

Area Obituaries



Joan Heller
Union Dale

Joan Heller, 86, of Union Dale, died peacefully Saturday, September 5, 2020, at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore surrounded by her loving family. Her husband of 49 years was the late Dean R. Heller.

Born in Simpson, daughter of the late Michael and Christine Figel Natishak, and step daughter of the late Rose Mihelc Natishak, she was a member of Saint John's Byzantine Catholic Church, Forest City. She was a graduate of Forest City High School. She touched many lives as an employee of the Head Start Program where she became affectionately known as "Mrs. Heller". Her love for children continued beyond retirement as she found joy in giving to kids in the community and being a "Grandmother" to many. She truly cherished her children and grandchildren who appreciated her great sense of humor. In addition to spending time with the kids, she enjoyed picking blueberries, baking pies, sitting on the beach, and most especially, scratching bingo tickets or going to the casino.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Hospice of the Sacred Heart and Dr. Matthew Haley and his staff for the compassionate care given to Joan as her Alzheimer's Disease progressed.

Surviving are her six children: James Heller and wife Lisa, Patricia Cino and husband James, William Heller and wife Barb, all of Union Dale, Margaret and husband Stanley Zory, Forest City, Susan Calabro and husband Philip, Union Dale, and Mary Ciamaichelo and husband Frank, Philadelphia; ten grandchildren: Marissa McAndrew and husband Joseph, Sara Baker and husband Steven, Dominic, Amanda, Rachelle, Elizabeth, Frankie, Chloe, Clara, and Tony; four great grandchildren: Isabel, Joseph, Braxton, and Maddox; two sisters: Pauline Shager, Union Dale, and Romayne Romy, Dunmore; a brother: Donald Natishak, Forest City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in

death by a son: Thomas Heller; two brothers: Michael and Joseph Natishak; a step sister: Tootsie Johnson; and a step brother: Joe Mihelc.

Private funeral services were held Wednesday, September 9th in Saint John's Byzantine Catholic Church, Forest City, followed by a graveside service in the Union Dale Cemetery. Arrangements by the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City.

Memorial donations may be made to Saint John's Byzantine Catholic Church, 306 Susquehanna Street, Forest City, PA 18421.

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.



Stacy L. Gardner, Jr.
Forest City

Stacy L. Gardner, Jr., 75, of Forest City passed away peacefully, September 4, 2020. He is survived by his wife, the former Ann E. Gursky.

Born January 22, 1945 in Carbondale, the son of the late Stacy and Helen Bucinell Gardner. He retired from the military and subsequent employment with the Defense Intelligence Agency after 33 years of service in 1993. He later worked for a few years as a private contractor for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

A lover of model trains and the outdoors, he also enjoyed numerous other hobbies.

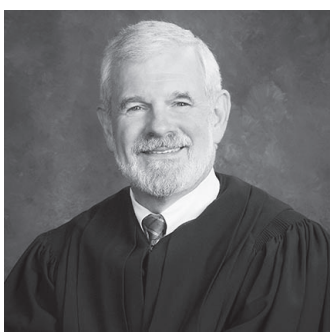
Also surviving are a daughter Deanna; son Stacy and his partner Dottie; and daughter Tricia Brehm and her husband Dan; grandchildren Elise and Ariana, Jan Sparaney and husband Greg; sisters Joyce Brooking, Ann Janeczic and her husband Tom, Barbara Allen and her husband Tom; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sister Mary Mindas.

Private services are through the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the Wounded Warriors Project, or another charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.lesjackfuneralhome.com.



Joseph Francis Kameen
Dingmans Ferry

Joseph Francis Kameen, 70, of Dingmans Ferry, PA passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, NJ. Joseph attended and graduated from Forest Regional High School with honors in 1968; East Stroudsburg University, Cum Laude in 1972 and the Dickinson School of Law, Cum Laude in 1980.

In his long and distinguished career, Judge Kameen taught English at East Stroudsburg High School; practiced law in Allentown, PA and then practiced law in Milford for many years before serving as an Assistant District Attorney and then First Assistant District Attorney for Pike County before his election to Judge. In his most recent position beginning in 2004, Judge Kameen was the President Judge of Common Pleas of Pike County where his responsibilities included the Administration of County Court, Presiding Judge in Criminal, Juvenile, Civil and Family Law Proceedings; Chairman of Criminal Justice Advisory Board and the Pike County Prison Board.

Judge Kameen participated with many organizations, including Legal Services of Northeastern Pennsylvania; Pike County Economic Development Corp.; Private Industrial Council of Northeast, PA; Pike County Bar Association; Penn State Paralegal Instructor; Pennsylvania District Attorney Association; Dickinson School of Law NE PA Alumni Association. He was a member of the Pike County Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association and the American Bar Association. In addition to his legal pursuits Joseph was a coach for Babe Ruth Baseball.

The son of the late Paul and Elizabeth (O'Neill) Kameen, Joseph was born on March 8, 1950 in Carbondale, PA.

He leaves behind his wife, Elizabeth (Erickson) Kameen of Dingmans Ferry, PA; daughter, Elizabeth Nora Kameen at home; three sons, Paul Arthur Kameen at home; Jonathon Kameen and Meagen of Milford, PA and Daniel Kameen and Jen of Milford, PA; sister, Elizabeth Kameen of Baltimore, MD; two brothers, Paul Kameen of Olympia, WA and Patrick Kameen of Lancaster, PA; grandchildren, Nixon, Silas, Bailey and Madison; mother in law, Nora Mostellar who has been by his side throughout his illness.

Family received friends at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Milford, PA on Friday, September 11, 2020. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul Church with Rev. John B. Boyle officiated. Burial was at the Delaware Cemetery, Dingmans Ferry, PA.

Memorial donations may be made to The ALS Association at 321 Norristown Road, Suite 260, Ambler, PA 19002.

Arrangements were made by Stroyan Funeral Home, 405 W. Harford St., Milford, PA 18337 (www.stroyanfuneralhome.com).



Mary Bell Susco
Camp Hill

On Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020, Mary Bell Susco passed at the age of 101. Mary was born on Oct. 30, 1918, in Carbondale, to Biagio Bell Baglio and Lucia Guinta, both of Sera del Falco, Sicily.

Her niece, Patricia Angello Gleich and husband, Paul, Camp Hill, Pa., were her caregivers. Patty, as she was fondly called, visited Mary daily at the Manor Care Nursing Facility in Camp Hill. In her loving and selfless way, Patty made sure that Aunt Mary was under good care.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas Susco, of Forest City; and a stepson, Michael Susco, Albany, N.Y. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Joseph Bell, Carlus Bell, Michael Bell, Samuel Bell, William Bell Baglio; her sister, Sarah Blandina; and a niece, Carmella Talarico.

Surviving are a sister, Madeline Angello, who is 104, Camp Hill, Pa.; a stepson, Nicholas Susco Jr. and wife, Candy, Charlotte, N.C.; and a stepdaughter, Linda Susco, Albany, N.Y.; also nieces and nephew, Lucy Cerraro and Mary "Snooky" Cerra, both of Carbondale; Lucille Chizmadia and husband, Ernie; and Joann Bilyard, both of Connecticut; and Thomas Angello and wife, Margie, of Camp Hill. Mary also has several great-nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary was a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Carbondale, class of 1938. Upon graduation, she was employed at Carbondale Products where she met her husband, Nick. Mary and Nick subsequently settled in Danville, Pa., where they worked together at the Danville Manufacturing Company. After Nick's death, Mary moved to Camp Hill to be closer to family. She was a member of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Camp Hill.

Mary especially enjoyed working in the garden and helping her nieces and nephews. She looked forward to her annual trips to Carbondale to visit relatives and friends.

A viewing was held Thursday, September 10 at Carmine J. & Louis C. Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 89 Farview St., Carbondale. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 15 Fallbrook St., Carbondale. Interment, Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Greenfield Twp.

Memorial donations may be made to the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 3425 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

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

Henry (Hank) Wildentstein
Formerly of Aldenville

Henry Wildentstein of Elkmont, Alabama, passed away on August 30, 2020 following an illness.

He was the son of the late Karl and Sarah Chyle Wildentstein of Aldenville, PA. He is predeceased by his wife, Diane, sister, Lois Panulla, and brother Lester Wildentstein. His sister Dawn is in Alabama. Left are many who will miss him and his dog "Maggie."

Henry has relatives all over Wayne County and in summers, he and "Maggie" would visit them all. Most of all, he loved the Pleasant Mount Parade and the tractors. He will be missed.



Pamela Underwood Davis
Fiddle Lake

Pamela Underwood Davis, 71, of Fiddle Lake, Ararat Twp., died Friday, September 4, 2020 at Geisinger Community Medical Center, Scranton.

Born in Yonkers, NY, daughter of the late George E. and Miriam Dewey Underwood, she was a 1971 Graduate of Lake Erie College, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Pamela was a lifelong member of the Fiddle Lake community in Ararat Twp. During her teenage, college, and early adult years, she enjoyed traveling, water and snow skiing, hiking, camping, and being with her friends from Fiddle Lake. During the 70s and 80s, she was an ardent mother and active member of the Bethlehem community, while raising her son Jonathan. After caring for her parents in their later years, she moved to Fiddle Lake full time in 1989.

Pamela most enjoyed being at the lake and living a carefree lake life. While not on the water or walking around the lake, she spent her time caring for her cats, reading, and being with her close friend Jay Steveskey and her grandchildren Victoria and Caden. She was a loving mother, friend, and grandparent who will be greatly missed.

Surviving are a son: Jonathan T. Davis and wife Colleen, Bethlehem; two grandchildren: Victoria R. Davis and Caden T. Davis; and a sister: Jean Henry, Athens, Maine.

As per her request, private funeral services were held. Arrangements by the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the True Friends Animal Welfare Center, 16332 SR 706, Montrose, PA 18801.

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Sally Pierson Cramer McMahon
Crystal Lake

On September 3, 2020, Sally Cramer McMahon passed away at the age of seventy-five.

Sally was born on May 24, 1945 to John and Dorothy Cramer in Carbondale, PA.

She graduated from Keystone Junior College in 1966 and throughout her working career was an administrative assistant for various companies when not enjoying a focus on being a mother. She ended her career working for Lovell America in Columbia, MD until her retirement in 2010 when she moved to Crystal Lake outside Carbondale, PA. Her last couple of years she lived with her son, Brian, in Nottingham, MD.

Sally was married to Kevin McMahon from 1973 to 1994 and during this union they had their two sons: Kevin Michael and Brian John and lovingly raised them in Columbia, MD.

Sally enjoyed reading in the sun, chocolate, a large soda at the movie theater, writing letters to life-long friends, risking quarters at a slot machine, swimming at Crystal Lake, and sharing laughter with her family and friends. She was known by all those that loved her as a generous spirit, unintentionally hilarious, and owner of a bountiful open heart.

Sally is survived by her son, Brian Holcomb McMahon, her son-in-law Nicholas Holcomb McMahon, her twin sister Susan Schreiber and her husband Robert Schreiber, her brother-in-law Thomas Hayes, her stepbrother William Bush, and her numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents John and Dorothy Cramer, her son Kevin McMahon, her brother Michael Cramer, and her sister Gretchen Hayes.

During this time when large gatherings are restrictive, Sally's family will hold a small, private memorial in Pennsylvania. When gatherings are again safe, her family plans to have a larger celebration of life with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, as Sally was a breast cancer survivor for over 30 years, donations may be made in Sally's memory to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (www.bcrf.org).

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