

Area Obituaries



Sophie B. Urbas

Formerly of Forest City

Sophie B. Urbas, 94, formerly of Forest City, suddenly passed away at Geisinger Community Medical Center, Scranton, on Monday August 24, 2020. Her husband, the late Carl Urbas, died February 7, 1996.

Born and raised in Richmond, daughter of the late Anthony and Mary Zuponic Simoncic, she was a graduate of Fell Township High School, Class of 1943. Sophie was a member of Ascension Parish, Forest City, the Slovenian Heritage Club, the Women's VFW Auxiliary, The American Legion Auxiliary, the Golden Age Club of Simpson, and the Forest City Senior Citizens Club. She was also a KSKJ member. For many years, she was a volunteer at American Red Cross Bloodmobiles, American Cancer Society Daffodil Days, and at the Meals on Wheels of Forest City. All her life, Sophie was devoted to her family and loved nothing more than being in their company. She loved laughter and a good joke. Her sense of humor kept everyone on their toes.

Well known as an accomplished seamstress, Sophie volunteered her services and talents to many local organizations, including the clergy, police and fire departments, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and school organizations and sports teams.

The family would like to thank the staff of Allied Skilled Nursing for their kind and compassionate care that Sophie received over the past five years.

Surviving are her children: Carl Urbas and wife Kathleen, Brown Dale; Robert Urbas and wife Cynthia, Vandling; Marilyn Szakal and wife Bonnie Adams, Lebanon; Kathleen Osborne and husband Edward, Throop; seven grandchildren: Brian Urbas, Melissa Franks, Beverly Miller, Steven Szakal, Jaelyn Urbas; Steven Yarem; and Jessica Yarem; eight great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Bernard Simoncic; and three sisters: Mary Risboskin; Ann Grum; and Lillian Miluszusky.

The funeral was Friday, August 28 with a Mass of

Christian Burial in St. Joseph's Church, Delaware St., Forest City. Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Forest City. Arrangements by the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Allied Services Recreation Department, 303 Smallacombe Drive, Scranton, PA 18508.

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.



Joseph "Jerry" Gerald Gilhooley
Union Dale

Joseph "Jerry" Gerald Gilhooley, 79, of Union Dale, passed away on Aug. 23, 2020.

Joseph was born in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, to Kathryn Lopata Gilhooley and Joseph Gilhooley on March 18, 1941. On Dec. 22, 1984, he married Grace Bahnweg Gilhooley. He was an employee at PennDOT. Jerry was involved as a fire policeman with the Germania Hose Company. He was also a member of the Jermyn Historical Society until he became ill.

Jerry had a love of trains and the railroad. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. He had a great love for his granddaughter. Jerry enjoyed assisting in buying cars with the "other" Jerry. He was a storyteller that could keep you in a conversation for hours.

Joseph was preceded in death by his mother, Kathryn Gilhooley, and father, Joseph Gilhooley, of Jermyn.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Grace Gilhooley; his son, Michael Bahnweg; his daughter, Theresa Buck, Benjamin Buck and granddaughter, Hayden. He is also survived by his sister, Kathy Gilhooley; niece, Kelly Gafner and Mark Gafner; nephew, Joseph Polinski and Lauren Polinski; and great-nieces and nephews.

Viewing was private due to the current restrictions.

At this time, the family would like to thank the Allied Hospice Care Services for all of their care during this hard time.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Germania Hose Company, 430 Foote Ave., Duryea, PA 18642.

Arrangements, Battenberg Funeral Home, Jermyn.



Angela M. Atkinson
Carbondale

Angela M. Atkinson, 88, of Carbondale, died Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at Regional Hospital of Scranton. Her husband was the late Thomas Atkinson.

Born in Carbondale, daughter of the late Frank and Mary Vitkus Molinaro, she was a nurse's aide at Marian Community Hospital and worked at Carbondale Nursing Home. She was a volunteer at many Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church functions including the spaghetti supper and feast, and was a Eucharistic minister.

Surviving are six sons, Philip, John, Paul; Richard and wife, Nicole, all of Carbondale; Mark, Olyphant; and Francis, Vandling; two daughters, Mary Ann Roberts and husband, James; and Nancy, all of Carbondale; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas; a daughter, Amy; and two brothers, Frank and James Molinaro.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, September 3 at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Carbondale. Interment, Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill.

Arrangements by Lawrence A. Gabriel Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 74 N. Main St., Carbondale. Online condolences may be sent to the funeral home website.

Andrew B. Gardner

Thompson

Andrew B. Gardner, 82, of Thompson, died on Wednesday night, August 19, 2020 at Allied Hospice in Scranton. His wife is the author Trebbe Johnson. The couple married in 1986.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, he was the son of the late Burleigh B. and Mary Ruby Gardner. He was an artist and graphic designer and a member of the Thompson Borough Council for over 25 years. He taught Tai Chi and was chairman of the Florence Shelly Preserve Wetlands Stewardship Committee and a founding member of SCAN in Susquehanna County.

Also surviving are two sons, Jared Gardner of Ohio, and Damion Gardner of New York; a daughter Justine Gardner of New York; and four grandsons, Eli, Gideon, Isaiah, and Augustus (Gus).

He was preceded in death by his brother, Steve Gardner.

In consideration of the Coronavirus, there will be a memorial "outdoor open house" in a few weeks.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Lawrence E. Young Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 418 South State Street, Clarks Summit.

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Jean Caviston Smugeresky
Skorupa Vandling

A memorial mass for Jean Caviston Smugeresky Skorupa, 79, of Vandling, who died April 11, 2020 will be held Saturday, September 5th at 10:30 am in St. Michael's Church, 44 Midland Street, Simpson. Arrangements by the Brennan & Brennan Funeral Home, Inc., 55 Lincoln Avenue, Carbondale.

Shirley E. Foster Noll
New Port Richey, FL

Shirley E. Foster Noll, 96, of New Port Richey, FL passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 23, 2002 at Forest Glen Lodge Assisted Living.

Born in Union Dale, PA, she was the youngest child of the late Charles W. and Irena Price Foster. She is also the last surviving member of their immediate family, except for sister-in-law Helen B. Foster of Susquehanna, PA.

After the end of WWII, she moved with her husband and two sons to NJ for a short time, then to MD for 19 years; afterwards to CO for 24 years, and finally to FL in 1995 to be close to her children, grand children and great-grandchildren. She loved spending time outdoors, taking long walks and hiking in the mountains. No matter where she lived PA was always home for her. Her favorite memories were of summer vacations spent at Chipmunk, her brother's cottage.

She is predeceased by her oldest son, Foster LeRoy Noll and one grandson Christopher Brian Ware. She is survived by three sons; Garfield Lanny Noll of Albuquerque, NM; Jonathan Wayne Noll and wife Sharon of Spring Hill, FL; Troy Donaphon Noll of Odessa, FL; and one daughter Cheryl Irene Noll Williams and husband Earnest of Melbourne Beach, FL, also 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life was held in Florida on Aug. 28, 2020. A Burial service will be held at Lyon Street Cemetery at a later date.

Roast Beef Dinner in Pl. Mt. Sat., Sept. 19

St. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 2112 Belmont Tpke., Union Dale, will hold a roast beef dinner on Sat., Sept. 19, with serving from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Take-outs only, but offering curbside pick-up. Donation is \$13.

For tickets, please call 570-448-2400 or 570-785-9413

Chicken BBQ in Waymart Sat., Sept. 12

The Clinton Center Baptist Church, Rte. 296 in Waymart will host a take-out only chicken BBQ on Sat., Sept. 12 from noon to 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling: Mike 570-470-5996; Teresa 570-280-8640; Janet 570-960-116; Cal 570-319-5133 or; Judy 570-219-3594

Tri-Cty. Sportsman's Meeting Cancelled

The Tri-County Sportsman's Association meeting scheduled for Thurs., Sept. 10, 2020 has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Contact Mark Misura at 570-498-5529 with any questions.

Visitors Bureau Offers Free Membership

The Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau, serving Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties is offering free membership to tourism-related businesses starting immediately and continuing through 2021. Applications are now available.

"The tourism industry has been greatly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic due to travel concerns and limited access to amenities," said EMVB executive director Jean Ruhf. "As we slowly reopen, we are hoping that this offer will help all of the small, locally owned businesses."

The EMVB has been the designated tourist promotion agency for the three counties since 1962 with a goal of marketing the region as a whole. Members benefit from the EMVB's promotion strategy that includes placing ads in local, regional, state and national publications and social media.

In addition to making brochures for member businesses available to guests at the Endless Mountains Visitors Center in Tunkhannock, the EMVB distributes its Guide to the Endless Mountains in nearby counties and throughout Pennsylvania and New York states at highway rest areas and welcome centers.

As Americans turn in increasing numbers to the internet for information and resources, the EMVB is con-

Wayne County Seniors Can Pick Up Meals

The Senior Centers in Hamlin, Hawley and Honesdale would like to remind Wayne County residents that in addition to weekday dine-in, meals are also available for pickup. The County has received funding that allows this program to continue through September of 2021.

Reservations are required the day before BY 1 p.m. as only the number of meals ordered are prepared.

To make reservations at the Hamlin Center for pick up between 11 and 11:30 a.m., call 570-689-3766; To make reservations at the Hawley Center for pick up between 11:45 to 12:45 call 570-226-4209; and to make reservations at the Honesdale Center for pick up between 11 and noon, call 570-253-5540.

In-home meal delivery is another option; call 570-253-4262 and ask for the Intake Department to be screened and registered.

Patriot's Day Remembrance Fri., Sept. 11

Friday, Sept. 11, is Patriot's Day across the Country, and residents are asked to remember September 11th wherever they might be. This year is the 19th anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks.

Your can remember September 11, 2001, by visiting the 9/11 Memorial, located at 925 Court Street, Honesdale in front of the Dimmock Building beginning at 9 AM. All are invited to attend and pay their respects.

stantly updating its website www.endlessmountains.org to reflect an ever-changing pallet of options for people venturing out on day and weekend trips and longer vacations, as well as those driving through the area and seeking unique places to shop, eat, and explore.

Until the time that events like our amazing county fairs and themed festivals can resume in larger numbers, the Endless Mountains remains home to numerous parks, trails and recreation areas; rivers, creeks waterfalls and lakes; and countless scenic vistas. Nobody does social distancing as well as rural Pennsylvanians, as we roll out our virtual red carpets.

Letting people know where inns, bed & breakfasts, hotels and vacation rentals are is just the start, Ruhf explained. "We are dedicated to getting information about our members out to visitors before and after they arrive," she stated. "We are also still representing our members through networking opportunities and routine meetings with tour and travel partners, including AAA."

For more information, feel free to call the EMVB at 570-836-5432.

Hope & Remembrance Event Fri., Sept. 18

The Susquehanna County Board of Commissioners, and the Lackawanna-Susquehanna Behavioral Health/Intellectual/Early Intervention Program will sponsor a Hope and Remembrance Event on Fri., Sept. 18, to remember those lost to suicide.

The event will take place at The Williams Pavilion at Salt Springs State Park at 6:00 p.m. It's an open structure that does offer some seating, but please bring a camp chair to help social distancing, along with your mask. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Diane Hawley-Wurth, Suicide Awareness Coordinator for Susquehanna County. E-mail dianeh@theadvocacyalliance.org or contact The Advocacy Alliance at 1-877-315-6855

Porch Extravaganza Sale in Equinunk Sept. 5

The Calder Shop at the Equinunk Historical Society will hold a GOOD-BYE SUMMER, HELLO FALL "PORCH EXTRAVAGANZA" on Sat., Sept. 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Looking for something to do on the holiday? Visit EHS and bring your guests. The sale will feature gifts for every occasion, reasonable prices. New items arriving daily.

EHS is located at 1972 Pine Mill Rd., (where it meets Rte. 191) in the center of Equinunk village. For more information, call 570224-6722.

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