

# Area Obituaries



**Louise Catherine Konsur Jackson**

Louise Catherine Konsur, 90, of Jackson, died Monday, April 10, 2017, at Barnes Kasson Hospital, Susquehanna. Her loving husband of 66 years is Walter D. Konsur.

Born in Brown Dale, daughter of the late John and Emiliana (Mildred) Mickli O'Koren, she graduated from Forest City High School with honors in 1944. She completed six months of metallurgy training while her husband was deployed during World War II so she could support the war effort at home.

Louise was a smart and kind woman who adored math, word puzzles and gardening. She loved completing crosswords and crocheting. Most of her friends and family own pieces of her work, be it crocheted, sewn or knitted.

Also surviving are her children, Joanne, Walt Jr., Ronald and their spouses, Bill, Jodi and Cheryl. She has also left behind grandchildren, Alexandra Konsur, Allison Schreiber, Adreanna Konsur, Tia Konsur and Zoe Konsur.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, John, Joseph, Anthony and Milan; and her sister, Mary.

A funeral service was held April 13 at Hennessey's Funeral Home, Susquehanna. Interment in St. John's Cemetery, Susquehanna.

**Marian A. Bean Clifford Twp.**

Marian A. Bean, 86, of Clifford Township, died Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at home. She was the widow of John G. Bean, who died on February 11, 2013.

Born in Conklin, NY, she was the daughter of the late Chester and Doris Decker Button.

Marian enjoyed cooking and baking and was well known for her apple pies and cinnamon buns. She loved sitting on her deck with a cup of coffee watching the birds.

She is survived by four sons: David Bean, Bobby Bean and wife Karin, Larry Bean and wife Maryann and Kenny Bean and wife Patty; three daughters: Mary Lou Whitmore and husband Steve, Patti Megivern and husband John and Darlene Hartwick; three sisters: Anita Jicka, Delores Golf and Janice Hawk; two brothers: Arnold and Richard Button; 24 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two sons: Tommy and Duane Bean; three sisters: Ann Estabrook, Ruby Wilmarth and Mildred Ralston; four brothers: Paul, Kenneth, Donald and Robert Button.

The funeral was Saturday, April 15 from the Clifford United Methodist Church, 34 Main Street, Clifford, with Pastor Eric Watkins, officiating. Interment, Willow View Cemetery, Clifford.

Arrangements by Shifler-Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Clifford.

To share condolences and photos with Marian's family visit the funeral homes website.



**Erica J. Major Thompson**

Erica J. Major, 34, of Thompson, died Saturday, April 8, 2017, at Geisinger Community Medical Center in Scranton.

Erica was raised on her family's farm in Thompson. She enjoyed spending time on the farm, horseback riding, tending to the animals and spending time with her family. She was a member of the 4H Club and the Ayrshire Association. Erica graduated from Susquehanna Community High School in 2001. She was a loving mother whose life revolved around raising her children. Erica will be dearly missed by all of her family who shall always remember, "You can buy miracles at Agway."

Erica is survived by her son, Sebastyan Major; daughters, Jennaleana Major and Cyree Major; stepson, Anakin Major; parents, Peter and Ileana (Klienbauer) Seman; maternal grandmother, Virginia Klienbauer; sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Paul Valentine; nieces, Emily Seman and Addison Valentine; nephew, Colin Valentine; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Peter and Helen Seman; and maternal grandfather, Francis "Bud" Kleinbauer.

A memorial service was held April 12 at East Ararat Church with Edward Cameron officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Erica's children's scholarship foundation at the Peoples Security Bank and Trust, Susquehanna.

**Judith A. Swartz Fell Twp.**

Judith A. Swartz, 65, of Fell Twp., died Wednesday evening, April 12, 2017 at home after a battle with cancer. She was the wife of Ezra Swartz; the couple had been married for 35 years.

Born in Forest City, daughter of the late August "Middy" and Ruth Jackson Lauriha, she was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City, and a member and past matron of the Martha Washington Chapter #3, Order of the Eastern Star, Taylor. She was a graduate of Forest City Regional High School, Class of 1970. Prior to her illness, she was employed as a claim representative for the Pennsylvania Unemployment Office, Taylor; and she previously was employed by Bliss Optical, Scranton. She enjoyed going to the casino and playing cards with her friends. She also enjoyed going for walks with her black lab, Blackie.

The family would like to thank Dr. Frank Moro and his staff for the compassionate care given to Judith.

Also surviving are a brother: James Lauriha and wife Cynthia, Spring Brook Twp.; and several cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister: Mary Ellen; and a brother: William.

The funeral was Tuesday, April 18 in the Brennan & Brennan Funeral Home, Inc., 55 Lincoln Avenue, Carbondale with services by the Rev. William Joseph McGinty. Interment at the convenience of the family will be in Union Dale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, PO Box 17029 Baltimore, MD 21297-1029.

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



**Hilda R. Malinski Lake Como**

Hilda R. Malinski, 90, of Lake Como, PA, died on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Barnes Kasson Hospital, Susquehanna, PA, after a short illness.

She was born on April 20, 1926 in Lake Como, PA, the daughter of Wilbur and Rose (Murtha) Hunt. Hilda married Thomas Malinski Jr. on November 24, 1949 in Rock Lake, PA, and he predeceased her on October 7, 2016.

Hilda was a lifetime member of St. Juliana's Catholic Church in Rock Lake. She cleaned the church and the rectory for many years and also baked goods for their annual picnic. Hilda enjoyed cooking and baking and made the best sticky buns and pies. She worked on the Wayne County Election Board for several years as well. Her greatest joy was her family and she loved to spoil her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving are four children, Leora Mayo, Michael and wife Sandy Malinski, Christine and husband Marty Loftus, and Linda and husband Gregory Wheeler, 10 grandchildren, Joseph, Crystal, Eileen, Miranda, Sarah, Dawn, Michael, Heidi, Lindsey, and Courtney, and 21 great grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Eileen Wasko, one brother, George Hunt, two sisters in law, Dolly Petroski and Celia Reiter, and several nieces and nephews. Hilda was predeceased by a granddaughter, Holly Westbrook, and two brothers, Charles and Ralph Hunt.

A Liturgy of the Word was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at St. Juliana's Catholic Church, Rock Lake, PA. Interment followed in the parish cemetery.

Donations can be made in Hilda's memory to the Northern Wayne Fire Department, 1663 Crosstown Hwy., Lakewood, PA 18439 or to St. Katharine Drexel Parish, 612 Hudson St., Forest City, PA 18421.

Arrangements by Henderson-Biedekapp Funeral Chapel, Hancock.

**CARD OF THANKS**

A special thank you to Dr. Tomazic and Joanne Sterchak for all the help during my visit. Joanne was kind, caring, considerate and very understanding. Dr. Tomazic was great. It is good that we have good healthcare in Forest City. A 1,000 thank you! to both of you for work well done.  
**R.A.M.**

**From the Family of Rose Kubus**

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all that expressed their condolences and for the many sympathy and Mass cards we received. A special "thank you" to the Forest City Nursing Center for the wonderful care she received from the nursing staff, CNA's, kitchen staff and house-keeping. She appreciated you all, as do all the Kubus sisters:  
*Sincerely,  
Debbie, Rita, Julie  
Rosemarie, Danielle*

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**Lorraine Mary (Lori) Jonas Baytown, TX**

Lorraine Jonas or Lori as her Texas friends knew her, was 73 years old when she passed. She resided in Baytown, Texas for the last 13 years.

She was born in Carbondale, on April 28, 1943. Her parents were Walter Prezelski and Mary Paukstis Prezelski. Lorraine graduated from Forest City High School Class of 1961.

Lorraine was married to Jeb Edward Jonas for the last 38 years. Jeb and Lori were married on January 10, 1979 in Houston, Texas. Lorraine worked for most of her adult life as an executive secretary, first in Endicott, New York for IBM, and later at DE Laval, and then Diamond Shamrock in Houston, Texas. Lori wrangled engineers for a living. She kept a large department under control for most of the time. She also managed an Oil and Gas Distribution department in her later career.

Lorraine was active in the community theater group in Williamsport, PA for 10 years. She also was a driver for Meals on Wheels and published the newsletter for the Welcome Newcomers Club in Williamsport, PA for about eight years. She started square dancing in Ohio and continued when she moved back to Texas in 2004.

Lorraine loved to travel and went on numerous cruises to Alaska, Mexico, South America, and the Caribbean. Lori traveled to Europe, twice visiting Switzerland, Germany, Italy, France, Austria, and Netherlands.

Lori loved to go camping. She started out camping in tents and sleeping bags but quickly grew out of that mode of camping. She moved up to a Class C motor home and finally on to her pride and joy, a large diesel pusher bus, a 43' Tiffin Allegro Bus today.

For the last 10 years, she combined campouts with square dancing and worked as the treasurer for the Houston Area Camping Squares. Every month, she could be found sitting at the entrance of the dance hall selling 50/50 tickets and taking admissions.

Lori had a wild side hidden and she let it show every now and then when she bought a Corvette for her 65th birthday. Lori picked out and special ordered a bright Crystal Red Corvette Coupe and had it delivered to Deer Park, Texas. Her first trip in it was to drive over to her son Robert's house, and show off how she was spending his inheritance. Lori participated in two separate Corvette clubs in the Houston area, the San Jacinto Corvette Club, and the Sam Houston Corvette Club.

The wild flower trips to west Texas were some of her favorite drives. I can still hear her coaching Jeb's driving saying "Faster, Faster" and "Pass that sucker."

Lorraine is survived by her husband, Jeb Edward Jonas and one son, Robert Joseph Riley.

Robert is married to Stacey Riley and they have three wonderful grown kids, Jaron Sayers, Mary Riley, and Jacob Riley.

Jaron now has a daughter, Memphis Lucera Sayers making Lorraine a great grandmother.

Funeral arrangements at the Grand View Funeral Home & Memorial Park, 8501 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, TX 77505.

Please see the web site www.grandviewfunerals.com for additional information.



**Dolores V. Kohut McGraw R.N. Carbondale**

Dolores V. Kohut McGraw, R.N., of Carbondale, the mother of nine children, died Friday, April 14, 2017, at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was 88 years old. She was the widow of attorney Joseph T. McGraw, the attorney who created the Lackawanna County Public Defenders office.

Born in Vandling, daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Tobias Kohut. Mrs. McGraw was a proud graduate of Vandling High School and the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Carbondale, where she earned her R.N. in 1949. She was employed at Clarks Summit State Hospital for 33 years, serving 25 years of that time as a nursing supervisor. Prior to Clarks Summit, she worked for the George Washington University Hospital neonatal unit and was featured in a special Look Magazine article on the new infant facility in the Washington, D.C., medical center.

Through the years, she also cared for those at the Scranton State General Hospital and the Visiting Nurses Association. She was a communicant of St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church, Carbondale.

Surviving are eight children, Kathleen Vaverchak and husband Bill; Patricia McHale and husband John; all of Carbondale; Joseph McGraw and wife Cynthia, Richmondale; Lorraine Piatkowski and husband Thomas; and Thomas Mc-

Graw and wife Cynthia, all of Vandling; Michael McGraw and wife Maria, Carbondale; the honorable Sean P. McGraw, magisterial district judge, Vandling; and Anne McGraw, Carbondale.

Also surviving are grandchildren attorney Joseph G. McGraw, Erin Mitchell, Dr. Tara McGraw, Patrick McGraw, Michael McGraw, Katie Piatkowski, Matthew McGraw and Julia McGraw; great-grandsons, Liam and Killian McGraw; a sister-in law, Mary McGuire, Clarks Summit; and two nephews, John M. Hart Jr., Scranton; and John E. Coyne III, Philadelphia.

She was preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Marybeth McGraw Peterson, and two brothers, Jack and Andrew Kohut.

The family would like to express its gratitude to Dr. Kenneth Sebastianelli, Dr. Pancholy, Dr. Ramakrishna, Dr. Gillick, and Mary Ellen O'Malley for the care they provided.

The funeral will be Wednesday from Lawrence A. Gabriel Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 74 N. Main St., Carbondale, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale, by the Rev. James Price, CP, pastor. Interment, Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill.

Friends may call Tuesday, 4 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the MaryBeth McGraw Peterson Scholarship Fund, Care of FNB Bank, Clifford, PA.

**Annual chicken BBQ set for May 7**

The Union Dale Volunteer Fire Co. will hold its annual chicken barbecue on Sun., May 7, at the fire station, 880 South Main St., Union Dale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drive-thru, takeouts only. The cost is \$9 per dinner and includes 1/2 chicken, rolls & butter, cole slaw, baked beans, baked potato and cookies.

Tickets are pre-sold by members or email Andy Belcher at uniondalefire@gmail.com or call Chief Tom yale at 570-679-2589.

Proceeds benefit the fire department. For more information go to www.uniondalefire.com.

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**MEMORIAM**

**In Memory of Bill Feddock Jan 11, 1922- April 21, 2011**



My dearest Dad has now spent six Easters in Heaven, having gone there on Holy Thursday. In one of the articles he wrote for his "Tales & Scales, a Pathway to Fishing & the Outdoors" in the Forest City News, he gave this lovely account of the meaning of the colors of Easter eggs, which you may want to save for yourself and your children:

- The Meaning of the Colors of Easter Eggs
- Black - Remembrance
  - Yellow - Spirituality
  - Red - Love
  - Blue - Health
  - Green - Money
  - Orange - Attraction
  - Pink - Success
  - Purple - High Power
  - Brown - Happiness
  - White - Purity

How I miss those weekly articles you wrote, Dad!  
We love you and miss you.  
Peggy Brager & the family of Bill Feddock

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