

Area Obituaries

Frank Matarese Jr. Penn Run

Frank Matarese Jr., of Penn Run, went to be with his Lord, Sunday, January 27, 2019, from injuries sustained from a fall. He was 81 years young.

Frank was born in Endicott, New York, son of Frank Sr. and Marion Matarese. The family moved to Poyntelle, PA when Frank was nine years old purchasing and operating The Poyntelle Hotel. Frank served in the Navy as a signalman on the aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Leyte. Upon returning home from the Navy he made his career in the drilling business.

Frank was an avid hunter, loved to fish and tended to numerous gardens providing family and friends with an abundance of produce every year.

Frank is survived by love of his life, his wife of 58 years, Mary. He was an incredible dad to children, son Michael (Joann), son Anthony, and daughter Cathy (Stuart) Fisher. He loved his grandchildren, Jennifer, Bryan and Mary Beth Roberson; his great-grandchildren Mackenzie and Luke Roberson who were a special blessing for the last nine years of his life. He is also survived by his brother, George (Barb); and his sister, Rose (Darryl) Roney; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of his Life is planned for later this year.

Arrangements in care of Hindman Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., "Exclusive Provider of Veterans & Family Memorial Care."

Condolences may be made at HindmanFuneralHomes.com



Martha J. Navich Vender Moosic

Martha J. Navich Vender, R.N., 94, of Moosic, died Saturday evening, January 26, 2019 after a brief stay at Scranton Health Care Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Vender, on July 26, 1971.

Born in Forest City on June 27, 1924, she was the daughter of the late William and Mary Kilonsky Navich. A graduate of Scranton Technical High School, she began a longtime career in health care after becoming a registered nurse through the United States Cadet Army Corps.

She worked as an administrator for the Taylor Hospital before retiring as the nursing director of the Scranton State Hospital.

Martha was a devoted mother, amazing cook and avid reader, especially of Russian history. Her legacy of living life with dignity will live on through generations of her family.

She is survived by her three loving children, attorneys Joseph Vender and wife, Mary Beth, Forty Fort; Dr. Robert Vender and wife, Lucina, Hummelstown; and Mary Lou Gibbons, Pittston; seven grandchildren, Liam and Nial Vender, Stephanie Hales, Jonathan and Robert Vender, Zachary Hill and Luke Gibbons; two great-grandchildren, Henry and Victoria Hales; siblings, Frank Navich, Montoursville; John Navich, Dallas; Vincent Navich, Moosic; and Marion Peperno, Old Forge; many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by brothers, Thomas and Paul Navich.

Her family would like to extend its gratitude to the entire staffs of both Hospice of the Sacred Heart and Scranton Health Care Center, especially to Jeanne, for the collective care and compassion throughout Martha's illness. The family would also especially like to thank Wayne Miers, Martha's devoted caregiver of the past five years, for his kindness, loyalty and love, and also Wayne's dog, Lady Bear, who brought Martha so much joy.

Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, February 2 at Queen of the Apostles Parish, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca, celebrated by the Rev. Philip Sladicka, pastor. Private burial, St. Anthony's Cemetery, Forest City.

Arrangements are under the care of the Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home Inc., 517 N. Main St., Old Forge. Visit the funeral home website to leave an online condolence



Violet A. Barnes Carbondale

Violet A. Barnes, 94, Carbondale, died Wednesday afternoon, January 30, 2019 at the Carbondale Nursing Center, Carbondale. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Barnes, on Aug. 18, 1977.

Born Sept. 18, 1924, in Vandling, the daughter of the late Robert Frank Morgan and Annie May Davies Morgan, she was a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Carbondale, and was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Carbondale, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Before retirement, she had been employed for many years as a cashier at the A&P Grocery Store in Carbondale, and ShopRite in Eynon.

Her life revolved around her family, and she was a proud Nana who enjoyed playing a special role in helping to raise her grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter, Cathy Sue Loyack and husband, Gary, Greenfield Twp.; a son, David Barnes and wife, Mary Ann, Carbondale; four grandchildren, Aaron and Andrew Loyack; Peter Barnes; and Robert Travers and wife, Rachel; a great-grandson, Rhys Travers; a brother, Robert Morgan, Carbondale; first cousins, Ann Marie Pettinato; Daniel Price and wife, Carolyn; and Martin Price and wife, Florence; as well as other cousins.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Robert Morgan Barnes; and a grandson, Devin Barnes.

The funeral will be Wednesday, February 6 at 6 p.m. from the Carmine J. & Louis C. Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 89 Farview St., Carbondale, officiated by the Rev. Bill McGinty, of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Carbondale. Spring interment, Union Dale Cemetery, Union Dale.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in Violet's name to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Office of Development, 2900 North Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607; or online at www.donate.lovetotherscue.org.

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



Pamela Ann Allen Hollenbeck Scott Twp.

Pamela Ann Allen Hollenbeck, 51, Scott Twp., died Monday, January 28, 2019 at home. Her fiancée is James Benson of Scott Twp.

Born in Carbondale, daughter of the late Thomas and Catherine MacPherson Allen, she was a graduate of Lakeland High School and Lackawanna Junior College.

Also surviving are sisters, Kathleen Miller (Gary), Factoryville; June Vanko (Mark), Nicholson; Mary Allen, Scranton; brothers, Gary Allen (Mary Jane), Greenfield Twp.; Matthew Allen (Karen), Clifford Twp.; Scott Allen (Kim), Scott Twp.; several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Daniel Allen and Wally Allen.

Services and interment will be held at the convenience of the family.



Honesdale National Bank recently honored its 10 year employees. Pictured Front (l to r): Maggie Klim, honoree; Jeanne Frank, honoree; Melissa Rushworth, honoree; and Kaitlyn Carroll, honoree. Back (l to r): Ray Ceccotti, honoree; Neil Neumann, honoree; Theresa Halliday, honoree; and David Raven, President & CEO. Not pictured: John Conte, honoree, and Christopher Cook, honoree.

HNB employees recognized for 10 years of service

Nine employees, each with ten years of service, were recognized at The Honesdale National Bank's Annual Employee Recognition Dinner held at Lukan's Farm Resort. David Raven, HNB President & CEO, presided over the program and offered his gratitude for the employees' service and dedication.

The honorees each received a golden HNB lapel pin with a diamond, signifying their decade of service to the bank.

Those recognized were Kaitlyn Carroll, Head Teller/CSR, Eynon Office; Ray Ce-

cotti, Senior Vice President, Branch Administrator, HNB Corporate Center; John Conte, Loan Officer, 733 Main Street, Honesdale Office; Christopher Cook, Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer, HNB Corporate Center; Jeanne Frank, Trust Clerk, HNB Corporate Center; Theresa Halliday, Assistant Branch Manager, 733 Main Street, Honesdale Office; Maggie Klim, Receptionist, HNB Corporate Center; Neil Neumann, PC Support Specialist, HNB Corporate Center; and Melissa Rushworth, Assistant Vice President,

Branch Manager, Forest City Office.

The Honesdale National Bank, established in 1836, holds the distinction of being the area's oldest independent community bank headquartered in Northeastern PA, with offices in Wayne, Pike, Susquehanna, Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties. The Honesdale National Bank offers personal banking, business banking and wealth solutions. For more information on HNB's products and services, visit www.hnb-bank.bank.



God's Prescription

It is apparent to many, if not everyone, that this new year, 2019, has begun with a great amount of consternation, confusion, anger, frustration...are there other adjectives to describe it? Many are also encouraged to see how neighbors and communities are stepping up and reaching out to help so many who are going through very difficult times. That is a blessing for both receivers and givers.

Thomas Jefferson wrote in our most important and treasured national document, "When in the course of human events..." We surely have had a host of human events lately and look where it is getting us. The Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." -Proverbs 14:12. I would suggest that it is time that we begin as individuals and as a nation to consider the divine courses of events in which God wants to lead us. We can continue speaking

at each other, not listening to each other, or we can listen to the words of the Bible: "From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber." We can continue to blame this person or that person, this party or that party, or we can turn to God who has promised to keep us. "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." -2 Chronicles 7:14. I believe most, if not all, will agree that our land needs healing on a multitude of levels. The prescription for that healing, the Bible says, is humility, prayer, seeking God's face, and turning away from the ways that got us into the situation we are in. In the Bible verse just quoted is the word "wicked". The Old Testament word for wicked

means bad, evil. We can argue about whether we think what got our nation into its present course is bad or evil or not, but that gets us only into spinning around the way we are presently spiraling and avoiding what needs to be done. Or we can take the prescription the Bible has prescribed and turn away from our divisive ways. Can we agree that our divisive ways are what is causing so much that is evil in our land-lives being ruined, family disruption, violence, death? It's our choice. We can stay on the course we're on or we can turn to God. Personally I vote for taking the medicine. How about you? I'd be interested to read your comments on our church's Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/CBCGreenfieldTwp.PA

Rev. Jay Best is the Pastor of Community Bible Church, Route 107, 1700 Heart Lake Road, Jermyon. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. Look for the three crosses!

University of Success Accepting Applications

The University of Scranton's University of Success, a four-year pre-college mentorship program, is now accepting applications for the upcoming 2019 academic year that begins this summer. Applicants must be currently enrolled in the eighth grade and possess a strong desire to attend college in the future.

The University of Success, offered free of charge to participants, is designed to provide academic, social and cultural enrichment to area high school students. The program's ultimate goal is to assist first-generation, college-bound students to successfully gain entrance into a college or university. The program is funded almost entirely by corporate and foundation grants.

The program begins with a two-week summer institute, which is held on the campus of The University of Scranton, from Sunday, July 7, to Friday, July 19. Upon completion of the summer program, the students will continue to meet for enrichment sessions through their high school career.

The deadline for submission of applications is Monday, April 1, 2019.

Applications may be obtained by calling the University of Success Office at 570-941-4377 or by emailing Margaret Loughney, University of Success program director, at margaret.loughney@scranton.edu. Applications may also be obtained online the University of Success web site.

(http://www.scranton.edu/academics/pcps/leahy/success/admissions.shtml)

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Lady Foresters Softball Team 3rd Bingo Event

The Lady Forester Softball team will hold their 3rd annual Bingo event on Sat., Feb. 23 in the Forest City school cafeteria located at 100 Susquehanna St. Doors open at 3 p.m. with games starting promptly at 4.

Tickets are \$25 and include 17 games of bingo. Food and beverages will be available, but because this is a fundraiser it's asked that no outside food be brought in.

Additional Bingo cards are available, as are raffle tickets, Basket of Gold chances, and special bingo game cards.

For tickets or questions, contact Judy at 570-862-0370 or Michele at 570-466-5813.

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