irvin Richards. Alicia is survived by her daughter, Faith Ann Zapora of PA; son, Scott Zapora of NJ; brother, Carl Richards of MD; and sister, Eileen Moyer of PA. She worked as a Chef for the Barnegat Light Seafood Company. Arrangements were entrusted to Lake Cumberland Funeral Home of Somerset, KY, and Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke. Interment was in Newport Cemetery of Newport Center.

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<https://www.legacy.com/amp/obituaries/batesville/201373575>

https://www.citizensvoice.com/zz-dnp/alicia-zapora/article_9233f062-5a9b-544d-bb91-98a57766cec8.html

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DAVIS, Linda J. (nee Jones, Linda Ann), 75, of Newport Center, Sheatown, passed away Monday, February 14, 2022. Linda was born in Wilkes Barre and was the daughter of the late Howard S. and Edith (Hiller) Jones. She was a graduate of Kingston High School class of “64” and Wilkes Barre Business College. She had been employed by the First National Bank of Wilkes Barre, PNC Bank as executive secretary to the senior VP, and M & T Bank as a teller supervisor. She was very active as a volunteer in community organizations.

Linda is survived by her husband of 53 years, John (Jack) Davis; children, John Davis Jr. (wife, Laurie) of Nanticoke, Megan Gorney (husband, Jeff) of Moorpark, CA, and Blake Davis ((wife, Karen D’Onofrio) of Nanticoke; brother, Howard Jones Jr. (wife, Molly) of Hanover Township. Arrangements were made with Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home of Kingston and interment was in Oak Lawn Cemetery of Hanover Township.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/linda-davis-obituary?id=33046738>

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RUSNAK, Donald Fred Sr., 81, of Pittston, formerly of Newport Township, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2022, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Donald was born in Nanticoke on February 7, 1941; and he was the son of the late Joseph and Ann (Dudeck) Rusnak. He was raised in Alden, attended Newport township schools, graduated from Newport Township High School Class of “59” and Penn State University with an associate degree in Civil Engineering. **He served in the US Army**, was employed by PENDOT, and retired as a DPW worker at Tobyhanna Army Depot. He was a Little League volunteer and coach and Board Member of the Pittston Little League. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Antoinette (Falzone) Rusnak; daughter, Candice Bukevicz of Pittston; son, Donald Rusnak Jr.; and daughter-in-law, Tammy of Simi Valley, CA. Arrangements were made with Adonizio Funeral Home LLC of Pittston; and interment was in Pittston Cemetery.

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https://www.citizensvoice.com/zz-dnp/donald-fred-rusnak-sr/article_69c4bd6b-43f4-546e-9594-2e315c57b071.html

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RENTKO, Michael A. “Mike,” 90, of Easton, MD and Chester, MD; formerly of Newport Township; passed away on January 24, 2022. Michael was born 1931, and he was the son of the late Stephen and Anna (Loftus) Rentko. He was raised in Sheatown and

graduated from Newport Township High School and Western Maryland College. **“Mike” was a US Army veteran** and a 2010 inductee to the Saint Paul’s School for Boys Sports Hall of Fame. He had been employed as an educator for 41 years when he retired from Saint Paul’s School for Boys of Brooklandville, MD. Besides his parents, sisters, Gloria Witoslawski and Lucille Flora; and brothers, Albert, Stephen, and Joseph Rentko. He is survived by his daughters, Mary Peters (husband, Ed), Patricia Fluke (husband, Stephen), and Ami Miller (husband, Don).

Published in the The Star Democrat, Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

https://www.stardem.com/obituaries/michael-a-rentko-mike/article_70d2a07c-348a-51aa-8d4c-2863ac5ac39a.html

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/stardem/name/michael-rentko-obituary?id=32598504>

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DIEHL, Dawn M., 58, of Glen Lyon, formerly of Jersey City, NJ, died February 17, 2022. Funeral arrangements were made with George A. Strish Inc. of Glen Lyon.

Published in the times Leader on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesleader/name/dawn-diehl-obituary?id=33174173>

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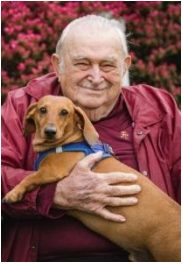
YAZEMBOSKI, Robert J. “Pedro,” 75, of Mocanaqua, died Monday evening, February 21, 2022, in Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. Walter was born in Mocanaqua on April 19, 1946, and he was the son of the late Walter and Celia

(Lukashefski) Yazemboski. He was raised in Mocanaqua and graduated from Newport Township High School class of “64.” **“Pedro” was a US Army veteran serving during the Viet Nam War and was a member of the Mocanaqua VFW, Benton VFW, and Shickshinny American Legion Post 495 serving as an honor guard.** He was also a member of Holy Spirit Parish/ Saint Mary’s Church in Mocanaqua. “Pedro” worked for and retired from Wise Potato Chips in Berwick. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Walter A. Yazemboski Jr. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Faye Yazemboski of Shickshinny, and nephews and nieces. Arrangements were made with Mayo Funeral Home Inc. of Shickshinny; and interment was in Saint Mary’s Cemetery of Mocanaqua.

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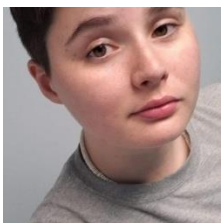
CHEST, Francis J. "Frank," 83, of Glen Lyon, passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2022, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. "Frank" was born in Glen Lyon on April 2, 1938; and he

was the son of the late Joseph Sr. and Susan (Gotcha) Chest. He was raised in Glen Lyon and was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of "56." **He served honorably in the US Air Force** and was a member of the Swoyersville American Legion Post 644. "Frank" had been employed by Thomas and Betts Electrical Co. of Rahway, NJ; and superintendent at Standard Coach Manufacturing Co. of Nanticoke and Dove Windows of Hanover Township. He owned and operated Brian's Builders and the Window Shoppe until his retirement. "Frank" was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Rose Mary (Fudjak) Chest, sister, Rita Kislavage; and brother, Joseph Chest Jr. He is survived by his daughter, Sandra Chest Najaka of Larksville; and brother, Steve Chest (wife, Norma) of Mocanaqua. Arrangements were made with George A. Strish Funeral Home Inc. of Glen Lyon and inurnment was in Saint Nicholas Cemetery of Glen Lyon.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Sunday, February 27, 2022.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/francis-chest-obituary?id=33321143>

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GEIGER, Jessica "Gauge" Robin, 24, of Glen Lyon, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2022. She was born in Rochester, NY, on June 12, 1997, and was the daughter of April Geiger Higgins of Harveys Lake and the late Chris Higgins. She graduated from Lake Lehman High School class of 2015; and was employed as a CNA for Allied Services Heinz Rehabilitation. In addition to her mother, Jessica is survived by her brother, Zachary Higgins of Harveys

Lake and biological father, Christopher Johnson of Naples FL. Arrangements were made with Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc. of Pikes Creek; and interment was in Perrego Cemetery of Harveys Lake.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/jessica-geiger-obituary?id=33454973>

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HOOPEN GARDNER, Lorilee (nee Daniele), 50, of Glen Lyon, passed away Friday, March 4, 2022, at home. She was born in Elizabeth, NJ, on March 15, 1971, and was the daughter of the late Amoto and Margaret (Pius) Daniele. Lorilee was a 1989 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and was employed by the Social Security Administration of Wilkes Barre. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Patrick Daniele. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Rick Hoopengardner Sr.; children, Rick Hoopengardner Jr. and Justin Hoopengardner; brothers, Anthony Daniele and Matthew Daniele. Arrangements were made with Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc. of Pikes Creek; and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/lorilee-hoopengardner-obituary?id=33534160>

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CRISLER, Paul Franklin, 90, of Pine Street, Alden, passed away, Tuesday, March 2, 2022. Paul was born on March 14, 1931, in Detroit MI; and he was the son of the late

Robert and Lillian (Ronawicz) Crisler. He was a graduate of Nanticoke High School but became a lifetime resident of Alden, Newport Township. **Paul joined the Marine Corps on June 15, 1950, was an optics specialist, and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.** Paul earned a BS in education from Bloomsburg University and a Masters Degree in Education from PSU. He was employed in a supervisory position in the New York school system, became Deputy Superintendant at SCI-Dallas, and retired in 1993 as Director of Treatment at SCI-Retreat. Paul was a member of Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish of Nanticoke and the Jeffries Slapikas Post 971 of Wanamie. Besides his parents, Paul was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, the former LaVerne A. Frankiewicz and sister, Ruth Jaskowak. He is survived by his sister, Susan Donnelly; children, Christopher Crisler (wife, Rose) of Ashley and Colleen Thomas (husband, George) of Alden. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke; and interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery of Sheatown.

Published in the Citizens' Voice on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/paul-crisler-obituary?id=33534145>

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TIRPAK, Reverend Adrian D. (nee Donald Tirpak); 88; of the Third Order Regular Franciscans of the Province of the Immaculate Conception; a resident at St. Bernadine Monastery and Garvey Manor, Holidaysburg; formerly of Newport Township; died on Thursday, March 3, 2022, in Hollidaysburg, PA. Fr. Tirpak was born on September 29, 1933, in Glen Lyon and given the name, Donald, in Baptism; and he was the son of the late Andrew and Catherine (Selecky) Tirpak. He was raised in Glen Lyon and graduated from Newport Township High School. Fr. Adrian entered the Franciscan Preparatory Seminary, August 1953, professed Solemn Vows in June 1956, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1960, at the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. Besides his parents, Fr. Adrian was predeceased by his brother, Andrew, and sister, Connie Szmidt. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Judy Tirpak. Arrangements were made with Santella Funeral Home in Altoona, PA.

Published by Legacy on Friday, March 4, 2022.

<https://www.santellafuneralhome.com/obituary/TheRevAdrian-TirpakTOR>

Published in the Johnstown Tribune Democrat on Friday, March 4, 2022.

<https://obituaries.tribdem.com/obituary/fr-adrian-tirpak-1084562121>

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KRAFCHIK, Richard Stanley “Dick,” 81, of La Plata, MD passed away on June 15, 2020. “Dick” was born on October 31, 1938; and he was the son of the late Stanley and Palmira (DeLuca) Krafchik. He was raised in Wanamie and graduated from Newport Township High School class of “58,” Lehigh University with a BS in Math, and the University of Maryland with a Masters in Math Education. He was employed as an administrator and teacher of math and science for over 40 years in the Prince George’s County Public School system. He is survived by his wife, Kay; children, Greg, Doug, and Melissa.

Published in the Southern Maryland News on June 26, 2020.

Arrangements were made with Raymond Funeral Service of 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646.

https://www.somdnews.com/independent/obituaries/richard-stanley-krafchik-dick/article_72361aea-9e12-5ef8-adbe-40aa0279c258.html

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BODEK, Constance Marie, (nee Delestowicz, 83, a resident of Beverly, MA for 60 years, and formerly of Newport Township, died Thursday, February 10, 2022. “Connie” was born in Alden Station, on July 23, 1938, and she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Helen Delestowicz. She was raised in the close knit Polish coal-mining community of Alden and graduated from Newport Township High School class of “56.” She studied nursing at Temple University, had been employed by Beverly School District, and retired from

Endicott College as a nurse. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Thomas, in 2012. She is survived by her children, Alan Bodek (wife, Martha), Laurie Smith (husband, Dana), and Daniel (wife, Joanne) all of Beverly; and Amy Bodek (husband, Michael Hewitt) of Long Beach, CA. Arrangements were made with Campbell Funeral Home of Beverly, MA; and burial was in North Beverly Cemetery, MA.

Published by Campbell Funeral Home on Sunday, February 13, 2022

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/constance-bodek-obituary?id=32965828>

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BECKER, Michael P., 64, of Wanamie, passed away, Sunday, March 6, 2022. Michael was born in Nanticoke, on March 18, 1957; and he was the son of Earl and Marie (Harvey) Becker of Alden. He was raised in Alden and graduated from John S. Fine High School of the Nanticoke Area School District class of “75.” He earned a BS Degree in Biology from King’s College in 1979. Michael had been employed by Saint Stanislaus Nursing Home in Sheatown and for the past 33 years worked for PAW as a filter plant operator. Besides his parents, he is

survived by his wife of 38 years, Georgina (Pedley) Becker; daughters, Tiffany Becker, M.D. (fiancé, Ira Barth) of Mountain Top and Samantha Becker of Hanover Township; brother, Leon Becker and sister, Cheryl Becker, both of Alden. Arrangements were made with Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home of Nanticoke.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/michael-becker-obituary?id=33558352>

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LEVANDOWSKI, William H., a.k.a. "Billdog" or "Sponge" of Nanticoke, formerly of Newport Township, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Bill was born and raised in Nanticoke, and he was the

son of the late Henry and Elizabeth (James) Levandowski. He had been a resident of Glen Lyon and later returned to Nanticoke. He attended Greater Nanticoke Area schools and Luzerne County Community College. **William was a US Army veteran.** He is survived by his son, Brandon Czock; and siblings, Jeffrey, Joseph, Henry, and Kenny Levandowski, Leanne Ibriga, Kelly Levandowski, and Joseph Robaczewski. Arrangements were made with Earl W.Lohman Funeral Home Inc. of Nanticoke.

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/citizensvoice/name/william-levandowski-obituary?id=33558206>