

Area Obituaries



Scott A. McKenna
Scranton

Scott A. McKenna, 45, formerly of Scranton and a longtime resident of the Moscow area, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Regional Hospital of Scranton.

Born in Scranton, he was the son of Mary Frances Rogan McKenna and the late Ronald McKenna, and was a graduate of Mountain View High School. Scott was the owner of ACE Economy Roofing after learning the trade at Roche Roofing with his friend and mentor, Mark Yeager.

Scott was witty, talented and meticulous in his work. He was an excellent roofer, carpenter and mechanic who cared about his clients and the quality of his work. Motorcycles and archery were his special pleasures. As a father, he was always present in his son Ronnie's life. Together, they especially enjoyed Cub Scouts and its many projects.

In addition to his mother, Scott is survived by his fiancée and soulmate, Kelly Meyers; and their 8-year-old son, Ronnie McKenna, Scranton.

He was also preceded in death by his older brother, Ronald McKenna; and his beloved dog, Ace.

The family is particularly grateful to the Jefferson Twp. Paramedics, Dr. Lear Van Koch and the nursing staff at Regional Hospital for their extraordinary skills and compassionate medical care, and to Scott's AA friends from the Gouldsboro area, who nurtured his spirit and saved his life.

The funeral was held March 30 with a memorial Mass in Immaculate Conception Church, Scranton. Interment, St. Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow.

Arrangements entrusted to the Frank M. Regan Funeral Home, Scranton. Memorial contributions may be made to the ICC Food Pantry, 800 Taylor Ave., Scranton, PA 18510.

Vera Bradley bingo set for Sat., April 22

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Clifford Vol. Fire Co. will hold its 5th annual Ladies Night Out Vera Bradley Bingo on Sat., April 22, at the fire hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance with 20 games and two boards!

Advance tickets, 250 first-come, first-serve, are available at Ellie Defazio's Hair Salon, Endless Mountains Pharmacy, Clifford Supply, Bella Pizza or call 570-222-4105. Food and baked goods available for purchase.



Eleanor T. Robinson Grutkowski
Carbondale

Eleanor T. Robinson Grutkowski died peacefully Sunday afternoon, March 26, 2017 at the Carbondale Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Robinson, and her second husband, Chester Grutkowski.

Born in Dickson City, she was the daughter of the late Stella and Stanley Dombrowski. She was a devoted Catholic and member of St. Rose of Lima Church, who prayed the rosary on a daily basis, sometimes three to four times a day.

Eleanor was a loving, caring and kindhearted, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She was a homemaker who loved to bake and she spoiled her children with her delicious pies, pierogies, pigs in the blanket and potato pancakes. She also loved to can vegetables when the harvest was ready. All these skills she handed down to her daughters. While raising a family, cooking and canning, she worked at Cindy Frocks and Waymart Knitwear as a talented seamstress.

She is survived by two sons, Michael Robinson and wife, Cathy, of Forest City; and Gary Robinson, of South Canaan; three daughters, Donna Matusek, of Carbondale; Barbara Granville and husband, Paul, of Carbondale; and Rosemarie Syrylo, of Waymart; a daughter-in-law, Gail Browning Robinson, of Virginia; 27 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Mark Robinson; two daughters, Cynthia Briggs and Karen Kennedy; daughter-in-law, Brinda Robinson; son-in-law, Raymond Briggs; sisters, Josephine O'Keefe, of New Jersey; Andrea Olney, of Florida; and Mary Smith, of New Jersey; brothers, Peter Dombrowski, Frank Dombrowski and Freddie Dombrowski, all of New Jersey; Al Dombrowski and Tony Dombrowski, both of Pennsylvania; and William Dombrowski, of Colorado.

The funeral was Friday, March 31 from Carmine J. & Louis C. Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 89 Farview St., Carbondale, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 in St. Rose of Lima Church, 6 N. Church St., Carbondale. Interment followed at Simon Cemetery, South Canaan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Catholic Social Services, 516 Fig St., Scranton, PA 18505.

Online condolences may be sent to www.parisefuneralhome.com.



Robert V. "Medium Bob" Costanzi Jr.
Peckville

Robert V. "Medium Bob" Costanzi Jr., 46, of Peckville, formerly of Scranton, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2107 in Geisinger Community Medical Center after being stricken ill at home. He and his wife, the former Heather Lisiewicz, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary Nov. 22.

Born in Scranton, he was the son of the late Robert "Dirt" Sr. and Jeanette Zackowski Pace Costanzi. He was educated in Scranton schools and was employed as the manager of the Autopart International Store of Kingston.

He was a proud member of the Saab Club of NEPA. He was a best friend to his soulmate who was his wife, Bob's selflessness continues after his passing by being an organ donor, which will help save and improve the lives of many.

Also surviving are children, Shawn Lisiewicz and wife, Amber "AM," who he loved as a daughter, Peckville; Sarah Costanzi and Zack Costanzi, at home; a grandson, Anthony Lisiewicz, who was the light of his life, Peckville; four brothers, Anthony Pace and wife, Cindy, Williamstown, N.J.; Edward Pace and wife, Amy, Forest City; Steven Pace and wife, Donna, Scranton; and Jeffrey Pace and wife, Alice, Scranton; numerous nieces and nephews; parents-in-law, Tony and Trudy Miller Lisiewicz, Scranton; a sister-in-law, who he cherished, Allison Lisiewicz Wruble and husband, Eric, Duryea. He made countless friends through the years and each one meant the world to him.

Arrangements by the Carl J. Savino Jr. Funeral Home, 157 S. Main Ave., Scranton, Pa.

Interment was private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, remember Bob with a donation to the Anthony Lisiewicz College Fund, c/o any branch of Fidelity Bank.



David R. Brown Thompson

David R. Brown, 70, of Thompson, PA entered into rest on March 25, 2017.

He was the son of the late Richard and Ellen Brown.

David is survived by one daughter, Michelle (Dan) Ray; two grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Matthew Ray; a sister, Marjorie (Harry) Marvin; two nieces, Teri (Richard) Fancher and Tedi Warner; and two nephews, Todd (Bianca) Warner and Troy (Wendy) Warner.

Prior to his retirement, David worked for IBM and Lockheed Martin, Owego, NY for over 25 years.

He moved to Coxtan Lake following his retirement, where he enjoyed the wildlife and many outdoor activities of every season, especially cutting wood and snowmobiling.

The family wishes to extend their appreciation to Hospice of the Sacred Heart and his companion, April Clark.

A memorial service was held March 29, 2017 at the Tuttle-Yesley Funeral Home, Inc., Hallstead, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.



Christopher J. Rebernik
Simpson

Christopher J. Rebernik, 39, of Simpson, died Sunday, March 26, 2017.

Born in Syracuse, N.Y., son of Peter and Christine Homer Rebernik, Christopher was of the Catholic faith and enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and riding ATVs.

Also surviving are a son, Christopher Rebernik, Throop; a daughter, Ashlyn Rebernik, Honesdale; three brothers, Peter, Anthony and Samuel; and three sisters, Kimberly, Helen and Alice, all of Simpson.

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



Frank H. Gardner
Forest City

Frank H. Gardner, 85, of Forest City, died Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the Forest City Nursing Home. His wife Arlene Chumicky Gardner died in 1999.

Born November 23, 1931, He is the son of Raymond and Mae Arnold Gardner. He was a Korean War veteran and worked as a land surveyor prior to retirement. He bowled in the Forest City Men's Bowling League and was vice chairman of the Greenfield Twp. Historical Society.

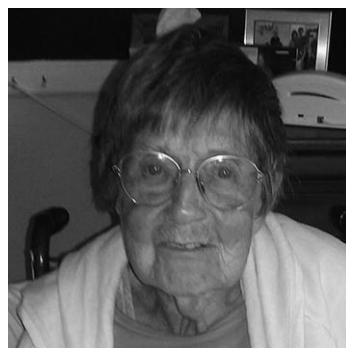
Surviving is a sister, Beth Macpherson, Geneva, NY; and a good friend Clara Gardner, Carbondale.

Preceded in death by a daughter, Holly and two brothers, Robert and Melvern.

A blessing service was held Saturday, April 1 by pastor Jay Best, in the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Greenfield Twp. Historical Society.

Condolences: www.lesjackfuneralhome.com.



Magdalen Robinson
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Magdalen Robinson, 98, formerly a long time resident of the William Penn Apartments, Forest City, died Wednesday December 28th in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She was the widow of Albert Robinson, Jr., who died in 1974.

Born in Forest City, daughter of the late Benjamin and Josephine Horosko Miluszusky, she was a member of Saint Joseph's Church, Forest City. Prior to her retirement, she was employed as an assembler at Amphenol in Endicott, NY. She was also a contributing editor to the Forest City News.

Surviving are two sons: Carl Robinson, Pleasant Mount; and Bill Robinson, Pompano Beach, FL; four loving grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

The funeral will be Saturday, April 8th, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am in Saint Joseph's Church, Delaware Street, Forest City. Interment, Saint James Cemetery, Pleasant Mount. The family will receive friends at the church, from 9:30 am until mass time. Arrangements by the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City.

Visit brennanfuneralhomes.com to send online condolences.

Carmella Jule Blandina Talarico
Carbondale

Carmella Jule Blandina Talarico, of Carbondale, entered into eternal rest Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at the Forest City Nursing and Rehab Center. She passed on her 93rd birthday. She was preceded in death by her husband, Silvio G. Talarico, in 1996. The couple had been married for over 53 years.

Born in Carbondale, a daughter of the late Sarah Baglia and Angelo Blandina, she was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Carbondale, and she had a deep devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Carmella worked various positions in the garment industry in Carbondale, and was a member of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. She was the matriarch of her family and was selflessly devoted to her children and grandchildren.

The family would like to extend sincere appreciation to the dedicated nursing and rehabilitation staff at the Forest City Nursing and Rehab Center.

Surviving are two children, Marie Ryder and husband, Raymond; Anthony Talarico and wife, Terry, all of Crystal Lake; five grandchildren, Silvio Talarico and wife, Melissa, Halifax, Mass.; Anthony Talarico, Mayfield; Lauren Ryder and husband, Jed Shecker, Ithaca, N.Y.; Erika Totsky, Crystal Lake, and her fiancé, Raymond Mauro; Heather Ryder and husband, Charles Salerno, Newtown; 11 great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; two sisters, Lucy Craparo and Mary B. Cerra, both of Carbondale; two aunts, Madeline Angello and Mary Susco, both of Camp Hill; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral will be Saturday, April 8, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Fallbrook Street, Carbondale, to be celebrated by the Rev. James A. Price, C.P. Interment will follow in Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill. Arrangements by the Brennan & Brennan Funeral Home Inc., 55 Lincoln Ave., Carbondale.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 15 Fallbrook St., Carbondale, PA 18407.

Invitation to Kingdom Hall JW Services

This year, according to the Bible's lunar calendar, the anniversary of Jesus' death falls on Tuesday, April 11. Jehovah Witnesses invite you to meet with them on that date to listen to an explanation of how his death can benefit you and your family.

Jesus performed powerful works that showed on a small scale how such prophecies will become a global reality. His death was fundamental to the future elimination of every cause of sorrow. So important was Jesus' death to the fulfillment of God's purposes that Jesus commanded his disciples to commemorate it—Luke 22:19, 20.

This free event will be held that day at 7:30PM at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 484 Hickory Ridge Road, Greenfield Twp., PA 18407. It is located a right turn off Rte. 247 5/8 mile South of Finch Hill Corners.

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses also invite the public to a special Bible talk entitled "How to Cultivate Peace in an Angry World." It will be on Sunday, April 16, at 1PM at the same location.

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All residents of the 11th district are welcome to come meet and talk to newly elected State Representative Jonathon Fritz.

Meet and Greet
State Representative
Jonathon Fritz
at the Thompson Firehouse, Water Street, Thompson, PA
Saturday, April 15, 4 - 7 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.
More information call 570-442-1108

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