

Area Obituaries



Rose Marie Kubus
Forest City

Rose Marie Kubus, 85, of Forest City, died Monday, March 13, 2017, at Forest City Nursing Home. Her husband was the late Frank Kubus II.

Born in Carbondale, daughter of the late Joseph and Italia Fofi Nardi, she enjoyed her employment at Forest City Pre-K in Vandling as its cook for a number of years before retirement. She was named Cook of the Year while working there.

Survivors are five daughters, Debra Franceski and husband, Joseph Jr., Brown Dale; Rita Gallagher and husband, William, Phillipsburg, N.J.; Rose Marie Howard and husband, Peter, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Danielle Atkinson and husband, Keith, Brown Dale; and Julie Kilmer and husband, Gary, Vandling; four sisters, Lenore Kline, Georgia; Julie Mercatelli, New York; Celeste Allen, New Jersey; and Louise Taroli, Lancaster; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Frank Kubus III; and sisters, Diana Yanochik, Archbald; and Josephine Russin, Jessup.

The funeral was held March 18 from Lawrence A. Gabriel Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Carbondale, with Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph's Church, Forest City. Cremation to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Forest City Activities Dept., Forest City Nursing Home.

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 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.



Andrew A. Leo
Clifford Twp.

Andrew A. Leo, 85, Clifford Twp., formerly of Carbondale, died Sunday, March 12, 2017, at the Carbondale Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. His wife of 60 years is the former Marguerite E. Philback.

Born in Carbondale, he was the son of the late John and Marie Fortuner Leo. Mr. Leo was a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, class of 1949 and was employed by the Carbondale A&P from 1949 until his retirement as produce manager in 1976. He was well known as a skilled carpenter and cabinet maker and served as a member of the Carbondale City Council for 25 years. Andrew was a corporal in the Third Infantry of the Army and had the distinct privilege of serving as a president's Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Andrew is also survived by his daughter, M. Theresa Leo, Morgantown; his son, Andrew M. Leo, Clifford Twp.; grandsons, Nathan and Nicholas Leo, Clifford Twp.; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Falbo Leo, Forest City; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John J. Leo; and a sister, Anna M. Leo Rogalski.

Funeral services were held privately at the convenience of the family. Interment with military honors will be at Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Greenfield Twp. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Joseph J. Lucas Funeral Home Inc., 329 W. Market St., Scranton.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Center, 2010 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509.

Open house at district magistrate Fri., March 24

Please join us for an open house and tour of the new offices and courtroom of District Magisterial Judge Jeffrey Hollister, located within the Susquehanna County Courthouse. The open house will be held on March 24, between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. Light refreshments will be available, with parking available at the rear of the Courthouse.

Thompson UM Church dinner Sat., Mar. 25

A Spaghetti & Meatball Supper and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, March 25 at the Thompson United Methodist Church, 586 Main Street, Thompson beginning at 4:30 PM. All are Welcome!!!!

Fell Alumni to meet Mar. 28

The Fell Alumni Association Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 28th, at 7 p.m. at the VFW on Main Street in Simpson, to continue planning for their reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9th, at Morrison's Grove. Any and all alumni are welcome.

Clara M. Sever, RN Vandling

Clara M. Sever, RN, 88, of Vandling died Feb. 2, 2017, at the Forest City Nursing Center. She was the wife of the late John Paul Sever, who died in 1986. They were married on August 24, 1950.

Born August 5, 1928 in Vandling, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Christina Glavich Menart. Clara was a graduate of Vandling High School and St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. Prior to retirement, she was a registered nurse working in pediatrics. She was a member of Ascension Parish, St. Ann's Lodge, The Slovenian Union of America, the American Legion Ladies Auxillary, and a life time member of the KSKJ. Clara served as treasurer of the Vandling Borough and was a correspondent for the Scranton Times. She lived in her family homestead for 88 years. Clara will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are children Robert Sever and wife Mary, Stroudsburg; Nancy Muniz and husband Robert, Las Vegas, NV; Paul Sever and wife Jerrilee, Salmon, ID; and Carl Sever and wife Tami, Kunkletown; a daughter in law, Lori Sever, Severna Park, MD; seven grandchildren, Joshua, Phillip, Kira, Courtney, Tessa, Gary, and Cassie; a great granddaughter, Lillian Ryan "Lily" Sever; a sister Margaret Menart, Binghamton, NY; nieces and nephews.

Also preceded in death by two sons John and Luke, and a grandson Mark.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will take place Saturday March 25 at 10 am in St. Joseph's Church, Forest City celebrated by the Rev. Seth Wasnock. Friends may visit at the church from 9:30 am until mass time.

Arrangements are through the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City. Condolences: www.lesjackfuneralhome.com.



Lola Allen Pember
Greenfield Twp.

Lola Allen Pember, 87, of Greenfield Twp., passed away Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the Regional Hospital of Scranton. She was the widow of John A. Pember, who passed in 2002.

Born in Whitestone, NY, daughter of the late Henry James and Lola Orlanda Allen Rogan. She was a beautiful wife, mother, and grandmother with never a complaint, or short of humor. She adored her three sons and loved her family dearly. She held a special place in her heart for all of the family pets. She was a wonderful homemaker, but was just as skillful on the slot machines at the nearest casino. Surviving are her three sons: William Pember and companion Gail Farrell, Palm City, FL; John Pember and wife Carolyn, Sound Beach, Long Island, NY; Brian Pember and wife Anne Marie, Greenfield Twp.; two sisters: Claribel, St. Denis, Canada; Jean Witte and husband Warren, Virginia; 8 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Justine Barry; and 13 brothers and sisters.

Viewing and funeral services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Spring interment will be held in Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill. Arrangements by the Brennan & Brennan Funeral Home, Inc., 55 Lincoln Ave., Carbondale Pa

Memorial donations can be made in Lola's name to the Griffin Pond Animal Shelter, 967 Griffin Pond Road, South Abington, PA 18411.



Catherine M. Perry
Dunmore

Catherine M. Perry, 88, of Dunmore, passed away Wednesday, March 15, 2017, in the Dunmore Health Care Center, Dunmore. Her husband, the late Earl J., passed away in 2002. The couple had been married 54 years.

Born in Dunmore, she was a daughter of the late James and Lillian Conway Murphy and graduated as the salutatorian of Dunmore High School's class of 1946. She was the administrative secretary of the former Dunmore Central Catholic High School and retired from the former Bishop O'Hara High School after 40 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Dunmore. She was an avid reader and enjoyed shopping. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

The family wishes to thank all of the nurses and staff at the Dunmore Health Care Center and of Celtic Hospice for all of their care and compassion.

Surviving are daughters, Catherine Musso and husband, Tony, Dunmore; Alice Miszler and husband, Bernard, Thompson, Pa.; a son, Joseph and wife, Karen, Dunmore; a sister, Mary Martin and husband, Jim, Rockville, Md.; grandchildren, Kimberly Jarosh and husband, Chris; Robert Musso and wife, Michele; Kristen and Tony Musso, Kathleen Heiner and husband, Jeremy; Laura Starway and husband, Arthur; Cindy Huggaboom and husband, Lee; Shawna Perry Rinaldi and husband, C.J.; Kelly Perry and fiancé, Benny Domenick; and Ryan Perry; numerous great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Anne Baldoni; a brother, James "Murph" Murphy; and a grandson, Joseph Viveiros.

The funeral was held March 20 from the Carlucci-Golden-DeSantis Funeral Home Inc., Dunmore, with Mass in St. Mary's Church, Chestnut Street, Dunmore. Interment, Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Dunmore.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 712 Keyser Ave., Taylor, PA 18517.

To leave an online condolence, visit www.DunmoreFuneralHome.com.

Christ Church Lenten schedule

The Christ Episcopal Church Holy Week schedule:

Palm Sunday, April 9, 9 am
Maudy 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, Jermyn
April 15 - 7 pm
Easter Sunday April 16 9 am



Patrick T. Williams
Vandling

Patrick T. Williams, 60, of Vandling, died Tuesday morning March 14, 2017 while shoveling snow at his home.

Born in Carbondale, he was the son of the late Thomas F. and Elizabeth Gliha Williams. Pat was a graduate of Forest City Regional High School and worked at several local grocery stores during his life as well as being the local broker for princess pine for the past 12 years.

In his younger years, Pat was an avid runner and has many trophies on display from the 3, 5 and 10 K races in which he participated. Pat was an extremely good and kind man. He looked after several of his neighbors by running their errands, walking their dogs, and doing anything else that might help. When he was around people, he was very outgoing and spoke to everyone.

He is survived by four brothers and their wives: Thomas and Karen Williams, Hilton Head, SC; Fred and Carol Williams, Nicholson, PA; Jack and Laura Williams, Poughkeepsie, NY; Jim and Janet Williams, Norwich, NY; 8 nieces and nephews; and 9 great nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Saturday, March 25th, from the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City, with a Mass of Christian Burial at noon in Saint Joseph's Church, Delaware Street, Forest City. Interment will be in Saint Agnes Cemetery, Forest City, with his mother and father. Friends may call Saturday, from 10 to 11:30 am at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to NHS Human Services, 30-32 North Main Street Carbondale, PA. 18407.

For directions or to send online condolences, please visit the funeral home's website.

MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of
IRENE BARANOWSKI
Who departed this life
Two years ago
March 24, 2015

To some she may be forgotten,
To others just part of their past;
But to the one who loved her,
Her memory will always last.
A cluster of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears;
Wishing God could have spared her,
For just a few more years.

Sadly missed by
Loving husband, Smokey

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Gertrude W. Kilmer
Crystal Lake

Gertrude W. Kilmer, 90, of Crystal Lake, died Friday, March 17, 2017 at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore after a lengthy illness.

Born Aug. 18, 1926, in Greenfield Twp., she was the daughter of the late Cortland and Blanche Davis Kilmer. Before retirement, she had been employed in the local garment industry for more than 40 years and was a member of ILGWU. She was a member of the Scranton Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

She was fondly called "Guy Guy" by her grandson when he was a child and the nickname stayed with her throughout the years. Gertrude was passionate about animals and rescued many over the years. She was also an ardent supporter of the local animal shelters and ASPCA.

She is survived by a son, James L. Kilmer and wife, Cindy, Carbondale; a grandson, James B. Kilmer and fiancée, Heather Everett, Carbondale; four great-grandchildren: Dylan, Isaiiah, Aidyn and Aerabella Kilmer; two sisters, Annabelle Stackhouse, Carbondale; and Ethel Labowski, Crystal Lake; several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Lelia Barrett and Olive Decker; and two brothers, Chester and Clarence Kilmer.

The funeral was Monday, March 20 from the Shifler-Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 18 Airport Road, Clifford, with Pastor Thomas Cusack, officiating. Spring interment, Willow View Cemetery, Clifford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Gertrude's name to either the Griffin Pond Animal Shelter or Dessin Animal Shelter.

To share condolences and photos with Gertrude's family, visit her book of everlasting memories at www.parisefuneralhome.com.

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