

Area Obituaries



**Joseph James
Murphy**
Union Dale

Joseph James Murphy, 51, passed away in his home after a three year battle with cancer. He was the son of the late John and Pearl Murphy of Uniondale, and leaves behind his wife Donna Helene (Gulbin) Murphy, sons Robert Joseph and Joseph Ryan, and numerous brothers and sisters.

Joe was born into a blue collar family of water well drillers where honest work and love for family were the highest held values. He spent his teenage years working as a mechanic at Joe Bock's garage in Forest City and fixing vehicles and drilling wells with his father and brothers. After graduating from Forest City Regional High School and corresponding vocational school in 1987, Joe spent several years logging before finding a 20+ year career with Linde Corporation as a heavy equipment mechanic. Joe concurrently kept drilling during this time, and his father John asked him to take over the family business in recent years, turning it into Joe Murphy Drilling LLC. He leaves the business to his wife Donna, brother Michael, and two sons who will carry on the Murphy name as a working family.

There are no right words to talk about Joe because he had a strong belief that actions speak louder than words, and his legacy proves as much. His life embodied honest, hard working family values. Even during his treatments he continued turning wrenches and drilling, only stopping when he could no longer physically stand. The sheer determination to provide for his family throughout his illness is a testament to the kind of man he was: selfless, loving, determined, incredibly strong. The unforgettable memory of Joe will continue on in anyone who has ever had the pleasure of being acquainted with him,

especially his loving wife of 23 years, Donna, and his pride and joy, Robert and Joseph.

In lieu of flowers, please support the education of his youngest son Joseph. Donations can be made to Joseph Murphy, Honesdale National Bank, Forest City PA 18421.

Viewing was Friday, October 9 at the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City.

Condolences: visit www.lesjackfuneralhome.com

Donald F. Slush Vandling

Donald F. Slush, 89, of Vandling, died Sunday, October 4, 2020 at home. His wife, the former Bridget D. Devaney, died December 25, 2014.

Born in Forest City, son of the late Paul and Tessie Neniush Slush, he was a member of Ascension Parish, Forest City. He was a graduate of Forest City High School, where he was a phenomenal athlete, serving as a star player on both the basketball and baseball teams. After graduation, Don served in the United States Air Force, and later as a member of the Air Force Reserves. Upon returning home from the service, he began a long career working at the the A&P Market as the Produce Manager, first in Forest City, then in Monticello, NY after the Forest City store closed; he later went on to work at Zazzera's Market, Forest City.

He greatly enjoyed fishing and going to the racetrack at Monticello and Off Track Betting in Carbondale to watch the horses and socialize with friends. Most importantly, Don was a family man, greatly enjoying the time that he spent with his wife and kids.

Surviving are a daughter: Mary Slush Koziak and husband David, Nashville, TN, and their children: David and Alex; a son: Dr. Donald F. Slush and wife Erica Dennis, Burlington, VT and their children: Jack and Elinora; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Slush.

The funeral was Friday, October 9 with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph's Church, Delaware St., Forest City. Interment followed in Saint Anthony's Cemetery, Forest City. Arrangements by the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, 430 Main Street, Forest City.

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.



**Donald B.
Evans Jr.**
Carbondale

Donald B. Evans Jr., 41, of Carbondale, died Sunday, October 4, 2020 at home. His wife is the former Tarah M. McHugh. The couple had been together for 23 years.

Born in Carbondale, son of the late Donald B. Sr. and Marie Owen Evans, he was a 1998 graduate of Carbondale Area High School. Donnie had been an emergency medical technician for several area ambulance services including Cottage Hose Ambulance and William Walker Ambulance. He was a former fire chief of Pleasant Mount and a member of Clifford Twp. Fire Dept.

Donnie was a former commissioner of the Forest City Little League and former president of the Forest City Youth Soccer Association. He enjoyed the outdoors especially hunting and fishing. Donnie lived for his family and friends and helping others.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons, Dominick, Steven, Alex and Chase, all at home; and a brother, Jeremy Kilmer, who resided with Donnie and Tarah; two additional brothers, Chris Evans and companion, Laurie Skumanich; and Scott Evans; a sister, Candice Brown and husband, Tex; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements by the Oliver Shifler & Scotchlas Funeral Home Inc., Carbondale. For condolences, visit www.shiflerfuneralhome.com.



Ethel Lawbosky
Crystal Lake

Ethel Lawbosky, 100, of Crystal Lake, died Saturday, October 3, 2020 at home. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Leslie Robinson, in 1963, and her second husband, Peter Lawbosky, in 1986.

Born Aug. 19, 1920, in Greenfield Twp., she was the last surviving child of the late Cortland and Blanche Davis Kilmer.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Scranton, and will be remembered as a very kind and sweet natured person by her family and friends. She was also very fond of her cats.

She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters, Gertrude Kilmer, Annabelle Stackhouse, Lelia Barrett and Olive Decker; and two brothers, Chester and Clarence Kilmer.

Family and friends attended a graveside service Friday, October 9 at the Clifford Valley Cemetery, Main Street, Clifford, officiated by Pastor Thomas Cusack.

Arrangements by Shifler-Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Clifford.

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



Jeanette Dottle
Carbondale

Jeanette Dottle, 84, of Carbondale, died Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Dottle, who died in 1998.

Born in Elkdale, daughter of the late Vincent and Eva Kowalsky Swedersky, she was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. She was a graduate of Pleasant Mount High School. Prior to retirement, she was employed as a cashier at Burlington Coat Factory, Eynon. She enjoyed playing Bingo and Pokeno, and attending prayer meetings and saying the rosary. She was an avid cook and homemaker who was devoted to her children.

Two daughters: Denise Shamro, Ardmore; Julie Sipko, Philadelphia; a son: Martin Shamro and wife Jacqueline, Herrick Center; two grandsons: Matthew and Luke Sipko; a granddaughter: Ashley Shamro; a sister: Diane Borowski, Archbald; two step daughters: Mary Cure and Cheryl Dottle, both of Carbondale; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was Friday, October 9 with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. Interment, Our Mother of Sorrows, Finch Hill. Arrangements by the Brennan & Brennan Funeral Home, Inc., 55 Lincoln Avenue, Carbondale.

Memorial donations may be made to the Carbondale Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Activities Fund, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, PA 18407.

To send online condolences, visit the funeral home website.



**Albert A. "Al"
Oakey**
Greenfield Twp.

Albert A. "Al" Oakey, 77, of Greenfield Twp., formerly of Dickson City, passed away Friday afternoon, September 18, 2020, at the Gino Merli Veterans Center in Scranton after an illness. His loving wife of 54 years is the former Antoinette "Toni" Polensek.

Born in Peckville, son of the late Albert and Victoria Gola Oakey, he was a graduate of Dickson City High School, and was a member of the former St. Thomas Catholic Church in Dickson City. He honorably served his country with the United States Air Force from 1960 to 1966, and was the recipient of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the SO G-4 Citation and the 1963 Air Base Wing (4600ABWG) Citation.

Bethel Comm. Church Hunter & Firearms Classes are set

HUNTER and FIREARMS SAFETY CLASSES at Bethel Community Church, 248 Welch Hill Road, Clifford Twp, PA

SAT., Oct. 24 - NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course - \$80.00

Please sign up at <https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=592152&seats=8&State=n&zip=18470&radius=25.1&id=56%2c1%2c3&bsa=&youth=&women=>

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All Presidential Guidelines/Precautions for COVID 19 are Recommended for Each Course.

Free Lunch at Cold Spring Kitchen Oct. 17

Cold Spring Chapel's Community Kitchen will host a free soup and sandwich lunch on Sat., Oct. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy potato soup, hoagie sandwiches, and apple pie.

Take out, or eat in with social distancing being observed. The Community Kitchen is located at the crossroads of Upper Woods Road and Great Bend Turnpike (371W) Lebanon Township, Wayne County. For more information check them out on Facebook.

He was assigned to the 47th Communications Squadron, and worked in the Central Operations Command Center, Telephone & Telegraph Unit, and once rode on Air Force One with President John F. Kennedy. Earlier in his career, he was employed at Boeing Air Craft in Seattle, Wash., and more recently worked in retail management at Burlington Coat Factory in Eynon, prior to his retirement. He was a member of American Legion Post #665 in Dickson City and a member of Shopa Davey VFW Post 6082 in Peckville.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and the outdoors. He loved NASCAR and was an avid Jeff Gordon fan. He enjoyed going to the casino and playing "scratch-off" lottery tickets, and especially loved spending his time with his dog, "Bear." He loved his family unconditionally and would "go to the moon and back" for his grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

In addition to his wife, Toni, he is survived by two sons, Al Oakey Jr. of Dickson City and Jason Oakey and wife, Karen, and grandchildren, Isabella and Xander Oakey, all of Dickson City; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Carol Ann Oakey Zielinski and Geri Oakey Policichio.

There were no calling hours. The funeral services were at the convenience of the family. Arrangements by the John J. Turko & Sons Funeral Home, Dickson City.

Food Pantry in Lakewood Wed. Oct. 21

The Lakewood Food Pantry at the Northern Wayne Health Center at 412 Como Road, Lake Como, will host its monthly distribution of goods on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

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LEAVES, GRASS, PLANTS OR
OTHER GREEN YARD WASTE

Must use biodegradable bags. Must weigh less than 40 pounds.

TREE BRANCHES

Branches up to 6 foot in length/6 inches in Diameter are acceptable. Bundle or place small branches and twigs in cans or containers.

Do not mix rocks, dirt, cat litter or any other type of trash or recyclables with your yard waste.
HAVE ALL YARD WASTE AT THE CURB BY 7:00 AM.

NO PLASTIC BAGS

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