

Area Obituaries



Donald G. "Dinky" Armstrong, Sr.
Vandling

Donald G. "Dinky" Armstrong, Sr., 89, of Vandling, died Saturday, July 7, 2018, at the Forest City Nursing and Rehab Center. His wife is the former Margaret Sardinski.

Born in Vandling, son of the late Russell and Martha Painter Armstrong, he was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City. He was a graduate of Vandling High School, Class of 1947. He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War, and a member of the American Legion Post 524, Forest City. Prior to retirement, he served as the Police Chief for the Forest City Police Department for over 20 years. He was a member of the FOP Lodge #63. He was an avid hunter and a member of the Red Shale Hunting Club in Orson.

Also surviving are two daughters, Peggy Chesnick and husband Joseph, Union Dale; Annette Lopera and husband, Frank, Forest City; a daughter-in-law, Denise Armstrong, Forest City; five grandchildren, Stephen and Ashley Armstrong and Frankie, Jr., Michael, and Jonathan Lopera; four great-grandchildren: Bryce Armstrong and Rocco, Carmella, and Gino Lopera; and a cousin, Fern Cornell, Forest City.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Donald G. Armstrong, Jr., who died in 2015.

The funeral was held July 10 in the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City. Interment, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Forest City.

For directions or to send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.

Karl J. Rucker Newton Lake

Karl J. Rucker, 85, of Newton Lake, died Saturday, July 1, 2018 at the Allied Services Hospice Center, Scranton. His wife is the former Joanne Casey.

Born in Upper Darby, son of the late Harry and Helen Bonfig Rucker, he was a member of Saint Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. He was a graduate of West Catholic High School, Philadelphia. He was a United States Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. Prior to his retirement in 1991, he was employed as a pipefitter for the P&R Railroad. He was a local union representative for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Karl enjoyed baseball and was elected to the Delaware County Athletes Hall of Fame in 2017 for baseball.

Also surviving are a daughter: Nancy Rucker Wallis and husband Jeffery, Newton Lake; a son: Karl Rucker and wife Kim, Newton Lake; four grandchildren: Karl, Katie, Madison, and Hunter; a sister: Helen McMonagle, Brookhaven; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was Friday, July 6 with a Mass of Christian Burial in Saint Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. Interment was at the convenience of the family in Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill.

Arrangements by the Brennan & Brennan Funeral Home, Inc., 55 Lincoln Avenue, Carbondale.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Newton Lake Association.

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



Lamont Eugene Foreman
Vandling

Lamont Eugene Foreman, 63, of Vandling, died Saturday, June 30, 2018 at home after an illness. He is survived by his wife, Kandy Kane Davis Foreman.

Born in Reading, son of the late Paul and Elizabeth Geazy Foreman, he was a graduate of Reading High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army and a lifetime member of the VFW Post 5209, Scranton and the American Legion Post 306, Taylor. Prior to his illness, he was employed as a grounds man at the Lehigh & Hanson Stone Quarry, Lake Ariel.

The family would like to thank the nurses of Traditional Home Health and Hospice and Dr. Matthew Haley and his staff for the outstanding care given to Lamont.

Also surviving is a step daughter: Amanda Davis and husband Dyshon Roach'e, Scranton; three grandchildren: Andrea, Maniya, and Kayliana; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers: Robert, Allen, William, and Roy Foreman; and a sister: Lynn.

The funeral was Friday, July 6 with a blessing service in the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City.

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.



Beverly J. Snyder
Union Dale

Beverly J. Snyder, of Uniondale and formerly of Coudersport, died Wednesday evening, June 27, 2018 at Forest City Nursing & Rehab Center following an illness. She was the widow of Thomas Pekarski in 1979 and Donald Snyder in 1995.

Born in Gold, Pa she was the daughter of the late Charles and Maude St. John Knickerbocker. She was a graduate of Coudersport Area High School Class of 1950 and she was a lifelong member of St. Eulalia Catholic Church in Coudersport.

Surviving are her son Tom Pekarski and his wife Debbie of Uniondale; sisters Mildred Filo of Pittsburgh and Kate Pitz of Virginia; grandsons Colby Pekarski of Vermont and Brett Pekarski of Forest City; great grandchildren Stella, Noah, and Sawyer Pekarski; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by Sisters and Brothers.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Monday, July 2 in St. Eulalia Catholic Church, 6 Maple St, Coudersport, PA.

Interment, St. Eulalia Cemetery, Coudersport.

Arrangements have been entrusted to and under the direction of James Wilson Funeral Home, Lake Ariel, Pa.

To share a memory, or send a condolence to the family, please visit www.jameswilsonfuneralhome.com



Joan M. Smith
Honesdale

Joan M. Smith, 75, of Honesdale, died on Monday, July 2, 2018 at Hospice of the Sacred Heart in Dunmore. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, William J. Smith. The couple married on May 29, 1971.

Born on February 22, 1943 in Herrick Township, she was the daughter of the late Leo and Kathryn (Gorel) Gosciewski. She was a graduate of Forest City Regional High School and later received a degree in applied statistics from The Pennsylvania State University and a masters degree from Villanova University. Joan continued her studies at the University of Scranton receiving her teaching certificate.

She began her career at Wyeth Laboratories and later taught physics and science at Western Wayne until her retirement.

In her retirement, Joan was an active quilter and member of two area quilt clubs. She also enjoyed gardening. She was a volunteer for the Wayne Pike Literacy Program and a member of the TOPS Club, Inc. A loving grandmother, she enjoyed spending time with her grandsons, Caleb and Lukas.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter Kathryn A. Smith and companion Clarence Myers of Honesdale; her son Martin J. Smith and wife Crystal of Jefferson Township; her grandsons Caleb W. Lavelle and Lukas J. Smith; her brothers John Gosciewski of Michigan and Joseph Gosciewski of Uniondale; her sister Margaret Prezelski of Uniondale; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother Leo Gosciewski and nephew Walter Prezelski.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, July 7th at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Honesdale. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements by Hessler Funeral Home, Inc., 428 Main St. Honesdale.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Wayne Pike Literacy Program, 1406 N. Main St. Honesdale, PA 18431, Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, Pleasant Mount Quilters or Trackside Quilters.

FC Girls Soccer Rummage Sale Sat., July 21

The Forest City Regional Girls Soccer team is hosting a Community Rummage Sale Event for their fundraiser this year. The event will be on Saturday, July 21 from 9AM to 3PM on the soccer field. This event will include yard sale sellers, merchant and craft vendors, a concession stand, basket raffle, and games and activities with prizes for children.

We are currently looking for sellers for the event. The cost is \$15 for a table to sell as a yard sale or vendor for the event. We are also looking for basket raffle donations as well. Please contact Amanda Cino via email at acino@fcrsd.org, calling 570-785-2408, or joining our Facebook event page at "FCR Girls Soccer Community Rummage Sale and More!" to reserve a table by Friday, July 13. Please make all checks payable to FCRSD.

Carl James Woods

Formerly of Forest City

Carl James Woods, of Lynchburg, VA, and formerly from Forest City and Plains, entered into eternal rest on Monday, July 2, 2018, on his 76th Birthday. He is survived by his wife, Janice Gregory Woods.

Born in Carbondale to the late Robert William and Mae Bartholomay Woods, He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City. Carl graduated from Forest City High School, attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, and was employed by Hallmark Cards, Kansas City, as a commercial artist. He returned to Forest City and became a partner in Harold F. Jones & The Company Store, designing and erecting trade show exhibits. He later retired from Azek Building Products as a customer relations manager, and was known as Mr. Azek in the trade show business.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law: Robert W. Woods and Ann Woods, Lynchburg, VA; a sister and brother-in-law: Mary Beth and Joseph Stroud, Easley, SC; and sister-in-law: Joan Gregory, Bear Creek; two nephews: Robert and William Woods; three nieces: Diane Crouthamel, April Ebling, Janice Settles, and several great nephews and great nieces.

The funeral was Saturday, July 7 with services in the Christ Episcopal Church, 700 Delaware St., Forest City. Interment followed in Rounds Cemetery, Union Dale. Arrangements by the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main St., Forest City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Christ Episcopal Church Community Meal Fund, 700 Delaware St., Forest City, PA 18421. To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.

Craft vendors Wanted for Trail Town Festival

This year's Forest City Trail Town Festival is shaping up to be fun event with many craft and antique vendors signed up to sell their wares in the 500 block of Main Street.

Everything from candles, to Russian art, Paparazzi jewelry, vintage toys, LuLaRoe clothing, essential oils, tarot card readings, chocolates, cupcakes, and wine.

If interested in participating, please contact Chris Glinton or Paul Daugevelo at 570-785-5960 or email rosal@nep.net.

Square Dance In Waymart Sat., July 14

A Square Dance will be held on Saturday, July 14th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at the Waymart Area Historical Society (Outdoors at the Railroad Museum), 211 South Street, Waymart. The Band & Callers are "Just Us" (Ray & Carol Rockwell). It benefits the Waymart Area Historical Society. The event is sponsored by the Jenkins - Howell Funeral Home and Edward & Anna Howell, Waymart.

FCHS Class of 1953 Reunion Sat., Aug. 4

Please join in celebrating the 65th Reunion of Forest City High School at the Beacon Inn on Sat., August 4th. Fellowship and memory sharing beginning at 1:00 PM with lunch at 2:00 PM.

Please come and bring your spouse or significant other. Contact Ed Franceski 301-983-1410 or franceski@aol.com.



John Niles III
Crystal Lake

John Southworth Niles III, 84, of Crystal Lake, died Sunday, July 1, 2018, at home of a heart attack.

Born Dec. 3, 1933, in Carbondale, he was the son of the late Dr. John Southworth Niles Jr. and Helen Hemelright Niles. John was a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H., and earned a psychology degree from Yale University, where he also held a world record for the swim team in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

He was a proud lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps; he loved the Marine Corps. He had a love and loyalty for Crystal Lake and its history. He started his career with KVP Sutherland in Kalamazoo, Mich. He then worked on farms in Salinas, Kan., and Cold Spring, Pa.

He derived the most satisfaction while working as a counselor with Geisinger Marworth, Waverly. Upon hearing of his death, a colleague noted that, "he was very much admired in the world of recovery." He later held weekly AA meetings at his home at Crystal Lake.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, nature, his Chesapeake Bay retrievers, jazz piano and sports of all kinds, at which he excelled.

He is survived by two sons, John Southworth Niles IV and wife, Kimberly, of Berwyn; and David Axford Niles and wife, Dana, of Merion Station; a daughter, Elizabeth Colgate Niles, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; eight grandchildren, Sam, Sydney, Sophie, William, Hadley, Tyler, Lukas and Lily Niles; and a brother, Nicholas Hemelright Niles and wife, Maggie, of Blooming Grove, Pa.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Arthur David Niles.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family at the Hickory Grove Cemetery, Waverly.

Arrangements are under the care of the Carmine J. & Louis C. Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Carbondale.

To share condolences and photos with John's family, visit his book of everlasting memories at www.parisefuneralhome.com.

Donations may be made in John's name to Geisinger Marworth, P.O. Box 36, Waverly, PA 18471

Cornerstone Church Picnic Sun., July 29

Cornerstone Church, Browndale, will hold their Church Picnic on Sunday, July 29 at 12:30 PM at the Spano Residence, 540 Pleasant Mount Drive, Forest City. There will be Fun, Food, and Fellowship, along with fishing, moonwalk, games, swimming, giant slide and food!

Please RSVP to 570-785-4441 or cbc_ma@outlook.com. Everyone is welcome!



Gordon J. Emmett
Union Dale

Gordon J. Emmett, 89, of Union Dale, died Wednesday, July 4, 2018, at the Gino Merli Veterans Center, Scranton, with his wife by his side. His wife of 23 years is the former Ann M. Zaleski. They were married April 22, 1995.

Born March 7, 1929, in Oneonta, N.Y., he was the son of the late John and Lizette Highhouse Emmett. Gordon was a 1946 graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Carbondale, and was a proud retired United States Navy veteran of 20 years. He was an instructor for the ROTC at Cornell University, owned and operated the Lake Como Inn and worked for Roney's Plumbing, Lakewood.

He was a member of the Walter Paciga VFW Post 4712, Simpson; American Legion Post 209, Lakewood; and the Moxie Club, Carbondale. He enjoyed hunting on the Rutledge Farm, Lakewood, owned by his friend, Roger, and fishing with his friend, Rusty.

He belonged to the Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City, and enjoyed reading, traveling and working in his meticulous flower and vegetable gardens.

He is survived by six children, Sally Dwyer, of Rhode Island; Vicky Fox and husband, Joseph, of Florida; Elizabeth Emmett of Rhode Island; Andrea Saam and husband, Jason, of Lenoxville; Matthew Ferrel and wife, Joann, of Union Dale; and Hilary Bretzik and husband, Stephen, of Nesquehoning; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; half-brother, Jack Emmett and wife, Jean, of New York; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Alice Norris.

A private funeral service with military honors will be held at the convenience of the family from Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City. Interment, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Shiffer-Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Clifford.

To share condolences and photos with Gordon's family, visit his book of everlasting memories at www.parisefuneralhome.com.

Christ The King Parish Picnic July 27, 28, 29

Christ The King Parish will hold their annual picnic July 27, 28, & 29 on the grounds of St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, at the corner of Betty and Main Street, Eynon.

There will be beer, wine tent, ethnic and American foods, pastries, raffles, bingo, children's games, flea market & more.

The picnic opens at 5 PM on Friday and Saturday and 4 PM on Sunday.

The bands will be Friday, July 27 AM Radio from 6 PM to 10 PM; The Tommy Gun Band on Saturday night from 6 PM to 10 PM; and The Poets from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

Everyone is welcome!

Waystock in Waymart July 27 & 28

Waystock will be held in Waymart on Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28. It is the 11th year for this music fest and street fair. Friday's activities will begin at 5 PM. Saturday's activities will be from 11 AM to 11 PM.

Bands all day, crafts and food!

For more information and entertainment times go to www.waymart.pa.us/waystock2018.

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