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OBITUARIES

DEATHS REPORTED

Andrews, David R.
65, of Lancaster, February 5, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home and Chapel Inc., 560-5100.

Capello, Gilda M.
80, of Estera, FL, February 3, 2008. Gravenor Home for Funerals, 733-6181.

Croll, Harry P.
73, husband of Mary A. (Kundrik) Croll, of Lititz, February 6, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

Merchliński, Karen
53, wife of Tom Merchliński, of Akron, February 6, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 859-1230.

Ruffner, Sallie C.
94, of Lancaster, February 6, 2008. Stradling Funeral Home, 859-1230.

Schmid, Robert L.
81, of Lancaster, February 4, 2008. David J. Boyko Funeral Home, 610-965-3229.

Shultz, Helen B.
87, of Lancaster, February 7, 2008. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097.

Simmons, Robert V.
84, of Lititz, February 6, 2008. Gravenor Home For Funerals, 733-6181.

Stauffer, Harold E.
97, of Leola, February 6, 2008. Furman Home for Funerals, 656-6833.

Stewart, S. Grant
96, of 300 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Willow Street, February 6, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661.

* No Obituary appears

David R. Andrews

David R. Andrews, 65, of Lancaster, passed away on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late William E. and Evelyn N. (Groff) Andrews.

Mr. Andrews worked in the Heating and Air conditioning industry and previously worked at Coe camera Shop in Lancaster. He graduated from McCaskey High in 1960 and attended Rider College. He was an avid reader and Chicago Bears fan. He was a member of

S. Grant Stewart

S. Grant Stewart, 96, of 300 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Willow Street, PA, died on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 following a sudden illness. He was a quiet man who lived simply and was always gracious towards others.

Grant was born in Caldwell, Idaho to Russell Alden and Pauline Aden Stewart. He grew up in the farm community of Battle Creek, Nebraska. In high school, he was a basketball player and trombonist. He attended the University of Nebraska and graduated in 1934 with a B.S.

Mr. Stewart taught in the Waverly consolidated School in Lancaster County, Nebraska from 1935-1937. During that time he coached the men's basketball team and launched one student into a lifelong career in photography. He soon found work with the Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, Oklahoma as a chemist, ultimately transferring to Washington D.C. in 1950 to continue his work with Phillips while pursuing a law degree. He graduated from George Washington School of Law in 1954 and moved to Wilmington, Delaware to become a patent attorney with Hercules Inc. He retired from that company in 1976.

He was married to Norma Irene Stewart for 59 years before her death in 1999. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart moved to Willow Valley in 1988. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster.

Mr. Stewart is survived by his son and daughter in law John D. and Martha Price Stewart, Norfolk, VA., a niece, Polly Stewart, Seattle WA.; a nephew, Paul Lien, Dallas TX, great niece, Kelly Lien, several cousins, many friends at Willow Valley, special friends Emory Champney and Michael and Marilyn Keehan. He was preceded in death by a sister, Adene S. Lien, who died in 1965.

A memorial service will be held in the Thomas Auditorium, Willow Valley Lakes Manor on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 2:00PM. Burial will be private. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Grant's memory to the Lancaster book challenge, c/o First Presbyterian church, 140 E. Orange

Sallie C. Ruffner

Sallie C. Ruffner, 94, of Lancaster, entered into rest at Brethren Village, Lancaster on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 following a brief illness.



She was born in East Drumore Twp. Pa., a daughter of the late Ellis E. and Hannah Kulp Kreider.

She is the widow of Paul M. Ruffner who died in January 2003.

Sallie was a member of the Ephrata Church of the Brethren, and enjoyed embroidering and gardening as hobbies.

A homemaker, she had also been employed as a practical nurse and babysitter in the Ephrata area for many years.

Surviving are a brother, Allen R. husband of Elizabeth (Betty) Bard Kreider of Quarryville, and a sister-in-law, Jean Kreider of Willow Valley Manor. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, 3 brothers, Willis, Frederick and Samuel Kreider and 3 sisters, Fern Ober, Reba Creamer and Grace Jackson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at the Stradling Funeral Home, 201 N. Church Ave. Ephrata with Pastors Rob Eshelman and Levi Ziegler officiating. Interment will follow in the Mechanic Grove Brethren Cemetery, East Drumore Twp. Friends may call one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

The family requests memorial contributions in Sallie's memory be sent to Brethren Village Caring Fund, 3001 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, Pa 17606. Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit

www.stradlingfuneralhome.com

Robert L. Schmid

Robert L. Schmid, 81, of Lancaster, died Monday, February 4th, 2008 at Lebanon VA Hospital.

Robert V. Simmons

Robert V. Simmons, 84, of Lititz, PA, died on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at Maple Farm Nursing Center. He was born in Farmersville, PA to the late Ira W. and M a m i e (Sweigart)



Simmons. His first wife, Arlene M. Simmons died in 1974 and his second wife, Sarah L. Simmons died in 2000.

Robert was a WWII Veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps having served in New Guinea. He was employed as a Brick Mason and was a member of the Ephrata AMVETS and VFW.

Surviving are two daughters: Monique E. Simmons of Lititz, PA and Roberta, wife of Randy Maurer of Ephrata, PA; a step-son, Roland E. Lynn, husband of Annette (Fry) of Ephrata; two step-daughters: Sandra L, wife of Ronald Heck of Mt. Joy, PA and Roxanne E. Benn of Lancaster, PA; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and a number of step grand and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Robert L. Simmons and Brook F. White and a step-son, Donald Lynn.

Friends will be received from 9-10 a.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008 at Gravenor Home For Funerals, 100 W. Main St., Ephrata, PA. Funeral services will follow at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Timothy L. Craven officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Ephrata, PA.

Memorial donations: Lebanon VA Medical Center, Attn: Oncology Center 330C, 1700 S. Lincoln Ave., Lebanon, PA 17042. To offer your condolences please visit www.gravenorhomeforfunerals.com

Helen B. Shultz

Helen B. Shultz, 87 of Lancaster, PA died Thursday, February 7th at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Allentown, PA she was the widow of John H. Shultz. She was a member of St. Andrew United Church of Christ in Lancaster. During WW II, she served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the

Dr. Harold E. Stauffer

Doctor Harold E. Stauffer, M.D., 97, of Leola, Pa. went home to be with His Lord on February 6, 2008. He lived with his daughter and her husband at 2060 Creek Hill Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Born in New Holland on June 22nd, 1910, he was the son of the late Edwin G. and Gertrude C. Martin Stauffer. His wife "Peg" Fenninger Stauffer preceded him in 1999 after 61 years of marriage.

He graduated from New Holland High School in 1929.

After graduating from F&M College and University of Pennsylvania Medical School, he established a family medical practice in Bareville, now known as Leola Family Health Center. There he became a very much loved family doctor, known for his care for the whole family, and for his wisdom and good sense of humor. He made many house calls and delivered many babies at home. He cared for several patients at the nursing homes until he was 85 years old. He fully retired after 58 years of practice.

He was a great father to John E. Stauffer, married to Mary Jane Royer Stauffer of Bowie, MD; Judith Ann Stauffer Scott married to Robert Scott of Lakewood, CO (Judy died in 1992); and Jean Stauffer Niemeyer, married to Richard Niemeyer, M.D. of Lancaster.

Harold and his children rode horses all over Lancaster County, enjoying nature and being together. He took numerous pack horse trips in the mountains of our western states with his children and grandchildren. He rode until age 89. He and

Peg enjoyed fishing and camping, continuing education courses of the Bible, travel and the pleasure of many friends. Every morning found him in his chair deep in study of the Holy Bible.

Harold was a very active member first of Zelteneich U.C.C. and then St. Stephen U.C.C. of New Holland. He also was very highly involved in the community. He was a humble man and lived his life of faith in the salvation God provides through Jesus Christ. He practiced the sound Biblical principle of loving God and loving his neighbor as himself.

He had a sister, Mildred, married to Dr. Allan Ranck and a living sister Kathleen Clements, wife of the late Gerald Clements. She is living at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.

He has 7 grandchildren: Stacey Stauffer, John Stauffer Jr., Jennifer Dopp, Kristine Canada, Laura DeBruin, Richard David Niemeyer, Ryan Scott and 6 great-grandchildren whom he dearly loved also.

The Life Celebration will be Saturday Feb. 9, 2008 at 11 a.m. from the St. Stephen United Church of Christ, 249 E. Main St., New Holland. The viewing will be Friday (TODAY) from 4-8 p.m. at the Furman Home for Funerals, 59 W. Main St., Leola. There will be no viewing Saturday; however, the family will visit with friends at the church from 10-11 a.m. The interment will be in Zelteneich U.C.C. cemetery on Saturday at 9 a.m. Kindly omit flowers. Memorials may be made to The Jesus Film Project, 27631 La Paz Rd., Suite A, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677, www.jesusfilm.org/support/easygift or to Youth Outreach International, 2060 Creek Hill Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. To send online condolences go to obits.lancasteronline.com

Karen Merchliński

Karen Merchliński, 53, of Akron, entered into rest at her residence on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

She was born in Shamokin, a daughter of the late Freeman and Helen Topolski Startzel.

Harry P. Croll

Harry P. Croll, 73, of Lititz, entered into rest on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at LGH after a brief illness.

Born August 6, 1934, in Hazleton, he was the son of the late Harry L. and Gladys V.

Heating and Air conditioning industry and previously worked at Coe camera Shop in Lancaster. He graduated from McCaskey High in 1960 and attended Rider College. He was an avid reader and Chicago Bears fan. He was a member of the Elstonville Sportsman Association.

Surviving is his sister Joan M. Carpenter, married to Howard R. of Lititz, a stepson, Joshua Chapman of Newark DE, a niece Lisa Schouten, married to Ian L. of Lititz, and two grand nieces, Lauren and Sara Schouten of Lititz.

At David's request, funeral services will be private, and at the convenience of the family. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may make it in David's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604. The Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home and Chapel Inc. 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA, 560-5100 is handling the arrangements. To send an online condolence, please visit www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Willow Valley Laks Manor on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 2:00PM. Burial will be private. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Grant's memory to the Lancaster book challenge, c/o First Presbyterian church, 140 E. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA. 17602. Arrangements by the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, Lancaster. To send online condolences, please visit www.snyderfuneralhome.com

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SERVICES TODAY

Dillon, Ruth A.
Swamp Evang. Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Rd., Reinholds, Fri., 11:00 AM. Roseboro Funeral Home

Ditzler, Diana B.
Chapel of the United Zion Retirement Community, 722 Furnace Hills Pike, Lititz, Fri., 11:00 AM. Richard H. Heisoy Funeral Home

Geder, Estelle C.
St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church, 2111 Millersville Pk., Lancaster, Friday, 11:00 A.M. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home

Harnish, Gerald P.
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 558 West Walnut St., Lancaster, Fri., 11:30 AM. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home

Hoffman, Robert E.
Donecker Chapel at Ephrata Manor, 99 Bethany Road, Ephrata, Fri., 11:00 AM. Gravenor Home For Funerals

Landis, Esther R.
Strasburg Mennonite Church, 1514 Village Road, Strasburg, Fri., 11:00 AM. Bachman Funeral Home

Martin, Clayton H.
Akron Mennonite Church, 1311 Diamond St., Akron, Fri., 6:00 PM. Furman Home for Funerals

McCardell, Charles Robert
Little Britain Presbyterian Church, 255 Little Britain Road, Peach Bottom. Fri., 11:00am. Reynolds Funeral Home.

McCraab, Loyal M.
Greenwood Cemetery, 719 Highland Ave., Lancaster, Fri., 1:00 PM. Charles F. Snyder, Jr. Funeral Home & Chapel

Rosenberry, Robert L.
First Church of the Nazarene, 456 King Street, Milton, Fri., 7:00 PM. Brooks Funeral Home

Usciak, Anna Jane
Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 141 East Orange St., Lancaster, Fri., 2:00 PM.

Weaver, Raymond H.
Weaverland Mennonite Church, 210 Weaverland Valley Road, East Earl, Fri., 2:00 PM. Groff-High Funeral Home

Robert L. Schmid

Robert L. Schmid, 81, of Lancaster, died Monday, February 4th, 2008 at Lebanon VA Hospital.

Born in Lancaster on December 29, 1926, he was a son of the late Charles and Mary (Foultz) Schmid. He worked as a Lithographer for several firms in the Lancaster/York area during his career. He was 1945 graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School and attended Millersville University for one year. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean war. Robert was a member of the Lancaster Litho Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Roberta L., wife of Barry L. Wallick of Red Lion; a son, Jeffrey S. Schmid of State College. Sisters, Jean, wife of Jacob Otthofer of Lancaster, and Joan, wife of Charles Cousar of Lancaster and a brother, Harold Schmid and his wife Rebecca, of Ephrata; two granddaughters, Stacy L. and Kerri L. Wallick as well as nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles, in 1992.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 314 Good Dr., Lancaster, PA 17603 or WITF (PBS-TV), 4801 Lindle Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

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February 7th at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Allentown, PA she was the widow of John H. Shultz. She was a member of St. Andrew United Church of Christ in Lancaster. During WW II, she served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the U.S. Navy Women's Memorial Association. Mrs. Shultz was the last of her immediate family.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 800 Corporate Circle, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Dr., P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements are by the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097. For more information or to send an on-line condolence, please visit our website at www.kearneyasniderfuneralhome.com

Gilda M. Capello

Gilda M. Capello, 80, of Estera, FL, formerly of Ephrata, PA, died on Sun., Feb. 3, 2008. She was born in Philadelphia to the late Thomas and Mary (Brisco) Orgoglioso and was the wife of the late Michael E. Capello, who died in 2003.

Surviving is a son, Michael T., husband of Ginny K. (Sweigart) Capello of Estero, FL, eight grandchildren, three great grandsons and a sister, Marie Linza of Springfield, PA.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, East Hanover Twp., Lebanon Co., PA.

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Karen Merchlinski, 53, of Akron, entered into rest at her residence on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

She was born in Shamokin, a daughter of the late Freeman and Helen Topolski Startzel.

She was the wife of Tom Merchlinski with whom she would have celebrated their 31st anniversary on June 25th.

She was a graduate of Bloomsburg University and worked as a self employed title searcher.

Surviving besides her husband are a son, Josh Merchlinski of College Park, MD, a brother, Ronald Startzel, husband of Elizabeth of Strong, and a sister, Elizabeth Ann Higgins, wife of William of Milton.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Startzel George.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 320 Church Ave., Ephrata. Final commendation and farewell will be held in the All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Elysburg. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday evening at the Stradling Funeral Homes, 30 N. 9th St., Akron and also on Saturday from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home prior to a prompt departure to the church.

The family requests memorial contributions in Karen's memory be sent to Hospice of Lancaster County, P. O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604. Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit www.stradlingfuneralhome.com

Harry P. Croll, 73, of Lititz, entered into rest on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at I.G.H after a brief illness.

Born August 6, 1934, in Hazleton, he was the son of the late Harry L. and Gladys V. (Comp) Croll. He was married to Mary A. (Kundrik) Croll for over 43 years.

A Graduate of the Simmons Institute of Funeral Service in Syracuse, NY, Harry was a licensed Funeral Director for over 40 years.

Mr. Croll was a member of the Masonic Lehigh Lodge No. 326 F & AM, Macungie PA, as well as the Lions Club and Sertoma Club in Allentown, PA. He attended the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Lancaster.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, David P. Croll, husband of Jodi; a grandson, Conner P. Croll, all of Lititz; a stepson, Frank V. Loncar, of WI; a sister, Gladys Jean Croll, of Hazleton, as well as his extended family and caring friends.

Funeral Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in the Machpelah Cemetery, Lititz, PA. Arrangements Entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, PA 17551, 717-872-2266. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: www.scheidfuneralhome.com

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