

Area Obituaries



**John "Jack"
Timothy
Mangan**
Carbondale

John "Jack" Timothy Mangan, 63, Carbondale, died Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at home.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Lonnie Johnson.

Son of the late John and Mary Kelly Mangan, Jack owned Mangan General Contracting for more than 20 years. He was a St. Rose High School graduate. He loved and adored his grandchildren, enjoyed playing golf and spending time with friends and classmates, and liked to tell people what to do. The family extends their deepest gratitude to Neal Davis, D.O., Hospice of the Sacred Heart and Sinclair Home Care.

Surviving are a son, Sean Mangan and wife, Mallory, Carbondale; a grandson, Lonnie Mangan, and granddaughter, Delaney Jacklyn Mangan; a sister, Karen Mangan Wyandt and husband, Howard, Union Dale; a brother, Tim Mangan and wife, Carolyn, Dunmore; an uncle, Cyril Kelly and wife, Alda; a niece, Caitlyn Mangan and fiancé Eric Davis; a nephew, Ryan Lafferty and wife, Kim; and companion, Ann Quinn Butler, Archbald.

The funeral was Saturday, April 15 from Lawrence A. Gabriel Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 74 N. Main St., Carbondale, with a service in St. Rose of Lima Church. Interment was in Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 1848, Longmont, CO 80502.

**Jeffrey S.
Anderson**
Archbald

Jeffrey S. Anderson, 49, Archbald, died Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at Geisinger CMC, Scranton.

Born in Hackensack, N.J., son of Edward Anderson and Rosanne Matchak Anderson, Jeffrey would have celebrated his 50th birthday April 7. Jeffrey was an avid fisherman and Dallas Cowboys fan.

Jeff had a passion for the culinary arts, making it not only his hobby, but also a career. There was nothing more valuable to Jeff than spending time with his family, making sure his mother Rosanne Anderson, his aunt, Ruth Roberts, and his aunt, Betty Quinn, were always well taken care of. Jeff truly had a heart of gold and will deeply be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his mother, Rosanne Anderson, Archbald; wife, Kathleen Toolan Anderson; two sons, Ethan and Evan Anderson, Archbald; daughter, Emily Anderson, Peckville; two brothers, Gary Anderson, Jessup; and David Anderson, Archbald; three sisters, Debra Marion, Archbald; Jacqueline Anderson-Leonard, Archbald; and Diane Parker, Pleasant Mount; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Anderson, and two brothers, Edward (Buddy) Anderson Jr. and James Anderson.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements by the Battenberg Funeral Home, 363 S. Washington Ave., Jermy.



**Mary L.
Malandro**
Scranton

Mary L. Malandro, 83, Scranton, died April 10, 2017, at Geisinger CMC, Scranton.

Born in Denver, Colorado, daughter of the late William L. and Isabelle H. Horan Lebling, she enjoyed being active in the Catholic church, volunteering at Catholic schools, entertaining family and friends, being part of her children's activities, helping anyone in need, listening to music, working in the garden and playing or watching sports.

The family extends a most sincere and heartfelt thank you to the staff at Mountain View Care Center for the kindness and care given to Mary during her time at the center.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Theresa Vautrinot, Cliford Twp.; a son, John William Malandro Jr., Collegeville; and two grandchildren.

A private service was held April 21 at Glenwood Memorial Gardens, Broomall, Pa.

Arrangements by Lawrence A. Gabriel Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 74 N. Main St., Carbondale.

Marion O'Neill
Honesdale

Marion O'Neill, 84, of Honesdale, died Friday evening, April 14, 2017 at home. Her husband John E. O'Neill died in 2004.

Born September 1, 1932 in Simpson, she was the daughter of the late Timko and Mary Jubinski Holowack. Marion was a member of the New Covenant Fellowship Pentecostal Church in Hawley and a member of the Red Hat Society. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed cooking. She won awards for her stuffed mushrooms and cold peach soup.

Surviving are three sons Thomas, ND, Mark, Honesdale, and Leo Patrick, Honesdale, a daughter Ann, VA, a sister Stella "Mitzi" Verchick, NV, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Also preceded in death by three sisters Irene Alexander, Anne Kidder, and Helen Holowack.

A Memorial Service was held Friday, April 21 in the New Covenant Fellowship Pentecostal Church, 32 Columbus Ave., Hawley. Cremation was through the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Pleasant Mount EMS, 161 Great Bend Tpk, Pleasant Mount, PA 18453 or Wayne Memorial Hospital Hospice, www.wmh.org.

Condolences: www.lesjack-funeralhome.com.

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**Pauline
Prestys**
Greenfield Twp.

Pauline Prestys, 94, formerly of Greenfield Twp., passed away peacefully April 10, 2017, at Lackawanna Health Care Center. She was the widow of Joseph Prestys, who died in 2012.

Pauline enjoyed trying new recipes, baking, preparing holiday meals, was an excellent seamstress and crocheted many afghans for her family.

Surviving are two daughters Carole Vaverchak, Simpson; and Jeanne Blodnikar, Lenoxville; four grandchildren; Melissa Blodnikar and Katrina Keiper, both of Clarks Summit; Donald Vaverchak Jr., Simpson; and Deana Kilmer, Greenfield Twp.; six great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Prestys Jr.; a great-granddaughter Kendall Keiper; and two brothers Leonard and Joseph Kowalski.

Private funeral services were held at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill. Arrangements by the Ryczak-Harrison Funeral Home Inc., Mayfield.



Julia A. Kamin
Clarks Summit

Julia A. Kamin, 93, Clarks Green, died Thursday morning, April 20, 2017 at the Hospice of the Sacred Heart. She was the daughter of the late Anthony and Mary Shivitz Vozel. After graduating from high school (the first in her family to do so), she moved to New Jersey with a group of girlfriends, helping the WWII war effort by working at an airplane manufacturing plant. Afterwards she worked at IBM in Endicott, NY until marrying in 1958 and raising two daughters, Judy and Kathy. Her beloved husband, Albert Carl, passed away in 1981. Julia was a devoted Catholic and a founding member of the former Our Lady of Angels Church in Endwell, NY.

Julia learned to drive a car at the age of 57 and proudly drove every day until this past year. She enjoyed doing simple things like going for breakfast, playing card games for pennies, and listening to Sunday polkas on the radio. She loved nothing more than sitting on her patio and reading the paper. Family meant everything to Julia and she was blessed with five grandchildren, Christine DeCarlo, Bethesda, MD, Mary Julia DeCarlo, Astoria, NY, Christopher Weir, Arlington, VA, Kimberly Weir, Baltimore, MD, and Daniel Albert Weir, New Orleans, LA. Julia, a sister in law, Marian Vozel, Brown Dale, several nieces and nephews, as well as two devoted daughters and sons-in-laws, Judy and Frank DeCarlo and Kathy and Rick Weir.

She was preceded in death by a sister Jennie "Hanna" Glavich, and five brothers, William Vozel, Anthony Vozel, John Nagoda,

Ignatz Grablutz, and Joseph "Butch" Vozel.

A mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, April 24 in The Church of Saint Gregory in Clarks Green. Entombment was in the Calvary Cemetery in Johnstown City, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Gregory's Building Campaign 330 N. Abington Road Clarks Green, PA 18411.



Arlene Bender
Waymart

Arlene Bender, 75, of Waymart passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday morning, April 19, 2017 at home. Her husband of more than 40 years, Elmer Bender survives her. They were married on October 5, 1976.

Born March 15, 1942 in Carbondale, she was the daughter of Beulah (Eltz) Smith of Waymart, and the late Lewis Smith.

Arlene was a dedicated employee of the Offices of the Wayne County Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for many years. She was a member of Laurel Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Waymart. Above all, Arlene was a wonderful woman who loved her family. She will be remembered especially for her dedication to her grandchildren.

She is also survived by three children: Debbie Bates and her husband Gary, Mark Petrilak and his wife Joanne, and Christopher Petrilak and his wife Kathey, all of Waymart; step-children: Lee Bender of Waymart, Janice Snyder and her husband Bill of Gouldsboro, and Judy Spewak of St. Cloud, FL; grandchildren: Sabrina Bates, Sally, Brooke, Katelyn, Melissa, and Courtney Petrilak, Shane Enslin, Kevin Enslin, Billy Snyder, Josh Snyder, Leah Zawisky, David Spewak, Zach Spewak; great-grandchildren: Ryann Enslin, Kaili Enslin, Kevin Enslin, Hailey and Bri Snyder, Emma and Olive Spewak, and Kaleb Zawisky; two brothers: Gene Smith and his wife Carmelita, Ronald Smith and his wife Patricia, all of Waymart; a sister, Nancy Tallman of Waymart; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

All were welcomed to visit for a time of "Reminiscing and Refreshments" on April 23 at Ladore Lodge & Conference Center, Waymart.

Interment was private and held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Arlene's memory to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were entrusted to Jenkins Funeral Home-Edward Howell, Waymart. www.JenkinsHowellFuneralHome.com.

Looking for National Anthem Performers

Did you go to the Harford Fair last year? Were you intrigued by the National Anthem at the beginning of the main arena performances? If you were, come audition for the chance to show off your talent! It doesn't matter if you sing or play an instrument solo or duet, you just need to want to be a part of the 160th Harford Fair during the third full week in August, 21-26. The Harford Agricultural Society Youth Board will be holding a competition for the chance to be a part of the largest agricultural event held in Susquehanna County. This event holds an opportunity to show your talent in front of hundreds of fairgoers.

The competition will be held on June 11, 2017 from 1-4 PM at the Harford fairgrounds in the dining hall. If you are interested please contact the Youth Board at hfairyb@nep.net or (570) 434-4300.

**Robin E.
Williams**
Thompson

Robin E. Williams, 60, of Thompson, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at the Hospice of the Sacred Heart in Dunmore, after an illness.

Robin was born in Binghamton, N.Y., to Winfield and Rosemary (Whitney) Broad. She graduated from Blue Ridge High School, where she enjoyed being a majorette. On Jan. 18, 1975, Robin married Robert Williams in Lakeside, Pa. They shared 42 wonderful years together.

Robin worked at the Barnes Kasson Hospital for 13 years as a nurse's aide in the ER and maternity ward. After the hospital, she worked for 25 years at Fred's Market in Susquehanna, where she worked as the store clerk and assisted with daily operations of the business.

Robin was predeceased by her parents, Winfield, Rosemary (Whitney), Margaret (Flynn) Broad and sister, Barbara Boland. She is survived by her loving husband, Robert Williams; two daughters and spouses, Jennifer and Corey Starzman and Brandy and Gary Potter; five grandchildren, Brooke Pope, Nicola Potter, Chase Starzman, Emme Starzman and Riley Potter; two brothers and spouses Robert and Karen Broad, Jeffrey and Marty Broad; a brother-in-law Young Kim, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held April 23 at Hennessey's Funeral Home, Susquehanna, with Pastor Fred Johnson officiating.

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement. A special thanks to the staff at the Hospice of the Sacred Heart for excellent care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Robin's name to the Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 100 William St., Dunmore, PA 18512.

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.



**Douglas S.
Congdon**
Carbondale

Douglas S. Congdon, 83, of Carbondale, died Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore, after a 19-year battle with cancer. His wife is the former Mary Earyes. The couple would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary May 30.

Born in Carbondale, son of the late Harry and Hannah Ruth Lewis Congdon, he was a member of First United Methodist Church of Carbondale. Before retirement, he was employed by Parlor City Construction, Endicott, N.Y., for many years. He was a member of the Teamsters Union, Local 693. Doug enjoyed racing, stock car driving and fixing anything that needed to be fixed. He enjoyed having his grandchildren and great-grandchildren visit often. He spent many days at the Motocross track with his son and grandsons.

The family would like to thank Dr. Neal Davis, Ann Diehl, P.A., and their staff for many years of wonderful care, and the staff of Hospice of the Sacred Heart and Shelly Powell, R.N., for the care given on his last day.

Also surviving are three sons, Doug and wife, Diana; Edward and wife, Elizabeth; and Danny and wife, Kathleen; two daughters, Cindy Waibel and husband, John; and Chris Trichilo and husband, Pat; 14 grandchildren, Danielle Frazier, Denise Kopa, Dawn Toolan, Darcy Lasavage, Dana Perri, Ed Waibel, Jack Waibel, Kyle Congdon, Brittany Congdon, Patrick Trichilo, Jesse Trichilo, Cassidy Congdon, Anna Congdon and Danny Congdon; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harry and Jerry Congdon; and a sister, Sally Martin.

The funeral was held April 22 from the Brennan & Brennan Funeral Home Inc., Carbondale, with services by the Rev. Donald Perry, pastor, First United Methodist Church of Carbondale. Entombment, Our Mother of Sorrows Mausoleum, Finch Hill.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

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