

Area Obituaries



Carol J. Flynn
Honesdale

Carol J. Flynn, 70, of Honesdale, died on February 8, 2018 at home following a long-term illness. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Patrick Flynn.

Born on May 6, 1947 in Carbondale, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Alice Walsh Fitzsimmons. Carol was raised by her late sister and her husband, Rosemary and Edward Novak. She was a graduate of Forest City Regional High School, class of 1965. She was a member of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Pleasant Mount.

Also surviving is her son Sean Flynn and wife Jenny of Tucson, AZ and their children Brian, Colin, Jason and Kevin; her brother James Fitzsimmons of Forest City; her sister Rosemary Lubaszewski of Forest City; sisters-in-law Annette Novak, Beverly, Dorothy and Ruth Fitzsimmons; a brother-in-law George Kulick; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Edward Novak, Joseph, Thomas, Robert and Edward Fitzsimmons and her sisters Alice Kulick and Ann Turner.

As per her request, cremation was held, and a memorial service will be held in the spring. Arrangements by Hessler Funeral Home, Inc., 428 Main St. Honesdale, PA.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at stjude.org or to the donor's favorite charity.

Genevieve Hecker

Formerly of Forest City

Genevieve Hecker, of Hatboro, PA, formerly of Forest City and Philadelphia, passed away on January 20, 2018. She was 91. She was beloved wife of the late, Robert Donald Hecker; loving mother of John (Lydia) Hecker, Judith (Sigfried) Soneson, and David (Lyn) Hecker; cherished grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 14.

Genevieve graduated from Philadelphia General Hospital Nursing School and worked for many years as a registered nurse in a doctor's office in Philadelphia. She lived in Philadelphia until she moved to Forest City in 1992. She was an active member with the Clinton Center Baptist Church in Waymart, PA. She also attended Mass regularly in Forest City. In her free time, Genevieve enjoyed visiting nursing homes and shut-ins.

A memorial service will be held at the Clinton Center Baptist Church on March 31, 2018 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Clinton Center Baptist Church, P.O. Box 335, Waymart, Pa 18472.



Millard Harold Stalker
Clifford Twp.

Millard Harold Stalker, 70, of Clifford Township died unexpectedly Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Geisinger CMC, Scranton, surrounded by his family. Millard was married to his high school sweetheart Kathleen Pribula Stalker. There was no greater love than the one they shared.

Born in Carbondale, he was the son of the late Harold Millard and Ann Biglow Stalker. After graduating from Forest City Regional High School, Millard joined the United States Navy and was stationed in Iceland and later in Norfolk, Virginia. After exiting the military, he worked tirelessly on his family farm in Pleasant Mount. He was passionate about his career as a dairy farmer and spoke fondly of this time until the end of his life, despite the fact that it was arduous and thankless work. After leaving the farm life behind, Millard worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare until his retirement.

His work life was a small portion of the man he was. Millard took great pride in coaching not only his own children but many others in the greater Forest City area as coach of the Blackhaws. Those that know him know that he did not forget a statistic, play, all star game or player.

His proudest accomplishments were his children. He would beam with pride when he spoke of them. His calm gentle demeanor and quick witted dry sense of humor will live on through them.

He is also survived by his sons: Christopher and his wife Joanne, Moscow; Keith and his companion Jennifer Brown Bixby, Susquehanna; Matthew and his wife Melissa, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; one daughter: Natalie and her companion Baraka Branch, Scranton; 10 grandchildren: Ryan, Joseph, Elizabeth, Madison, Kellianna, Hallie, Ruby, Vera, Jack, Quincy; a great grandson: Bradley; two brothers: Walter Stalker, Cerulean, KY, and David Stalker, Wilkes Barre; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was Thursday, February 15 with Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph's Church, Delaware St., Forest City. Interment, Saint Agnes Cemetery, Forest City. Arrangements by the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main St., Forest City.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his name to the Forest City Little League, C/O League President, Eric Burns at 260 Delaware Street, Forest City, PA 18421

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.



Deborah Doreen Henstell
Forest City

Born in Daysland, Alberta, Canada, and raised in Daysland, Calgary, and Three Hills, Alberta, Deborah Doreen Henstell (Lipkind), 108, passed away in her home in Forest City.

She chose early on to live an active and social life. Her early career choices, first training as a teacher, then working in the Canadian Unemployment Insurance office in Calgary reflect her lifelong love of people. In Calgary, she was an active community member and was remembered by friends years after she left.

Upon marrying Dr. Phillip Henstell in 1952, Doreen moved to Forest City and embraced living there. As she used to say, "I'm a true small-town girl and this is where I belong." She helped in the doctor's office and enthusiastically engaged in local community activities, even after her husband's death in 1984. Doreen loved painting and participated in the local art club even in her 105th year.

Doreen had a real zest for life and loved and was much loved in return. Her family always looked forward to hearing her stories, getting her advice and of course, sharing sweets. She was particularly famous for baking cinnamon rolls and inviting friends and family to join her at her kitchen table for a visit.

Doreen was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Phillip Henstell; and her stepdaughter, Diana Henstell (Walter Silber); her parents, Clara and Joseph Lipkind; sisters, Blanche Bercovich and Minnie Bercov; brother, Sol Lipkind and their spouses; brother, Dr. Maxwell Lipkind; and nephew, Donald Lipkind.

She is survived by her younger sister, Marian Corday; her grandchildren, Abby and Josh; her great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Heartfelt thanks for the loving and attentive care by Doreen's numerous caregivers, especially Gladys and Cheryl, over the past many years. Deep gratitude also goes to Donald Teague for being there for Doreen in so many different ways, including the role of adopted brother!

The funeral was held Feb. 16 in the Carlucci-Golden-DeSantis Funeral Home Inc., Dunmore, with services by Rabbi Moshe Saks. Interment, Dalton Jewish Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Doreen may be made to the charity of your choice.

To offer an online condolence, please visit www.ScrantonJewishFunerals.com.

Diana Henstell Silber

Woodland Hills, CA

Diana Henstell passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at the age of 80, peacefully in her home in Woodland Hills, CA.

While small in stature, Diana was larger than life. Incredibly smart, curious, and accomplished, she loved the arts, literature, and creatures of all shapes and sizes. She was known for rescuing dogs, cats, and yes bunnies, as well as many people. Her house was always full of noise and laughter and she was first person to offer her couch to a friend in need or a meal to someone who was hungry.

Diana started her life in Forest City, PA, where she was raised by her loving parents, Dr. Phillip Henstell and her mother Sadie. After college and travels domestically and abroad, she moved to NYC where she lived with her son Joshua, her daughter Abigail, and her faithful companions Ginger, Turnpike, and Rosebud. In NYC she had an esteemed career in publishing, which culminated with her being Editor-in-Chief of NAL/Signet Books.

After guiding the careers of many well-known authors, she departed publishing when she sold the first of five novels, *The Other Side*. As much as she loved to be surrounded by family and friends, she was often most comfortable when surrounded by her many characters, including Piggy, the protagonist of her second novel, *Friend*. When *Friend* was made into a movie by Wes Craven (*Deadly Friend*), she and her family relocated to Los Angeles, where she lived her remaining years.

In Los Angeles, she met the great love of her life and ultimately her husband of 30 years, Walter Silber. Diana and Walter had a full life of children, grandchildren, animals, and friends. Diana spent her final days, enjoying Walt's companionship, reading endlessly (as many as 7 books a week), delighting in her grandchildren, entertaining friends, and swallowing life in big heaping gulps.

While her death was unexpected, she leaves the world with no regrets (except for maybe leaving the party before telling one more great story to a rapt audience who were taking in every word). She tackled challenges, moved mountains, overcame adversity, loved tirelessly, and in return was loved immensely.

In addition to Walt and her two children, she is survived by her stepmother Doreen (who passed away in Forest City Feb. 14 at age 108), her four grandchildren: Devon, Matthew, Griffin and Ryan, her faithful companions Curry and Jackson, and her dearly loved stepchildren, friends, and extended family.

The family asked that donations and contributions be made in her memory to her favorite causes including the Humane Society and the ASPCA. A celebration of life was held Saturday, July 15, 2017 at a private residence in Los Angeles, CA.



Marino and Benedetta Zazzera
Carbondale

Marino Zazzera, 91, prominent Carbondale restaurateur and philanthropist to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, died Wednesday morning, February 14, 2018 at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore.

Forty hours later on Thursday evening, February 15, his wife, Benedetta Zazzera, 89, died at the same facility. They were married 67 years.

Marino died on the 50th anniversary of his mother's death.

Both were born in Carbondale. Marino was the son of the late Lawrence and Mary Simile Zazzera while Benedetta was the daughter of the late James and Mary Cassaro Zazzera.

Marino was a lifelong restaurateur. He owned Zazzera's Luncheonette and worked at his father-in-law's store on the viaduct in his younger days. He was a former professional baseball player for the LaGrange Troopers, a Class A team in the NY Yankees farm system in 1949. For years, he was a member of Elkview Country Club. An avid golfer, Marino was known as a long-ball hitter, long before that became the norm.

Benedetta had a deep devotion to St. Theresa and the Rosary. She had a strong moral compass and inspiration of faith during life's trials and tribulations.

Both had a devotion to family and found joy in spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Marino, a culinary chef, and Benedetta, a talented baker, opened the Ben-Mar Restaurant in 1963. For decades, it became a must-stop destination for those seeking to enjoy Italian-American cuisine. Their family continued that tradition and it continues today.

Marino and Benedetta had a strong dedication to St. Jude.

With the assistance of family, extended family and friends, the couple were the driving force in raising more than \$1,000,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital through the Ben-Mar/St. Jude Children's Hospital Golf Tournament. The 40th annual was held in 2017.

The couple had a strong love for each other, their family and community. Through the years, they supported their community's needs through the success of their business.

The family extends its sincere gratitude to the Hospice of the Sacred Heart staff. It also wanted thank all the personal caregivers for all the good days and for making those difficult days as comforting as possible.

The couple is survived by three sons, Gerard and Dominic Zazzera, Carbondale; Marino Zazzera and wife, Jackie, Carbondale; six daughters, Mary Theresa Zazzera and husband, Jay Buettner, New Jersey; Betsy Keating and husband, Ed, Arizona; Marina Whittington and husband, Patrick, Carbondale; Judy McDonough and husband, Kevin, Cranberry Twp.; Gloria Gigliotti and husband, John, Carbondale; and Andrea Gigliotti, Carbondale; 15 grandchildren, Craig Keating and wife, Maureen, Kansas; Tara Nepa and husband, Jared, Michigan; Jessica Trichilo and husband, Rich, Simpson; Patrick Whittington and wife, May, Glenburn; Jenna Whittington, Carbondale; Joya Whittington and wife, Ashley, Carbondale; Kevin McDonough and wife, Heather; Sarah Vargo and husband, Matt; Maura Rauker and husband, Matt, all of

Pittsburgh; John Michael and Rebekah Gigliotti, Carbondale; Shawna Gigliotti and fiancé, Louis Mantione; Joey Gigliotti, all of Philadelphia; Dominic and Nikki Zazzera, Carbondale, 15 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Dar and Frances Zazzera, Carbondale; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Marino was preceded in death by four brothers, Anthony, Frank, Dominic and Charles Zazzera; and four sisters, Helen Martines Neutts, Vickie Gillette, Mary Cieciora and Violet Falvo.

Benedetta was preceded in death by two brothers, Nicholas Zazzera and Anthony (Satch) Zazzera.

Marino and Benedetta's funerals were Tuesday, February 20 from Lawrence A. Gabriel Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 74 N. Main St., Carbondale, with Mass of Christian Burial in St. Rose of Lima Church. Interment, Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to St. Jude's Children's research Hospital/tribute, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142, or http://fundraising.stjude.org/benedetta_marino_zazzera.



Lewis Price
Union Dale

Lewis Clifford Price, 62, of Union Dale, passed away Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after an illness. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Penn Price. The couple would have celebrated their 29th anniversary in September.

Born in Susquehanna, son of Shirley Wademan Clark, North Jackson, and the late Richard Price, he attended East Ararat United Methodist Church, where he volunteered at its breakfasts and chicken barbecues. He was a graduate of Susquehanna Community Schools, class of 1974. He was previously employed at the EJ Shoe Factory, Forest City, for almost 20 years until its closing. He then worked with Tully Drilling as a well driller until its closing, and then at Kilmer's Stone Quarry as a stone cutter. Before his illness, he was employed by Apex Home Services, Thompson. He loved remodeling and building new things. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and helping others. He also enjoyed camping and spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Also surviving are his son, Joshua Price, Union Dale; five daughters, January Roney and husband, Joe, Union Dale; Jackie Burrows and husband, James, Orson; Marlena Anderson and husband, Josh, Thompson; Georgia Stephens and husband, John, Union Dale; and Gloria Davis, Union Dale; two sisters, Lisa Allen, Susquehanna; and Sandy Kilmer, Thompson; three brothers, Gene Price and wife, Donna, Fiddle Lake; Dennis Price and wife, Anita, Susquehanna; and Dean Price and partner, Sarah, New York; 15 grandchildren, Amanda, Paige, Sarah, Kayla, Joey, Justin, Brooke, Ashley, Warren, Jesse, Jerame, Jacob, Jaxon, Summer and Seirra; and a great-grandchild, Paisley.

He was also preceded in death by his younger brother, Roger; and his stepfather, Richard Clark.

The funeral will be Wednesday in the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main St., Forest City, with services at 11 a.m. Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Friends may call Tuesday, from 3 to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to his son Joshua's educational fund, c/o the Honesdale National Bank, 619 Main St., Forest City, PA 18421.

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