

# **CURATOR'S REPORT**

## **THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**JULY 11, 2023**



**FORMER FARM HOME OF RUPPLE &  
GLADYS (WALKER) BRANT**

**CROSSROAD SCHOOL ROAD**

**BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP**



# S. J. WALKER FOUND DEAD

Had Been Ill With Flu, But Was Out Friday Night; Found Early Saturday.

Stewart J. Walker, for 18 years engaged in the automobile business in Somerset, was found dead in his bed when called Saturday morning at 5.

He had gone home weakened Friday night and a physician called, but seemed to have gotten relief. He had been ill four weeks with flu, but had been up and around until Friday night.

Born in Brothersvalley township 48 years ago, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Walker, he was educated in the schools of the township.

He came to Somerset in 1919 and entered the automobile business and has been agent for the Studebaker automobile and later the Dodge.

He is survived by his wife, nee Marian Walker, and one son, Donald. Oscar Walker, Dalton walker, Walter Walker, Mrs. D. R. Hoffman, all of Garrett, R. D., and Edison Walker of Somerset are brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at his late residence at 1:30 and at Hays Reformed church at 2:30, the Rev. Mr. Wittmer, pastor, and Dr. I Hesa Wagner officiating. Funeral director, E. S. Landis prepared the body for burial.



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**STEWART J. WALKER**

**BROTHERSVALLEY FARM BOY**

**SOMERSET STUDEBAKER &**

**DODGE DEALERSHIP**



1932



2023

## Joyce Dunn

BERLIN - Joyce Ann Dunn, 84, Berlin, went to meet her Savior on June 14, 2023. Born July 24, 1938 in Altoona, daughter of Edward and Velma (Fink) Herdman. Preceded in death by parents, husband of 62 years Charles, brother James Herdman, brother-in-law and sister-in-law James and Barbara Dunn, and dear relatives Kenny Miller and Mandy Henninger. Survived by her sons: James, Richard, and Michael, all of Berlin, and John (Michelle) of Armagh; grandchildren: Kaylin (David), Cassidy (Michael), Christian (Kassandra), and John Michael; great grandson Ridge; beloved cousin Donnis Miller; sister-in-law Sally Herdman; and several nieces and nephews. Joyce graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She earned master's degree in reading with a reading specialist certificate from Frostburg University. She taught in the Altoona, Chincoteague, and Shanksville-Stonycreek School Districts. Retiring after 36 years in public education, she then taught at the Allegany College of Maryland and supervised student teachers for Drexel University. A member of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berlin, she sang in the choir, volunteered with compassion visitors and the flower committee, participated in Bible study, served on council, and taught Sunday school. She was also a member of the Pius Spring Woman's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, Glade One-Room Schoolhouse volunteer through the Berlin Historical Society, and Hazel's Red hats. She was honored as the YWCA 2001 Woman of the Year and awarded the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year in 2002. Three of her favorite activities were Bible studies, lunch with friends, and spending time with her family. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the Windber Hospice for its compassion and care. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 525 Main St. Berlin, PA 15530 where service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday. Rev. Robert Keplinger officiating. Interment Berlin I.O.O.F. Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. Arrangements entrusted to Deaner Funeral Home, Berlin. [DeanerFuneralsAndCremations.com](http://DeanerFuneralsAndCremations.com)



CHARLES & JOYCE DUNN

**JOYCE ANN (HERDMAN) DUNN**

**VOLUNTEERS AT THE GLADE  
ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE**

**WE REMEMBER WITH GREAT FONDNESS!**

## 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1973 AT BERLIN



**FRONT ROW – LEFT TO RIGHT: PAMELA (LANDIS) WEBRECK, DONNA (WILL) SUDER, VICKI (KAMP) HORTUBAY, MAYLA (HAY) YODER, AND MARGIE (WEBRECK) ZORN. SECOND ROW: DRU ELLEN (COUGHENOUR) WOY, BARBARA (HITTIE) PYLE, KATHY (DARR) GLESSNER, BETTY (SHUMAKER) CHANEY, AND MIKE KREPELKA. THIRD ROW: NORMAN MENHORN, GARY TATALEBA, DOUGLAS McCALL BELL, LARRY BAER, AND JIM MARTIN.**



**FORMER SYKES & GRACE GLESSNER FARM IN BROTHERSVALLEY TWP. DONATED BY LAVERNE COSLIC**



**BUSY MAIN STREET  
IN BERLIN FOR A  
PARADE DECADES  
AGO!**

**BUSY MAIN STREET  
IN BERLIN FOR THE  
FIREMEN'S PARADE  
OF JUNE 15, 2022**



# FINALIZING BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S NEW COOK BOOK!



**MEGAN EVANS, EDITOR, AND LEANNE CALVERT, BAHS  
PRESIDENT**

## DONATIONS

**Mandy Cooper** obtained and identified two pictures of the graduating class of 2023 at Berlin Brothersvalley High School. **Hazel Hillegas** donated photos, newspaper clippings, and other memorabilia. **Carol Leydig** donated genealogy on the Charles William and Sarah (Baughman) Raley family and the 1996 Appalachian Wagon Train booklet. Larry Pritts donated a program booklet for the production of Moses.

**Lewis E. and Sara Berkley** donated the 1937 publication of Berlin's senior class entitled "This 'N That". **LaVerne Coslic** donated a collection of items pertaining to the 1999 opening of SCI-Somerset; a picture of Sykes and Grace Glessner's former farm in Brothersvalley Township; and a picture (July 1971) of the Berlin Brethren Church and the former Boy Scouts building behind it. **Connie (Lafferty) Sloniger** donated copies of the 1945, 1961, 1963, and 1964 Bervalons. **Anita and Larry Hankinson** donated \$100.00.

## A FADING SCENE

Farms are fewer in number than ever before in 2023. However the farms are much larger in acreage in comparison to the 1950s and 1960s when many of us were experiencing our younger years living here in southern Somerset County.

For yesteryear's farm kids, it's a treat to travel through the country and observe a herd of dairy cows grazing in a pasture. In decades past you frequently saw cows grazing on the many smaller farms that existed.

Remember getting dressed up to attend a public activity and your attempts to hide your Farmer's Tan under your clothing?

**THANK YOU TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS AND THE THINGS YOU DO FOR THE SOCIETY!**

**DAVID R. HAY, CURATOR**



**SCOTT LEISTER'S DAIRY COWS GRAZING IN THEIR PASTURE ALONG GLENCOE ROAD IN NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP. JUNE 27, 2023**

# FOUR GENERATIONS OF COUGHENOUR FAMILY MEN

LEFT TO RIGHT: DEREK ROBERT COUGHENOUR HOLDING SON BENNETT  
ROBERT RAY COUGHENOUR - GREAT GRANDPA,  
BRIAN KEITH COUGHENOUR HOLDING DEREK'S SON CAMDON



THE FIREMEN'S PARADE OF JUNE 15, 2023 IN FRONT OF GEORGE AND CAROLYN  
CUSTER'S HOME ON MAIN STREET IN BERLIN