

# Area Obituaries



**Henry William  
"Bill"  
Bartholomay  
Richmond, VA**

Born in Clinton Twp., on Oct. 28, 1923, he was the son of the late Henry William and Harriet (Curtis) Bartholomay. He is predeceased by his loving wife, Mary Connolly Bartholomay; a son, Henry William Bartholomay III; and a sister, Harriette Sochan.

He is survived by brother, Allyn Bartholomay; and sister, Kathryn Forster; as well as sons, Eric Bartholomay (Lynne) and Howard Bartholomay (Libby); daughter, Mary Lynn Bartholomay Taylor (John); and daughter-in-law, Dottie Bartholomay. In addition, he was blessed with eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Ten days after Bill's birth, his mother passed away. When Henry William Bartholomay Jr., now called Billy, was 6 years old, his father married his mother's sister, Beatrice Curtis. Three children followed: Harriette, Allyn and Kathryn.

As Billy grew, he was encouraged to take piano lessons. His mother was an accomplished pianist, and Billy took quickly to the instrument. His love of music and ability to play the piano (and, subsequently, organ) stayed with him throughout his life.

As he grew up, Billy excelled in school. At age 5, he was "drafted" to recite Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to a high school senior class that was having difficulty learning it. At age 13, he won the Lackawanna County Spelling Contest. Bill Bartholomay graduated from Vandling High School in the class of 1940 at age 16 as Valedictorian. He then went to Syracuse University and subsequently to the University of Scranton to study Chemistry.

As part of the "Greatest Generation," in 1943, at the age of 20, Bill enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps. He graduated from the 331st College Training Detachment in February, 1944. In January 1945, Bill graduated from the Air Forces Advanced Navigation School at Ellington Field, Texas. He was commissioned as Lieutenant in the Air Corps. Bill's next assignment was at Muroc Army Air Field (now Edwards Air Force Base) in California where he, at 21, was a B-29 navigator bombardier instructor. During a high altitude training mission while at Muroc, a cockpit window on the B-29 that Bill was flying blew out, rupturing both Bill's ear drums. Throughout the rest of his life, he suffered with hearing issues.

After World War II ended, Bill returned to the University of Scranton, obtaining a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1948. He then enrolled at Georgia Tech, earning his master's degree in physical chemistry in 1950. He would quip that physical chemists were scientists while organic chemists were alchemists.

While at the University of Scranton, Bill met and fell in love with Mary Connolly from nearby Carbondale. They married in Binghamton, N.Y. on June 26, 1948.

Bill's long career with the DuPont Textile Fibers Division began in Waynesboro, Va. in 1950. It would span more than 35 years in six different locales, ending where it began in Waynesboro. When interviewing for the job at DuPont, the interviewer asked Bill why he wasn't continuing for his PhD. Bill's response was, "I have a very bad habit; I like to eat."

At the outset of the Korean War, Bill was called up to re-join the Air Force. Because

several of Bill's projects were important to national security, with DuPont's assistance, he was deferred from call up.

Bill was hired as a chemist at the Waynesboro plant where he served on various research and development assignments associated with DuPont's Acetate and Orlon fibers. He was the inventor of a process of preparing pigment delustered cellulose acetate yarn (US Patent 2,990,291). In 1959, Bill was promoted to process supervisor.

It was in Waynesboro where Bill's family grew to full size. Son, Eric, was born in 1949 while Bill was at Georgia Tech. While in Waynesboro, son, Bill, followed in 1951; son, Howard, in 1955; and the welcome addition of daughter, Mary Lynn, in 1959.

It was while living in Waynesboro that Bill converted to Catholicism. The depth of Bill's religious conviction remained great. He didn't preach his beliefs; he lived them. His honesty, integrity and ability to get along with just about anyone would follow him throughout his career and personal life.

While in Waynesboro, Bill was very active in the Kiwanis Club, acting as musical director and pianist for the annual Kiwanis variety show, which raised money for charity. He was also part-time organist at the local Catholic Church.

In 1961, Bill was transferred to Camden, S.C., and promoted to senior supervisor. In 1962, he was named process superintendent. While in Camden, he became choir director and organist at the local Catholic Church. In 1965 Bill was transferred to Kinston, N.C. as planning superintendent.

In 1969, he was transferred to Wilmington, Del., as assistant to the production manager in the manufacturing division of DuPont textile fibers. In 1970, Bill was transferred to Martinsville, Va. as assistant plant manager. In 1973, he was promoted to plant manager of the Martinsville plant. In Martinsville, Bill became extremely active in the Rotary Club. He would remain active in the organization in Martinsville and in Waynesboro, Va., until his retirement from DuPont.

In 1979, Bill was transferred to the Waynesboro, Va., DuPont plant as plant manager, returning to where his career began 29 years before. He remained as plant manager of the Waynesboro plant until his retirement from DuPont in 1986.

In Martinsville, Bill became an avid rose gardener. His passion for roses followed him to Waynesboro where he nurtured an extremely large and varied rose garden. He would provide roses for various parties, weddings and church events.

Mary and Bill moved to Cedarfield retirement community in Richmond, Va., in 1998. He was very active in the Cedarfield community. He helped organize a variety show. His act was a Victor Borge impersonation, piano and all. Bill also enjoyed writing to the Richmond Times Dispatch. On several occasions, he was honored as Correspondent of the Day.

Throughout their 20 years at Cedarfield, Mary and Bill developed enduring relationships with fellow residents and staff.

On April 10, Bill succumbed to the ravages of Alzheimer's. He will be deeply missed by all who loved him. The family wishes to thank the staff of Cedarfield Special Care Unit for their compassion, professionalism and tender care. Special thanks to Caroline Ouko for her loving presence and attention during Bill's final months.

A celebration of life was held at 3 p.m. on Monday, April 16 at Bileys' Central Chapel, 3801 Augusta Ave., Richmond, VA 23230. A graveside service will be held at Union Dale Cemetery, Union Dale, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pipe Organ Fund at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 9505 Gayton Road Henrico, VA 23229 or the Alzheimer's Association.



**Louise  
"Weezie"  
Petrus  
Herrick Center**

On Sunday April 15, 2018, God created a place for his newest angel, Louise "Weezie" Petrus, 91, of Herrick Center. Louise joins her husband of almost 40 years, John Petrus, who passed away on August 24, 1991.

Louise was born in Herrick Center, one of seven children of the late Elmer and Louise Chura Maslar. She graduated Salutatorian of her class from Herrick Center School, and was the last surviving member of her class of seven; she often joked that she was related to most of the class. On July 13, 1951, Weezie met John, and after a short engagement, got married on September 29, 1951. They settled on the farm in Herrick Center, and she lived there all of her life, never going to a doctor. She often said the secret to her longevity was to keep working and never give up...a glass of wine didn't hurt either.

Weezie had many jobs in life; she was formerly employed at the Fair Play Caramel Candy Factory, Johnson City, NY; she made Ski Jet snowmobiles in Archbald; but her favorite job was as a baker at the Forest City Regional School District, where she worked for 24 years. After so-called retiring in 1995, she kept busy with her chickens, geese and ducks and gardening and mowing the lawn with her John Deere tractor. She also tended bar at D.G.'s Bar, Forest City; helped her grandson J.R. with his deer farm, and she baked almost every single day. Not a person went home without cookies, bread, or rolls. Every benefit dinner had homemade rolls and bread, and cookies were made for prizes, the most wanted gifts of all.

Weezie lived life to the fullest and was involved with many organizations. She was a life member of the Elk Mountain VFW Auxiliary since 1989, a member of the Montrose American Legion, and a member of the DAV. She was an active participant in numerous community events, including the Adopt a Highway Program since 1994, Adopt a Cemetery, Toys for Kids, and other fundraisers that were held at D.G.'s Bar. Weezie's day would not have been complete without daily phone calls to family and friends, and at least one visit from her grandson, J.R.; the two had a wonderful relationship and love beyond words.

Please take time to enjoy life, hug a friend, have a laugh, and make a memory. Carry on Weezie's legacy. We have 91 years of memories to carry us through. Surviving are a daughter and best friend: Debbie Giddings and partner Goober; a beloved grandson: J.R. Giddings, all of Herrick Center; three sisters: Marion Borick and husband Peter, Herrick Center; Joanne Stephens, Pleasant Mount; Patricia Dolph, Waymart; a sister-in-law: Emily Maslar, Herrick Center; a brother-in-law: Richard Hallstead, Hancock, NY; numerous nieces and nephews; a close friend: Arlene Rudick; and her "sonny boy", whom she considered part of her family, Billy Wolfe.

She was also preceded in death by three siblings: Margaret Balunas, Elmer Maslar, and Sylvia Hallstead.

The funeral was Wednesday, April 18 in the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City, with services by the Rev. Robert Lozinski. Interment followed in Saint John's Cemetery, Forest City. A memorial service was conducted by the Elk Mountain VFW Auxiliary.

In lieu of flowers (because she hated them), memorial donations may be made to the Joe Nolan-JJ Lomax Scholarship Fund, C/O D.G.'s Bar, 923 Main Street, Forest City, PA 18421.

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.



**Thomas V.  
Terranella  
Carbondale**

Thomas V. Terranella, 79, Carbondale, died last Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at home. His wife was the late Rosalie Terranella.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., son of the late Albert and Rose Morale Terranella, Tom was a United States Air Force veteran who served during the Korean War. He was co-owner of INT Appliances for 20 years and manager of Sugerman's Pet Department. He was president of the Friendly City Chorus and member of the Classic Voices Chorus in Carbondale. Before his illness, he took pride in his garden.

Surviving are three sons, Ronald L. Terranella, Carbondale; David J. Terranella, Saugerties, N.Y.; and Douglas M. Terranella, Blakely; stepsons, Robert Corder and wife, Gloria, Pleasant Mount; and Thomas Corder, Carbondale; a stepdaughter, Gloria Perri, Greenfield Twp.; a granddaughter, Christina Corder, who he and his late wife raised since birth; 13 additional grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a brother, Ronald L. Terranella, Clarks Summit; a sister-in-law, Viola Tomsky; a brother-in-law, Bruno Ealo and wife, Gloria; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Thomas V. Terranella Jr.; a brother, Ray J. Terranella; a stepdaughter, Debbie Corder; a grandson, Derrick Perri; a son-in-law, Robert Perri; and brother-in-law, Raymond Tomsky.

A memorial Mass was held Friday, April 20 in St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. Interment, with military honors, Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill.

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

## Frances Vauter Pittsburgh

Frances Vauter, 102, formerly of Forest City, died Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Family Hospice and Palliative Care, Pittsburgh. She was the beloved wife of the late Anthony Vauter, who founded the Clover Farm Dairy and Humdinger Ice Cream store in Forest City.

Born January 27, 1916, in Browndale, daughter of the late Frank and Mary Cerek Skube. Frances grew up in Browndale and then lived in Forest City until 2002, when she moved to Pittsburgh to be with her daughters. She loved to sew and crochet and was well known for her many quilts and afghans, as well as the many colorful dresses she created and donated to a Spiritan orphanage in Ethiopia. She also enjoyed many family get-togethers and outings, holiday celebrations, crafting with her circle of friends, and doing jigsaw puzzles, many of which she framed for her friends and family.

Her family is grateful for the excellent care and friendship Frances received at Marian Manor Personal Care, Greentree, where she lived for the past two years and at Family Hospice and Palliative Care, Mt. Lebanon.

She is survived by two daughters, Frances Tarkett and husband, Joseph, and Barbara Vauter; a daughter-in-law, Irene Vauter; six grandchildren, Marlene Elster and husband David, Robert Vauter and wife Christina, Leslie Moczulski and husband Gary, Laura Blumberg and husband Victor, Lisa Reed and husband Marc, and Donna Tarkett; eight great grandchildren, Candice Vauter, Robert Vauter, Tyler and Jordan Moczulski, Joseph Reed, Amber, Erin, and Adam Neszpaul and James Shannon-Tarkett; three great-great-grandchildren, Alexia and Dominic Purdy and Gabriel Vauter.

Also preceded in death by a son, Robert Vauter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, April 25 at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Forest City. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Arrangements are through the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, Forest City. Condolences: www.lesjackfuneralhome.com.



**William J.  
Paulin  
Forest City**

William J. Paulin, 76, of Forest City, died Thursday, April 19, 2018, at the Forest City Nursing Center, surrounded by his loving family. His wife of 56 years is Mary M. "Pudgy" Paulin, Forest City.

Born June 23, 1941, in Herrick Center, son of the late Felix and Rose Zgavec Paulin. Bill was a graduate of Forest City High School and a parishioner of Ascension Parish. Prior to retirement, he worked for NEP Telephone Company and was a police officer in Forest City Borough and Union Dale Borough.

An avid hunter, Bill was a member of the Forest City Sportsmans Club and the Big Pines Hunting Club. He was a former member of the Forest City Ambulance and Fire Company, and part of the Drug Task Force. In his younger years, he was active in politics with the Republican Party. He also enjoyed playing softball with Risner's Bar.

Also surviving are two sons, William and wife, Carrie, Forest City, and Richard and wife, Karen, Browndale; grandchildren, William and wife, Rachel; Chad and wife, Danielle; Jared, Eric, Dakota, and Montana; great grandchildren, Jessie, Rhilynd, and Brantley; nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was held April 23 in St. Joseph's Church, Forest City. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Condolences: www.lesjackfuneralhome.com.

## Roast Beef Supper in Thompson Sat., April 28

A Roast Beef Supper will be held on Saturday, April 28, at the Thompson United Methodist Church, 586 Main Street, Thompson. Take Outs at 4:30 PM, Dine In - 5:00 PM. All Are Welcome!

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**Cheryl A. Hruby  
Ward  
Vandling**

Cheryl A. Hruby Ward, 58, of Vandling, died Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at the Green Ridge Care Center, Scranton.

Born in Carbondale, PA, daughter of Peter and Ruth Wedeman Hruby, of Forest City, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Union Dale. She attended Mountain View Schools and was a member of the Tri-County Senior Citizens Center and the art class at William Penn Apartments, both of Forest City. She was formerly employed at Kartri Sales, Forest City, and prior to her illness, she was a deli clerk at Weis Markets, Carbondale.

The family wishes to thank her daughter-in-law Stephanie and good friends Tammy Rogalski, Donna Sweeney, and Missy Mikloiche who helped Cheryl through her courageous three year battle with cancer. The family would also like to thank the staff of Geisinger Hospitals in both Scranton and Danville, as well as the staff of the Green Ridge Care Center for their compassionate care.

Also surviving are a son: Josh Aldrich and wife Stephanie, Pittston; two daughters: Melissa Thorton, Delaware; Tracy Duffy, Maryland; and three aunts: Carol Smith, Houston, TX; Lovey Klym, Forest City; Helen Lyman, Crystal Lake.

She was preceded in death by a brother: Scott Aldrich.

As per Cheryl's wishes, cremation was held. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, April 24 at 7pm in the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main St., Forest City.

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.

## Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

The Wayne/Pike Suicide Awareness Committee announces the April meeting to be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at Wayne Memorial Hospital, 601 Park Street, Honesdale, and beginning at 7 PM. The meeting will take place in Conference Room #3, 2nd floor (take the Orange elevator "A").

The support group is a positive support time to help deal with suicide and loss of a loved one. We wish to invite individuals 16 years of age and older to attend the meeting.

Our 2018 Awareness Walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018. PLEASE mark your calendar. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2017 walk and those who donated raffle prizes and baskets.

For more information please contact Ms. Michelle Valinski at 570-253-9200. Please note, in case of inclement weather the support group will not meet. Volunteers are welcome to service on the Wayne/Pike Suicide Committee also by contacting Ms. Valinski.

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