

Area Obituaries



Mary K. Mindas
Forest City

Mary K. Mindas, 66, of Forest City, died Monday, March 18, 2019 at the Forest City Nursing Center. Her husband is Alan Mindas.

Born in Carbondale, daughter of the late Stacey and Helen Bucinell Gardner, she was a member of the Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies, Ithaca, NY. Mary was employed as the assistant office manager at NEP Telephone Company, Forest City. She greatly enjoyed doing needlepoint and scrapbooking. Mary was also an avid skier.

Also surviving are a son: Alan Mindas and wife Holly, Brown-dale; a granddaughter: Ava; three sisters: Annmarie Janecz and husband Tom, Forest City; Barb Allen and husband Tom, Forest City; Joyce Brooking, Pleasant Mount; a brother: Stacey Gardner, Jr. and wife Elizabeth, Brown-dale; and several nieces and nephews.

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

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.

David Marinchick

Formerly of Union Dale

David Marinchick, 78, formerly of Union Dale, died Tuesday morning, March 19, 2019 at the Forest City Nursing Center.

Born March 29, 1940, he is the son of the late Frank and Jennie Starich Marinchick. David was a member of Ascension Parish, Forest City. Prior to retirement he worked at the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Factory in Forest City.

He was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening. While at the Forest City Nursing Center, David could be seen attending Mass and Rosary or playing BINGO. He liked social gatherings such as Coffee Time, parties and musical entertainment. His quiet strength and kindness have been a blessing to all who knew him.

He is survived by a brother Paul Marinchick and wife Diane, Willoughby, OH; nieces and nephews.

Also preceded in death by three brothers, Bill, Eddie and Frank.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Forest City Nursing Center for the compassionate care given to David during his stay there.

The funeral will be Saturday, March 30th, at 9:30 am from the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City with Mass of Christian Burial at 10am in St. Joseph's Church, to be celebrated by the Rev. Brian Clarke. Viewing will be Friday, March 29th, from 5pm to 7pm in the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City.

Condolences may be expressed at www.lesjackfuneralhome.com.

Funeral Arrangements



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Claribel DeArmond Todd
Crystal Lake

Claribel DeArmond Todd, Crystal Lake, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2019 at the age of 97.

She was born in Seymour, MO on October 9, 1921. She was the daughter of late Jessie Osgood Tourje and LeRoy DeArmond. On July 5, 1939, in Kansas City, MO, she married the love of her life, Boyd Heffner Todd. Boyd and Claribel moved to Crystal Lake with their children in 1952. Boyd worked for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company, a company started by Claribel's uncle, Fred Osgood, in 1900. Boyd passed away on October 22, 2001.

Prior to its closing, Claribel was a long-time member of the Centennial Methodist Church, Forest City, where she was a member of the choir for many years. She served as treasurer of the church's Women's Association and was an active volunteer in the church for more than forty years. She also volunteered at American Red Cross blood drives and was an avid bowler and book reader.

Claribel was quick-witted with an inherent ability to frequently share off-the-cuff comments, making you laugh until tears spilled from your eyes. A hard-worker with a love of being outdoors in the sun, she also had an adventurous, fun-loving spirit: a boat ride or snowmobile excursion was never too fast nor a hedgerow too high to be overtaken by moped (that only happened once). Claribel was also proficient at telling time. Her internal clock always had a way of knowing when it was 4pm and time for a cocktail or glass of wine. She defined moderation by her two daily pieces of chocolate. It was simply a pure gift to be in her presence.

She will forever be missed and deeply loved by her son and daughter-in-law, Donald Boyd and Lois Todd, and her daughter, JoAnn Todd Hall, all of Clifford Township; her four grandchildren, Douglas Todd of Waitsfield Vermont, Christine Todd Bolus of Dalton, Jeffrey Hall of Shaver-town and Kimberley Hall Kindler of Dallas; and her twelve great grandchildren, all of whom she could not have been more proud. She is also survived by a brother Edward Tourje, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Boyd, her brother, Bernard DeArmond and son-in-law Alfred "Fritz" Hall.

A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family with spring interment in Willow View Cemetery, Clifford. Arrangements by the Jones and Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City.

Memorial contributions can be made to Allied Services Hospice, in care of Allied Services Foundation, 100 Abington Executive Park, Clarks Summit, PA 18411 or online at allied-services.org

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.



Marguerite Yaklic
Scranton

Marguerite Yaklic, 71, of Scranton, died Monday evening, March 18, 2019 at Allied Hospice Unit, surrounded by her loving family. Her husband of 43 years is Glenn Yaklic.

Born in Elizabeth, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Russell and Dorothy (Gabriel) Burke. She was a graduate of West Scranton High School and worked at Met Life in Clarks Summit as a computer analyst. She was a lifelong member of the Church of St. Gregory.

Marg enjoyed watching politics and football, especially her Philadelphia Eagles. She was an avid reader and the favorite aunt of all her nieces and nephews. Marg was always well cared for and known to be the princess of the family. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Also surviving are a daughter, Anna Yaklic, Scranton; a brother, Robert Burke and wife, Joan Ann, West Scranton; a sister, Ann Burke Scanlan and husband, Richard, Towson, Md.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Willard Burke, in 2006; and a twin sister, Edith Hoban, in 2018.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, March 22 from the Church of St. Gregory, 330 N. Abington Road, Clarks Green, celebrated by the Rev. John Lopera, pastor. Interment followed in Cathedral Cemetery.

Arrangements by the Lawrence E. Young Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 418 S. State St., Clarks Summit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Allied Services Foundation, 100 Abington Executive Park, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.



Regina M. Arthur
Vandling

Regina M. Arthur, 90, of Vandling and formerly of Lyndhurst, NJ died Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at Allied Service Hospice. Her husband of 69 years is David E. Arthur.

Born in Simpson, she was the daughter of the late John and Josephine Sarnoski. Regina was a graduate of Fell High School, Class of 1946. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Economics Laboratory, Avenel, NJ. She was a member of St. Michael's Church, Simpson/ St Rose Parish.

The family would like to thank Doctors Tomazic and Speicher and a special thanks to nurses Cheryl & Joan and aids, Cindy & Trish and the entire staff of Home Health Care Professionals and Hospice, whose care and professionalism was so outstanding.

Regina is also survived by a daughter in law, Margie, Indianapolis, IN, two brothers, Val, Binghamton, Ny and Francis, Carbondale and a sister Matilda, Schenectady, NY.

She was preceded in death by two sons, baby Joseph and David S., five brothers, Lt. Joseph, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, John, Charles, Walter and Ted. Seven sisters, Nellie, Sally, Agnes, Jennie, Martha, Helen and Victoria.

The funeral was Monday, March 25, with Mass of Christian Burial in St. Michael's Church, 46 Midland St., Simpson. Interment was in Canaan Coroners Cemetery, Waymart.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to: Allied Services Hospice Center, 425 Morgan Highway, Scranton 18508

For condolences visit: www.scotchlasfuneralhome.com



Joseph G. Gerdusky
Clifford Township

Joseph G. Gerdusky, 84 of Clifford Township, died Sunday, March 17, 2019 at the Carbondale Nursing Home. He was preceded in death by two wives, the former Florence Swederski in 1976 and Evelyn Sheare in 2018.

Born March 12, 1935 in Forest City, he was the son of the late Joseph and Stella Slick Gerdusky.

Joe had been employed in highway construction for PennDot and NYSDOT and later worked at Walczak's Lumber in Greenfield Township, until this past summer.

In his younger years, Joe had been a talented athlete and played semi-pro baseball. A veteran of the Air Force, he served in Europe during the Korean War and he had been a member of the American Legion in Forest City. He was an avid hunter, enjoyed summers tending to his garden, and was always up for a game of shuffleboard.

Joe will be remembered as a hard worker, although quiet by nature, he was very kind and generous. He will be deeply missed by his family.

He is survived by two step sons: Kevin Sheare of Clifford Township and Darrin Sheare and wife, Lillian of Carbondale; four grandchildren: Hilary, Evin, Alyssa and Nathan Sheare; two great grandchildren: Joseph Sheare and Joslyn Backe; a nephew: John Gliha; his former wife: Isadora "Liz" Gerdusky.

He was also preceded in death by a sister: Dorothy Gliha.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Cemetery, Forest City.

Arrangements by Shifler-Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Clifford, PA.

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

PMES Ham & Roast Beef Dinner Sun. Apr. 7

The Pleasant Mount Emergency Services, 389 Great Bend Tpk, will hold a buffet-style ham and roast beef dinner on Sun., Apr. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or until sold out).

Menu will include ham, roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dinner rolls and cupcakes.

Price for adults is \$12 and children under 10 is \$7. Take outs are available. For more info call 570-448-2963

Thompson UM Church dinner Sat., March 30

The Thompson United Methodist Church Sunday School Children will be hosting a spaghetti and meatballs dinner on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Dine in and take-outs available beginning at 4:30 p.m. Adults: \$8.50, Children 12 and under: \$4.25. Thompson United Methodist Church is located at 586 Main Street, Thompson.

Doris J. "Suzi" Young

Union Dale

Doris J. "Suzi" Young, 74, of Union Dale died Monday, March 18, 2019 at Geisinger Community Medical Center, Scranton.

Born in West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Virginia Young Seeley. Prior to her retirement she was employed as an inspector for the Gentex Corporation, Simpson, and she was previously at IBM, Endicott, NY. After retirement, she delivered meals for Meals on Wheels until recently.

Doris was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Laurel Chapter #67 of Waymart and was a Past Matron for the former Ruby Chapter #23 of Union Dale. She was a member of the Union Dale Borough Council, and a member of the Union Dale Volunteer Fire Company and its Fire Police. Doris participated as a fire police officer for all 23 Steamtown Marathons. She was also a certified EMT. Doris was a breast cancer survivor. She was also very proud of her Cherokee Indian heritage.

Doris is survived by a community of good friends who were her family, including Paul and Mary Ferraro, Betsy Osborne, Gail Foster, John Reeder, James and Melanie Mellow, and Jaki Sheare, who loved her like a sister.

A celebration of Doris's life will be held Sunday, March 31, in the Union Dale Methodist Church Hall from 2 to 4 pm.

Arrangement by the Jones and Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main St. Forest City. Memorial donations may be made to the Union Dale Fire Company, PO Box 191 Union Dale, PA 18470.

To send online condolences, visit brennanfuneralhomes.com



Laura Stalker
Lake Ariel

Laura Stalker, 46, of Lake Ariel, passed away Wednesday morning, March 20, 2019 at Geisinger Community Medical Center after a sudden illness. Her husband, Allan R. Stalker survives her. They were married on October 12, 1996.

Born March 16, 1973 in Scranton, she was the daughter of Anthony and Marjorie (Chesnaky) Pruss, Jr. of Sterling, who also survive her.

Laura was a graduate of Western Wayne High School where she was a member of the Marching Band. She went on to graduate from Mansfield University where she earned an Associate's Degree in Radiology. Laura worked for St. Clare's Hospital in Denville, NJ where she was a Radiology Technician. She will be remembered as a loving daughter, wife and mother. Laura will be deeply missed and always loved.

Laura is also survived by her daughter, Eliza Raine Stalker, at home; and a sister, Kimberly Thompson and her husband Daniel of TN.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, March 26 in Covenant Reformed Church, 47 S. Church St. Carbondale, PA 18407 with Pastor Richard J. Miller officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Laura's memory to the charity of the donor's choice.

Interment was in The Waymart Cemetery at Canaan Corners, Owego Tpk, Waymart.

Arrangements are entrusted to Jenkins-Howell Funeral Home, Inc., Edward Howell, Funeral Director, 269 Belmont St. Waymart, PA 18472. www.JenkinsHowell-FuneralHome.com

Classic Country Cooking

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Pasta With Green Beans

I have a confession to make. If it was up to me, I would eat pasta every day. I love it. But we all know that in order to eat healthy, we need to eat a variety of things. The other night, nobody knew what we should have for supper. Looking around, I came across this recipe. Hmmm, I said, it has green beans so it must be healthy. And it has pasta, so I get my pasta fix. Well, we tried it and it was a big hit (a hit is when I am not told to lose the recipe, a BIG hit is when everyone wants to have it again). So here it is:

- 4 Cups of tomato or spaghetti sauce (I used crushed tomatoes with basil, onion, salt, and garlic to taste)
- 2 Twelve ounce bags of frozen flat Italian green beans
- 1 Pound ziti or rigatoni
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a saute pan, prepare the sauce to taste. You could use canned spaghetti sauce if you wish. Meanwhile, blanch the green beans in salted water for 10 - 12 minutes. While the beans and sauce are cooking, bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Drain the beans and mix them with the sauce. Do this so they can mingle with the sauce while the pasta is cooking. Then cook the pasta in the boiling water but for two minutes less than the package directions. Drain the pasta and mix it with the sauce and beans.

Served topped with grated Parmesan or Romano cheese.

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