

Area Obituaries



Ruth Anne Niblick
Clifford Twp.

Ruth Anne Niblick, 81 of Clifford Township died Monday, July 1, 2019 at Abington Manor, Clarks Summit, of pancreatic cancer.

Born August 30, 1937, in Orange, NJ, she is the daughter of the late Frank J. and Margaret A. (Crandall) Wescott. She grew up in New Jersey and had strong connections to the Forest City Uniondale area. Ruth Anne raised her family in Boonton Township, NJ, and was a Manager for Ryder Student Transportation (later First Student) for 30 years before her retirement. An avid choral singer, she was a member of the choir in every church she attended, and for many years sang with the Morris Conservatory Chorus. She loved all animals, and always had at least 1 cat and one dog at any time. After retirement, Ruth Anne returned to her home outside of Forest City, completing a renovation of the home originally owned by her parents. She thoroughly enjoyed riding her John Deere tractor to mow the 3 acre+ of her lawn. She was a member of her beloved Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City, singing in the choir, helping at community lunches and dinners, and serving on vestry. She was also a member of the Phoenix Women's Club in Uniondale.

Ruth Anne is survived by her children: Sr Laurie W Niblick, SSC, Lilydale MN, Margaret Niblick Herman, Sarasota, FL, William F Niblick (Dale), Denville NJ, and foster son Kenneth Sanders of Washington, NJ; sisters Elaine O'Reilly (Joseph) and Esther Harte and 4 grandchildren - Nicole Niblick, Corey Niblick, Alison Herman and Gavin Herman.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter Shari and sisters Alison Wescott, Romayne Platt Smith, and former husband, Wilfred Niblick.

The funeral will be August 31, at 2pm in the Christ Episcopal Church to be celebrated by the Rev. William McGinty, Delaware Street, Forest City. Cremation is through the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City. Interment will be private. Memorial gifts may be offered to Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City.

Condolences may be expressed at www.lesjackfuneralhome.com

Free Luncheon Sat., Aug. 31

Trinity Episcopal Church, 58 River St., Carbondale, will hold a free community luncheon on Sat., Aug. 31 from noon to 1 p.m.. All welcome.



Patrick Scanlon
Vandling

Patrick Scanlon, 70, of Vandling, died Sunday, August 11, 2019 at home. His wife and best friend, Patricia Anne Finnegan Scanlon, R.N., died February 1, 2008.

Born in Carbondale, son of the late Raymond P. and Louise Mannion Scanlon, he was a member of Saint Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. He was a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Carbondale. He was a 22 year veteran of the United States Air Forces, having retired as a Technical Sergeant. He served during the Vietnam War. Patrick was a frequent volunteer at the St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, Scranton.

Surviving are a daughter: Gretchen Jones and husband Rick, Carbondale; two sons: Timothy Prince and wife Barbara, Denver, CO; P.J. Scanlon and his wife Tracy, Olyphant; 7 grandchildren: Kimberly, Ricky, and Kyle Jones; Timothy and Amelia Prince; Ian and Maggie Scanlon; two sisters: Ann Prince, Forest City; Joan Contratto, Sturgeon Bay, WI; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Robert and Eugene Scanlon; and a sister: May Lou Scanlon.

The funeral was Friday, August 16 from the Brennan & Brennan Funeral Home, Inc., 55 Lincoln Avenue, Carbondale, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Saint Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. Interment with military honors, Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, 500 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503.

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

Lumber River Quartet at Finch Hill Aug. 23

The Lumber River Ministries will be presenting a concert of Gospel Music at the Finch Hill Baptist Church, located at 404 Route 106 in Greenfield Township, on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM. The Lumber River Quartet is a well know Southern Gospel Ministry that travels and ministers all across the US and Canada. Ronald, Glenn, and Les have appeared on TV, Radio, and are National Recording Artists. With smooth harmonies, live energetic style, and some good Christian humor, Lumber River gives the message God has given them in hopes of seeing people everywhere come to know Jesus as their personal Savior. Admission is free. Love offering will be taken.



Paul Jubinsky
Hyde Park, NY

Paul Jubinsky, a resident of Hyde Park, NY entered into rest Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at his home. He was 95.

Son of the late Timothy and Julia Hutnik Jubinsky, he was born June 14, 1924 in Pleasant Mount, Pennsylvania. He was proud of the fact that he was born and raised on the family farm. Prior to his retirement, he worked as a Department Technician with IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY. Together with his wife, he was a founding member of St. Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Church in Wappingers Falls, NY and they have been devoted members since. He was the first warden of the church and had been in the church choir. Paul was a wonderful handyman and could fix and do everything. He also enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include his children, Joanie Webb and husband, Doug and James Jubinsky; his sister, Mary Sigler; his grandchildren, Stacey Houchens and husband, Isaac and Jeffrey Webb; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife of sixty-six years, Anastasia "Nancy" Jubinsky on January 14, 2018. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his brothers, Metro, Anthony, Michael and Peter Jubinsky and sisters, Ann Matwey and Olga Jubinsky.

Family received their friends on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at St. Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Church, 1550, Route 376 in Wappingers Falls. A memorial service followed.

A funeral service was held on Monday, August 12 at the church. Entombment followed in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, South Avenue in Poughkeepsie.

Memorial donations may be made to the SAS Foundation, PO Box 602, Bible School Park, New York 13737.

Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, PO Box 131, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. To send the family a personal condolence or for directions, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Chicken BBQ at St. John's Church Aug. 24

St. John's Orthodox Church in Dundaff (off Route 247) will hold a chicken BBQ and flea market on Sat., Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Takeouts only from 11 a.m. until sold out. GPS address is 378 Lyon St., Clifford Twp.

For further information, contact: 570-222-3293.



Kathleen R. (Collins) Phillips
Carbondale

Kathleen R. (Collins) Phillips, 74, of Carbondale, died Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at Hospice of the Sacred Heart after a brief but courageous battle with lung cancer. She was the wife of Garry Phillips; they would have celebrated their 36th anniversary on Nov. 12.

Born on Sept. 23, 1944, daughter of the late Raymond and Gertrude (McCloskey) Collins, she was raised in Archbald and graduated from Archbald High School in 1962.

She worked a variety of jobs throughout her life and retired from Supermarket Services in 2009.

Kathy was a devoted wife and a loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved all of their vacations together; especially their trips to OBX, the most recent trip being just four weeks ago.

She is also survived by three daughters, Michele Simon and fiancé, Christopher Olenick, Peckville; Charlene Agnellini and husband, Dana, Fredericksburg, Va.; and Ellen Ksiazek and husband, Gregory, Olyphant; three stepsons, Bob Phillips and wife, Jenny, Forest City; Ken Phillips and wife, Carolyn, Lititz; and Doug Phillips and wife, Solange, Austin, Texas.

She will be forever missed by her grandchildren, Amanda Sileo, Louie Pambianco, Christian, Brandon and Chase Williams, Mason Green, Jimmy Rebernick, Jamie and Ryan Phillips, Elisabeth and Kaci Lyn Phillips, Gaia and Apollo Phillips.

Also surviving are three sisters, Sharon Plevyak, Archbald; Daryle Collins, Olyphant; and Margaret Michowski and husband, William, Peckville; and a brother, William Collins and wife, Cheryl, Polson, Mont.; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral was Saturday, August 17 from the Harrison Funeral Home, 374 N. Main St., Archbald, with interment at Archbald Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Griffin Pond Animal Shelter, 967 Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411, www.griffinpondanimalshelter.com.

Paws in the Park Sun., Aug. 25

The Griffin Pond Animal Shelter will hold Paws in the Park, on Sun., Aug. 25 from noon until 3:30 p.m. at McDade Park in Scranton.

It will be a fun, and family-friendly day including vendors, music, food, raffle baskets and more.

Griffin Pond Animal Shelter is a non-profit organization that receives no county, state or federal funding. They depend on the generous donations and support from animal lovers everywhere. Please come out and help a good cause!

To be a sponsor of this event or inquire about a vendor spot, please call 570-586-3700

William F. Gallagher

Crystal Lake

William F. Gallagher of Crystal Lake and Stroudsburg died Friday, August 9, 2019 after an illness.

Born in Carbondale, son of the late Joseph and Beatrice Waters Gallagher, he is survived by his long-time companion Mary Jane Drake of Stroudsburg, and his children; Bill Gallagher, AJ Gallagher, Jaime Castoro, son-in-law, Frank Castoro; and grandchildren Jillian and Miles Castoro.

He is also survived by a large family of many nieces, nephews, and numerous friends who will miss him.

Bill was a man whose happiness could be found in time well spent with his loving family and friends. Throughout his 81 years, he was able to touch the lives of many through his numerous hobbies, which included golf (whether it be swinging 18 holes at Elkview, or taking home the Green Jacket in putt-putt tournaments at Arlo's Tavern), pool leagues, auctions, and other various ventures.

His enthusiasm for life was contagious, as he was and continues to be, a true light in the lives of others. May all who knew him think of him fondly by remembering a smile that could brighten any room and a wildly infectious laughter.

At his request, there will be no services. Donations can be made to St. Jude's Hospital or St. Joseph Center in Scranton.

Tri-County Seniors August Meetings

Town meeting of the Tri-County Senior Citizens will take place on Mon., Aug. 26, at 1 PM in the Community Room of William Penn Apartments.

Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner Sept. 18

The Clifford United Methodist Church, Main St. in Clifford, will hold a Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner on Wed., Sept. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. Take out or Dine

Donation is \$9.95 and includes dinner, drink & dessert.

THANK YOU

The Forest City Cross Country team would like to express its sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Coal Cracker 2 mile & 1/4 marathon race held Aug. 3, 2019 on the newly renovated D&H Rail-Trail. The annual FCR XC fundraiser is held in association with the Forest City Trail Town Festival and is the main source of funding for the cross country invitations and team gear. Thank you for your generosity!

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Rosalie Herbert Fives
Vandling

Rosalie H. Fives, 95, of Vandling passed away Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at Regional Hospital of Scranton. She was the wife of Donald L. Fives.

Born in Simpson, daughter of the late Peter J. and Rose Hitchko Herbert. She was a 1942 graduate of Fell High School. She was employed by Gentex Corp., Carbondale Underware Mfg., and Daystrom.

In 1965, she moved to Manville, New Jersey, where her husband was employed at National Lockwasher Corp.; here Rosalie became a homemaker and upon her husband's retirement, in 1988, the family moved back to Pennsylvania and settled in Vandling.

She was a devoted member of Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, Manville, NJ and St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church, Jermyn

Her family was the center of her life, especially her grandchildren, who she adored. Rosalie enjoyed having her sisters "up the house" on Sundays for their weekly visits and cocktails. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. A special thank you to Lois Schuster her long-time friend and neighbor who would always be there in a time of need.

Rosalie is survived by her son William and his wife Tammy, Scott Twp.; grandchildren Chad, Shelby and Skylar; great-grandchild Chloe; and nieces and nephews.

Rosalie was preceded in death by her four sisters, Elizabeth Zrowka, Ana Budwell, Delores Zavacky and Evelyn Zurko.

Rosalie's funeral was Monday, August 19 in St. Michael's R.O. Church, Jermyn. Entombment St. Tikhon's Mausoleum, South Canaan

Donations can be made to St. Michael's R.O. Church, 305 Walnut St., Jermyn, Pa 18433, in Rosalie's name.

For condolences visit: www.scotchlasfuneralhome.com

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Card of Thanks

The family of Eugene Cicco wishes to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many relatives and friends who shared in our recent bereavement.

Your gifts of Mass Cards, flowers, food and donations were greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank the Physicians and staff at Wayne Memorial Hospital, Geisinger CMC, Forest City Nursing Home, and Hospice of the Sacred Heart. Your compassion and kindness will always be remembered.

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