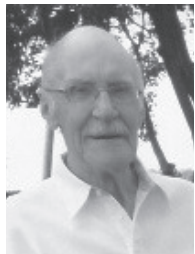


Obituaries



Charles A. Bell



Charles A. Bell, 85, of East Allen Township, passed away on Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at Kirkland Village, Bethlehem. He was the husband of Bonnie L. (Brobst) Bell with whom he shared 37 years of marriage on July 2nd. Born in Rochester, New York on March 25, 1927, he was the son of the late Archie and Louise (Suter) Bell. Charles was a graduate of Franklin High School, Rochester, NY, class of 1945. He later honorably served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. Charles was employed by N.C.R., Allentown for 43 years before retiring as a field engineer. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed puzzles, and he was a member of the St. John's United Church of Christ of Howertown. Survivors: in addition to his loving wife, Bonnie, he is survived by his two (2) grandsons. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Charlene Dixon and his sister, Phyllis Bell. Services: will be private at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours. Arrangements are under the care and direction of the George G. Bensing Funeral Home, Inc., Moorestown - Bath. Contributions:

may be made in memory of Charles to the St. John's United Church of Christ, 22 Atlas Road, Northampton, PA 18067.

Concetta M. Gonsalves

Concetta M. Gonsalves, 94, of Nazareth died on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2012 in Gracedale. She was the wife of the late John B. Gonsalves, who died in 1988.

A 1936 graduate of Easton High School, she was employed in the garment industry for many years.

Born in Easton, she was a daughter of the late Frank J. and Mary Marks.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Surviving are a son, John A. Gonsalves, of Nazareth, with whom she had resided; and three grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, John Lewis and Joseph M. Marks.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday morning in Holy Family Church, followed by interment in Gethsemane Cemetery, Palmer Township. Arrangements were by the Morello Funeral Home, Palmer Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123, or Holy Family Church, 23 Forest Dr., Nazareth, PA 18064.

Ernest W. Lockard

Feb. 29, 1920 - Dec. 27, 2012

Ernest W. Lockard, 92, of Bath, passed away on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at Alexandria Manor, Bath. He was the husband of the late Florence A. (Kolb) Lockard, who died in 2004.

Born in West Bangor on February 29, 1920, he was a son of the late Raymond and Jennie (Strunk) Lockard.

Ernest served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Prior to his retirement in 1984, he was employed by Diamond Slate Quarry, Pen Argyl, for more than 40 years. Ernest was a life-member of the Wind Gap American Legion.

He is survived by his daughter, Beverly A. Kopchak of Moore Township; grandchildren, Michael E. Kopchak of Catasauqua and Sherry Sprague of Easton; four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his five brothers and two sisters, as well as his son-in-law, Nicholas Kopchak, Jr. in 2010.

Services were held on Monday in the George G. Bensing Funeral Home, Moorestown - Bath, PA 18014. Interment with military honors followed in the Fairview Cemetery, Moorestown.

Contributions: may be made in memory of Ernest to The Center for Animal Health & Welfare, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton, PA 18042.

Martha B. Marakovits

Martha B. Marakovits, 93, formerly of Stewart St., Newport and Sacred Heart Assisted Living in Northampton, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012 in Gracedale. She was the wife of the late John F. Marakovits, who died in 1957.

She worked as a sales clerk for the former Gillespie Jewelers in Northampton for more than 25 years. Previously, she worked for the former Smith Candy Co., Northampton, and assisted her mother in operating the former Mary's Place bar on Newport Ave. in Northampton.

Born in Northampton, she was a daughter of the late John and Mary (Onushchak) Werbicky.

She was a member of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton.

Surviving are a daughter, Martha Ann Sawarynski, of Northampton; four grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Gloria, and brothers Eugene J. and John.

Funeral services were held

on Friday morning in Assumption BVM Church, followed by interment in the parish cemetery in Northampton. Arrangements were by the Schisler Funeral Home, Northampton.

Contributions may be made to the church memorial fund, 1301 Newport Ave., Northampton, PA 18067.

Ardalene M. Sandt

April 10, 1930 - Dec. 22, 2012

Ardalene May Sandt, 82, formerly of Lower Nazareth Township, died Saturday, Dec. 22 in Gracedale. She was the wife of the late David F. Sandt, Jr., who died July 1, 2005.

She had been a sewing machine operator in various garment mills before retiring in 1995 from Lincoln Textiles, Nazareth.

Born April 10, 1930 in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late Charles M. and Edith (Skinner) Matthias Frack.

She was a member of Trinity Evan. Lutheran Church, Hecktown, and its Altar Guild. She was a past member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Hecktown Fire Co.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen M. Tordonato, of Bath; sons Charles D. Sandt of Saylorsburg and Ronald Sandt of Amarillo, Texas; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Charles Matthias of Oxford, Miss. and William Sandt of Bath; sisters Marjorie Benner of Allentown and Marlene Bridges of Georgia.

Funeral services were held on Thursday morning in Trinity Lutheran Church, followed by burial in Northampton Memorial Shrine, Easton. Arrangements were by the Reichel Funeral Home, Nazareth.

Elsie Skok

Jan. 12, 1923 - Dec. 23, 2012

Elsie Skok, 89, of Northampton, died Sunday, Dec. 23 in Sacred Heart Assisted Living, Northampton. She was the wife of the late Louis Skok.

She worked as a process inspector at the former Western Electric until retiring in 1978.

Born Jan. 12, 1923 in Stiles, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Maria (Kupsky) Gavalla.

Nieces and nephews are her only survivors.

While Reichel's Funeral Home, Northampton, made arrangements, at her request there were no funeral services.

Donald F. Suranofsky

Donald F. Suranofsky, Sr., 73, of Northampton died Friday, Dec. 21, 2012 in Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg,

Bethlehem. He was the husband of Janice E. (Nichols) Suranofsky.

He was last employed by Interstate Iron of Whitehouse, N.J. as a welder/fitter for 11 years before retiring in 1998.

Born in Northampton, he was a son of the late Peter Suranofsky, Sr. and Mae (Lindenmoyer) Suranofsky.

He was an active member of Egypt Community Church, Whiethall, and assisted with many duties.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Catherine A. Iliff, of Northampton and Susan M. Hammons of Kansas City, Mo.; a son, Donald F. Suranofsky, Jr. of Catasauqua; two step-sons, Christopher E. Hilt of Northampton and Duane R. Hilt of Walnutport; a step-daughter, Tina Hilt, of Northampton; three sisters, twin sister Diane Szerencsits of Northampton, Elizabeth Wandler of Bath, and Mrs. Jacqueline Reppert of Northampton; a brother, Frank Suranofsky, of Northampton, and 10 grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were seven brothers, Martin, Franklin, Larry, Peter, Jr., Dennis, Milton, and Jack; and two sisters, Maryann Hoffman and Rita Sedonic.

Services were held on Thursday in the Schisler Funeral Home Northampton, with The Rev. Larry L. Pickar, Sr. officiating there and at interment in Cedar Hill Memorial Park Cemetery, Allentown.

Contributions may be made to the Egypt Community Church Memorial Fund, c/o the funeral home at 2119 Washington Ave., Northampton, PA 18067.

Fifties to Meet

St. John's Friendly Fifties will meet on Jan. 14th at 1:00pm in the social hall of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Church at 1343 Newport Avenue in Northampton. The speaker will be from Comfort Care. If Northampton schools are closed due to inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled for Jan. 21st.

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