

# Obituaries

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving is a daughter, Fern M. (Cummings) Hain, Hamburg.

Other survivors include a brother and seven sisters; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Bean Funeral Homes Inc., Reading, handled the arrangements.

Burial was in the Berks County Memorial Gardens, Maiden Creek Township.

**MARION E. CONRAD**

Services will be held Thursday for Marion E. Conrad, 87, formerly of 420 College Boulevard, Kutztown, who died September 2 in Spruce Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, West Reading, where she resided since June.

She is survived by her husband, Monroe E. Conrad, also of Spruce Manor.

Born in New Hanover Township, Montgomery County, she was a member of St. John's "Hill" United Church of Christ, Boyertown.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, Donald L. Conrad, Bally; Dennis J. Conrad, of Boyertown.

There are also two sisters, Virginia (Latshaw) Dillaplane, Toms River, N.J. and Shirley (Latshaw) Weller, Boyertown; also three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Niantic Cemetery, Washington Township.

The arrangements were handled by the Joseph D. Giles Funeral Home, Inc. & Crematorium, Mohnton.

**JOSEPH E. HAYES JR.**

A memorial service was held for Joseph E. Hayes Jr., 35, of 7-F Tanglewood Drive, Flying Hills, who died Aug. 27 in Reading Hospital.

Hayes died after he suffered a fall at his residence.

Born in Pottstown, he was a son of Joseph E. Hayes Sr., Pike Township, and Mary J. (Woodland) Munsey, Haverford, Montgomery County.

Hayes was a free-lance jeweler in the Berks County area and was a 1983 graduate of Oley Valley High School.

Hayes is also survived by a sister, Diana Hayes, Birdsboro; and three step-sisters: Elaine Hartung, Somerville, N.J.; Lois Hartung, San Diego; and Sharon Riggs, Scranton.

Other survivors include his stepmother, Stella Hayes, Pike Township; his paternal grandmother, Catherine Hayes, Schwenksville, Montgomery County; and his maternal grandfather, Walter Woodland, Douglassville.

The Catagnus Funeral Home Inc., Gilbertsville, handled the arrangements.

Burial was private.

**WILLARD H. KLINE**

Services were held for Willard H. Kline, 80, of Big Road, Obelisk, husband of Pauline L. (Leister) Kline, who died August 29 at Pottstown Memorial Medical Center.

Born in Collegeville, he was a purchasing agent for Security Elevator Co., Philadelphia, for 27 years until his retirement in 1987.

During World War II, he worked as a welder at the Sun Ship Co., West Chester, building war ships.

He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Obelisk.

In addition to his wife of 61 years, he is survived by two sons, Tyrone A. Kline of Sassamansville and Perry D. Kline of Perkiomenville; three daughters, Janice H. Berky of Englewood, Fla., Pamela F.

Yerger of Gilbertsville and Valerie L. Malmberg of Boyertown; one brother, Earl H. Kline of Barto; two sisters, Estella H. Goodman of Frederick and Edna H. Beltz of Schwenksville; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother and one sister.

The arrangements were handled by the Linwood W. Ott Funeral Home Inc., Boyertown.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Boyertown.

**JOSEPH A. COOK JR.**

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. for Joseph A. Cook Jr., 68, who died September 1 in his residence at W. Spring St., Bechtelsville.

He was the husband of Sandra K. (Reigh) Cook.

Cook was born in Reading.

For 35 years, Cook worked as a wire preparation technician at Cabot Corp., Boyertown, last working August 30.

He was an army veteran of the Korean War.

Cook is also survived by two sons, Jeffrey L., at home, and Timothy R., Bechtelsville; and a daughter, Dara K. (Cook) Horning, at home.

Other survivors include a brother, Robert, Mohnton; a half brother, Earl Mengel, Panama City, Fla.; and two sisters, Eleanor (Cook) Moyer, Gilbertsville, and Rose (Cook) Johnson, Laureldale.

There are also four granddaughters.

He was predeceased by a son, Vint A.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Linwood W. Ott Funeral Home Inc., Boyertown.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Boyertown.

**VIOLA M. MATHIAS**

Services will be held for Viola M. (Reinert) Mathias, 86, formerly of Oley, who died September 3 in the Topton Lutheran Home, where she resided for several years.

She was the widow of Eugene C. Mathias.

Born in Landis Store, Berks County, she was a homemaker and worked for seven years for Whittier's in Reading.

She was a member of Friedens Lutheran Church and its Dorcas Society, Oley.

There are no immediate survivors.

Contributions may be made to Friedens Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 1076 Memorial Highway, Oley, PA 19547.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Friedens Lutheran Church, 1076 Memorial Highway, Oley.

Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Burial will be in Friedens Cemetery, Oley.

The arrangements are being handled by the Daniel R. Christ Funeral Home, Oley.

**CLARE J. LATTEMANN**

Private services were held for Clare J. Lattemann, 86, formerly of Oley and Fleetwood, who died September 1 in ManorCare Health Services Inc., Muhlenberg Township, where she has resided since 1996.

Her husband, William C. Lattemann, died in 1974.

Born in West Reading, she had been employed for many years by the Berkshire, Wyomissing; and Rosedale, Laureldale, knitting mills.

She was a member of Friedens Lutheran Church, Oley.

Surviving is a son, William C., of Fleetwood. There is also a

grandson.

The Daniel R. Christ Funeral Home, Oley, handled the arrangements.

Burial was in Friedens Cemetery, Oley.

## Unemployment on rise in the Reading market

The unemployment rate in the Reading area has hit 5.1% for the first time since 1996.

The rise follows a 12-month period where unemployment stayed close to the 4.5% mark which kept the Reading area under the national average.

Five percent, or less, is considered full employment by the federal government.

The largest decline in workers occurred in the electronics area and much of the increase was blamed on layoffs at Agere.

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## Questions answered on health issues

Residents will be able to get answers to women's health questions online in September through the Pennsylvania Medical Society's interactive, online doctor column.

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# Earl crime watch seeks info on past

By Fred G. Phillips  
Times Editor

Earl Township residents will be out patrolling their communities, if a group of concerned citizens have their way.

About 47 residents recently had their second meeting with officials from the State Police. What they wanted was tips on how to form their own crime watch for the township.

Earl Township currently has no police and depends on around-the-clock State Police patrols.

Frank Morgan, township supervisor, said a State Police representative told the crime watch that they could be trained on how to handle problems, but that patrols would be up to them and the availability of volunteers.

"People can join the crime watch and they will be trained on what to look for and how to identify people," he said. "There will also be background checks performed on everyone who wants to be involved."

Morgan said one of the group's tasks right now needs resident's help.

"We have a township map and

we are trying to map crime or any incidents that have occurred in Earl Township," he explained.

The map will help crime watch identify areas that may be prone to crime.

Anyone with information should contact the township office.

Morgan also noted that volunteers will be trained to observe and contact police. He also noted that no weapons will be involved.

"We are also working to get more crime watch signs posted around the township," he said.

The group, at its recent meeting, approved holding fundraiser(s) and will also seek help from the Rolling Hills Landfill.

Morgan said the group had noticed a slight increase in crime in the township from last fall to April of this year.

However, since the beginning of crime watch and placing signs around areas, crime has decreased in the township.

He said they have also noticed that there has been an increase in patrols by State Police in the area.

Morgan is the Republican junior member of the supervisors.

## OJR evening classes are set to start for new year

Classes for the Owen J. Roberts Adult School will begin Sept. 17 and registrations are being taken now.

The school is offering 170 classes and 11 trips with some of the new classes including public speaking, a video course which teaches the fundamentals of shooting a video, braided rug making and a keyboarding class.

A new instructor is Takako

Pike. She will be teaching introduction to Japanese cooking and an introduction to the Japanese language.

There will be several exercise classes as well as many self-improvement classes including English as a second language.

Most courses are offered in the evening but a few are available in daytime hours.

Call 610-469-5830 for details.

## Patriot plan scores hit

Patriot Commercial Leasing Co., a subsidiary of Patriot Bank has announced an agreement with Mitsui Machinery Distribution which makes forklift trucks.

The leasing company will now offer Mitsui dealers along the east coast, leasing programs and the opportunity to finance rental fleets.

## Men sought for prostate cancer tests Sept. 8

All men age 50 and older and African American men age 40 and older who have not been diagnosed with, or treated for, prostate problems in the last six months can be screened for signs and symptoms of cancer at St. Joseph Medical Center's annual prostate screening Sept. 8th from 8 a.m.

until noon.

Men who have an immediate relative who has had prostate cancer also can participate.

Urologists Dr. Gary Ginsberg, Dr. Scott Horner and Dr. Jung Pil Lee will conduct digital exams and evaluate each patient.

**FRANK W. KLEMAN SR.**

Services were held for Frank W. Kleman Sr., 72, of Rick Road, Boyertown, husband of Nancy J. (Schaeffer) Kleman, who died August 27 at the Montgomery County Geriatric Center, Upper Providence.

Born in Gilbertsville, he worked in the mill room of the former Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. for 18 years and was also a painter for Phoenixville Steel until his retirement in 1983.

He was a member of New Hanover Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville.

In addition to his wife of 50 years, he is survived by two sons, William H. Kleman of Boyertown and Frank W. Kleman Jr. of Clay, W. Va.; two daughters, Mary Ann Moyer of Boyertown and Bernice L. Zelezick of Delaware; two brothers, Peter Kleman Sr. of Pennsburg and William Kleman of York; two sisters, Theresa Swavely of Gilbertsville and Kathryn Williams of York; and six grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son, David Kleman; a daughter, Nancy L. Evans; a brother and a sister.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, 498 Bellevue Ave., Reading, PA 19605; or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163.

The arrangements were handled by the Schumacher & Benner Funeral Home, Pottstown.

**FRANKLIN E. CUMMINGS**

Services were held for Franklin E. Cummings, 77, who died August 27 in his residence at Sandhill Road, Ruscombmanor Township.

His wife, Margie E. (Hiester) Cummings, died in 1992.

Born in Reading, Cummings was employed for 10 years as a saw operator in the mill room of Quaker Maid Kitchens, Ontelaunee Township, retiring in 1986.

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