

# Area Obituaries



**Mary Faye Buck**  
Elkdale

Mary Faye Buck, 86, of Elkdale died Sunday, March 5, 2017, after noon at home. She and her husband, Walter J. Buck, would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on October 17.

Faye was born October 16, 1930, in Knoxville, TN. She was the daughter of the late Houston and Bessie Riggs and was a member of Ascension Parish, Forest City. Nothing made her happier or prouder than having her family around constantly. She liked baking and doing something special with each of her grandchildren. She enjoyed shopping trips to New York City with Lizzy. A favorite past time was sitting on the front porch watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren play in the yard and grow up. She was also a talented seamstress. Faye was adored by her family and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Also surviving are children Walter Buck and wife Lynda, Owego, N.Y.; Mary Sheerin, St. Louis, MO; Linda Buck, Forest City; Lisa Hescocock and husband, Kyle, Eugene, OR; and Stephen Buck and companion Rachel, at home; nine grandchildren, Jennifer, Michelle, Bobbie Jo, Ashlee, Amanda, Alycia, Kylie, Michael and James; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceded in death by sons, Ronald and Thomas; a daughter, Elizabeth Rebernick; a grandson, Matthew; a granddaughter, Elizabeth; a brother, Roy; and a sister, Eleanor.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 10 in St. Joseph's Church, Forest City. Funeral arrangements by the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, Forest City. Interment in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Forest City.

Condolences visit [www.lesjackfuneralhome.com](http://www.lesjackfuneralhome.com).

## Lent 2017 Ascension & St. Katharine

The celebration of the sacrament of penance (with Exposition and benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament) at St. Katharine Drexel Parish and St. James Church on March 20 and April 3 - confessions from 6 to 7 p.m. and at Ascension Parish at St. Joseph Church on March 27 and April 10 confessions 6 to 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross will be Fridays throughout lent at 4:30 p.m. at St. Katharine Drexel Parish at St. James Parish and 6 p.m. at Ascension Parish at St. Joseph Church.



**Walter J. Buck**  
Elkdale

Walter J. Buck, 93, of Elkdale died Friday, March 10, 2017, at home. His wife Mary Faye Riggs Buck died Sunday, March 5th, 2017. They would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on October 2.

Born November 8, 1923 in Spanger, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Elizabeth Chomko Buck. Walter was a WWII Army veteran serving in the 82nd Airborne. His decorations included the Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, and the WWII Victory Medal. He was a devote Catholic and member of Ascension Parish, who always had a rosary in hand praying. Prior to retirement, Walter worked on the family farm and later owned the Hilltop Bar in Forest City. Walter was adored by his family and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by children, Walter Buck, and wife, Lynda, Owego, NY; Mary Sheerin, St. Louis, MO; Linda Buck, Forest City; Lisa Hescocock and husband, Kyle, Eugene, OR; and Stephen Buck and companion, Rachel, at home; nine grandchildren, Jennifer, Michelle, Bobbie Jo, Ashlee, Amanda, Alycia, Kylie, Michael and James; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceded in death by sons Ronald and Thomas; a daughter Elizabeth Rebernick; a grandson Matthew; a granddaughter Elizabeth; and 11 siblings.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 13 in St. Joseph's Church, Forest City. Funeral services by the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, Forest City. Interment in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Forest City.

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## Christ Church Lenten schedule

The Christ Episcopal Church Holy Week schedule:  
**Palm Sunday**, April 9, 9 am  
**Maundy Thursday**, April 13, at Christ Church - Light Supper 6:30 pm and Service 7 pm

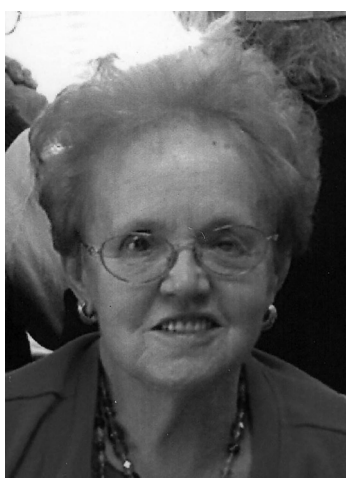
**Good Friday** at Trinity Church, April 14, 6:30 pm

**Easter Vigil** at St James-St. George, Jermyon

**April 15 - 7 pm**

**Easter Sunday** April 16 9 am

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**Helen Casmer**  
Forest City

Helen Casmer, 87, of Forest City, entered into eternal rest and joined her beloved husband on Tuesday morning, March 7, 2017 at Forest City Nursing Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Casmer, who died on October 27, 2010. The couple was married on June 5, 1954.

Born in Simpson, daughter of the late John and Mary Banko Gerchman, she attended Fell School, but left to care for her siblings after her mother passed away. She later earned her GED at age 71 - an accomplishment that she and her family took great pride in. She had been a resident of Forest City for 63 years.

Helen was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a member of Ascension Parish, Forest City, and the former Sacred Heart Church Altar and Rosary Society. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by the former Ames Shower Curtain Factory, Vandling. She was a member of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

She enjoyed crafting and would hand make ornaments for her daughter's clients at the beauty shop for Christmas. She was excellent at gardening and always had a beautiful flower garden. She and John also had a vegetable garden that they tended together. Another one of her talents was baking. She was best known for her pies - especially the apple - and black bottom cupcakes. It was not unusual for her to make cakes for her grandchildren's birthdays. She was an incredibly talented sewer and would custom-make bridal dolls and bouquets for brides on their wedding day.

The family would like to recognize the Forest City Nursing Home staff who cared for Helen during the past six years. She has lived with dementia for the past 19 years; and the staff always went above and beyond to care for her and keep her comfortable and safe while she resided there. The family would also like to thank Dr. David Tomazic and his staff for their compassionate care.

Surviving are two daughters: Lori Casmer and fiancé Tim Remus, Brown Dale; Carol VanSciver and her husband, David VanSciver, Cresco; a granddaughter: Kelsey Pazanski Wargo and husband, John Wargo, Eynon; a grandson: Jared Pazanski; a great grandson, Jared Pazanski, Forest City; a brother: Robert Gerchman, Forest City; a sister: Irene Cerra, Endwell, NY; a sister-in-law: Jean Gerchman and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers: John Gerchman, Joseph Gerchman and James Gerchman.

The funeral was Thursday, March 9 in the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City, with services at 6 PM. Private interment was held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Forest City Nursing Center Activities Fund, 915 Delaware St., Forest City, PA 18421.

To send online condolences, please visit the funeral home's website.



**Allan C. Davis**  
Factoryville

Allan C. Davis, 76, of Factoryville, died Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Tyler Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Donna L. Davis.

Born Aug. 28, 1940, in Binghamton, N.Y., son of the late Charles and Irene Wiliger Davis, Allan was a veteran of the Navy and was a butcher by trade. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and especially spending time outdoors with his grandchildren.

He is survived by a brother, Donald and wife, Dawn Davis, Hallstead; a sister, Dorothy White, Binghamton; children, Robert Davis, Factoryville; Scott Davis and wife, Carol, Union Dale; David Davis and wife, Glenda, Factoryville; Melissa and Kevin Pascoe, Springville; Sandra and husband, Mike Bills, Kingsley; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Thursday, March 9 from the Thursty P. Litwin Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds St., Factoryville. Interment, Fairlawn Cemetery, Dalton.

## MEMORIAM



**Robert W. Carey**  
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**When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me,**

**I want no rites in a gloom filled room, why cry for a soul set free?**

**Miss me a little but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared.**

**Miss me but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone, it's all a part of the master's plan, a step on the road to home.**

**When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know, and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds----**

**Miss me but let me go.**

*Bob's Family*



**Florence D. Tuzze**  
Carbondale

Florence D. Tuzze, 85, a life-long resident of Carbondale, died Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton. She was the wife of 61 years of Alessandro "Sonny" Tuzze.

Born June 20, 1931, in Carbondale, she was the daughter of the late Maryann and Mary Truskaloski Milewski. Florence was a 1948 graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School and was employed as a seamstress for Seamproof Co., Carbondale. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale, and the Cottage Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary, Carbondale, where she also served as past treasurer.

She loved being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and enjoyed spending her summers at Newton Lake. She bowled for the Tuzze Trucking Team and was loved and adored by all who knew her. She also enjoyed her time at the casinos.

Surviving are one son, Joseph Tuzze and wife, Debra, of Mayfield; two daughters, Mary Carol Adams and Jean Wormuth, both of Carbondale; nine grandchildren, Joseph, Vincent and Alessandro Tuzze, of Mayfield; James Adams and wife, Francine, of Carbondale; Jovanna Perri and husband, Carm, of Carbondale; Mariana Brennan and husband, Joseph, of Carbondale; Ashley Loomis and husband, Daryl, of Carbondale; Michael Wormuth and wife, Erika, of Greenfield Twp.; and John Wormuth, of Mayfield; eight great-grandchildren, A.J. Adams, Austin Davis, Joseph Brennan, Aria Perri, Rosemary Perri, Dylan Loomis, Eva Loomis and Mason Wormuth, and baby Wormuth due in June; one sister, Jean Druther, of Forest City; two brothers, John Milewski, of Michigan; and Stanley Milewski, of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by six brothers, Andrew, Anthony, Chester, Joseph, Albert and Jake Milewski; two sisters, Mary Margavich and Irene Kozuch; and two sons-in-law, Tony Adams and Douglas Wormuth.

The funeral was held March 11 from the Carmine J. & Louis C. Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Carbondale, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. Interment, Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Greenfield Twp.

To share condolences and photos with Florence's family, visit her book of everlasting memories at [www.parisefuneralhome.com](http://www.parisefuneralhome.com).



**Carl A. Rutkowski**  
Matamoras, PA

Mr. Carl A. Rutkowski of Matamoras, PA and a long time resident of the area passed away peacefully at home on Friday, February 24, 2017 with his family by his side. He was 85.

He was born May 16, 1931 in Lake Como, PA the son of the late Anthony Rutkowski and the late Sophie Kulikowski Rutkowski.

Carl married his sweetheart for life Agnes "Aggie" Tedesco 60 years ago on April 2, 1956 in St. Joseph's RC Church in Forest City, PA

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as a Sergeant in the Korean War and was a life member of the Roosa Fleming VFW Post #161 in Port Jervis.

Carl was a Truck Driver for Rupp Southern Tier in Middletown and was a member of the Teamsters Local # 445, Newburgh.

He was a member of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Matamoras, PA and a life member of the Matamoras Fire Dept., Matamoras, PA.

A family statement read: Carl was the kindest happy soul who adored his family. His second pleasure in life was feeding everyone he possibly could. "Hey Aggie let's get them a sandwich" was a favorite line of his that everyone would remember.

Surviving are his wife Agnes "Aggie" Rutkowski; three daughters: Mary Ann Gardner and her husband Paul, Susie Prisco and Betsy Vencius; three grandchildren: Casey Prisco and his wife Emily, Lyndsay Foster and her husband Chris and Corey Gardner. Carl's latest burst of sunshine is his beloved great granddaughter, Layla Grace Foster; two brothers: Tony & Dave; four sisters: Leona, Shirley, Renee and Faye. Also many treasured nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 27th, 2017 from Gray-Parker Funeral Home, Inc., 100 East Main Street, Port Jervis.

Burial with military honors were at St. Mary's Cemetery, Port Jervis, NY.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Pike County Humane Society, 186 Lee Road, Milford, PA 18337

Funeral arrangements are by the GRAY-PARKER FUNERAL HOME, 100 E. Main St., Port Jervis, NY 12771 845.856.5191 For additional information, directions or to send a condolence note to the family visit [www.grayparkerfuneralhome.com](http://www.grayparkerfuneralhome.com).

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## Christ Episcopal Church hall is available for rent

The Christ Episcopal Church hall is now available for use by other groups. Requests are considered based upon application.

Applications are available upon request by calling the church office at 570-282-3620.

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