

# Area Obituaries



**Margaret Ann Harvatin**  
Wappingers Falls, NY

Margaret Ann (Opeka) Harvatin, 88, passed away peacefully on Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 at Lutheran Care Center surrounded by her loving family and staff. She was born on July 20, 1930 in Herrick Center, PA to the late Anthony and Anna (Shaggy) Opeka.

Marge was a wonderful and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. She was a valedictorian graduate of a 3-year high school in Herrick Center, PA. She continued her education at Forest City High School for her senior year and graduated with honors in 1948. More importantly, she said, it was where she met 'the love of her life' and future husband Dave Harvatin. They were married on Sept 13, 1952 at St. Joseph's Church in Forest City after he was discharged from the U.S. Navy.

She enjoyed many years of bowling, golfing, polka dancing, going to casinos, and traveling. A couple weeks spent in Florida every March melted the winter blues. She loved to serve wonderful, tasty meals from her kitchen. Continuing the holiday meal traditions with her family was important to her. She was an Installation Coordinator at Sears for 19 years, retiring in 1993. Previously she worked in the Wappingers Jr. High School Cafeteria for 9 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Karen Harvatin of Poughkeepsie, Debra (Russ) Merritt of Wappingers Falls, and Janice (Tom) McSweeney of Raleigh, NC; sister, Jean (Lou) Matoushek of Waymart, PA; grandchildren, Russell Merritt (Donna) of Poughkeepsie, Justin Merritt, U.S. Navy of Oak Harbor, WA, Laura (Austin) Winstead of Raleigh, NC, and Brian McSweeney of Charlotte, NC; great-grandchild, Kaitlyn Merritt; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was pre-deceased by brothers, James (Rosemarie), Anthony (Mildred), and Thomas Opeka.

She was a member of St. Mary, Our Lady of the Falls Church in Wappingers Falls, where she belonged to the Altar Rosary Society and Catholic Daughters, Court Queen of Peace #1534. She was also a member of the IBM Mid-Hudson Valley Retirees Club. She volunteered for Meals-On-Wheels of Wappingers Falls, St. Mary's Church, and many road races.

The family would like to acknowledge the support and kindness of Dr. Schneider, Dr. Weinreich, and Vassar Brothers Medical Center and their respective staff.

Calling hours were on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Straub, Catalano, & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls. A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, March 1 at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Falls Church in Wappingers Falls. Burial will take place at a later date at St. Joseph's Slovenian Cemetery in Forest City, PA.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Meals-On-Wheels of Wappingers Falls, c/o Presbyterian Church, 2568 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, or St Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

To send an online condolence, please visit [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).



**Janet R. Sladicka**  
Forest City

Janet R. Sladicka, 75, of Forest City and formerly of Vandling, died Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Allied Services Hospice, Scranton. She was the widow of Robert Sladicka, who died in 1989.

Born in Franklin, NJ, daughter of the late Ignacz and Mary Casterline Rumpel, she was a graduate of Franklin High School, Franklin, NJ. She was a homemaker who was known for her warm personality. She was an avid crafter and loved cats, especially her beloved Snoopy.

Surviving are a son: Ted Lewis and wife Meg, Easton; a daughter, Pamela Buberniak, Rio Linda, CA; seven grandchildren: Heather Kubus, Forest City; Bethanie Porter, Lucasville, OH; Brian Lewis, Bethlehem; Kevin Lewis, Northampton; Coty Soltus, Rio Linda, CA; Chelsea Zindle, Scranton; A.J. Richards, Brown Dale; 9 great grandchildren; one sister: Margaret "Peg" Kinney and husband Tom, Newton, NJ; and two nieces Alison Kinney and Sara Grieco.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Forest City Nursing Home for their many years of compassionate care for Janet.

Private funeral services were conducted by the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City.

To send online condolences, please visit the funeral home's website.



**Albert B. Taylor**  
Forest City

Albert B. Taylor, 87, of Forest City died Friday, March 1, 2019 at Regional Hospital, Scranton. His wife of 65 years is Barbara Yanchitis Taylor.

Born April 6, 1931 in Saltville, VA, he is the son of the late Arthur and Sadie Sanders Taylor. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City and a veteran of the Air Force. Prior to retirement he worked as a tool and die maker at Hendrick Manufacturing, Carbondale.

In his younger years he enjoyed playing softball for the Beacon Softball team. He liked to travel and enjoyed going to the casino and watching horse races. He especially loved his grandchildren and will be greatly missed.

Also surviving are a daughter Pam Ferrari, Union Dale; a son David Taylor and wife Michele, Carbondale; a brother Charles, TX; six grandchildren, Nathan, Nadine, Ernie, Troy, Nicholas, and Taylor Ann; two great grandchildren Taylor and Talon; nieces and nephews.

Also preceded in death by four brothers, Arthur, Edward, Robert, and James; and a sister Norella.

The funeral will be Friday, March 8 at 10 am from the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City with services at 10:30 am, to be celebrated by the Rev. William McGinty, in the Christ Episcopal Church, Delaware Street, Forest City. Viewing will be Thursday from 5pm to 7pm in the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.lesjackfuneralhome.com](http://www.lesjackfuneralhome.com).



**Mary Anne Burleigh**  
Pleasant Mount

Mary Anne Burleigh, 70, of Pleasant Mount, died Sunday, February 24, 2019 at Wayne Woodlands Manor, Waymart. She was the wife of Richard "Ardie" Burleigh.

Born in Carbondale, daughter of the late Roscoe and Isabelle Allen Sheridan, she was a member of the Pleasant Mount United Methodist Church. She was a 1966 graduate of Forest City Regional High School. Prior to retirement, she was employed as a seamstress at several local dress factories. After retirement, she did alterations on clothing for her neighbors, friends, and family. Mary Anne enjoyed baking, and she was a very, very avid reader, often borrowing books from the Pleasant Mount Library.

Also surviving are a son: Daryl Burleigh, Jermyn; a sister: Jane Browning, Dandridge, TN; a brother: Allen Sheridan, Vestal, NY; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was Friday, March 1 in the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City, with services by Pastor Lloyd Canfield. Spring interment, Union Dale Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pleasant Mount Library, 375 Great Bend Turnpike, Pleasant Mount, PA 18453.

For directions or to send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.



**William Richards**  
Forest City

William Richards, 91, of Forest City, died Saturday, March 2, 2019 at home. His wife is the former Delores Puntar; the couple would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in August.

Born in Browndale, son of the late David and Ann Kranyak Richards, he was a member of Ascension Parish, Forest City. He was a graduate of Forest City High School, Class of 1945; and Penn State Scranton. He was a veteran of the US Navy, having served for 13 years during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion Post 524, Forest City. Prior to retirement, he was employed as a machinist at the former Cross Engineering, Carbondale. He was a former member and Past President of the Browndale Fire Company. William was an avid golfer and bowler. He was a New York Yankees fan, and he thoroughly enjoyed doing crossword puzzles.

Also surviving are three sons: Ronald Richards and wife Linda, Vandling; Gerald Richards and wife Ann, Jermyn; Paul Richards and wife Barbara, Clifton, VA; 5 grandchildren: Sarah Radinsky, Frederick, MD; Leigh Long, Endwell, NY; Bradley Richards, Jermyn; Elizabeth and Erin Richards, both of Clifton, VA; 4 great grandchildren: Taylor, Brandon, Bella, and Elliot Radinsky; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, David Richards.

The funeral was Tuesday, March 5 with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph's Church, Delaware St., Forest City. Interment, St. Joseph's Cemetery, Forest City. Arrangements by the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home's website.



**Alice B. Eltz**  
Carbondale

Alice B. Eltz, 93, of Carbondale died Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Allied Service Hospice Unit, Scranton. She was the widow of Joseph Reilly, who died in 1963 and Henry J. Eltz, who died in 2001.

Born in Carbondale, she was the daughter of the late James and Mary Laggner Burns. She was a graduate of St. Rose High School. Alice had been employed in the garment manufacturing business, retiring from Joseph Mussari Dress Factory, Carbondale.

She was a lifelong member of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale and International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

She is survived by a step son, Henry Eltz and wife Kathleen, Carbondale, two step daughters, Ann Trinkle, Anita, PA and Marie Sutton, Port St. Lucy, FL, and a sister, Janet Wengrin, Downingtown, PA. Several nieces and nephews and step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Sarah Flynn, and a brother, Edward J. Burns.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Alice's memory can be made to Allied Hospice.

The funeral was Tuesday, March 5 from the Oliver Shifler and Scotchlas Funeral Home, Inc., 62 N. Main St., Carbondale with Mass of Christian Burial in St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. Interment will be held at a later date at St. John the Evangelist Cemetery, Honesdale.

For condolences visit: [www.scotchlasfuneralhome.com](http://www.scotchlasfuneralhome.com)

## F.N.B. Corp. Declares Dividend

F.N.B. Corporation (NYSE: FNB) announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of 12 cents per share on F.N.B. Corporation's common stock.

The dividend is payable on March 15, 2019, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on March 5, 2019.

## Janet Lisowski is February Resident of the Month at FC Nursing & Rehab



*Janet Lisowski*

February's resident of the month at Forest City Nursing and Rehab Center is Janet F. Lisowski.

Janet was born on March 8th to Jennie and Stanley Kindelski. Her father was a barber in Simpson, and was given the assignment to cut hair for new Military recruits. Her mother kept busy caring for Janet and her sister, Stella, also known as "Bunny".

After High School, Janet attended nursing school at St. Joseph's Hospital in Carbondale, and graduated as a Registered Nurse. She worked diligently in the intensive care unit for forty years.

Janet met her loving husband Alec at a dance and they married on August 23, 1952. They lived in Simpson and her husband worked for the Gentex Corporation. Together, they had a loving daughter, Theresa, and a son, Johnny. Janet's daughter is part of a very talented band led by her husband Jude Wasileski. They often entertain here at Forest City Nursing & Rehab Center and the residents love their music. She also has a grandson, William Ross, and four great grandsons.

Janet's talented family had gatherings at their summer cabin in Lake Como, where Janet brought her delicious baked goods, and her husband entertained everyone playing songs on his accordion. When Janet had free time she taught her grandchildren how to bake.

Here at Forest City Nursing & Rehab Center Janet enjoys Polka Music, BINGO, outdoor picnics, parties, Mass and Rosary services. Her laugh is contagious and it's a pleasure to share her company and her life stories.

## March Jury List

The following people have been called for jury duty and are to appear in the Court of Common Pleas, Susquehanna County Courthouse, Montrose, on March 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.:

Butler, Glenn T., Ararat Twp. Chumley, Felicia C., Forest City Cobb, Bette Ann, Ararat Twp. Mahoney, Stephen P., Clifford Napolitano, Kyle J., Susq. Ransom, Eric, Herrick Twp. Saul, Brad, Forest City Stoll, Suzanne L., Herrick Twp. Taylor, Arron M., Ararat Twp. Wademan, Nathan W., Ararat Wilkins, Cassandra, Clifford Twp.

## Eynon Christmas Light Committee to Host 2 Fundraisers

The Eynon Christmas Light Committee will host the following two fundraisers:

First is an "on your own" day trip to NYC on Sat., March 23. Departure time is 7:30 a.m. from the Archbald Boro Building, leaving NYC at 7 p.m.

The second is a Spirited Art Class on Sat., April 13 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fashion Mall across from the Viewmont Mall in Dickson City.

For more info on pricing and reservations call Judy at 570-876-2423 or Jean at 570-876-3060

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## Lent 2019

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Holy Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

8:30 AM - Ascension Parish at Saint Joseph Church

12:00 PM - Ascension Parish at Saint Joseph Church - Liturgy of the Word Service

6:00 PM - Ascension Parish at Saint Joseph Church - Liturgy of the Word Service

6:00 PM - Saint Katharine Drexel Parish at Saint James Church

The Light is on For You - Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance (with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament)

Ascension Parish at Saint Joseph Church

Mondays: 3/11, 3/25, 4/8 - Confessions from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish at Saint James Church

Mondays: 3/18, 4/1, 4/15 - Confessions from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

Fridays throughout Lent

4:30 PM - Saint Katharine Drexel Parish at Saint James Church

6:00 PM - Ascension Parish at Saint Joseph Church

Daily Mass

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 8:30 AM at Saint Joseph Church

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM at Saint James Church

St. Joseph Church, 741 Delaware St. Forest City

St. James Church, 361 Great Bend Tpke. Pleasant Mount

St. Juliana Church, 2048 Creamton Dr. Pleasant Mount

## Funeral Arrangements



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