Obituaries

Beth I. Burdick

Stephentown – Beth Irene Severe Burdick, 94, died peacefully in the comfort of her home on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 with her daughter Joan and son-in-law Jeff at her side.

She was the beloved wife of the late Dr. Victor H. Burdick, MD who died November 7, 2015. They were married on May 29, 1959 in Malawi, Africa.

She was the loving mother of Victor Burdick, Jr. of Colorado, Joan (Jeff) Brokalis of Stephentown, NY and Mark (Deborah) Burdick of Arizona; grandmother of Leslie, Alisa, Rachel, Stephen, Seth, Andrew and Blake; great-grandmother of Griffin and Nora; sister of Dorothy Whitlock of California.

A graveside service was held Thursday, April 1, 2021 at the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery in Berlin, NY with Pastor Matthew Olsen officiating. Arrangements are by the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home in Stephentown. Condolence book at Parker-BrosMemorial.com.

Church Directory

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT BERLIN – 17 South Main Street, Berlin, NY, 12022. Weekly worship services on Sunday at 11 am in person (following the guidelines of our Safety Plan). We also gladly extend an invitation to all those at home to enjoy the Live Stream or the tape of the service. Please contact goodermotess@yahoo.com if you would like to receive the link. Community Food Closet offered 9 to 11 am third Saturdays and 3 to 5 pm third Tuesdays or in emergency by calling the church 518-658-2942.

WEST HOOSICK BAPTIST CHURCH – 1349 Buskirk W. Hoosick Rd., Buskirk, NY 12028, 518-686-7201. Pastor J. D. Milton. Sundays at 10:30 am (COVID-19 protocols observed) Streaming Sunday Messages. www.facebook.com/westhoosick-baptistchurch/

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – 741 Taborton Road, Sand Lake, NY 12153. 518-674-1039. Weekly Sunday services live (following socially distancing guidelines) at 10 am and on our Facebook page (Zionís United Church of Christ of Sand Lake, NY); Sunday school starts at 10 am in the church. Pastor: Hafidah Saadiqah

Starlene M. Taft

Grafton – Starlene Marie Taft (Kohler), 74 went to be with the Lord on March 30, 2021. She was the wife of Berniss D. Taft Jr. They resided on Fox Hollow Road.

Starlene was born on July 16, 1946 in Hoosick Falls, New York to Walter and Alice (Cooke) Kohler. Starlene was employed as a day care worker at the Morning Star Day Care in North Hoosick, New York.

She enjoyed taking care of children and was an avid reader. Survivors are her husband Berniss Taft Jr., four sons Berniss Taft III of North Carolina, Leroy Thomas of Troy, NY, Kevin Thomas of Hoosick Falls, NY and Joshua Stevens, daughters Christine Thomas of Florida, Tonya Taft of Boston, three sisters Debbie Hanlon, Beverly Oakley and Rose Bogardus. She is also survived by four brothers Wayne, Billy, Robert and Teddy Bogardus. Starlene was also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on April 12 at 12 pm at the Mahar Funeral Home, 43 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, New York. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Monday from 11 am until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grafton Rescue Squad through the funeral home.

Church News

Pittstown United Methodist Church

On Saturday, April 10 a Chicken and Biscuit Supper will be held at the Pittstown United Methodist Church Hall, Route 7, Pittstown. Take out only from 4 to 6 pm. On the menu: chicken and biscuit with gravy, vegetables, coleslaw, cranberry relish, dessert. Adults \$12, children 5-12 \$5, under 5 free. Reservations Suggested. Please call 518-663-5607.

Chicken or Tri-Tips Dinner

The West Hoosick Baptist Church will hold a take out chicken or tri-tips barbecue on Saturday, April 24. Dinner includes 1/2 chicken or tri-tips, potato, coleslaw, dinner role, and dessert. Cost is \$12. Pick up will be from 4 pm to 5:30 pm at the church on County Route 103-Buskirk-West Hoosick Road. Please call Paula at 518-686-5664, or Bob at 518-677-3951 by April 23 to reserve your dinners. Dinners will be available while supplies last the day of the barbecue. Please bring a reusable grocery bag for a carry out.

Eagle Bridge Thrift Store

The Eagle Bridge Methodist Church is resuming its weekly Thrift Store on Wednesdays through October 27. COVID-19 protocols will be followed. The church is located on Route 67 in Eagle Bride. Hope to see you there.

Gilead's Body and Soul Pantry

As I am writing this, I am trying to figure if what I see is snowflakes or does Mother Nature have a bad case of dandruff. I hope it is snowflakes because I know we don't have any Head and Shoulders on our pantry shelves.

We wish we could have you come back inside on Thursday, April 29 and have dinner with us, but the virus still has us doing take out meals. This month our menu is a barbeque chicken leg and thigh, pasta salad, vegetable, and dessert. The hours are 3 to 6 pm. This will be our last dinner until the end of September.

Those who have not visited us before can find us at the intersection of Routes 7 and 278 in Center Brunswick. We are located in the Gilead Lutheran Church fellowship hall.

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