

Area Obituaries



Maryann E. Zologa
Lakewood

Maryann E. Zologa, 94, of Lakewood, Pa., passed away at 12:24 a.m., Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Belle Reve Health Care, Milford. She was the widow of Anthony Zologa, who died June 28, 1990.

Maryann was born in Mayfield, Pa., on Aug. 5, 1924, a daughter of the late Michael and Helen Brzuchalski Melolic. She was a graduate of Mayfield High School and held several jobs over the years, including being a seamstress, waitress, building manager and a bookkeeper. She loved playing bingo, Scrabble and card games with her family and enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas, Florida and Spain with her husband.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Ellen Estrada and husband, Leonard, Rotonda West, Fla.; and Patricia Carnevale and husband, Michael, Wilmington, Del.; a son, Thomas Zologa and wife, Pat, Dingmans Ferry.

She is also survived by three grandsons, Dr. Christopher Estrada, Michael and Nicholas Carnevale; three great-granddaughters, Talia, Gianna and Gabriella Carnevale; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Anthony Estrada, on June 28, 1991; a sister, Frances Musial; and a brother, Michael Meholic.

A religious service was held Thursday, Jan. 17, at Ryczak-Harrison Funeral Home Inc., 901 Lackawanna Ave., Mayfield, by the Most Rev. John Dougherty. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Mayfield.



James P. Bishop
Simpson

James P. Bishop, 79, Simpson, died Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Carol Philback.

Born in Simpson, son of the late Phillip and Mary Lescinski Bishop, he was a graduate of Fell High School, Simpson, and served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He retired after 32 years from QPI, Carbondale.

Jim enjoyed fishing and was a jack-of-all-trades, willing to help anyone. He married his high school sweetheart and was always by her side. Jim had a special love for his children and grandchildren. He took pleasure in tending to his grandson's sheep and chickens.

He is also survived by his three children, Jimmy, Simpson; Susan Stoklosa and husband, Jim, Union Dale; Laura Kowalewski and husband, Mark, Clifford Twp.; a brother, Phillip, Clarks Summit; a sister, Anne Marie Pieski, Greenfield Twp.; four grandchildren, Jimmy Bishop Jr.; Jimmy Stoklosa and wife, Kristi; Christopher Stoklosa and girlfriend, Jess; and Jack Kowalewski, a great-granddaughter, Ella Stoklosa.

A private blessing service was held Saturday, January 19 at the Joseph W. Scotchlas Funeral Home, 621 Main St., Simpson, by the Rev. Joseph S. Sitko. Entombment with military honors will be in Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery in Greenfield Twp.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Joseph's Center, 1213 Prospect Ave., Scranton, PA 18505.

For condolences, visit www.scotchlasfuneralhome.com.



Daniel William Freebes
Maspeth, NY

Daniel William Freebes, 60, of Maspeth, New York, succumbed to acute respiratory failure, after one year of a hard fought battle with cancer at the comfort of his son's home surrounded by his loved ones on December 30, 2018.

He was employed for 25 years as a High Pressure Plant Tender at the Bronx Community College. In his free time, Daniel loved to watch "Law and Order, SVU", deep-sea fish, and most importantly, be with those closest to him.

Daniel is survived by his three children Daniel, Krys, and Christopher. Daniel was an amazing father, a loving grandfather, funny uncle, and a friend to everyone he met.

The family received friends for a celebration of Daniel's life on Saturday, January 19th at the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home 430 Main St. Forest City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org/donate

"Until we meet again; see ya the next time I look at ya" ~Daniel Freebes

To send online condolences, visit brennanfuneralhomes.com.

Rosamond Morack
Forest City

Rosamond Morack, 84, of Forest City, died Monday, January 14, 2019 at home. She was the widow of Louis J. Morack, who died January 4, 2009.

Born in Forest City, daughter of the late Anthony and Rose Milota Slick, she was a graduate of Forest City High School, Class of 1952. She attended Ascension Parish, Forest City. Prior to retirement, she was employed as a seamstress in the local garment industry. She was a member of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Surviving are a son: James Morack, Frisco, TX; two grandchildren: Sara Riggins and husband Scott; Daniel Morack; her special nieces: Michele Murray, Scranton; Lisa Jaques and husband Larry, Bear Creek; additional nieces and nephews: David Slick and wife Ann; James Slick and wife Jackie; George Hydock; Sandra Viani; great nieces and great nephews: Jessica Brillhart and husband Kevin; Catherine Slick; Elizabeth Slick; Amanda Cawley and husband Ryan; Andrew Slick; one great great niece: Zoey Brillhart.

She was also preceded in death by a brother: David Slick; two sisters: Barbara Murray and Betty Hydock; and a daughter-in-law: Lori Morack.

The funeral was Thursday, January 17 in the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City with a blessing service. Spring interment, Saint Agnes Cemetery, Forest City.

Memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 3810 or the Dessin Animal Shelter, 138 Miller Drive, Honesdale, PA 18431.

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.

Susq. Co. GOP Lincoln Day Event Feb. 23

The Susquehanna County Republican Committee "Lincoln Day Breakfast" will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, from 9:30 AM until Noon at the Harford Fire Hall, 142 Fair Hill Road, Harford, Pa.

Besides a delicious Breakfast Buffet and a great chance to renew old friendships and make new ones, those individuals who will be seeking election, and in some cases, re-election, will be present and will have their petitions for attendees to sign so their names will be on the Primary Election ballot in May.

The cost is \$17.00 per person and a reservation must be made by February 16th by contacting Donna Cosmello, either by Email: donna-cosmello@yahoo.com or by phone: 570-849-0134.

Please make checks payable to: S.C.R.C. and send to: Wendy Zapolski, 171 Foolish Pleasure Road, Friendsville, Pa. 18818

Fond Farewell for Fireman Pat Sherry



Former long time Chief Dave Richards, along with an honor guard of uniformed area fire personnel, is shown carrying the ashes of Browndale Fireman Pat Sherry who passed away recently. A Mass was held for him on Monday, January 14 at St. Joseph's Church, Forest City.



Members of area fire companies said goodbye last week to longtime Browndale Fireman Patrick Sherry of Vandling. Pat was a Vandling Councilman and fire company member for many years. Shown are the Clifford and Browndale ladder trucks, with crossed ladders and American flag, bidding him a fond farewell. His final call was toned out over Wayne County 911 as the remains were carried to Browndale Engine 43.

Daniel J. Myer
Union Dale

Daniel J. Myer, 69, of Union Dale, died Wednesday, January 13, 2019, at home. His wife, Sharon E. Myer passed away April 10, 2012.

Born in Montclair, NJ on April 14, 1949, he is the son of Robert E. Myer, Denville, NJ and the late Bettie Ham.

Dan was a graduate of Morris Knolls High School and Morris County Community College. Prior to retirement he worked for Loral Skynet as an engineer.

Dan was an avid hunter and a member of the NRA. He enjoyed tinkering with electronics and could fix just about anything. Some of his hobbies included camping, spelunking, and building model airplanes. Dan also liked astronomy and history. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Also surviving are two daughters, Alicia and husband Blake DeBord, Jefferson, NC; and Elisabeth and husband Benjamin Fry, Mount Joy; a son Thomas Myer, Union Dale; a brother Tim Myer, sisters, Cindy Cosentino and Linda Hodges; granddaughters, Madison, Amelia, Carly, and Kendyl; nieces and nephews.

Also preceded in death by a sister Lisa Myer.

A graveside service was held on January 17 at the Lyon Street Cemetery, Union Dale.

Arrangements were through the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City.

Condolences may be expressed at www.lesjackfuneralhome.com.



Bert Brown
Brown Dale

To those who knew Bert Brown, of Brown Dale, don't be sad to learn of his passing, because you'll die one day, too. Instead, find comfort in knowing he didn't suffer at the end and was surrounded by the family he cherished, with Johnny Cash's "Walk the Line" playing softly in the background, until his last breath.

To those who didn't know Bert, you really missed out. Bert was the kind of guy everyone wanted to have as a friend. His 61 short years of life were filled with more fearlessness, honest hard work, unconditional love, Dad jokes and gratitude than most people could fulfill in 100 years.

Born in Carbondale on January 31, 1957, Bert grew up in Mayfield, the son of Lawrence and Marie Fortuner Brown, and the brother of Tom and Eddie Brown. He was a graduate of Lakeland High School Class of 1974, where he was on the wrestling team. His intrepid spirit was unstoppable and evident as he spent his teenage years street-racing with friends, performing water-skiing pyramids at Newton Lake, and even winning the Demolition Derby at the Wayne County Fair in 1986.

Bert worked hard his entire life and firmly believed people should take pride in any work they did. He spent more than a decade working for his grandfather's company, Fortuner Moving & Storage, before spending 25 years as foreman at a wire distribution center at Power

Telephone Supply Company, formerly Clifford of Vermont.

Bert worked hard so he could provide for his family and give them everything they wanted and needed — and then some. He recently celebrated his 42nd wedding anniversary with the love of his life, Brenda, who he met as a teenager at Newton Lake. Together, Bert and Brenda had four children: Ryan, Justin, Jenelle and Madison. They also had several grandchildren. Bert never missed a chance to tell someone how proud he was of his kids, such as when his son Ryan became project manager for a power line company; his son Justin moved to Los Angeles to intern for E! Entertainment and "Jimmy Kimmel Live;" his daughter Jenelle stayed home to help take care of him throughout his long battle with cancer and pulmonary fibrosis; and how his daughter Madison went to Scranton Prep and did so well in school. Even though he worked very hard, he never missed a baseball game, basketball game, school play or dance recital. Bert loved so unconditionally, that when the priest came to bless him shortly before his passing, he said, "Don't pray for me. Pray for my family. I want them to be okay."

Bert was also the king of Dad jokes. His sense of humor wasn't always appreciated though, especially when he'd be in a department store with his family, hold up a bra to his chest, and yell to his kids, "Hey, how would this look on me?"

Though Bert's time in this world was short, he had endless gratitude. His final words were "Thank you."

There will be a private service for close friends and family. In lieu of sending flowers, Bert's family asks that you perform an act of selflessness in his honor.

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

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.

Safe2SaySomething info. meeting Jan. 28

Students in grades 6-12 at Forest City Regional School will participate in training on the Safe2SaySomething program on Monday, January 28, 2019.

Safe2SaySomething is a school safety tool for anonymous reporting of unsafe, harmful, or dangerous activities in a school community. The Safe2Say program is operated out of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office and was included in Act 44 of 2018.

In addition to the student training, the District will host an informational session for parents and community members on that same evening, Monday, January 28, 2019 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Additional information is available on our website under the Safe2SaySomething Link.

Linda Sherwood
Vandling

Linda Sherwood, Vandling, died Monday, January 14, 2018 at the Allied Hospice Center. Arrangements and on-site cremation are under the care of the Miller Bean Funeral Home Inc., 436 Cedar Ave., Scranton.

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