

Area Obituaries



Thomas M. Flynn
Barnegat, NJ

Thomas M. Flynn, 79, of Barnegat, NJ, passed away January 20, 2019.

Born in Carbondale, PA to his late parents Walter and Mary (Danchak) Flynn, he was a US Navy Veteran. After growing up in Simpson, PA, Thomas attended Lackawanna College for two years and graduated from Rider University, attaining three Bachelor Degrees. He formerly resided in Branchburg, NJ and served as President and CEO of several NJ community banks throughout his career. Most recently he served on the finance committee at the Four Seasons Mirage in Barnegat.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 55 years, Dorothy Matricho Flynn; three loving children and their spouses, Kelly and Sean Cielecki, Kevin and Lisa Flynn, Kerry and Jacqui Flynn; eight cherished grandchildren, Sean, Colleen, Kacey, Tommy, Rachael, Erin, Michael and Nate; two devoted brothers, Donald "Don" Flynn (Maria), William "Bill" Flynn (Barbara), sister-in-law Geri Flynn and many Cousins, Nieces and Nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Robert "Bert" Flynn.

A Memorial Gathering was held on Thursday, January 24 at Barnegat Funeral Home, 841 W. Bay Ave., Barnegat. A Memorial Mass was offered at St. Mary's Church, Barnegat.

In lieu of flowers please donate to The Wounded Warrior Project or Memorial Sloan Kettering. (www.BarnegatFH.com)

Cathy Coleman Fitzpatrick

Union Dale

Cathy Coleman Fitzpatrick, 69, of Union Dale died Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Forest City Nursing and Rehab Center. She was the widow of Michael P. Fitzpatrick who died on July 4, 2007.

Born in Carbondale, daughter of the late Maxwell and Leatha Mayers Coleman, she was a member of the Union Dale Presbyterian Church. She was a graduate of Forest City Regional High School. Prior to her illness was employed as the financial manager for Adams Cable Company, Carbondale where she was a dedicated employee for over 40 years.

She enjoyed listening to classic rock music from the 60's and 70's and always talked about her trip to see The Eagles in concert.

Surviving are a brother: Ronald Coleman, Union Dale; a brother-in-law: Joseph Fitzpatrick, and his wife Karen, Dickson City; a niece: Jennie Fitzpatrick; Scott Twp., a nephew: Ryan Fitzpatrick, Dickson City; a great nephew: Justin Ezerskis; and a great niece: Katelyn Ezerskis.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Micheal Fitzpatrick, who died in 2010.

A graveside service will be held in the spring in Union Dale Cemetery.

Arrangements by the Jones and Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main St. Forest City.



William J. Corrigan
Clifford Twp.

William J. Corrigan, 92, of Clifford Twp., died Friday, January 18, 2019 at home. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Helen A. Sereduck, on Nov. 18, 2014.

Born and raised in Carbondale, he was the son of the late Michael and Dorothy Parks Corrigan.

Bill was a United States Navy veteran of World War II and was retired as a general superintendent for a construction company in Maryland. Upon retiring, he took up raising livestock and at one time had 60 Herefords. Bill was proud that he was able to share his passion for animals with his grandchildren. He and his wife were snowbirds, having a winter home in Lake Placid, Fla., for many years.

He is survived by a daughter, Colleen Wellman, with whom he resided; three grandchildren, Dustin Wellman and companion, Kris Leonard; Shelby Drozdick and husband, Jason Sr.; and Amber Allen and husband, Jeremy; seven great-grandchildren, Patrick Leonard, Ellie Wellman, Wyatt Wellman, Jason Drozdick Jr., Seth, Cody and Abigail Allen; a sister, Dorothy DePalma, of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Theresa Hickman and Eleanor Waibel; and five brothers, Michael, John, James, Gregory and Gerald Corrigan.

Private funeral services were held at the convenience of the family from the Shifler-Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Clifford. Entombment, Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Greenfield Twp.

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

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: donnacosmello@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

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Laura A. (Oswald) Mayer
Greenfield Twp.

Laura A. (Oswald) Mayer, 51, Greenfield Twp., died Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at Regional Hospital of Scranton after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Her husband of 13 years is Richard Mayer.

Born in Carbondale, daughter of Sophie Tedesco, Union Dale, and the late Jeffrey Oswald, she was a 1985 graduate of Carbondale Area High School and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Maine at Machias. Laura was employed as a social worker and activities director during her career, being employed by Still Meadows, United Neighborhood Centers, Tri-County Health and NHS of Carbondale. She was a member of St. John Vianney Parish/ St. Pius X Church, Clifford.

Her son, Ethan, was the love and joy of her life, and she had a special affection for her niece and nephew, Arianna and Deacon. Her golden retrievers, Thorin and Bailey, were also a huge part of her life. She enjoyed sports and was a massive Boston Red Sox fan, finally being able to attend a game at Fenway Park with Ethan in 2017. Laura was also very involved in Ethan's youth sports, doing whatever was needed, from coaching to being the biggest supporter. Laura also loved the outdoors. She had a special place in her heart for her home at Newton Lake, where she grew up spending summers at her grandparent's, John and Betty Oswald's, cottage.

She is also survived by a son, Ethan, at home; a brother, Paul Schroetner and wife, Maureen, Kirkville, N.Y.; a maternal grandfather, Stephen Gallick, Simpson; a stepfather, Frank Tedesco, Union Dale; aunts, uncles and cousins.

The funeral was Saturday, January 26 from the Joseph W. Scotchlas Funeral Home Inc., 621 Main St., Simpson, with Mass of Christian Burial in St. Pius X Church, 3615 Route 106, West Clifford, by the Rev. Dr. Michael J. Kirwin. Interment was private at Valley View Memorial Park, Montdale.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Griffin Pond Animal Shelter or any local animal rescue center.

For condolences, visit www.scotchlasfuneralhome.com.



Kathryn McGurrin Burdick
South Gibson

Kathryn McGurrin Burdick, 63, South Gibson, died Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore, after an illness. She is survived by her husband, Lloyd J. Burdick. They were married on Feb. 9, 1979.

Born Feb. 25, 1955, in Scranton, the daughter of the late Leo "Cobb" McGurrin and Irene Lloyd McGurrin, she was a graduate of Mountain View High School, Kingsley,

and received degrees from Keystone College, Edinboro University and Wilkes University. She spent her career in the medical field as a medical technologist, having specialized in quality assurance and quality management for Barnes Kasson Hospital, Susquehanna. Kathryn was a member of the South Gibson United Methodist Church and volunteered at Picacho Peak State Park in Arizona and for Laura's Hope Rescue, Hop Bottom.

The two greatest loves of her life were spending time in Arizona and her dogs.

She is also survived by a brother, Lee McGurrin, Forest City; several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Kelsey; a brother, Raymond "Spike" McGurrin; and a sister, Jane Shust.

The funeral was Monday, January 28 from the Shifler-Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 18 Airport Road, Clifford, officiated by Pastor Margie McCarty. Interment, South Gibson Cemetery, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to Laura's Hope Rescue, 3385 Forest St., Hop Bottom, PA 18824; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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



Pearl T. (Malinski) Todd
Lake Como

Pearl T. (Malinski) Todd, 96, Lake Como, died on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at Wayne Woodlands Manor in Waymart. She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren "Sparky" Todd, on Nov. 18, 2011. The couple married on June 7, 1947.

Born on March 2, 1922, in Scranton, the daughter of the late Boleslaw Malinski and Anthonina (Piotrowska) Malinski, she was a housewife and mother. Pearl worked in several factories over the years and also was a waitress at the Orson Inn. She was a member of St. Juliana's Catholic Church in Rock Lake and looked

forward to their annual picnic to make her baked goods. Pearl was a member of the Occupied Japan Club, collecting occupied Japan antiques and toys. She was also a member of the Northern Wayne Senior Citizens Club.

She enjoyed sewing, bird watching and taking walks on Wallerville Road.

Surviving are a daughter, Roberta Sidle and husband, Jeffrey, Hawley; a son-in-law, Ronald Baldwin, Boca Raton, Fla.; a brother, John Malinski, Scranton; grandchildren, Valerie Fox and husband, Christopher, Beach Lake; and John Corcoran and wife, Carol, Washingtonville, N.Y.; a great-granddaughter, Brittney; great-grandsons, Daniel and Joseph; several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Irene Todd Baldwin; sisters, Celia and Jenny; brothers, Frank, Bob, Stanley and Joseph.

Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of her family with interment in Lake Como Cemetery.

Arrangements by Hessler Funeral Home Inc., 428 Main St., Honesdale.

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SNOW ISSUE

Keith Foster was in attendance and asked that council request that snow not be plowed into a pile in front of the Masonic Lodge. Secretary will contact Brian Zembrzycki.

DECEMBER MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and a motion to approve them was made by Donna Tedesco and seconded by Doris Young with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

The PSAB is seeking award nominations. Secretary has the information if anyone is interested.

Information regarding the positions that are to appear on the ballot was received from the Susquehanna County Board of Elections. Secretary will return it.

The Susquehanna County Commissioners are seeking updated borough contact information. Secretary will revise and send it in.

The Susquehanna County Emergency Management Agency will be holding a training session on January 30th. Tom Yale is aware and told the secretary he will attend.

The revised bidding thresholds effective 1/1/19 was received. Purchases and contracts below \$11,100 require no formal bidding or written/telephonic quotations. Purchases and contracts between \$11,100 and \$20,600 require three written/telephonic quotations. Purchases and contracts over \$20,600 require formal bidding.

A motion to accept the receipts and pay all bills was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Doris Young, with all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Heller stated that on December 16 & 17, he was contacted by an individual regarding East Mountain Road because the trees were bent over due to the ice. He stated that Brian Zembrzycki should have notified someone of the condition of the road instead of leaving it as it was. Tom Yale cut the

trees with the fire company's equipment. Mayor Heller then contacted Brian and had him cinder. Council agreed that Brian should have notified someone since he was aware of the problem. Secretary will discuss with Brian and provide him with the road committee's contact information so that a decision can be made promptly on how to resolve any problems.

Secretary will also ask if he would be willing to cut trees in the event that Tom Yale and/or the fire department cannot take care of them in a timely manner. Mike Fortuner stated that he was on East Mountain Road and that it was very icy because the temperature had warmed up and then dropped causing the runoff to freeze. He asked that Brian err on the side of caution and apply extra cinders if he deems it necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Secretary reported that the 12 month CD was cashed at FNB and moved to HNB. It was temporarily placed in a flex CD with the intention of moving it to a longer term at a higher interest rate. Currently, money market accounts at HNB would pay .35% for the liquid fuel account and .40% for the general fund. FNB is currently paying .75% on both accounts.

Secretary stated that HNB is offering a 14 month CD at 2.33% so a larger amount could be placed in the CD to recoup some of the interest that would be lost if it was decided to switch.

A motion to move the liquid fuel checking account and the general fund checking account from FNB to HNB, with \$100,000 from the general fund being put into a

14 month CD with the money currently in the flex CD at HNB was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

After some discussion about the combination nuisance/junk car ordinance, Mike Fortuner said that he felt the permit for \$30 was redundant. He felt the permit option should be eliminated.

Donna Tedesco said that she interpreted the ordinance to mean that the only way a property owner could have more than 2 vehicles, would be if they had a permit and erected a fence. A motion to remove the permit from section 6 was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor. Secretary will contact the solicitor to have it revised in the hopes of being able to pass it in February.

Mike Fortuner stated that he contacted the two auditors, but he heard back from neither. The solicitor had advised the secretary that Ararat Township was considering using Brian Kelly from Carbondale. Donna Tedesco stated that she had received another firm and had sent it to the secretary. She will follow up.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to pass Real Estate Tax Ordinance 2019-001 which sets the property tax rate at 2.5 mills was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Doris Young, with all in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doris Young, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

Next Meeting February 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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