

Area Obituaries



Donald A. Ogozaly
Forest City

Donald A. Ogozaly, 72 of Forest City and formerly of Simpson died Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Geisinger-CMC from injuries after being struck with an automobile.

Born in Simpson, he was the son of the late John & Stella Shock Ogozaly Sr. He attended Fell High School, Simpson. In his early years, he was employed by Carbondale Toy Manufacturing, then by Easton Wood/Triangle Pacific Co. and later by Mancuso Construction and retiring from Doyle & Roth, Simpson.

Donny was frequently seen riding his bicycle. He had a love for animals and especially his new pet friends at the William Penn Apartments. He possessed a unique talent for naming his feline friends as, Goldilocks, Kerosene, Princeton, Houdini and Tiger. Donny was himself known by several nicknames through his life as, "Woodpecker" on the C.B. radio, "Sparkle," "Chico," "Doncho," and "Ogy"

Special thanks to the staff at Hematology & Oncology, Dunmore, Doctors Heim & Tomazic, Charles Lubash, PA, Forest City Police and Ambulance, the Emergency Dept. Physicians and Chaplin of G-CMC and Father Brian Clarke.

Donny is survived by his best friend and caregiver for over 38 years, Annette Seber, a brother, Robert, four sisters, Veronica Maslona, Patricia Farrel, Irene Kirk and Jo Ann Petrick, numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Eugene, Joseph, Edward and John, four sisters, Victoria Hunt, Virginia Morgan, Mary Horan and Christine Thomas.

The funeral was Thursday, October 25 in Ascension Parish/St. Joseph's Church, 741 Delaware Street, Forest City. Interment was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Simpson.

Arrangements by the Joseph W. Scotchlas Funeral Home, Inc., 621 Main St., Simpson
For condolences visit: www.scotchlasfuneralhome.com

Holiday Craft Show & Bake Sale Sat., Nov. 17

Aldenville Baptist Church, Rt. 170 Aldenville, will be holding their annual Holiday Country Craft Show and Bake Sale Sat., Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Multiple vendors in 2 buildings will offer a wide variety of homemade crafts and gifts, and a hot luncheon featuring homemade soups will also be available, plus door prizes and free admission!



Shayna Kingsbury Miller
Formerly of Forest City

Shayna Kingsbury Miller, 24, of Jessup and formerly of Forest City, died Saturday, October 20, 2018 as a result of injuries suffered in a motor vehicle accident. She was the wife of John Miller.

Born in Syracuse, NY, daughter of Shane and Robin Clarke Kingsbury, of Forest City, she was a graduate of Henninger High School, Syracuse. Shayna was a caring aunt, and she loved her cats, Iris and Rosie, who were like her children. Shayna was a beautiful young lady whose smile could light up a room. She had a huge heart and left an impression on everyone she met with her free spirit and great sense of humor

Also surviving are two sisters: Bridget Kayla Snyder and husband Christopher, LaFayette, NY; Miranda Kingsbury and fiancé Nathan Bean, Forest City; paternal grandmother: Laura Kingsbury, Syracuse; paternal grandfather: Dwight Kingsbury, New York; two nephews: Jacob and Zachary Snyder; and one niece: Alanna Snyder.

The funeral was Saturday, October 27 with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph's Church, Delaware St., Forest City. Interment followed in St. Agnes Cemetery, Forest City.

Arrangements by the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.

Gerard Michael Sheare Thompson

Gerard Michael Sheare, 51, of Thompson died Wednesday October 24 at Geisinger-CMC, Scranton. His wife is the former Beverly J. Walsh.

He was born in Scranton, son of Patricia Yarnes-Munley, Clarks Summit. He attended Lakeland High School. Gerard was the owner of G M Improvements, a construction company. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf. Gerard was well known in the community and loved by his family and friends.

He is also survived by four children, Janene Gale and Shalynn Gibbs, both of Scranton, Celina Marie Sheare, Simpson and Devin Frost, Forest City, two sisters, Brenda Ann Sheare, Dunmore and Kathryn and husband John Walter, Scranton, three grandchildren, Cameron, Kalani and Emma and four nephews.

Gerard is preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Catherine Fortuna Yarnes and an uncle Robert Yarnes.

Private funeral services are to be arranged by the Joseph W. Scotchlas Funeral Home, Inc., Simpson.

For condolences visit: www.scotchlasfuneralhome.com



Joseph A. Martines Sr.
Carbondale

Joseph A. Martines Sr., 91, Carbondale, passed away peacefully Friday, October 26, 2018 at Creekside Health and Rehabilitation Center. His wife of 69 years is the former Veronica Gorel.

Born in Carbondale, son of the late Salvatore and Grace Cerra Martines, he was affiliated with the shoe repair business for 80 years. He owned and operated Martines Shoe Repair for 70 years and was a well-known shoemaker.

Joe led a simple, humble life, and his greatest joy was in giving to others. His favorite holiday was Christmas, and he especially enjoyed Christmas Eve; after midnight Mass, his home overflowed with family and friends.

He was proud of his Sicilian heritage and was instrumental in re-establishing the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast in 1970, serving as chairman. Joe always celebrated St. Joseph's Day, was always smiling and tried to make people happy.

During WWII, he served in the United States Navy and was on the USS Little Rock CL-92, where he was a plank owner. He was a life member of the American Legion, DAV, VFW and Cottage Hose Fire Company.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons, Salvatore "Sam" Martines and wife, Jennifer, Carbondale; Michael Martines and wife, Mary Lee, Vandling; Matthew A. Martines, Carbondale, and Joseph Martines and wife, Joan, Carbondale; he was Poppy to Kristen Hodnett, Jillian Everts, Tara Sheare, Marlie, Michaela, Malinda, Matthew, Christopher and Brian Martines; he was great grandpa to Gwenevere Sheare, Adelyn Everts and Ethan Matthew Decker; a brother, Charles Martines, Scranton, and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by siblings, a young child, Michael Martines, Mary Mancuso, Jenny Cotroneo, John Martines, Matt Martines, Michael Martines and Sam Martines.

The family wishes to extend its sincerest gratitude to the nursing staff of Creekside Rehabilitation. We could not have asked for any more special care than what you all have provided for him.

The funeral was Tuesday, October 30 from Lawrence A. Gabriel Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 2 Hospital St., Carbondale, with Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Interment, with military honors, Holy Trinity Cemetery, Simpson.

Nov. Jury List for Susq. Co.

The following jurors are called to report to the Montrose County Courthouse on Nov. 13, at 9 a.m.

Wendy Ashton, Forest City
Michael Bahnweg, Union Dale
Carolyn Kovalik, Forest City
Lucas Marion, Thompson
Adeel Nazir, Clifford
Jean Norton, Thompson
Robert Sellitto, Clifford
Ryan Vales, Thompson
Patricia Williamson, Clifford
Michael Zabrowski, Union Dale



Frank A. Beblo
Forest City

Frank A. Beblo, 89, of Forest City, died peacefully on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at Geisinger CMC surrounded by his family. His wife, the former Rose Volk, died in 1999.

Born in Union Dale, son of the late Michael and Mary Crandal Bibalo, he attended Ascension Parish, Forest City and was educated in Union Dale Schools. He was a US Army veteran of the Korean War; he was awarded the Purple Heart and was disabled from the wounds he suffered. He was a member of the American Legion Post 524, Forest City. Prior to retirement, he was employed as a carpenter and cabinet maker for the Triangle Pacific Company, Carbondale. He later worked at the EJ Shoe Factory and the Ames Shower Curtain Factory, Forest City. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Local 645, Scranton. Frank enjoyed playing guitar, spending time with his family, fishing, and working in his work shop building bird houses and painting. He often enjoyed just sitting on the porch outside. He also liked playing the lottery and doing crossword puzzles.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at CMC for the care and medical attention that was given during Frank's stay at CMC.

Surviving are four daughters: Dorina Meszler and husband Terry, Forest City; Theresa Andrews and husband Donald, RD Forest City; Patricia Bean and husband Kenneth, Forest City; Paula Karwan and husband Chris, Vandling; 13 grandchildren; 19 Great grandchildren; two brothers: Philip Bibalo, Carbondale; Albert Bibalo, North Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by 6 brothers: Paul, Michael, John, Stanley, Joseph, and David Bibalo; and a half sister: Dorothy Bedren.

The funeral was Monday, October 29 in the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City with a blessing service. Interment with military honors followed in Saint Agnes Cemetery, Forest City.

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.

Story Hour at F.C. Library In November

The Forest City library will hold story hour during the month of November, for children ages 3 to 6 years.

Parents can call the library at 570-785-5590 for details.



Perry is FC Nursing & Rehab Resident of the Month

Ben Perry is October Resident of the Month at the Forest City Nursing and Rehab Center. He was born on March 12th in Brooklyn, New York, to Addie Ginn and Luther Perry. His father worked as an engineer for the subways while his mom kept a loving home for Ben and his brother Luther. His family later bought a beautiful farm in Waymart, Pennsylvania.

After high school, Ben joined the Army and was selected to escort a General and his wife to various meetings and functions. He has hobnobbed with some very famous and powerful people. Ben served three years in the Army and then worked as a garment cutter for a factory in Waymart.

He met his beautiful wife, Irene, at the garment factory and had 38 wonderful years together. Ben has a daughter, Marcia Gager; a son, Daniel Perry; and a stepson Tony Bielawski. He is blessed with 13 Grandchildren and 16 Great Grandchildren. Ben is a long time member of the Waymart Baptist Church.

Ben is an accomplished artist and his grandchildren, who treasure his beautiful drawings, have framed his artwork. Ben's talent doesn't stop with art. He is also an amazing "Yo-Yo" Master, doing all sorts of tricks and maneuvers. Ben is enjoying the art projects that his granddaughters Cossette and Emily plan and run as Volunteers for the Forest City Nursing and Rehab Center. Thank you for sharing your talents and family with us Ben!

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