BALASCHAK - Basil "Bill," 82, Johnstown, died March 4, 2003, in Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Born Oct. 10, 1920, in Johnstown, son of John and Mary (Balahazy) Balaschak. Preceded in death by parents; wife, the former Anna M. "Honey" Nyanko; infant sister, Margaret; infant brothers, Joseph and Stephen; sister, Anna Ditko; brothers, John, Paul, Michael and George Balaschak. Brother of Mary Piatak, Johnstown; Helen Michel, Long Island, N.Y.; and Andrew Balaschak. Johnstown. Retired millwright, Franklin Blast Furnace Department, Johnstown Plant, Bethlehem Steel Corp. Army veteran of World War II. Member of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church. Friends received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Francis G. Ozog Funeral Home Inc., Broad Street, where a brief service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday followed by Funeral Liturgy at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, the Rev. Msgr. Raymond Balta. Committal, Grandview Cemetery. Parastas will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

BERKEY - Leonard R., 81, resident of Shook Home, Chambersburg, Pa., formerly of 834 S. Coldbrook Ave., Chambersburg, died March 6, 2003, at the home. Born Jan. 5, 1922, in Paint Township, Somerset County, son of the late Wresley and Irene (Thomas) Berkey. Also preceded in death by wife, Gladys E., who died Oct. 14, 1997. He was a 1940 graduate of Windber High School, Windber. Ga., He had at one time been employed as a body shop foreman by the former Pristow's Auto Center, Richland. He was a U.S. Army paratrooper in World War II, who served with the 82nd Airborne Division. Survived by sons: Terry R. Berkey, Chambersburg; Rodney A., husband of Angie Berkey, Newport Ritchie, Fla.; and Thomas H. Berkey, Lancaster, Pa.; daughter, Nancy, wife of Barry Rotz, St. Thomas, Pa.; brother, Marlin R. Berkey, Windber; sisters, Bernice Ott, Windber; Olive Baker, Windber; Florence Brick, Hooversville; Donna Koot, Windber; Lois Swanger, State College; Janet Kushto, Windber; Neva Wise, Windber; and Marian Yoder, Davidsville; and six grandchildren. Aside from his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Hobert, and two grandsons, Nick Berkey and Aaron Rotz. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2003, and from noon until 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at Thomas L. Geisel Funeral Home, 333 Falling Spring Road, Chambersburg, where funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel, the Rev. K. Hull Byers officiating. Burial, Memorial Gardens, Parklawns Charles Nitterhouse

CUSTER - Harry E., 85, Somerset, died March 6, 2003, at Memorial Medical Center. Born June 27, 1917, in Shade Township, son of George and Ellen (Gibbons) Custer. Preceded in death by parents; brothers, Roy, William and Walter; sisters, Myrtle Lantz and Anna Shimer-Beegle; son-in-law, Richard Lender. Survived by wife, former Evelyn L. Custer; children: Joyce Lender, Pataskala, Ohio; Terry L. (Doris), and Deborah A., both of Somerset; Walter J. (Sharon), Beavercreek, Ohio; and Keith E. (Donna), Crawfordville, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and brother, Orville W. of Bedford. Harry was a retired UMWA coal miner and TV repairman. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Mulcahy Funeral Home, Central City, where service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, the Rev. Robert Slack. Interment, McGregor Cemetery, Cairnbrook.

GORDON - Pauline H.L., 84, of Johnstown, Pa., a longtime mortician and proprietor of The Gordon Mortuary in Johnstown, passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, af-

ter a brief illness. She was born on March 18, 1918, and was the fifth of eight children born to the late John M. and Ila Valentine Gordon Ochlocknee, in where she

spent her early childhood before moving with her family to Waycross, Ga. Her mother passed soon thereafter. Miss Gordon later joined many of her siblings in Duquesne, Pa., where they lived with their sister Mildred Gordon Jones and her husband, the late Henry C. Jones, a veteran officer of the Duquesne police force. Miss Gordon completed her education and was graduated from Duquesne High School before going on to graduate from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. As a young teenager in Duquesne, Miss Gordon joined the Jerusalem Baptist Church in that city and she maintained that affiliation throughout her life. Soon after becoming a licensed mortician, Miss Gordon moved to Johnstown, where she established and operated The Gordon Mortuary for more than 55 years and continued to do so until the time of her passing. She was one of the early female trailblazers in the realm of mortuary science and inspired, encouraged and assisted generations of others in her own profession as well as in other fields of endeavor, due to her lifelong zeal for higher education, which was in- 2003, at her residence. Born in Jeanstilled in early childhood by her nette, Westmoreland County, Pa., Chambersburg. Military graveside family. Miss Gordon was a member on Saturday, March 27, 1920, she service conducted by members of of numerous professional associa- was the daughter of late H. Ward Post 1599, tions, locally and nationally, from and VFW, Honor Guard, Memorial con- which she received countless Herline. She was a custodian at tributions may be made to: Alzhei- awards and recognition for her un- Shade-Central City School District mer's Association, Building 2, Suite precedented professional achieve-321, 2001 N. Front St., Harrisburg, ments and pioneering efforts. She particularly cherished her nearly 40-year-long lifetime membership in the NAACP. Miss Gordon was a beloved and admired beacon to her family which was enormously proud of her achievements. Miss Gordon was preceded in death by her infant brother, Charles; and her sister, Bernice L. Gordon, of Thomasville, Ga.; her sister, Frances Gordon Hemmans of Waycross, Ga.: and her brother, Otto D. Gordon of Pittsburgh, Pa. Also preceding her in death were special nephews, Henry J. and Duane L. Jones of Duquesne, Pa. She is survived by her sisters, Mildred Gordon Jones of Atlanta, Ga.; and Vivian J. Watson of Ochlocknee, Ga.; along with her brother, Kelso E. Gordon of Pittsburgh, Pa. Survivors also include Miss Gordon's beloved nieces Marva Jones Brooks and Alice Hemmans Turner of Atlanta, Ga.; and Frances Hemmans Fields of Waycross, Ga. Surviving nephews are William and Harvey Hemmans of Waycross, Ga.; Maxie Hemmans of Carson, Calif.; Kelso Gordon of Baltimore, Md.; Otto D. and Vaughn C. Gordon of Newport, R.I.; and John Gordon of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Miss Gordon also leaves to mourn several greatnieces and nephews; many cousins, especially Faye Harris Williams of Thomasville, Ga., and Coralyee Williams Carten of Cleveland, Ohio, and their families; and a host of other relatives and friends. The service for Miss Gordon will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 1 p.m. at St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 400 Pine St., Johnstown, Pr. 15909, with the Rev. Dr. Ralph Johnson Sr. officiating. Viewing hours will be held at the church on Friday, March 7, from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, March 8, from noon until 1 p.m., prior to the service. Funeral arrangements are by George E. Mason Funeral Home, Davidsville, Pa., David E. Lehman, supervisor. Burial will take place Wednesday, March 12, at 1 p.m. at the family plot in Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga., the Rev. Earl Williams Sr., cousin of Miss Gordon, who is a Presbyterian minister from Thomasville, Ga., officiating. Murray Brothers Funeral Home, Atlanta, Ga., is in charge of commitment service. Florists,

please deliver flowers Friday to St.

James Baptist Church.

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HOOVER - Robert F., 78, Hastings, died March 5, 2003, at Miners Medical Center. Born April 17, 1924, in Hastings, son of late Gordon and Margaret (Nagle) Hoover. Preceded in death by wife, former Imogene Miller; brother, James; and infant daughter. Survived by sons, Bill and wife, Margaret, Endwell, N.Y.; Pat and fiancee, Crystal, Rochester, N.Y.; Tom and wife, Beth, Maytown, Pa.; and seven grandchildren. Brother of Betty Smith and Bill Hoover, both of Holbrook, Mass.; and Jean MacDonald and Joe Hoover, both of Weymouth, Mass. S. Navy veteran of World War II. Member of Hastings VFW, where he was past commander; Holy Name Society of St. Bernard church; and UMWA. Friends received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Easly Funeral Home, Hastings. Funeral Mass, 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Hastings. Committal, church cemetery. Military rite by Hastings VFW.

KINDYA - Sylvia, 62, Johnstown, died March 6, 2003, at Windber Hospice. Born Dec. 20, 1940, in Johnstown, daughter of

late George and Mary (Orkish) Matson. Survived by husband of 27 years, Andrew Kindya, and children, Carla, David wife of Pessolano, Johns town; and Mark

Blair, married to former Heather Spowart, Pittsburgh; stepchildren: Kelly, wife of Thomas Kenley, Clyde; Andrea Geisweidt, Johnstown; and Ajay Kindya, Gas Center; grandmother of Taylor E. Blair, Colton T. Blair, and Chad Kenley. Mrs. Kindya is also survived by sisters, Valeria Kush, Dolores Lowery, and Shirley Conover; and brother, George Matson, all of Johnstown. Member of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church. Friends received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Francis G. Ozog Funeral Home Inc., Broad Street, where a brief service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday followed by Funeral Liturgy at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, the Rev. Msgr. Raymond Balta. Committal, Holy Trinity Cemetery. Parastas will be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Windber Hospice, 600 Somerset Ave., Windber, Pa. 15963, in memory of Mrs. Sylvia Kindya.

MATUSKO - Ona Lurena "Rene," 82, of School Road, Cairnbrook, died at 5:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, Anna Catherine (Ruby) for 20 years. She was the widow of Steve B. Matusko, whom she married in 1948, and he preceded her in death on March 30, 1988. She was a member of Manns Choice Church of God. She is survived by son, Ronald Crooks. Franklin; Matthew. husband of Cynthia (Rypczyk) Matusko, Cairnbrook; sister, Nellie Karns, Bedford; sister, Catherine Bittner, Sproul. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Brandi, Brittany, Ronnie and Denise; and three great-grandchildren, Nicole, Justin and Chloe. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Brandon, Harvey, and H. Ward Jr.; two sisters, Agnes Davis and Ruby Garland. Funeral service at Mickle-Geisel Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. D. Lloyd Abbott officiating. Interment at Bedford County Memorial Park, Bedford, Pa. Friends are invited to call Friday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Mickle-Geisel Funeral Home, Schellsburg.

RITCHEY - Robert Lee, 58, Osterburg, died March 5, 2003, at his residence. Born Aug. 18, 1944, in Everett, son of Howard and Lillian (Rice) Ritchey. Preceded in death by parents; infant son, Timothy; and three brothers. He married Sandra (Weyant) Ritchey on March 11, 1967, who survives. Also survived by children: LeAnn Miller, married to Brian Miller of Bedford; Christine Lohman and her special friend, Joe Fink of Bedford; Bradley S. Ritchey, married to former Amy Colledge of Breezewood; grandchildren, Amanda Lohman, Brittany Lohman, Derik Ritchey, Ty Miller; and sister, Laura Mae Kegg, married to Floyd Kegg of Bedford. Member of the Protestant faith. Self-employed general home maintenance worker. Friends received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Edward Blackburn Funeral Home, Pleasantville, where funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, the Rev. Charles Rhodes. Interment in Bedford County Memorial Park.

RUSSIAN - John F., 76, Lilly R.D., passed away March 6, 2003, at Altoona Hospital. Born June 10, 1926, in Portage, he was the son of the late John J. and Pearl M. (Chappell) Russian. Preceded in death by sister, Betty Kuchenbrod, and niece, Rhonda Burk. Survived by beloved wife, Viola (Funari) Russian, Lilly. Loving father of Francis P. Russian, Lilly; Barbara A. Knopp, Lilly; also survived by grandchildren, Jessica Russian, Francis Russian Jr., John P. Russian and Denni Russian: Dana and Matthew Knopp; and great-grandson, Joey Litzinger. Brother of Virginia, wife of John Patterson, Michigan; Eleanor Chicoli, Cresson; Dorothy Duffy, Willow Grove, Pa.; Bob Russian, Jamestown, Pa.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Retired from Bethlehem Steel mills. World War II Army veteran. Friends received from 3 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Thomas F. Cloherty Funeral Home, Lilly, where funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, the Rev. Msgr. John R. Sasway, VF. Committal, St. Brigid's Cemetery, Lilly. Military service by Lilly American Legion and Lilly VFW. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to Lilly Volunteer Fire Co. or Lilly Area Ambulance Association.

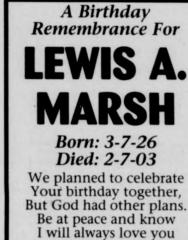
STOMBAUGH - Betty L., 77, Duncansville, died March 6, 2003, at Altoona Center for Nursing Care. Born Jan. 7, 1926, in Mount Savage, Md., daughter of William and Lilly Mae (Blucker) Witte. Preceded in death by parents; husband, Joseph W.; and two brothers. Survived by children: Wayne (Susan) these Pratt, New Jersey; Cheryl Pratt, Altoona; Deborah (Roger) DeLaCruz, Hitchcock, Texas; Brian (Rose) Pratt, Cresson; Darren Stombaugh, Poolesville, Md.; Sherri (Eric) Atwood, Texas City, Texas; Gregory Stombaugh, Poolesville, Md.; and Corey (Janet) Stombaugh, Duncansville; also 14 grandchildren. Sister of Carol, William, and Mary Elizabeth. Member of American Legion ladies auxiliary and Cresson Senior Citizens. Friends received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Jean H. Kinley Funeral Home, Portage. Funeral service, 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Mount Moriah Church, Blue Knob, the Rev. James F. Neatrour officiating. Interment, church cemetery.

WEAVER - Alfred C. "Pete," 85, Windber, died March 5, 2003, at Memorial Medical Center. Born Feb. 9, 1918, in Windber,

son of late Oliver A. and Margaret (Burkett) Weaver. Also preceded in death by brothers, Russell. Earl, Dean, Lloyd and Ross: and sisters. Webb and Ruth Anna McCreary. Survived by wife of 63 years, former

Kathryne L. Harbaugh, and these children, Beverly, wife of Ellis Berkebile, Windber; and Terry, married to former Jane Elkin, College Park, Md.; also grandchildren, Ellis Berkebile, married to former Dorothy LaRose, Summerhill Dennis Berkebile, married to former Trudy Walters, Cairnbrook; Kathy Berkebile, and fiance, Allan DePra, Johnstown; and Tawnya Trimble, College Park, Md.; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous close nieces and nephews. Brother of Edna Hill, Grace Hoffman, and Margaret Livingston, all of Windber. Mr. Weaver was a member of Town and Country Bowling League, Lutheran Mens League and Retired Mens League. Retired manager of former Glosser Bros. Gee Bee stores. He was a veteran of World War II and an avid farmer. Member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Johns town. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Meek Funeral Home Inc., Windber, where service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, the Rev. Earl Janssen officiating. Interment, Berkey Cemetery.





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AMES, Iowa - Pete Taylor, the radio voice of Iowa State football and basketball for 32 years and an associate athletic director at the school. died Wednesday after being admitted to the hospital for a stroke. He was 57

Mr. Taylor had surgery at University Hospitals in Iowa City and died of a brain hemorrhage following the operation, an Iowa State spokesman said. He was admitted on Tuesday.

"To many, many people in our state and beyond, Pete was Cyclone athletics," Iowa State athletic director Bruce Van De Velde said. "His voice was the window through which people saw the games.

Mr. Taylor missed Iowa State's game at Texas A&M on Feb. 19 and a home game against Kansas State three days later because of migraine headaches. But he called Iowa State's game at Nebraska on Saturday.

Iowa State officials wore ribbons of cardinal and gold, the school colors, at the Cyclones' home basketball game against Missouri on Wednesday night. B.J. Schaben replaced Mr. Taylor as the play-byplay announcer on the Cyclone Radio Network.

FUNERALS

The following funerals will be held in the area today:

SCHILLING - Robert John, 10 a.m., St. Benedict Catholic Church, Carrolltown. Moriconi Funeral Home Inc., Northern Cambria.

SUTTLE - Alfred Lee, 1 p.m., Moskal Funeral Home, West End.

VAUGHT - Eric D., 10 a.m., St. Benedict Catholic Church, Geistown. The Harris Funeral Home, 500 Cherry Lane, Richland.



Pa. 17102.

BISCHOF - Herbert J. Sr., 79, of Orchard Road, Schellsburg, died Wednesday at his home. He was born Nov. 14, 1923, in Johnstown, son of the late Stephen and Rose Marie (Munzer) Bischof. On April 19, 1954, he married Donna Yoder and she survives along with four sons: David, married to former Janice Johnson of Johnstown; Herbert Jr. of Schellsburg; Scott, married to former Lisa Miller of Schellsburg; Craig, married to former Karen Elliott of Bedford; 10 grandchildren; five sisters, Rita Clark, Rose Mary Bischof, Bertha Mayer and Betty Lorditch, all of Johnstown; Janet, wife of Gerald Clennon of Minooka, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Stephen Jr., husband of the former Betty O'Donald of Camp Hill. Mr. Bischof was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Bedford; Bedford American Legion, Post 113; Bedford Elks, Lodge 1707; Knights of Columbus; and Bedford VFW, Post 7527. He was a graduate of Catholic High School in Johnstown and St. Vincent College. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater on the USS Stockholm. He was a retired C.A.R.T. driver for the Area Agency on Aging. Prior to that he had been manager at the Bedford Elks Club; owned the Graystone Hotel and ran Bischof Markets in Johnstown. Funeral Mass, Saturday, 10 a.m. from St. Thomas Catholic Church in Bedford with Father Raymond G. Crosser officiating. Burial in St. Thomas Cemetery. Friends will be received on Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the l'imothy A. Berkebile Funeral Home, Bedford, where a vigil for the deceased will be held at 8:30 with the Rev. Frank Schuette.

In Loving Memory Of Our Mother MARGUERITE BACON Who Went To Be With God March 7, 2002 Loving memories never die As years roll on and days pass by. In our hearts a memory is kept Of one we loved and will never forget. Sadly Missed By TODD & MELISSA BACON & FAMILY & BRAD BACON

PLOAICH -Helena (Shestak) Kasper, 83, Vintondale, died March 5, 2003, at Select Specialty Care. Born June 17, 1919. Private funeral

service will be held at the convenience of the family. Bowser-Ondriezek Funeral Home, Nanty Glo.

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The Tribune-Democrat

SWARTZENTRUVER - Raymond F. "Swatzy," 79, Main Street, South Fork, died March 5, 2003, at Memorial Medical Center. Born Jan. 19, 1924, in South Fork, son of Robert and Harriet Swartzentruver. Preceded in death by parents, and many brothers and sisters. Survived by longtime companion, Delores "Dee" Wagstaff, St. Michael; children: Barbara Moon, Gainesville, Ga.; Beverly, wife of Cloyde Leventry, Johnstown; Raymond Jr.; Patricia, wife of Ron Chresler, Syracuse, N.Y.; James Wagstaff, St. Michael; and Rose, wife of Rodney Schwapp Jr., South Fork; also survived by numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. "Swatzy" was formerly employed by South Fork Borough for 30 years, during which he served as street commissioner for 25 years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Charles O. Dimond Funeral Home Inc., South Fork, where funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, the Rev. Ed Jenkins. Interment, South Fork

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