



2019 Reunion Recap

The family dinner was held at noon at a new venue, the New Centerville Volunteer Fire Co banquet hall. About 54 cousins came for dinner! A few “crashed” the party!



Good turnout for dinner at Kings. Randy Henry and Flora Howell hosted Friday night activities in Somerset. Photo by Mark Miner



Likewise, about 20 turned out for the morning tour of Rockwood IOOF Cemetery. We listened intently to family history by Mark. Photo by Mark Miner.

Photos of Toni Guth Younkin

Mark Miner gave a short program on one of his “finds” at Rockwood Cemetery, then took a dive straight into the auction! We had some beautiful donations this year, among them Younkin T-shirts from Jean Younkin, and a beautiful framed Baptism Certificate (copy) that was owned by Donna Younkin Logan, won by Carolyn Foss.



Cousin Lolly donated a pie baking table made by her brother, and used for many years by her mother, Betty Younkin Sanner. The Holladas donated a beautiful old “pot” Also old Younkin mugs, and an original post card of Jacob Kreger, Civil War Vet, that was snatched up (for a price) by Mark Miner!



Cousins are eagerly enjoying and advising on the “value” of the Baptism Certificate, which documented the birth of Heinrich Younkin, Son of Heinrich and Catharina Sherer Younkin of Bucks County, PA. Photos of Mark Miner.

Mr. Clark Brocht won the Early Bird prize for having the first paid registration sent in.

Amy Windom won the 50/50 drawing for \$82. Congrats!

The Johann Heinrich Junghen Scholarship was won this year by William Henry Hall IV, of Middletown, VA, who is the son of III and Grandson of Bill and Helen Hall. He is from the Weasel Jake line. Will IV will be attending Frostburg University and we wish him great success! As we had no applicants for 2018, we brought forward \$320, and added this years donations for a total award of \$736.



Will is also expecting to play a little football at FSU!

*A number of folks have chosen to donate straight into the Scholarship Fund, notably **Barbara Park** and **Evelyn Younkin Silver**. Thank you ladies!*

The 2020 Younkin Reunion has been cancelled, due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Each year, cousins come from all over the U.S. and the time we are living in is unpredictable. We could easily be on tighter restrictions by July. We hope to see you again in 2021. We will not be doing the 50/50 tickets either. If anyone donates to the scholarship program, it will be included in next year's mailing!

IF you miss us, please join us on FACEBOOK, in our PRIVATE, MEMBERS ONLY GROUP, where it is safe to post, discuss, meet up with cousins, and enjoy Mark's stories!



Submitted photo

Members of the Great Glades Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Great Crossings Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and other descendants of Johann Heinrich Junghen pause for a photograph after installing a new marker at his gravesite in Bucks County. Pictured from left to right are, kneeling, Susan Moon and Jill Younkin, and standing, Mark Miner, Nancy Koontz, Linda Marker, Laurel Piersel, Barbara Park, Everett Sechler, Thomas Bitner and Randolph Henry.

Younkin family ancestor receives a new grave marker

In early May, members of the Great Glades Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and other descendants of Johann Heinrich Junghen gathered at Keller's Lutheran Church Cemetery about 8 miles east of Perkasio, Bucks County, to place a new grave marker for Junghen.

Junghen is the forefather of many of the Younkin family members living in Somerset County today and was an American patriot. He was a German immigrant who died on his farm in the winter of 1787. He was 70 years old. At that time, a small sandstone marker was placed at his grave with his name and birth and death dates.

At the time of his death, Junghen had been in America for about 26 years. He owned a farm of 118 acres, which straddled Bedminster and Haycock townships in Bucks County, not far from the plantations owned by his brother Herman. As a mark of his loyalty to his new country, Junghen signed an oath of allegiance to the newly formed United States of America during the Revolutionary War.

Some 38 years after Heinrich Junghen's death, in 1825, his widow Catharina (Scherer) Youngken died and was buried in the same cemetery, about 50 yards away, with her inscription written in English.

As their adopted nation was plunged into Civil War, more than 140 of their direct descendants are known to have taken up arms. Many of their descendants married into the Miner-Minard-Miner family.

The couple's offspring and descen-

dants visited the gravesite over the past two centuries. In 2008, descendants Linda Marker (of the Frederick J. Younkin line) and Everett and Christine Sechler (of the Rev. Herman Younkin branch) paid their respects and captured images of the markers.

For cousin Everett Sechler, the experience was profound, but so too was his recognition of the deterioration of the stone marker. The stone was listing to one side and was heavily chipped in places. He envisioned a time when the lettering would vanish and with it the tangible evidence of the man's existence and his German heritage.

As treasurer of the Junghen-Younkin Reunion, Sechler inspired a team of cousin volunteers to take a bold step. At the 2018 reunion, attendees voted to proceed with installation of a second marker, to be placed beside the deteriorating stone. Arrangements were made, funding authorized, and on May 7 the new marker was installed by a group of 11 cousins who traveled from three states to be a part of the experience.

Sechler said it was the fulfillment of a duty that needed to be done for future generations of Younkin descendants. Sechler, of Confluence, and Randy Henry, of Girard, Ohio, are members of the Great Glades Chapter. Susan Moon, Linda Marker and Nancy Koontz are members of the Great Crossings Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

For more information about the Great Glades Chapter, call 814-233-9506.

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2019 MARK'S TOUR STORIES!



Here are the markers for John M. and Gertrude (Younkin) Weaver, with John killed in a 1927 railroad accident at Summit Township, Somerset County. http://www.minerd.com/bio-younkin,_gertrudeweaver.htm



One of the stops at Saturday's cemetery tour in Rockwood at the grave of Lloyd Clive and Rebecca Elizabeth (Schultz) Younkin, of the Weasel Jake Younkin line, with Lloyd serving in WWI only to be killed in a railroad accident. Their grandson Bill Hall Jr. and his wife [Helen Hall](#) were at the reunion on Saturday -- and their grandson Bill IV won the Younkin Scholarship. http://www.minerd.com/bio-younkin_weaseljake.htm



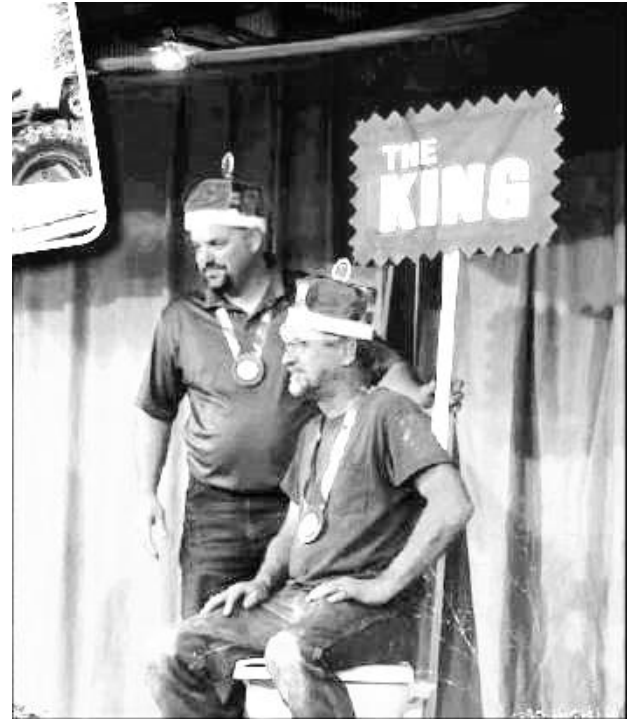
Kansas pioneers and Civil War veteran Henry Swarner and his wife Barbara Jean Younkin, daughter

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of Frederick F. and Sarah (Faidley) Younkin. Their daughter Martha Ellen married a cousin, John Vough Jr., also buried at this site. [Sue Martin](#) is a direct descendant as is [Lloyd Heinbaugh](#). http://www.minerd.com/bio-younkin_barbaraswarner.htm

Younkins Feature in the 2019 Jubilee!

Of course, Clark Brocht always features in the Farmers and Thresherman's Jubilee in New Centerville, Somerset County, as he is Publicity man, but this year we also took Jubilee King, and Princess.



Last year's King Jason Johnson crowns his successor, 2019 Jubilee King Randy Younkin, on his "throne", of Sept. 4, 2019.



Erin Pyle, third from Left, is a lovely and talented Jubilee Princess. Erin is the Granddaughter of Lolly Peirsel.

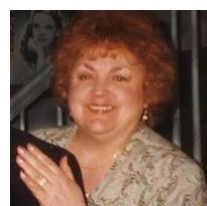
Caroline C. Richter, 89 of Dunbar Township, passed away, Monday, April 29, 2019 in the Uniontown Hospital. She was born February 7, 1930 in Dickerson Run a daughter of the late Evans and Nora (Upton) Wilson.

Caroline was a homemaker tending to the needs of her family. For many years, she worked along-side her late husband James L. Richter, raising cattle, gardening, baking, canning and cooking. While she was proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, you could always count on Caroline to give her honest opinion. She never missed an opportunity when asked to go shopping and enjoyed many phone conversations with her family and friends. She is survived by her six children, Harold G. "Jack" Richter (Nancy); Bertha Bodkin; James E. Richter; Diane Romanko (David); Jeffrey Richter (Sally Baker); and Rhonda Winterhalter (Adam); 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters; Ray Wilson (Judy); Wayne Wilson (Joanne); Gladys Fabian (Frank); Thelma Richter (the late Thomas); Verna Grego (Ronald); Gary Wilson (Patty) and Larry Wilson and numerous nieces and nephews. She also enjoyed the companionship of her feline friend, Freddy who kept her company. In addition to her parents and her step-mother, Viola (Shultz) Wilson, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James L. Richter (August 29, 1983); a granddaughter, Amanda Bodkin; a son-in-law, Andrew Lackemacher; a sister, Edna Chapman. Family and friends will be received on Thursday from 2-4 & 6-8 pm at GRAFT-JACQUILLARD FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES, INC. 303 Pittsburgh St, Scottdale where additional visitation will take place Friday from 10 until 11 am the hour of her funeral service. Interment will follow in Green Ridge Memorial we Park, Pennsville. To share a message of sympathy, please visit www.gjfuneral.com



Loretta Dene Siejak

July 29, 1946 - December 07, 2018



Loretta Dene Siejak (née Younkin), 72, of Lorain, passed away Friday, December 7, 2018. She is survived by her husband Wylie; son Mark; daughters Traci and Michelle; grandchildren Breanna and Hailey;

sisters Paula, Sandra, Kelly and Judy and brothers Earl, Jesse, John and Toby. She is preceded by her parents Keith and Helen and a brother Jim. There are no services planned.

Catherine Jean (Enos) Prince, 89, of Somerset County and Florida, went to be with the Lord on May 5, 2019, four days before her 90th birthday. Peace came to Mrs. Prince in the presence of family members at In Touch Hospice. The daughter of Walton and Mary (Goniak) Enos, Jean was born May 9, 1929, in Lower Turkeyfoot Twp. Preceded in death by parents; husband of 69 years, Charles H. Prince; and brothers, Adelbert Enos and H. John Enos. Survived by children: Carol Kemp (David), Charles D. Prince (Sharon), Clyde Jeffrey Prince (Stephanie), as well as her special pride and joy, her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also surviving are siblings: Barbara S. Green, James W. Enos (Fern), Richard S. Enos, and Mary Ellen Deal; and numerous nieces and nephews. Jean worked for many years for McCrory's in Somerset, with her final years there serving as store manager. She served as tax collector for Ursina Borough and as treasurer for Trinity Lutheran Church, Confluence. A long-standing member of the American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries, holding numerous offices. Her interests included baking, crocheting, and traveling throughout the country with her husband to VFW events. A memorial and burial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Confluence, in June. Details will be posted at a later date. Donations in Mrs. Prince's memory may be made to In Touch Hospice, Somerset, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Family of Mary Ann (Younkin) Phillippi.

Olive Mae Clark, 79, of Somerset, passed on May 11, 2019 at The Patriot. Born May 21, 1939 in Confluence, she was a daughter of the late James and Anna Belle (Mitchell) Younkin. She is also preceded in death by her husband Rupert Ace Clark in 1997. She is survived by her children Melody Simmons – Meacham and husband Phil of Georgetown, FL, James Clark and wife Kelly (Gindlesperger) of Somerset, and Ace Edward Clark and wife Ruth (Goforth) of Vine Grove, KY; grandchildren Valerie Woy (Jason), Joshua Simmons, Tonya Simmons, Aaron Clark (Susan), Jessie Clark, Kimberly Gonzalez, and Eric Clark (Carmen); numerous great-grandchildren; and sisters Etta Kay Walker of Rockwood and Gail Schwam (Mike) of Harrisburg.

Olive was a member of the Geiger Church of the Brethren. She had been actively involved in the past with the Somerset American Legion, the Somerset F.O.E., and the Moose Lodge. She enjoyed spending time with her family and loved horse races. She was well-known as a caregiver in the area. Friends will be received from 3-6 P.M. Tuesday at MILLER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, SOMERSET with a service to

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follow immediately at 6 P.M., Pastor Shelby McCoy officiating. Interment will be at Middlecreek Cemetery.

Jeanne Mae Kennedy, Age 89, of Minerva, died peacefully at home on Monday, March 25, 2019. She was born September 1, 1929 in Minerva to Jacob and Loraine (Vink) Crabtree. She graduated from Minerva High School in 1947. She retired from TRW's "wax room" after 22 years. She is a member of the Minerva First Christian Church, Minerva VFW Aux #4120 and the Minerva Eagles Aerie #2199. She is preceded in death by her husband, William Kennedy; a sister, Dorothy Baxter; a brother, James Crabtree. She is survived by a daughter, Sue (Ernie) Schmachtenberger of Minerva; a son, Jeff Mantho of Minerva; a stepdaughter, Sharon (Jim) Tangler of Kensington; stepson, Daryl Kennedy of Minerva; 7 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. Following cremation, a graveside service will be held Friday April 5th at 1:00 pm in Liberty Cemetery with Chaplain Larry Karlen officiating.

* Josiah Younkin-Mary Agnes Younkin-Jacob Crabtree-Jeanne Mae Crabtree Kennedy

Connie I. Miner, 80, of Connellsville, passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at the Uniontown Hospital. She was born Nov. 16, 1938, in Mill Run, a son of the late Wesley and Susie Rossnick Miner.

Connie was retired from the Department of Agriculture, where she worked for the budget division for 30 years. She was a member of the Otterbein United Methodist Church. She will be missed by her two sisters, Brenda Ryan and Carolyn Means; nieces and nephews, Sandra Knopsnider, Frances Walker, Terry Means Jr., Deane Petzel, Gregory Means, Carly Guerrero, Amanda Johnson, Ian Ryan, John Childress and Douglas Childress; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by three sisters, Mary Ann Donnadio, Dolores Miner and Shirley Childress; three brothers, Donald Miner, Regis Miner and Hughey Miner; a nephew, Robert Ryan; and a niece, Debbie Tidsen. A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family, with the Rev. Dr. Marvin Watson officiating. All arrangements are under the direction of the Brooks Funeral Home, Inc., 111 E. Green St., Connellsville. >>> Wesley Miner >>> William Henry "Squire" Miner >>> Joel Miner >>> Catherine (Younkin) Miner

Anna Jean Heston, 88, Hancock, died Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at Doey's House, Hagerstown. Born Dec. 19, 1930, in Bakersville, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Victor and Delphia (Platter) Miner.

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She was also preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Page Cornelius Heston, on Aug. 21, 2009, and whom she married on Feb. 6, 1966; one brother, Elmer Miner; and one sister, Melda Bittinger.



Mrs. Heston was a nursing assistant for six years at the Marylander Nursing Home. She worked at Merriott/ComSat and also worked caring for people in their homes. She was a member of Bush Creek Church of the Brethren, Monrovia, and attended Grace Christian Fellowship, Hancock. She enjoyed rug making,

quilting and crocheting. She is survived by one stepdaughter, Rosemary Hess, Brook Park, Ohio; two brothers, Reed (Rosella) Miner and John Miner, all of Grantsville; close friends, Steve and Pat Sexton, Hancock; and six stepgrandchildren. Friends will be received at the Newman Funeral Homes, P.A. 179 Miller St., Grantsville, on Friday, June 7, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted in the funeral home chapel on Saturday, June 8, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Dr. Edward Guyer officiating. Interment will be in the Pisgah Cemetery, Morgantown, W.Va.

Denise Lynn Tylka-Wilfong, 54, of Bruceton Mills (Clifton community), W.Va., died suddenly Thursday, June 6, 2019, in Bruceton Mills.

The daughter of Donna Mae Hixson Tylka Clark of Mt. Pleasant and the late, Ronald C. Long, she was born June 18, 1964 in Mt. Pleasant.

Denise was employed at the Family Dollar Store in Bruceton Mills. She enjoyed gambling, shopping, fishing and horses. In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Walter F. Wilfong, Jr.; two sons Jason Scott Wilfong and his wife, Christy, of Kingwood, W.Va., and David W. Wilfong of Morgantown, W.Va.; grandson Jordan Wilfong; sister Pamela Susan Tylka, of Acme; half-sister Rhonda Taylor of Elkton, Va.; two half-brothers, Mike Long of Bruceton Mills and Tim Bussard of Morgantown; stepfather Perry Clark; stepmother Sharon Long; father-in-law and his wife Walter F. Wilfong, Sr. and Peggy; friend, Dean Allen; several nieces and nephews; and companion dog, Lexi. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her sister Lisa Jane Long; half-sister Stacy Long; and grandparents Gloria Wilfong, Betty and Dempsey (Ike) Hixson, and Eva Jean Long. Family and friends are welcome from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday until the funeral service is held at the Carl R. Spear Funeral Home in Brandonville-Bruceton Mills,

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W.Va. The Rev. Barry M. Adkins will officiate. Burial will follow in the Greenlick Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant. *family of Lucinda Jane "Jennie" (Miner) Turner Stevenson Paolone of Connellsville, PA >>> Henry A. Miner >>> John Miner >>> Catherine (Younkin) Miner.

Verna M. Shipley, 94, a longtime resident of Connellsville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 while surrounded by her loving family.



She was born January 26, 1925, in Connellsville a daughter of the late George and Esther Pritts Flydell. Verna graduated from Dunbar Township in 1943. Verna was an amazing gardener & farmer. Her flowers, fruits, vegetables & Christmas trees were appreciated

by not only friends & family, but also those who traveled many miles to get them. She enjoyed cooking, baking and quilting and she loved animals. Most of all, she was content when others were happy. Verna devoted her life to showing love and kindness to everyone she met. Verna was a member of First Baptist Church in Connellsville. She will be deeply missed, but fondly remembered by her loving family; her son, Barry Shipley and wife, Cookie, of Connellsville; her granddaughters, Mianna Shipley Tamburri and husband, Troy, of Pittsburgh, and Tashara Shipley Tucholski and husband, Jake, of White; her great-grandchildren, Easton and Colton Tamburri, and Travis, Brianna, Kierstan and Addisyn Tucholski; her great-great grandchildren, Hosea, Steven and Evalyn Sines; her sister, Catherine Leonard and husband, Don, of Buffalo, N.Y., and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Verna was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Elmer Shipley and her sister, Rachel Pierce and husband Bud of Ohio. Family and friends will be received from 6-8 P.M. Saturday in the BROOKS FUNERAL HOME INC., 111 E. Green St., Connellsville, (724-628-1430). Visitation will continue on Sunday from 10:00 A.M until 1:00 P.M., the hour of funeral services with Rev. Lee Maley officiating. Interment will follow in Green Ridge Memorial Park,

* Esther Mary (Pritts) Flydell >>> Rachel Ruamy (Pritts) Long >>> Elizabeth (Miner) Long >>> Jacob Miner III >>> Catherine (Younkin) Miner

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Ronald Charles "Buck", Paes, 71 of Jefferson, PA formerly of Brier Hill, passed away on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at his home. He was born in Brier Hill on October, 22, 1947, a son of Norman and Mildred



McNatt. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by brother. Norman Paes, Jr.; sisters: Roberta Bizik, Marlene Rapcak and Darlene Androsky. Ron was a coal miner and proudly served his country in the United States Navy.

He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 3491 in Carmichael's. Ron is survived by his wife, Linda Thurby-Paes; step son, Gary Thurby of Harrisburg; two brothers: Thomas Murray and his fiancé, Joann Sabatini of Grindstone, Terry Murray and his wife, Fern of Grindstone; sister, Debra Kopec and her husband, Mark of Grindstone. Also surviving, Aunt Silvia Hill; and numerous nieces and nephews. Ron's family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, at the KISH-FABRY FUNERAL HOME, Inc., 19 Legion Street, Republic, PA where a funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday. Interment will follow in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, PA. Online condolences are welcome kish-fabry.com. Ronald >>> Norman Paes Murray >>> Marcellus Murray >>> Hannah (Miner) Murray >>> John Miner >>> Catherine (Y.) Miner

Ronald James Smith, Jr. 51, Acme, was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 7, 2019. He was born January 21, 1968 in Somerset, a son of Donna (Shroyer)



Smith of North Huntingdon and the late Ronald James Smith, Sr. In addition to his father, an infant sister, Gloria Jean, paternal grandparents, Harvey and Clema Smith and an uncle Dick and aunt Carol Smith preceded him in death. He is survived by his mother;

wife, Kristine (Shadder) Smith; son, Kyle James Smith and fiancé, Courtney Miner, Mt. Pleasant; daughter, Madeline Paige Smith, North Huntingdon; step children, Nathan Mimis, Acme, Elizabeth Mimis, Derry, John Mimis, Acme, and Emily Cavallo, Punxsutawney; grandchildren, Koen and Kyah Smith; sister, Penny Smith Moose and husband, Derron, North Huntingdon; special uncle, Clyde and aunt, Donna Smith, Confluence and special cousins, John Vogel, Jason Smith and Wes Wagner as well as numerous other cousins and friends. Ron was a member of the NRA and PSEA. Most of his

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teaching career was spent in the Brownsville School District, but he also taught in the Turkeyfoot Valley Area, Connellsville and Waynesburg districts and coached football at those schools as well. He graduated from Connellsville High School and Waynesburg University. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed riding quads with his grandson, Koen. Friends will be received from 2-4 and 6-8 PM Thursday at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence where a service will be held at 11 AM Friday with Rev. Dean Hay, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Summit Cemetery.

* 5x cousin Ronald J. Smith Jr. - families of Laura Belle (Younkin) Shroyer of Mill Run, PA - Harriet (Younkin) Romesburg Turney of Confluence, PA - Weasel Jake Younkin of Cranberry Glade, PA

Thomas E Silver Heaven opened the gates for Thomas E. Silver, 87, who died peacefully with family by his side at Wooster Community Hospital on July 4, 2019, as fireworks were about to get underway. It was a fitting



sunset for a man who loved his country, his family, and especially his dear wife, Evelyn, who lives on. Born in 1932 -- 105 years after Silver Acres was established just west of Wooster -- Tom took great pride in being part of the fifth generation to grow up in the same family farmhouse. He extended the legacy of hospitality established generations before by hosting hayrides and high school floats, Easter Egg hunts and large Thanksgiving gatherings. He opened each meal with a welcome and a prayer, giving thanks for the blessings of a free country and the opportunity to treasure each other's company. Tom graduated from Wooster High School in 1950 and attended the Mansfield branch of The Ohio State University. He was a member of the 555th Honors Detachment and was proud to help provide military honors as fellow veterans were laid to rest. A Rural Youth leader and a popular square dance caller, he was also known for his gift for dancing the polka and the waltz. Early in his career, he was a dairy farmer and a carpenter, and he continued to care for the farm and build things -- mowing the sprawling lawn as recently as last Tuesday. In 1975, he started Silver Realty, located "there on the (Wooster) Square", which later became Silver/HER Realtors. He served his cherished community in various capacities -- as president of the Wooster Board of Realtors and was inducted into the Realtor Hall of Fame; as president of

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the Wooster Noon Lions and Wooster Cemetery Board; as a member of the Wooster High School chain gang for 40+ years; and a lifelong member and leader at Oak Chapel United Methodist Church. He and his best high school buddies, dubbed the "Cabin Boys," still gathered annually. He was an avid preservationist, working with his late partner in crime, Harry Mykrantz, to save what is now Cornerstone Elementary. Tom and his beloved first wife, Donna Shellenberger Silver, mother of his four children, also attained the "Century House" designation of Silver Acres from the Wayne County Historical Society. He loved to snow ski, water ski and golf, and could still do a slow, perfect cartwheel well into his seventies. He shared that he once read that the true mark of character was how many trees a man planted in his lifetime; Tom planted hundreds of them. In addition to Donna Silver, Tom is preceded in death by his father, Roger Silver; mother, Alta Fetzer Silver; his brother, Richard (Marjorie) Silver; and sister, Donna Jean (Tom) Beltz. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Younkin Silver; children Trish (John) Strauss, Deb (Steve) Gambon, Jim (Linda) Silver and E. Marie Silver (Mark) Keister; grandchildren Danielle and Christian Schwarzwald, Shannon and Kate Strauss, Andrew (Maggie) and Taylor Gambon, Tyler and Jackson Keister, Corey (Sara) Silver, and Dan (Rachel), Sarah, and Mary Dezordo. Great grandchildren include Ella Schwarzwald, Adley Silver, Andrew and Alex Giffin, and Elijah and Ezra Ahmed. Many beloved nieces and nephews also survive. A special thank you to Marlene Miller, who worked with Tom for years. Friends will be received at the McIntire, Bradham & Sleek Funeral Home, 216 E. Larwill St., Wooster on Friday, July 12, 2019 from 4-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Oak Chapel United Methodist Church, 4203 W. Old Lincoln Way, Wooster with Rev. John Finn officiating. Following graveside services with military honors at Wooster Cemetery, the family welcomes friends for lunch at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Oak Chapel Memorial Fund. *Tom was the husband of Evelyn Younkin Silver, and attended the reunion with her for a number of years.

Carol Diane Collins, 72, of Somerset, died July 20, 2019, at In Touch Hospice House. Born Dec. 15, 1946, in Confluence, she is the daughter of the late George and Esther Colflesh. Also preceded in death by sons: Edward Paul and Todd Collins; and a brother, George Colflesh. Survived by a son, Jason Collins of Berlin; and grandchildren: Haley, Angela, Anthony and Alex Collins. Sister of Betty Mancini and Paul Colflesh both of

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Confluence. Internment will be private in the Rockwood Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of the Robert H. Halverson Funeral Home. Condolences may be made at www.halversonfuneralhome.com

Douglas Younkin, 68, of Connellsville, passed away Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019, in Harmon House, Mt. Pleasant. He was born May 4, 1951, in Connellsville, a son of the late Hilbert D. and Bernardine (Trump) Younkin. He was a member of Mt. Olive Church. Douglas was a lineman for Premiere Gas Line. He loved being in the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Douglas is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda (Miller) Younkin; a daughter, Jennifer Mickulicz of Connellsville; three grandchildren, Christina Younkin, Sara Haun Border and husband Kyle of Connellsville, and Cameron Mickulicz; one great-grandson, Carter Werkman; and two brothers, Donald Younkin and wife Sandy of Scottdale, and David Younkin of Farmington. In addition to his parents, Douglas was predeceased by a brother, Dane Younkin. Friends will be received from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, the hour of service, in the Vito C. Martucci Funeral Home, 123 S. First St., West Side, Connellsville, 724-628-9033, with Pastor Lee Maley officiating. Interment will be private. Douglas >>> Hilbert D. "Hick" >>> John Frederick >>> William Henry Younkin >>> Frederick F.

Frank A. Pletcher Jr., 73, of Scullton, passed away on September 25, 2019 at Conemaugh Memorial Hospital in Johnstown surrounded by his family. Born September 14, 1946 in Somerset, he was a son of the late Frank A. Sr. and Joanna (Gary) Pletcher. He is also preceded in death by his siblings Mary Hinkle, Larry Pletcher, Brenda Cox, and Patricia Brewer. Frank is survived by his wife Marlene (Younkin) Pletcher; children Shawn Pletcher and wife Rachel, Dawn Elson and husband Mark, Frank Pletcher III and wife Michelle, April Winegardner and husband William, and Holly Faidley and husband Bobby; grandchildren Aidan, Christopher, Thomas, David, Charles, Amber, Rachel, Aleisha, Cathrine, William III, Hannah, Phillip, Lacy, and Karissa; great-grandchildren Gracelynn, Brayden, Ivan, Amir, Scarlett, Corlisa, and Elodie; close nephew William Hinkle; and brother Edmund Pletcher. Frank served 4 years of active duty in the Navy as a Seabee in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Somerset County Honor Guard, the Somerset VFW, Rockwood Legion, and the Jenner Rod and Gun Club. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, even up to his passing. Though Frank was a jack-of-all-trades, and had experience in a variety of skill areas, he mostly was a sub-contractor, building houses from the

ground-up, and in his later years was a maintenance technician until his retirement. His joy was spending time with his family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He will be dearly missed. Friends will be received from 11 AM until 2 PM Saturday with a service to follow at 2 PM at MILLER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, SOMERSET, Pastor Rachel Neely-Pletcher officiating. Interment will follow at Scullton Cemetery with military honors by the Somerset County Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to the Somerset County Honor Guard c/o the Somerset VFW at 139 W. Union St. Somerset, PA 15501. Family of Frederick J.

Trellis June Tressler, age 97, of Ursina, passed away Wednesday morning, September 25, 2019, at her home. She was born September 11, 1922, in Somerset County, a daughter of the late Albert Charles and Jessie Anna (Snyder) Clevenger. Trellis was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Edgar Robert Tressler, also her grandson-in-law, Gary Wevodau. She was a devoted Mother, amazing grandmother, loving great-grandmother, and to many an extraordinary friend. Trellis is survived by her son Robert E. Tressler and wife Margie of Markleton; two granddaughters, Darla Wevodau and Amy Gonzalez and husband Antonio; and one great granddaughter, Alejandra. She also leaves behind many others whom she considered family and friends who will sadly miss her. At her request, there will be no viewing and a private memorial service. A time for reflection and fellowship will be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Somerset. www.haugerzeigler.com

Charles F. Woods, Jr., 59, of Markleton passed away Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center, Johnstown. He was born November 24, 1959 in Meyersdale, a son of Charles F. "Fred" Woods, Sr. and Reba (Clevenger) Woods. Both his parents preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Patti (Lytle), a son, Matthew and wife, Rebecca, Stoystown and a daughter, Michelle Kibler and husband, James, Somerset; grandsons, Jacob and Isaac; brothers, Randy, Confluence and Rodney and wife, Beth, Addison and a sister, Kimberly Woods, Confluence. Chuck was a 1977 graduate of Turkeyfoot Valley Area High School, a veteran of the US Army National Guard and a member of the Turkeyfoot Fish and Game Assoc. and Confluence V.F.W. Post 7250. Friends will be received from 2-4 and 6-8 PM Saturday at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence. Private interment in Kingwood I.O.O.F.

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Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Family of Frederick J.

Ronald Eugene Younkin, 72, of Broadford, entered heaven's gates on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 1, 2019, at his residence, with his loving family by his side. He was born in Owensdale on May 7, 1947, the son of the late Homer V. and Betty Jean Guptill Younkin. Ron was a longtime member of Hickory Square United Methodist Church, Dawson. He was a graduate of Southmoreland High School, Class of 1966. He was a member of the United Mine Workers Union and worked his entire life proudly as an American coal miner. He was employed by U.S. Steel, Mt. Braddock Mine, with 18 years of service. In Ron's free time, he enjoyed being in his garage, listening to music while drinking a beer. He also loved to go quad riding and spend time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Ron considered his biggest accomplishments in life his family and being baptized into the Lord on Sept. 28, 2019, along with his wife, in the presence of his children. Ron is gone from our lives but will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him: His loving and devoted wife of 53 years, Mary L. Miller Younkin of Connellsville; his three children, Ronald R. Younkin and wife Carol of Dawson, Kimberly J. Able and husband Don of Kingview, and Jeff A. Younkin and Lorie of Connellsville; his grandchildren, CJ Kessler and wife Melissa, and Jonathan Kessler, all of Dawson, Randall Scott Younkin of Connellsville, Ryan Younkin of Kingview, Ronald Younkin and Kayla of Mt. Pleasant, Della Younkin, Megan Younkin, and Alysia Younkin, all of Uniontown; his great-grandchildren, Tori, Gracie, Madison, Alauna, Maria, Dakota, Charlie and Brantley Kessler, Caleb "Pap's Boy," Ryia, Chloe, and Bryson Younkin, and Quincey, Nevaeh, Jazymn, Naziah, Trenton, Gary, Spencer, and Marquie Younkin; his brothers and sisters, Robert Younkin of Dawson, Charles Younkin and wife Shirley, and John Younkin and wife Debbie, all of Connellsville, Emma Jean Geary of Dickerson Run, and Debbie Crago and husband Don of Delaware, Md.; his former son-in-law, Robert Ray; and his faithful German Shepherd of 14 years, Norma Jean. In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by his brothers, Gerald and William Younkin, and Edward Younkin in infancy; and his great-grandson, Kavari Sublett. Family and friends are cordially invited from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday to the Frank Kapr Funeral Home, Inc., 417 Pittsburgh St., Scottdale. Ron's funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the funeral home, with Charles Kessler facilitating. Committal services and interment will follow in Scottdale Cemetery. The family would like to give special thanks

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to Amedisys Hospice, Scottdale, for the professionalism and care that was given to Ron during his journey, especially by his aide, Charli. Believed to be from the family of Rev. Herman Younkin.

Lorraine V. Henry of Findlay, Ohio, passed away Oct. 2, 2019. Born Aug. 24, 1928, in Upper Turkeyfoot Township, she is the daughter of the late Ralph and Irene (Leaphart) Henry. She is preceded in death by brothers, Vyrl E. Henry and G. Blair Henry; as well as an infant brother. She is survived by brother Ralph M. (Junior) Henry and wife Loretta; sister-in-law Betty J. Henry; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind special lifetime friends, Betty Ruhl, Peg Logsdon, and Sondra Malcolm. A 1947 graduate of Rockwood Area HS and a 1951 graduate of Findlay College. She began working at the Findlay Courier newspaper prior to graduation. She spent her entire career with The Courier, retiring around 1992 as family editor. She had been active in and a past president of the University of Findlay Town-Campus committee and many other organizations associated with the University and her church. She was an active member of St Michael the Archangel in Findlay. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, at the Kingwood Fellowship Center, 5957 Kingwood Road, Markleton, PA 15551. Pastor James L. Monticue officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael the Archangel, 750 Bright Road, Findlay, OH 45840 or The Kingwood Fellowship Center.

Dale M. Younkin, 88, formerly of Ligonier, died Monday, October 28, 2019 at Meadow View Care Center, Berlin, PA. He was born April 4, 1931 in Rockwood, a son of the late Jesse R. and Irene Phillippi Younkin. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Velma Muir, a brother, Jerry Younkin, and a daughter, Karen Younkin. Dale is survived by his wife of sixty-nine years, Lois J. (McGraw) Younkin, two sons, Dale (Kathy) Younkin, Jr and Raymond B. Younkin, all of Somerset; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a brother, Arden Younkin of Schenectady, NY. A service to celebrate the life of Dale will be held Friday at 11:00AM at the J. Paul McCracken Funeral Chapel, Inc. 144 East Main Street, Ligonier with the Rev. Dr. J. Paul McCracken officiating. Interment will be in the Ligonier Valley Cemetery.

Grace Enany Trimpey, 89, of Wilmington, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at New Hanover Regional Medical Center on Monday, Oct. 28, 2019. She was born in Connellsville, to the late Albert K. Enany

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and Helen Enany (Sweda) on July 21, 1930. Claire was the youngest of five siblings. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 56 years, Thomas Edward Trimpey. She is survived by four daughters: Kelly Kemp Licina (Michael Licina, (dec.)) of Cleveland, OH, Holly Sue Koff (Michael Koff, (dec.)) of Burgaw, NC, Amanda Claire Trimpey (Jeffrey Warhaftig) of Wilmington, and Taralyn Trimpey Brown (James Christopher Brown) of St. Louis, MO. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Claire, originally from Connellsville, relocated to Wilmington to live with family after the loss of her husband. She is a graduate of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, after which she became a substitute schoolteacher. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the Ladies Bridge Club, volunteered many years for Meals on Wheels and was past President of the Hospital Club in Connellsville. Claire was an astute card player, Steelers fan, and enjoyed spending time with her daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved traveling, especially cruises. Claire was a devoted artist, attended weekly art classes at the Wilmington Senior Center where her work was entered in several local shows and was previously known to be a discriminating art judge at Geibel High School in Connellsville. She was known for her spirited laugh and witty sayings that brought a smile to all in her presence. A visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, at Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home in Somerset. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, at St. Peters Catholic Church in Somerset. Burial will follow in Somerset Memorial Park. Condolences to the family at www.andrewsmortuary.com. Wife of Tom Trimpey, descendant of Nancy Younkin>Frederick

Clifford Eugene Trimpey, 81, of Latrobe, PA passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 after a lengthy illness at Warren General Hospital in Warren, PA. He was born September 16, 1938 in Lower Turkeyfoot Twp., Somerset County, PA, the oldest of eight children born to the late, Charles and Thelma (Knox) Trimpey. Clifford was a machinist and plant manager at Carbide Components (now Elizabeth Carbide Components) of Latrobe for 30 years before retiring in 1990. He was very good at woodworking, making furniture, picture frames, musical instruments, and flintlock rifles often using wood from logs he sawed on his Wood Miser sawmill. Cliff enjoyed a simple life of growing and canning his own food, bee keeping and wine making, but his passion was playing the acoustic guitar. In particular, Cliff liked to play bluegrass and folk music and attended many bluegrass music festivals. He

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regularly attended family reunions and played sing-along and old Gospel songs at these events. He was a member of the Alwine Civic and Square Dance Center in Greensburg, PA where he played guitar and did square dancing for many years. Clifford is survived by his children, David (Rhonda) Trimpey of Pittsfield, PA, Carla (Carl) Lombardo of Enon, OH and Cynthia (Hersh) Price of Elizabeth, PA; his brother, Roger (Debra) Trimpey of Buena Vista, PA; three sisters, Jean (Frank) Willard of White Oak, PA, Lois (Frank) Nemecek of Orlando, FL and Mary (Bill) Shaw of Greenock, PA; his grandchildren, Nathan and Amanda Trimpey, Ariel and Cristin Lombardo, Christopher and Zachary Price; 2 great-grandchildren, Colton and Finnley Trimpey and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Clifford was preceded in death by three brothers, Everett, Lester and Ivan Trimpey. Family and friends are invited to a celebration of life that will start at 3pm on December 28th at the Alwine Civic and Square Dance Center, 538 Old State Route 66, Greensburg, PA 15601. Donations will be accepted and a donation made in his memory to the Alwine Civic Center or the Warren County Summer Music School. From the family of Frederick J.

Jacqueline R. "Jackie" Coughenour, 60, Confluence, passed away Sunday, December 15, 2019 at Henry Clay Villa, Markleysburg. She was born August 26, 1959 in Confluence, a daughter of Nancy (Dwire) Conn of Confluence and the late Warren "Chub" Conn. She was also predeceased by a twin sister, Sharon (Conn) Kimmel. She is survived by her mother, sons, Matthew Miller and fiancé, Jennifer Prince, Ursina, Chad Miller and wife, Marcy, Confluence and daughter, Katie Wass and husband, Eric, Addison; five grandchildren, Gaige, Savannah and Tysen Miller and Wyatt and Jeramiah Wass; brothers, Keith Conn and wife, Colleen, Confluence and Kerry Conn and wife, Sheri, Boswell and her life companion, Jerry Hudson, Confluence. Jackie was a graduate of Turkeyfoot Valley High School and West Virginia Career Institute. She enjoyed art and reading, was a licensed CNA and a member of the Confluence United Methodist Church. Friends will be received from 2-4 and 5-7 PM Wednesday at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence, where a service will follow the viewing at 7 o'clock with Pastor Valerie Stark officiating. Following cremation, she will be interred in Kingwood I.O.O.F. Cemetery. From the branch of double cousin Laura Belle (Younkin) Shroyer.

Lois J. Younkin, 87, formerly of Ligonier and Robinson, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019, at Meadowview, Berlin, Pa. She was born March 10, 1932, in Robinson, a daughter of the late Blair and Margaret Larue Robinson McGraw. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dale M. Younkin; a daughter, Karen Younkin; and two brothers, Gene and Donald McGraw. Lois is survived by two sons, Dale (Kathy) Younkin Jr. and Raymond B. Younkin, both of Somerset; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Joan (James) Lichtenfels, of Bolivar, Roberta (Wayne) Lichtenfels, of Robinson, and Sharon (Charles) Brink, of Hyde Park. Interment will be in Ligonier Valley Cemetery. Branch of William Henry and Rachel (McClintock) Younkin.

Ross C. Younkin, 95, Confluence, passed away Friday, December 27, 2019, at Henry Clay Villa, Markleysburg. He was born June 1, 1924, in Confluence, a son of John B. and Lottie M. (Firestone) Younkin. His parents, wife, Fay (Reeves), nine brothers and five sisters preceded him in death. He is survived by sons, Robert "Murph" and wife, Donna, Thomas and wife, Sharon and a daughter Jolinda King and husband, James, all of Confluence; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Ross served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 34 years until his retirement. Following retirement he delivered meals on wheels for a time. He was a life member of Confluence V.F.W. Post 7250 and the Turkeyfoot Fish and Game Assoc. Friends will be received from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence, where a service will follow the viewing at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Samuel McClintock officiating. Following cremation interment will be in Ursina Cemetery. Arrangements by Humbert Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Mark Miner's Items of Interest

More than a century ago, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, many small communities across America had their own musical bands. Comprised of local citizens, they played in parades and at holiday gatherings and were a great source of hometown pride.

Cousin Alfred Arthur "Alf" Younkin, second from left, back row, played what appears to be a trombone in the Casselman Cornet Band in Casselman, Somerset County, PA. The date on this image is not yet known, but certainly it was before 1910, by which time he had migrated to North Dakota.



The faces in the photograph are: back row, left to right, Billy Scott and Alfred Younkin (trombones), Harry Weimer, Harry Heil, Charlie Pritts, Roscoe Shank (cornet); middle row, left to right, Ray Mickey, Howard Heinbaugh, Orville Heinbaugh, S. Pritts, Harry J.

Hechler, Frank Wiltrout (clarinet); and front row, left to right, Raleigh Whipkey (drum), Blair Kirpatrick, (?), Cal Liphart, Roy Mickey, (?) director (base drum). This image was published in the 1985 book *Down the Road of Our Past*, published by the Rockwood Area Historical & Genealogical Society.



The adopted son of Charles and Sarah (Artest) Younkin, Alfred married a cousin, Lillian Rhoads, daughter of James and Minnie (Younkin) Rhoads, also of Somerset County. Together, they eventually migrated to Washington State and became pioneer apple growers, establishing their own orchard in Wenatchee, Chelan County, continued after their deaths by their son James "Melvin" Younkin. Another son, Leland Alfred "Lee" Younkin, piloted a B-24 bomber during World War II and flew 100 missions over enemy territory. A granddaughter, Diana (Younkin) Burnell Egan, was deeply interested in her family history, edited and printed her father Mel's wartime memoirs and founded the Younkin Reunion-West in Salem, Oregon.

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