

Area Obituaries



Timothy F. Collins Sr.
Clifford Twp.

Timothy F. Collins Sr., 68, of Clifford Twp., died Monday, April 15, 2019 at home. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, the former Carol Ann Lukas-
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Born Oct. 8, 1950, in Carbondale, son of the late William and Helen Campbell Collins, Tim was a 1968 graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Carbondale, and was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having served two years during the Vietnam War. He was employed his entire career as a railroader with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad and retired from Canadian Pacific Railway as a locomotive engineer.

After his retirement, he enjoyed volunteering his time at the Retreat at White Birch, Simpson. Tim was very proud of his Irish heritage and enjoyed his trips to Ireland, especially to Blarney Castle.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the Clifford Volunteer Fire Company and Ambulance Corps for all of the support during Tim's recent illness.

He is also survived by four children, Kimberly Congdon and husband, Greg, Clifford Twp.; Connie Dollak and husband, George, Philadelphia; Colleen Collins, Philadelphia; and Timothy F. Collins Jr., Manhattan Beach, Calif.; four grandchildren, Casey Congdon, George, Alex and Walter Dollak; a brother, James Collins Sr., South Carolina; several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Ann McHale; and two brothers, John and William Collins.

As per Tim's request, private funeral services were held. Arrangements were entrusted to Shifler-Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Clifford.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations sent in Tim's name to assist our veterans. They can be sent directly to the VA Medical Center, Voluntary Service Office (01/10), 1111 East End Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711, or online at www.wilkes-barre.va.gov/giving.

John Stephan Kranyak

Formerly of Forest City

John Stephan Kranyak, 79, a current resident of Hazleton, and formerly of Forest City, returned to our Lord, Sunday evening April 14th at Leigh Valley Hospital in Hazleton.

Born in Richmondale, son of the late Andrew and Anna Dovin Kranyak, he was a member of St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church, Forest City. A US Army Veteran stationed in Germany, John was trained as an electrical mechanic and received the Good Conduct Medal. He retired from a long career at the IBM Corporation in Endicott, NY where he enjoyed playing golf and shooting pool with his close friends. He also spent many memorable occasions at the family owned "AK's Bar and Restaurant" in Forest City where he often visited with family and friends.

Surviving are his beloved Aunt Veronica Urbas; nephews: Michael, Mark, and Matthew Kranyak, and several other cousins.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers Richard and Andrew Kranyak.

The funeral was Monday, April 22nd with funeral liturgy in St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church, Susquehanna St., Forest City. Interment with military honors followed in St. John's Cemetery, Forest City.

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

To send online condolences, visit brennanfuneralhomes.com.

Stanley Sowizral Jr.

Pleasant Mount

Stanley Sowizral Jr., 77, of Pleasant Mount, PA, died on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at Allied Hospice Care in Scranton, PA. He was born in Bayonne, NJ, the son of Stanley and Elizabeth (Hegedus) Sowizral.

Stanley attended schools in North Bergen, (St. Bridgets), Fairview, and graduated from Cliffside Park High School. Stanley apprenticed and became a printer and worked in several print shops in New Jersey. Stanley moved to his farm in Pennsylvania in 1973 and was a linotype operator at the Wayne Independent. He retired from Camp Lavi as a maintenance worker.

Surviving are his devoted wife, the former Mary Lynn Robinson, 2 stepchildren, Shelley and Jeffrey (Heather) Robinson, Lake Ariel, PA, sister, Agnes O'Gara, 5 nieces, Norreen Coleman, Jean Zuhl, Susan Ginch, Pamela Sowizral, and Karen Sowizral, and 1 nephew, Paul Sowizral Jr. Stanley was predeceased by his brother, Paul.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at the Henderson-Biedekapp Funeral Chapel, Hancock. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at St. Juliana's Roman Catholic Church, Rock Lake, PA. Interment followed in the parish cemetery.

Donations can be made in Stanley's memory to the Northern Wayne Library, 11 Library Rd., Lakewood, PA, 18439.

Arrangements by Henderson-Biedekapp Funeral Chapel, Hancock.

American Slovenian Club Meeting Sun., May 5

The American Slovenian Heritage club will hold a meeting on Sun., May 5 at 1 p.m. at Elegante' Restaurant.



Marie Delaney Thompson

Marie Delaney, 81, of Thompson, PA passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the Forest City Nursing and Rehab Center.

Marie was predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Frances Brown; her loving husband, Thomas Delaney.

She was survived by children, Thomas and Carol Delaney, of Crescent City, FL, Michael and Sharon Delaney, Clinton, SC, James and Marel Delaney, Thompson, PA, Daniel Delaney (Shirley), Conklin NY, David and Virginia Delaney, Ararat, PA; grandchildren, Brian, Jimmy, Keith, Johnny, Jeffrey, Mindy, Christopher, Timothy, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Shawn, Ricky; five great-grandchildren.

Marie loved to sit outside and watch the deer and bears. She loved to read and was an avid painter, painting things from ceramics to coloring books. She had her own ceramics shop, both in Susquehanna and Thompson at one time. She absolutely loved getting visits from family and would crochet her children and grandchildren scarves and blankets that always seemed to keep everyone warm. She had a long life, full of joy but knew when it was time to go. She always talked about walking with "Daddy" again, usually when she would talk about the past and watching over her family. She was into angels and Elvis Presley like there was nothing else in the world.

May God hold our "Angel" and may she and Dad (Grandpa) enjoy eternity living together in the great beyond walking, talking and laughing at some of the stuff they used to do.

Your life was full of loving deeds, forever thoughtful of our special needs, today and tomorrow, our whole life through, we will always love and cherish you.

A Funeral Service was held Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Hennessey's Funeral Home, 747 Jackson Avenue, Susquehanna, PA with Pastor Kevin Setzer officiating.

Interment will be held in the Brandt Cemetery, Brandt, PA.

Author Mary Pat Kelly Upright in Susq. Sat., May 4

On Sat., May 4, the Susquehanna United Methodist Women will present "An Afternoon with Author Mary Pat (Kelly) Upright on May 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Susquehanna U. M. Church on Main St., Susquehanna.

Upright is a former resident of Susquehanna Depot and Starrucca, and has written a heart-wrenching autobiography entitled "Tell Them For Me,"—a book brimming with faith and emotion.

The author will be selling books at the event, or signing those that were previously purchased. This is a free event, but donations graciously accepted.

Cruzin' 2 B'dale Car & Craft Show Sat., June 1

Browndale Fire Co. #1 will hold their 5th annual Car/Truck/Bike & Craft Show-Swap Meet on Sat., June 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come out and support the community at this free event while enjoying live entertainment, food, games, basket raffles, vendor spaces, and much more.

Clifford UM Church Dinner Tues., May 21

The Clifford United Methodist Church, Main Street, Clifford, will hold a Chicken-Biscuit or Ham Dinner on Tuesday, May 21 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Take out or Dine with us. Donation \$9.95 includes dinner, drink & dessert. All are welcome.

Lyme disease Story told in Forest City

If you don't know much about lyme disease and other tick borne diseases, you really should!! Colleen Schake, president of the Lyme Disease Coalition, Inc. of Susquehanna County, was in Forest City, at Elegante Restaurant recently talking to residents and providing informative pamphlets on the disease. She advised that if you cut grass, walk in your yard, or take your dog out for a walk, you can be exposed to ticks which spread the disease.

There are a number of different kinds of ticks and, unfortunately, it is the smallest ones, some as small as the head of a pin, which are most likely to contain lyme disease bacterium. Around here, deer ticks and dog ticks are the usual culprits.

All the old myths you have heard about tick bites are probably not true. You don't need to see a bulls-eye rash around the bite to prove you may be affected. You don't just have to take a one-time high dose of an antibiotic to prevent or cure an infection.

Several years ago a lyme disease information session was held at Forest City Emergency Services. About 50 people attended and surprisingly, about 20 were actual victims of the disease. A number were cured with proper drug treatment, but many delivered agonizing testimony of what the disease did to them.

It has been determined that contracting lyme disease, though very serious in itself, can also be a trigger to deadly diseases like MS, MD and ALS. A former Forest City resident is presently in the late stages of Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) which medical authorities feel was triggered by his contracting lyme disease.

For more information go to www.lymediseasecoalition.org

Upper Valley National Day of Prayer, Thur., May 2

On Thursday, May 2nd, the 16th annual observance of the National Day of Prayer sponsored by the Greater Carbondale Area Ministerium, will be held at the Carbondale train station, Trinity Place. The Bible says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord", a blessing that is not only for nations, but communities, families and individuals as well.

Everyone is invited to attend the inspirational service of music, Scripture and prayer featuring many local members of the community. Preceding the service and beginning at 6:30 p.m. local church musicians will present a half-hour concert of well-known hymns and contemporary Christian music. Please bring your own seating. If the weather is inclement, the service will be held in the sanctuary of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Trinity Place. For directions: <https://nationaldayofprayer.org/events>

Quilters Bus Trip to Lancaster Thurs., May 2.

The Pleasant Mount Quilters are planning a bus trip to Lancaster Quilt Shops on Thurs., May 2.

The bus will leave Waymart at 7:30 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$43 per person and seating is limited. Please call Bettyann at 570-415-2422 to reserve a seat.

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LNG gas plant in Wyalusing to Send gas out of Country

The New Fortress Energy LNG plant proposed in Wyalusing, along Route 6, is a gigantic \$800 million investment that will take natural gas from the Marcellus Shale and liquify it for transportation to other markets. Tony Ventello, executive director of Central Bradford Progress Authority, a group which also contracts to Susquehanna County for economic development projects, recently provided some details on how exactly the plant will operate.

Ventello said New Fortress approached the Progress Authority asking for a housing study for every lodging establishment, everything from hotels to rental apartments to campgrounds, within 50 miles of the site to see if the region could adequately accommodate the approximately 1,000 temporary jobs that would be generated by the construction. There will be 50 permanent jobs when finished.

Ventello was able to report that the region could comfortably take in all those people. There are 150 hotels within that aforementioned 50-mile radius.

More interesting about this LNG plant is where these three to four million gallons of LNG per day are going. This Marcellus Shale gas is going to terminals in Montego Bay and Old Harbour in Jamaica, and will also be shipped to San Juan, Puerto Rico; La Paz in Baja California; and Shannon, Ireland, once terminals currently planned in those three locations are constructed.

Once shipped to those locations, the gas will be used in natural gas power plants to provide electricity to those regions.

They also plan to capital-

ize on a growing supply-demand gap and create new markets for natural gas by developing liquefaction assets, particularly in areas with 'stranded' reserves, which are natural gas reserves not connected to large interstate or transnational pipelines. Not only are these reserves not connected by pipeline to end users, they are not connected to any significant pipeline, as is the case in much of Pennsylvania."

With that said, company officials in FERC documents noted there will be another LNG plant constructed in Pennsylvania, with long-term plans to build five more such facilities.

New Fortress hopes to have the Wyalusing plant substantially complete by the end of 2020. And while that may seem like a lofty goal, the company has already obtained some of the permits it needs for the project, which will be located on approximately 60 acres in the middle of the 240 acres the company purchased on the south side of the municipality.

Ventello noted that projects like these are where Pennsylvania needs to be in the development of natural gas as an industry and as an economic driver.

Library Auction Night in Montrose Sat., Apr. 27

The 21st Annual Library Auction will be held Sat., Apr. 27, at the Montrose VFW, Route 706, Montrose.

The doors will open at 4 p.m., with a dinner buffet with beverages and desserts served at 5 p.m. The auction will then begin at 6 p.m. A \$10 admission at the door includes entrance to the auction and the dinner.

Some of the items up for auction this year include original artwork by Joe Welden and Linda Truman as well as gift baskets, event tickets, gift certificates, furniture, artwork, antiques and more.

All proceeds will benefit the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association, including the Forest City library.

FREE Comm. Lunch at Christ Church Apr. 27

The Stone Soup Kitchen at Christ Church Invites everyone to join them for a FREE Community Luncheon at CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Corner Delaware & Dundaff Streets, Forest City, on Saturday, April 27. Servings are Noon - 1:00 pm.

Join them & bring your family & friends. Share a hearty lunch & wonderful camaraderie.

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