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Edward J. Klotz Sr.
NORTH HUNTINGDON

Edward J. Klotz Sr., 87, of North Huntingdon, passed away on Monday, April 4, 2016, at his home. He was born Oct. 21, 1928, in Duquesne, a son of the late Michael and Anna Petrosko Klotz. Prior to his retirement, Edward was a masonry bricklayer for U.S. Steel, and was a corporal in the Army, having served during the Korean War. He was a member of St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church, White Oak Rod and Gun Club, life member of the NRA and American Legion Post 0344 for 46 years. Edward was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and yard work and was a Pittsburgh sports teams fan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Michael. He is survived by his wife, Marie Czarnecki Klotz; sons, Michael and his wife, Sheila, Gary, Edward Jr. and his wife, Laurie; and grandchildren, Michael, Stephen, Anna, E.J. III and Zachary Klotz. **Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the JAMES W. SHIRLEY FUNERAL HOME INC., North Huntingdon. Liturgy will be held at noon Saturday at St. Stephen Church, Bethel Road, North Huntingdon. Please go directly to church.** www.shirleyfuneralhome.com.

Francis D. Lachie
YOUNGWOOD

Francis Donald Lachie, 82, of Youngwood, died Monday, April 4, 2016. He was born May 3, 1933, in Irwin, a son of the late Louis and Gazella (Stock) Lachie. He was a member of Holy Cross Church of Youngwood. Francis graduated from Irwin High School Class of 1952. He retired as a salesman for Somple Supply of Greensburg. Francis was always a very caring and loving husband and father, who was always there for his family. He enjoyed camping, traveling, working inside and outside the home with his many skills. Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Patrica; his sons, Donald R. Lachie, of Ligonier and Youngwood, and Michael F. Lachie, of Jeannette. He was preceded in death by a sister, Doloras Loughner; and a brother, Louis Lachie Jr. **Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday April 8, 2016, at Holy Cross Church, with the Rev. Bill McGuirk officiating. Please go directly to the church. Interment will follow in the Westmoreland County Memorial Park.**

Ruth I. Laskoski
LIGONIER

Ruth I. Laskoski, 72, of Ligonier, died Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at her home. She was born Nov. 4, 1943, in Fairfield Township, a daughter of the late Paul W. Roby Sr. and Grace Crusan Roby. She had been employed by the Bethlen Home as a dietary aide. Ruth enjoyed loving on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Roby. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Edward M. Laskoski; a daughter, Susan E. (Scott) Laskoski-Smith, of Ligonier; two grandchildren, Nicole (Lawrence) Tiberi and Lucas J. (Carolyn) Younker; two great-grandchildren, Landen Laskoski and Lincoln Tiberi; three sisters, Ella (Samuel) Kisamore, of Lamar, Colo., Diane (Thomas) Brant, of Bolivar, and Cyndi (Clint) Greer, of Warrenton, N.C.; and two brothers, Paul W. "Sonny" (Patricia) Roby Jr., of Lake Waccamaw, N.C., and Thomas E. (Dena) Roby, of Altus, Okla. **A service to celebrate Ruth's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the J. PAUL McCRACKEN FUNERAL CHAPEL INC., 144 E. Main St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Dr. J. Paul McCracken officiating.** Please, no flowers. Contributions, if desired, may be made in Ruth's memory to the charity of one's choice. To sign the online guest book, light a candle, or leave a condolence or memory, please visit www.jpaulmccrackenfuneralchapel.com.

Patricia (Spahr) Miller
NORTH HUNTINGDON

Patricia Spahr Miller, 80, of North Huntingdon, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2016, at her home. She was born Feb. 23, 1936, in Greensburg, a daughter of the late Charles and Alice Herold Spahr. Patricia was co-owner of Herminie Feed and Supply, Irwin and McKeesport stores. She was an active member of Circleville United Methodist Church, where she was a past member of the church council, past member of the board of trustees, prayer group and volunteer for the vacation Bible school. She was past chairman of Reseda Junior Women's Club, Reseda, Calif., past chairman of North Irwin Junior Women's Club, mother adviser of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and den mother for Boy Scouts of America. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, William H. Miller; sons, Kevin Miller and Revs. Kenneth Miller and his wife, Denise; daughter, Nadine Miller-Haelle and her husband, Frank; brother, Thomas Spahr and his wife, Donna; sister, Bonnie Koury; four grandchildren, Craig (Claudia) Miller, Kyle (Anna) Haelle, Justin Miller and Jenae Haelle; and five great-grandchildren, Kristian, Alejandra, Sierra, Halley and William. **Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the JAMES W. SHIRLEY FUNERAL HOME, 176 Clay Pike, North Huntingdon. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Circleville United Methodist Church. Interment in Irwin Union Cemetery.** In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Circleville United Methodist Church. www.shirleyfuneralhome.com.

Mary Mitchell
SMITHTON

Mary Mitchell, of Smithton, (South Huntingdon Township), died Monday, April 4, 2016. She was born April 29, 1953, in Strathaven, Scotland, United Kingdom, a daughter of the late Mitchell and Mary Brown Finlay, of Mayfield, Scotland, United Kingdom. Mary was active in the local scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. In the Girl Scouts, she was a leader, day camp director, trainer and service unit manager. In the Boy Scouts, she was a Cub Scout leader, committee member, scout master and camp "mom." She is survived by her husband, Jerry Mitchell; two daughters, Tracy Mitchell, of Clayton, N.C., and Jayne John (Jason), of Smithton; and a son, Ray Mitchell (Jodi), of Charleroi; nine grandchildren, Austin Mitchell, Daniel John, Jerra John, Ryan John, Noah Garchar, Travis John, Neven Mitchell, Michal John and Blake Mitchell. Mary is also survived by two sisters, Margaret Hardy (George), of England, United Kingdom, and Bauer (Mike), of Scotland, United Kingdom. **Family and friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the L.L. BARTHELS FUNERAL HOME INC., Second St., Smithton. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Mildred Martin officiating.** In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Judith A. Moore
LATROBE

Judith A. Moore, 65, of Latrobe, passed away Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital. Born Jan. 10, 1951, in Greensburg, she was a daughter of the late Edward E. Moore and Elsie L. (McMahen) Moore. Judy enjoyed cross stitch and crafting along with a good book. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Louise Rylander. Judy is survived by a nephew, Raymond Rylander; a niece, Dava Triplett; an uncle, Paul Moore; an aunt, Roberta Smith; and cousins, Roberta Hoffman, Larry Lord and Barry Lord. There will be no public visitations. **Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the JOHN J. LOPATICH FUNERAL HOME INC., 601 Weldon St., Latrobe, with the Rev. Donald Graff officiating. Private inurnment will be at Pleasant Unity Methodist Cemetery, Pleasant Unity.** In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 510 Pellis Road, Suite 203, Greensburg, PA 15601. To sign online guestbook, send condolences or to view detailed obituary information, please visit www.lopatich.com.

Nellie Nicoletti
MONROEVILLE

Nellie Nicoletti, 89, of Monroeville, died Monday, April 4, 2016. She was the beloved wife of 71 years to William A. Nicoletti; loving mother of Linda (Tom) Kendro, William J. (Joanne) Nicoletti, Nancy Conte, Michael (Karin) Nicoletti and the late Daniel and Maria; mother-in-law of Michelle Migliore; loving grandmother of Dina Nicoletti, Thomas (Jamie) Kendro, Michael (Danita) Kendro, Alana Nicoletti, Leann (Matt) Weaver and Sara Jo Nicoletti; great-grandmother of Logan, Justin, Ryan, McKenna, Alexis, Jacob, Rylee, Lucca and expecting baby Weaver; sister of John Grieco, Anne DiDiano, Michael Grieco and the late Mabel Scaglione, Nancy Mihm-DeCecco, William Grieco, Lucy Borrasso and Maria Bianco; also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by parents, William and Maria (Marchesini) Grieco. Nellie was a wonderful cook and baker that will be greatly missed by her family, especially her Sunday dinners. **Friends received from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES LTD./ROTH CHAPEL, 7450 Saltsburg Road (at Universal Road), Penn Hills. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Bernadette Church. Interment in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. The family would like to express their gratitude to the Allegheny Health Network Hospice and Amanda for their kindness and compassion.**

Infamous killer dies in prison

Kitty Genovese's murder caused outcry, led to implementation of 911 system, laws on reporting

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A man convicted of the 1964 stabbing death of Kitty Genovese in a crime that came to symbolize urban decay and indifference has died in prison at 81.

Winston Moseley died on March 28 at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, state prisons spokesman Thomas Mailey said. An autopsy will try to determine the cause of Moseley's death.

Genovese was a 28-year-old bar manager. Her killing caused an outcry after reports that neighbors saw the attack and heard her screams but did not try to help her. Details of the accounts were challenged, but the crime spurred the adoption of the 911 system and passage of Good Samaritan laws.

Moseley spent more than 50 years in prison and was one of the state's longest-serving inmates. He was denied parole 18 times, the last time in 2015. His prison mates included David Sweat and Richard Matt, who cut their way out of the maximum-security facility last year. A massive three-week manhunt ended with Matt killed and Sweat captured.

In 1968, Moseley was involved in a prison breakout, during which he held hostages in Buffalo and raped a woman before being recaptured. He joined the Attica uprising in 1971 and earned a college degree from Niagara University in 1977.

"I know that I did some terrible things, and I've tried very hard to atone for those things in prison," he said in a November 2013 parole interview. "I think almost 50 years of paying for those crimes is enough."

Genovese

Christina E. Smith
HERMINIE

Christina E. "Chris" Smith, 86, of Herminie, died peacefully Monday, April 4, 2016, in UPMC Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, surrounded by her family. She was born June 1, 1929, in Pittsburgh, daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth (Scott) Johannes. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Randy Smith; great-grandson, Michael Skrabski; and her sister, June Traill. Chris was a member of St. Edward Church in Herminie and Sunshine Club. She and her husband coordinate the St. Edward Food Bank located in Herminie, where Chris has been the secretary for the past 30 years. Chris was "MUM" to so many children over the years and will always hold a special place in their hearts. Chris is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, James P. Smith Sr.; two sons, James P. (Patty) Smith Jr., of Wyano, and William P. (Susie) Smith, of Herminie; two daughters, Linda (Andrew) Corfont, of Waynesburg, and Kathy (Michael) Svac, of Chicago, Ill.; 12 grandchildren, Sheila Smith, Randy Smith, Bill (Leigh Ann) Smith, Molly (Aaron) Zahratka, Brandy (Jaron) Kennell, Tracy Gillespie, Bill Smith Jr., Alyssa (Daniel) Cunningham, Rachael Corfont and David, Brandon and A.J. Svac; and six great-grandchildren whom she loved dearly. Chris is also survived by a brother, Bill (Jane) Hottinger, of North Carolina; and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. Chris had a special smile and hug to all who knew her and she will be dearly missed by her entire family, many friends and neighbors up on the hill. **Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the JOSEPH W. NICKELS FUNERAL HOME INC., 404 Sewickley Ave., Herminie, PA 15637, 724-446-7251. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Edward Church, Herminie. Interment will follow in Westmoreland County Memorial Park, Hempfield Township.** To send online condolences, please visit www.nickelsfuneralhomeinc.com.

Twyla Vongale Walters
DERRY

Twyla Vongale Walters, of Derry, died Sunday, April 3, 2016, at Excela Health Latrobe Hospital. She was born Oct. 31, 1931, in Derry. Twyla was the first of three children born to Thomas Ira Riley and Nora Amanda (Tyson) Riley. Raised Baptist, Twyla was a member of the Derry Presbyterian Church and Old Salem Community Church. In addition to her parents, Twyla was preceded in death by an infant daughter; her brother, Thomas Tyson Riley; and her sister, Helen Louise Riley. Twyla is survived by her husband of 63 years, Lawrence Edward "Ditty" Walters; son, Rory K. Walters and family; and her niece, Vanessa L. McCue. **A graveside service officiated by Rev. Marnie Abraham-Russell was held Tuesday, April 5, 2016, in Coles Cemetery, Derry. Arrangements are by McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Third Ave., Derry.** Online condolences may be made to www.mccabefuneralhomespa.com.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

Erik Bauersfeld

LOS ANGELES — Erik Bauersfeld, who turned three words from a minor acting role — "It's a trap!" — into one of the most beloved lines of the "Star Wars" series, has died.

His manager, Derek Maki, said the performer died Sunday at his home in Berkeley, Calif., at the age of 93.

Bauersfeld stayed in radio for much of his life. He stumbled into the "Star Wars" series while working on a radio project at Lucasfilm.

Bauersfeld ended up voicing the roles of both the rebellion's Admiral Ackbar and Jabba the Hut's ghostly steward Bib Fortuna in 1983's "Return of the Jedi."

Admiral Ackbar also appeared in "The Force Awakens."

Despite limited screen time, the character with a large domed head and fish-like eyes was a definite "Star Wars" fan favorite. His line "It's a trap!" even became a popular meme.

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Bauersfeld

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