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## DEATHS REPORTED

**Barninger, Harry C.**  
69, of 1060 Ridge Ave., Columbia, January 31, 2008. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 684-2370.

**Blankenbiller, Betty F.**  
78, of Ephrata, January 30, 2008. Gravenor Home For Funerals, 733-6181.

**Dougherty, Joeli Grace**  
Stillborn daughter of Sean F. and Abigail J. Strangarity Dougherty, of Lancaster, January 30, 2008. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097.

**Drew, Ellen H.**  
63, wife of John Bryan, of 1202 Millrace Run, Narvon, January 30, 2008. Eckenroth Home for Funerals, 445-5122.

**Ebersole, Jean L. (Bishop)**  
88, wife of Ralph Eugene Ebersole, of Wyomissing, January 30, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543.

**Elkind, Jerry D.**  
78, husband of Mary Elkind, of Lancaster, January 26, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661.

**Fisher, Savannah Hope**  
8 days, daughter of Sam and Rosetta (King) Fisher, of Ronks, January 31, 2008. Furman Home for Funerals, 656-6833.

**Garber, Paul W.**  
83, of St. Anne's Retirement Community, Columbia, January 30, 2008. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 653-5441.

**Gehman, Ida M.**  
88, of Strasburg, January 30, 2008. Bachman Funeral Home, 697-7644.

**Gersick, Patricia R.\***  
80, of Pueblo, CO, January 30, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

**Herr, Anna Mary**  
76, of 315 N. Prince St., Lancaster, January 31, 2008. Fred F. Groff, Inc., 397-8255.

**Hossler, Robert G.**  
75, husband of Eva L. Allwine Hossler, of Lititz, January 29, 2008. Richard H. Heisey Funeral Home, 626-

## John M. Welk

John M. Welk, 82, of Rohrerstown, died at home on Wednesday, January 30, 2008.



He was married 30 years this past December to Janet L. Summers Welk. His first wife Melanie Forster

Welk died in 1966. Born in Millersville, he was the son of the late Joseph and Kathryn Munson Welk.

Mr. Welk retired from Armstrong World Industries where he had been employed in the research and development department from 1959 until 1989. Prior to that he had worked at Packard Motor Company from 1947 to 1959. He had also owned SJM Cycles in Rohrerstown for 35 years. In the early 1950's he had raced Packards at the Old Lancaster Speedway and at Lincoln Speedway in New Oxford.

He was a member of the Bellevue Presbyterian Church in Gap, PA. John was a member of the Thunderbirds Motorcycle Club, Milton Grove Sportsman's Association, American Legion in Morris Run, PA, Amvets Post #0019 in Lancaster, VFW Post #7294 in Millersville, U.S. Constabulary Association, the Lamberton Lodge # 476 F.&A.M., and the East Waterford Community Fire Company. Mr. Welk served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the "A" Troop Sixth Constabulary Squadron. He enjoyed deer hunting at his cabin in Juniata County.

Surviving besides his wife is a son, John F. husband of Meldo Welk of Milton Grove; a daughter Sheila C. wife of Charles Stoll of Mountville; five grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, one great great grandchild; a brother, Harry B. husband of Catherine Welk of Lancaster; six sisters, Lucy Ames of Lancaster; Kathryn Newcomer of Pequea, Dolores Byers of Cresswell, Joyce Kay wife of Charles Peters of Lan-

## Jerry D. Elkind

Jerry D. Elkind, 78, of Lancaster passed away at home Saturday, January 26, 2008. He is survived by his wife Mary. Born in Brooklyn, New York he was the son of the late William and Clara (Rabinowitz) Elkind.



Jerry served his country for 7 years in the Air Force before he became a business owner. Jerry was the owner of the Duke Clothier for 38 years and the former owner of TMB. He was a member of the American Legion Post 34 and the Actor's Company of PA. Jerry attended Temple Beth El. He had a passion for acting and was in over 50 productions in Lancaster County and was in the locally produced movie "The Whole Truth".

Surviving in addition to his wife is 4 children and 11 grandchildren. Jerry is preceded in death by 2 brothers and a sister.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements by Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661. To send an online condolence or for more information please visit [www.snyderfuneralhome.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhome.com)

## Ellen H. Drew

Ellen H. Drew, 63, of 1202 Millrace Run, Narvon, died Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at Ephrata Community Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Born in Brunswick, ME, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Helene (Kisla) Drew. She was married 23 years on May 4 to John "Jack" Bryan.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed Bluegrass Music and played guitar with a few small bands while living in Maine. She also enjoyed her pets, her children, grandchildren, and her great grandson.

Surviving in addition to her

## Paul W. "Gab" Garber

Paul W. "Gab" Garber, of St. Anne's Retirement Community, Columbia, formerly of Mount Joy passed away on his 83rd birthday, Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at Lancaster General Hospital after a brief illness. He was preceded in death by spouses Joan Kelly Garber and Cecelia A. (LiBrandi) Garber.



Born and raised in Mount Joy, he was the son of the late Paul W. Garber and Alice Edna Espenshade Garber Troutman. At the age of 12, Paul's father suddenly died forcing him to leave his studies and provide for his mother and siblings. A dedicated patriot, Gab served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Marine Div. 12th Defense Unit, enlisting in June 1942 and being honorably discharged on June 14, 1946 as Corporal. Deployed to the South Pacific War Theater, Paul experienced fierce combat on Woodlark, Cape Gloucester, N.B. and especially Pelcliu in the Palau Islands.

Paul was employed for 43 years by International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #542, as a heavy equipment operator. In 1973, he fulfilled his life long dream of having his own farm in Lancaster County when he and his loving wife Joan purchased Walnut Tree Farm outside of Mount Joy. Gab lived on his farm for 33 years until his health declined and he moved to the Personal Care Unit at St. Anne's Home.

Paul was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Mount Joy, a 56-year member of, I.U.O.E. Local 542, Harrisburg and served as past Vice President of the Credit Union for I.U.O.E. He was a charter and life member of VFW Post 5752, Mount Joy, and a life member of the American Legion Post 185, Mount Joy.

An avid reader all his life, he enjoyed sharing his Marine Corps experiences with others. In his younger years, he especially enjoyed hunting and spending time with friends at a lodge in Tioga County. Paul's daily presence will be deeply missed by his two daughters Sharon and Vicki. As young girls, Paul would take them fishing and on long drives through the countryside, pointing out deer along the way in the fields and hillsides. He always looked forward to family gatherings where he delighted in watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren run and play.

He is survived by his two daughters; Sharon married to Stuart Andrews of Landisville; and Vicki, married to Dennis Radle of Mount Joy. Also surviving is his former wife, Romaine Houser Garber of Mountville, mother of his two daughters. Three sisters, Patsy (Garber) Gebhart of Mount Joy; Sara (Garber) married to Benjamin Clinger of Lancaster; Jean (Troutman) Dickel of Marietta; and his brother Fred Garber of St. Anne's Home; along with 5 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a great-great-granddaughter Joslyn.

A Funeral Service honoring Paul's life will be held from the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA on Monday February 4th at 11 AM with the Reverend Elizabeth Mollard officiating. Interment in the Mount Joy Cemetery with full military honors provided by the United States Marine Corps. Friends may call at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., Mount Joy on Sunday, February 3, 2008 from 2 to 4 pm and again on Monday morning from 10 am until the time of the service. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anne's Retirement Community, 3952 Columbia Ave., Columbia PA 17512, or The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, The Sheridan Building, 125 South 9th Street, Ste. 202, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 211 S. Market St., Mount Joy PA 17552. Online condolences may be directed to [www.sheetzfuneralhome.com](http://www.sheetzfuneralhome.com)

## Betty F. Blankenbiller

Betty F. Blankenbiller, 78, of Ephrata, formerly of Lancaster and Wyomissing, died on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at United Zion Home in Lititz. She was born in Lancaster to the late Morris H. and Hanna (Binsky) McBride. Betty was the wife of Ralph K. Blankenbiller who died in 2000.



Betty was baptized in the Baptist Faith. She was employed as a waitress and enjoyed sewing and cooking.

Surviving are children: Linda L. Skowronek of Sinking Spring and Morris, husband of Susan (Wagner) Roseman of Stevens; 4 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; a brother, John Peters of Las Vegas, NV and a sister, Grace, wife of Lloyd Sauders of Mountville.

Friends will be received at Gravenor Home For Funerals, 100 W. Main St., Ephrata, PA from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 4, 2008 with funeral services following at 10:30 a.m. and Donald and Murray Roseman officiating. Interment will be in Muddy Creek Cemetery in Swartzville, PA.

Those who desire may make donations to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Dr., Lancaster, PA 17604.

To offer your condolences please visit [www.gravenorhomeforfunerals.com](http://www.gravenorhomeforfunerals.com)

## Robert G. Hossler

Robert G. Hossler, 75, passed away at Luther Acres, Lititz, on January 29, 2008. Born in Holtwood, he was the son of the late Harry Witmer & Alice Tasker Hossler. Robert was married for 50 years to Eva L. Allwine Hossler of Lititz.



He was a resident of Luther Acres and formerly lived in Ephrata and in the Lampeter Strasburg area. A member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Lititz, he was a former member of Grace Lutheran Church of Lancaster. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, rollerskating, dog

ster, January 31, 2008. Fred F. Groff, Inc., 397-8255.

**Hossler, Robert G.**  
75, husband of Eva L. Allwine Hossler, of Lititz, January 29, 2008. Richard H. Heisey Funeral Home, 626-2464.

**Kaetz, Margaret R.**  
92, of Lancaster, January 30, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661.

**Leister, Suzzette M.**  
60, of Lititz, died on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

**McCune, Claire M.**  
87, wife of Clyde P. McCune, of Columbia, January 31, 2008. Nat & Gawlas Funeral Home, 570-825-3138.

**Miller, Glen**  
68, husband of Lynn Brubaker Miller, of 2255 Coach Light Lane, Lancaster, January 29, 2008. Furman Home for Funerals, 656-6833.

**Rapp, James T., Sr.**  
83, husband of Anna Bradley Rapp, of 216 W. Fairview Ave., Marietta, January 30, 2008. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 684-2370.

**Ridenour, Lester**  
Husband of Josephine Ridenour, of Lancaster, January 31, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

**Showalter, Suetta S.**  
76, of Liverpool, January 30, 2008. The George P. Garman Funeral Homes, Inc., 570-539-2471.

**Somers, Richard Brent\***  
68, of Elizabethtown, January 29, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543.

**Stover, Helen Maley**  
79, of Lititz, January 30, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 859-1230.

**Weiksner, Donald L.**  
79, husband of Sondra Vetter Weiksner, of 975 Cambridge Drive, Manheim, January 30, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341.

**Welk, John M.**  
82, husband of Janet L. Summers Welk, of Rohrerstown, January 30, 2008. Richard A. Sheetz Funeral Home, 397-6329.

\* No Obituary appears

dren, one great-grandchild; a brother, Harry B. husband of Catherine Welk of Lancaster; six sisters, Lucy Ames of Lancaster, Kathryn Newcomer of Pequea, Dolores Byers of Cresswell, Joyce Kay wife of Charles Peters of Lancaster, Joan Kohler of Columbia, and Nancy wife of Charles Maysilles of New Danville. He was preceded in death by a daughter Renate Mitchell and by a sister Sara Jane Trahanobsky.

Services and interment in Longenecker's Reformed Mennonite Cemetery will be private and held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. Welk's memory may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements by the Richard A. Sheetz Funeral Home, 397-6329, to send an online condolence to the family, visit our website at [www.kearneyasnryderfuneralhome.com](http://www.kearneyasnryderfuneralhome.com)

#### Cemeteries/Lots

2 CEMETERY PLOTS, Conestoga View located under old shade. Both for \$900. 814-687-4225

She was a homemaker and enjoyed Bluegrass Music and played guitar with a few small bands while living in Maine. She also enjoyed her pets, her children, grandchildren, and her great grandson.

Surviving in addition to her husband are 10 children, William McElwee of Arkansas, Michael McElwee of Lititz, Kelly, married to Robert Harsh of Akron, Kay Bryan of Ephrata, Richard Bryan of Akron, Joyce, married to James Wolf of Ephrata, and Dakota, Tehya, Jessica and Elisa Bryan all at home; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; foster mother to 15 other children; two brothers, Robert Drew of Marion, IL, and Joe Rychlec of Germantown, MD; and a sister Ernestine, married to Charles Hinners of Virginia Beach, VA.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Feb. 4 at 11 am at the Eckenroth Home for Funerals, 209 E. Main St., Terre Hill with Joe Rychlec officiating. Interment will be in the Bowmanville Union Cemetery. Viewing will be held on Sunday from 6-8 pm and on Monday from 10-11 am at the Funeral Home. To send the family condolences visit us at

[www.groffeckenroth.com](http://www.groffeckenroth.com)

of I.U.O.E. Local 542, Harrisburg and served as past Vice President of the Credit Union for I.U.O.E. He was a charter and life member of VFW Post 5752, Mount Joy, and a life member of the American Legion Post 185, Mount Joy.

### Margaret R. Kaetz

Margaret R. Kaetz, 92, of Lancaster, died Wednesday at Arbor View Health Care Willow Valley.



Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Harry F. and Mary Rebecca Mahler Kaetz.

She worked for the civil service in Middletown, PA., when that closed she moved to Oklahoma and worked for the civil service and retired in 1972. She was a 1934 graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and the American Legion Post 664. She served in the Navy during World War II.

She is the last of her family. Margaret was preceded in death by two sisters; Catherine Eitnier, Miriam Kaetz, and two brothers; Henry Kaetz, and Victor Kaetz.

Services will be private. Arrangements by the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, Lancaster 393-9661. To send on line condolences, please visit [www.snyderfuneralhome.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhome.com)

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Meridian Building, 125 South 9th Street, Ste. 202, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 211 S. Market St., Mount Joy PA 17552. Online condolences may be directed to

[www.sheetzfuneralhome.com](http://www.sheetzfuneralhome.com)

### Helen Maley Stover

Helen Maley Stover, 79, of Lititz, entered into rest at Moravian Manor, Lititz on Wednesday, January 30, 2008.

She was born in Lancaster, Pa, a daughter of the late Edward W.

and Helen Trego Maley.

She is the widow of the late Leighton L. Stover Jr. who died in January of 2001.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Lititz Moravian Church, and enjoyed oil painting, playing bridge, Penn State football, and the family dogs as hobbies. Helen was a generous, caring person devoted to her family.

Surviving are a son, Leighton L. Stover III, of Lititz, 2 daughters Robbin M. wife of Martin Flegel, of Lititz, and Cindy L. wife of Jonathan Fodor, of Lititz, Grandchildren, Christi and Candice Owen, Cory Fodor, and Marty Flegel, a sister, Geraldine Shedd of Punta Gorda, Fla., and sister inlaw, Audrey Nute of Kennett Square.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A life celebration will be held at 7 PM on Monday, February 4, 2008 at the Lititz Moravian Church, Church Square, Lititz, Pa. with Rev. Dean R. Jurgen officiating. Private interment in the adjoining church cemetery at the convenience of the family. Friends may call one hour prior to the life celebration at the church on Monday evening.

The family requests memorial contributions in Helen's memory be sent to the Lititz Moravian Church, Church Square, Lititz, Pa. 17543. Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit [www.stradlingfuneralhome.com](http://www.stradlingfuneralhome.com)

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Acres and formerly lived in Ephrata and in the Lampeter Strasburg area. A member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Lititz, he was a former member of Grace Lutheran Church of Lancaster. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, rollerskating, dog training, gardening, woodworking, riding motorcycles, flying, and photography.

He first worked at J. L. Clark in Lancaster, and later worked for Bickel's Potato Chips in Manheim as a maintenance supervisor.

He is survived by his wife; and daughters, Tamara J. Hake, Columbia; Lynda D., wife of Paul Steiner, Robesonia; four grandchildren, and a sister, Betty Jean Groff, Mennonite Home, Lancaster. Preceding him in death were brothers Harry & Lloyd Hossler.

Memorial services will be held on February 9, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. at the Chapel of the Good Samaritan, Luther Acres, 600 E. Main St., Lititz, preceded by a visitation with the family for one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 3544 N. Progress Ave., Ste. 205, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9368.

### Suzzette M. Leister

Suzzette M. Leister, 60, of Lititz, died on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at LGH after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born March 15, 1947, in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Glen and Susan (Wennerholt) Hay.

She is survived by two daughters, Michelle L. Leister, of Philadelphia, Rebecca P., wife of John Miller, of Ephrata; and her companion of 20 years, Harry Foster, of Lititz.

Memorial Services will be held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA 17551, 717-872-2266, on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 11 AM. Interment will be in Centerville Cemetery, Lancaster, PA. Friends may visit with the family at Scheid's between 10 and 11 AM on Saturday. Memorial Remembrances can be made in Suzzette's memory to the American Cancer Society or to ORCA of Lancaster County. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at

[www.scheidfuneralhome.com](http://www.scheidfuneralhome.com)

## Anna Mary Herr

Anna Mary Herr, age 76, of 315 N. Prince St., Lancaster, PA, passed away on Thursday at her residence following a brief illness.



Born in New Holland, PA, she was the daughter of the late Noah N. and Lydia Martin Hoover.

Anna Mary was self-employed as a reflexologist.

She was a member of Living Hope Community Church and a devoted grandmother and a caring neighbor.

Anna Mary was a volunteer for the American Red Cross with the Ephrata Hospital.

Surviving are four daughters, Rachel L., wife of Myron Weaver, Reinholds, Esther R., wife of Eldon Shenk, Lebanon, Lois E. White, Lititz, Freda S. Herr, Lancaster, a son, Daniel L. Herr, Prince Georges, VA, sixteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a brother, Rufus M., husband of Laura Hoover, Mountville, three sisters, Edna Parr, Reading, Beatrice, wife of Irvin Weber, Denver, PA and Verna Graybill, Mohnton, PA. She was preceded in death by a sister, Mabel Snavely and a grandson.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Anna Mary's Life Celebration service at Living Hope Community Church, 2823 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA, on Monday, Feb. 4, 2008 at 3:00 PM with Pastor Ronald Ressler and Pastor Richard Landis officiating. Interment will be in Millersville Mennonite Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Monday from 1:00 PM until time of service. If desired, memorial contributions may be sent to Arbor Place, 520 North St., Lancaster, PA 17602. Fred F. Groff, Inc. www.lifecelebration.com

## Jean L. Ebersole

Jean L. (Bishop) Ebersole of Wyomissing, PA, formerly of Bainbridge, PA died on January 30, 2008 after a short stay at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center.



She died with her loving hus-

## Glen Miller UPS Retiree

Glen Miller, 68, of 2255 Coach Light Lane, Lancaster,



went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, while vacationing at his winter home in Arizona.

Born in Millersville, he was the son of the late J. Kendig and Anna Leaman Miller. He was the husband of Lynn Brubaker Miller with whom he shared 37 years of marriage.

He was a member of Stumptown Mennonite Church where he served as a greeter.

He was with United Parcel Service for 29 years where he was a sales representative for 23 years and human resources representative for the last six years of his employment.

His hobbies were classic cars and Lionel trains. He was a member of various car clubs-Red Rose Classic T-Bird Club, Golden Fin Society, WPC, AACA, and NCPC and the Train Collectors Association.

Glen also loved his two granddogs, Sebastian and Graham.

Surviving, besides his loving wife, are: two sons, Shawn of Kamas, Utah, Justin married to Jennifer Shellenberger Miller of Mount Joy; one grandson, Jordan; one aunt, Ethel Leaman of Landis Homes and many cousins.

The funeral will be on Tuesday Feb. 5, 2008 at 10 a.m. from the Stumptown Mennonite Church, 2813 Stumptown Road, Bird-in-Hand with interment following in the adjoining cemetery. The family will visit with friends from 6-9 p.m. Monday and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday all at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Stumptown Mennonite Church, 2813 Stumptown Road, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505 or Landis Homes Caring Fund, 1001 E. Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Furman Home for Funerals, Leola.

## Lester Ridenour

Lester Ridenour, of Lancaster, went home to be with the Lord on January 31, 2008 at the

# OBITUARIES

## Ida M. Gehman

Ida M. Gehman, 88, of Strasburg, died at the Lancaster General Hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008. Her husband of 59 years, the late Lewis Gehman, died in November 2005.



Born in West Lampeter Twp., she was the daughter of the late Harrison B. and Anna Florence Yingling Eshleman. Ida was a homemaker. She was a member of Strasburg Mennonite Church, where she was active with the sewing circle.

Ida's family includes two daughters: Patricia A., wife of Arnold L. King of New Holland and Joyce E., wife of Barry L. Shirk of Paradise; six grandchildren: Vickie King, wife of Michael Nolt of New Holland, Katrina King, wife of Shawn Swarr of Lancaster, Jeremy, husband of Rosanne Miklos King of Lancaster, Brent, husband of Jennifer Kessler Shirk of Manchester, Craig, husband of Carina Uhle Shirk of Colorado, and Lisa Shirk of Lancaster; seven great-grandchildren: Michelle, Douglas and Katelyn Nolt, Jack and Maggie Swarr, and Brandon and Jared Shirk; two brothers: Glenn Eshleman of Lancaster and Raymond Eshleman of Paradise; and her sister Arlene Hershey of Oxford.

VIEWINGS: Saturday, Feb. 2nd from 6 to 8 PM and Sunday, Feb. 3rd from 1 to 2 PM, both at Strasburg Mennonite Church, 1514 Village Road, Strasburg, PA. FUNERAL: Sunday at 2 PM in the Strasburg Mennonite Church with Pastor John Meck, Pastor Stephen Weaver and Deacon John Good officiating. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. Bachman Funeral Home, Strasburg, PA. www.bachmanfuneral.com

## Donald L. Weiksner

Donald L. Weiksner, 79, of 975 Cambridge Drive, Manheim and formerly of 204 North Elm Street, Lititz died of natural causes on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at Pleasant View

## Claire M. McCune

Claire M. McCune, 87, a resident of Columbia, passed away on Thursday morning January 31, 2008, at St. Anne's Home, Columbia, where she had been a guest for several years.

She was born in Columbia, November 18, 1920, and was a daughter of the late James and Addie McBride Moore. She was a homemaker and had resided in Columbia most of her life.

Mrs. McCune was a member of the Columbia United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women. Claire served as the organist for the former Cookman United Methodist Church in Columbia for 35 years. She was well known in the area as a pianist, playing at many local church and community gatherings.

She was a member of the Columbia Hospital Auxilliary, and volunteered for fundraising programs for the Columbia Public Library.

Preceding her in death were her brothers, Harry A. Roye and J. Edwin Moore, and her sister Grace Smith.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Clyde P. McCune; daughter, Dr. Barbara McCune, Honduras, Central America; sons, Robert A., and his wife Jacqueline, Lancaster, Stephen C., and his wife Carol A., Mountain Top; grandchildren, Jonathan C., and his wife Patricia McCune, Elizabethtown, Jennifer A. McCune, Mountain Top, Marie E. McCune, Mountville, Leigh Ashley McCune, Lancaster; great grandson, Andrew Ellsworth McCune, Elizabethtown; nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be Monday, February 4, 2008 at 11 AM from the Columbia United Methodist Church, 510 Walnut St., Columbia. The Rev. Jeffrey A. Snyder, her Pastor, and the Rev. Barry Neal, a former Pastor of the Cookman United Methodist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in Laurel Hill Memorial Gardens, Columbia. Friends may call at the church from 9:30 AM until the time of the service. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to the Columbia United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, 510 Walnut St., Columbia, PA 17512, or

## James T. Rapp, Sr.

James T. Rapp, Sr., 83, of 216 W. Fairview Ave., Marietta, died Wednesday at the Essa Flory Hospice Center after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Anna Bradley Rapp with whom he celebrated 53 years of marriage on October 2nd.

A lifelong Marietta resident, he was the son of the late Paul and Mary Shank Rapp. He retired in 1983 after 20 years of service from the former Armstrong Carpet Plant, Marietta where he worked as a supervisor in the yard department.

Jim served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII in the Pacific Theatre of Operations. In addition he belonged to the American Legion Post 466, Marietta; Susquehanna Beneficial Club and the Marietta Beneficial Club.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

In addition to his wife are 2 sons, James T. Rapp, Jr., his wife Patricia Sheaffer and son, Mechanicsburg; Douglas W. Rapp and his wife Cindy, Columbia; daughter Terri A. Rapp, Elizabethtown; 5 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; sister Jean Anne Herr, Mount Joy and brother Paul Rapp, Lewisburg. Three brothers and 4 sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held from the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 519 Walnut St., Columbia, PA on Monday at 11:00AM with Mr. David Dilworth, officiating. Interment in Laurel Hill Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday on hour prior to the service. At the request of the family, kindly omit flowers. Contributions to the American Cancer Society 314 Good Drive Lancaster PA 17603 in Jim's memory would be deeply appreciated.

## Harry C. Barninger

Harry C. Barninger, 69, of 1060 Ridge Ave., Columbia, PA died unexpectedly of natural causes Thursday at his residence. He was the husband of the late Lucy C. Barninger who died just 2 weeks ago on January 15, 2008.

Born in Columbia he was the son of the late James C. Sr. and Marie Collins Barninger. Harry retired from the Nelson Weaver Trucking Co. in Lititz and worked part-time in the

# Thyroid gland may be causing problem

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am writing because I have not felt well for a long time. I go to my doctor every few months and come home discouraged.



Dr. Peter Gott

In November 2006, I was sent to the hospital with chest pain, nausea and abdominal cramping. I also had a rapid heartbeat and clammy skin. Four days and several tests later, nothing significant showed, so I was allowed to go home. I have an extra heartbeat that is sometimes very pronounced, but a 30-day heart monitor did not show anything significant.

I have been to a rheumatoid doctor, and he told me there wasn't an autoimmune disease yet. I feel fatigued and depressed, I have joint and muscle pain, thinning hair, ringing in the ears and tingling hands and feet. I also bruise easily and am very sensitive to cold and extreme heat, especially on my feet. I need help.

I had some blood work done more than a year ago and am sharing the results with you. My doctors don't feel the work needs to be repeated. TSH 3.48, T3 2.8, T4 1.06, rheumatoid factor 8, ANA 80, potassium 3.8, bilirubin 0.2 and sedimentation rate 2. I hope this helps you.

DEAR READER: Based on your symptoms and lab results, I strongly believe that you have hypothyroidism. This means your thyroid gland is not producing enough thyroid hormone to maintain your health. The thyroid gland produces several types of hormone, mainly thyroxine, which contains iodine that allows for normal body growth and function.

As for your lab work, your TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) should be below 4 but



January 30, 2008 after a short stay at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center. She died with her loving husband and family by her side. Jean was born to Arthur and Emma (Keller) Bishop on January 22, 1925. Jean will be most fondly remembered as a devoted wife to Ralph Eugene Ebersole and loving mother to Dr. Thomas M. Ebersole and Barbara Jo Klein.

Jean was born and raised in Elizabethtown, PA and was a 1942 graduate of Elizabethtown High School. She married Ralph E. Ebersole on January 13, 1946 at St. Paul's Church in Elizabethtown. She and Ralph raised their two children in their home in Bainbridge, PA. Jean was a member of Church of God in Bainbridge, PA. She was the secretary for Ebersole Bros. and then R.E. Ebersole Inc.

Jean was preceded in death by her brother Robert Bishop and sister Claudine (Bishop) Germer. She is survived by her husband Ralph and sister Dorothy (Bishop) Loump of Lititz, PA. Other survivors include a son, Dr. Thomas Ebersole and his wife Jeanne Ebersole, of Sinking Spring, PA, and daughter, Barbara Klein and her husband William J. Klein III, of Reading, PA. Jean is also survived by eight granddaughters: Jennifer (Ebersole) Esser, Erin Ebersole, Sheri (Klein) Klahr, Amy (Ebersole) Sharky, Bethany Maloof, Cathy Jo (Klein) Lutz, Jordan Maloof and Monika Klein as well as six great-grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all.

A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at the First Church of God, 144 South Market Street, Elizabethtown at 11:00 AM. Friends may call on Sunday at Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 130 North Market Street from 2:00-4:00 PM and on Monday at the church from 10:00 until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hospice Program, c/o Reading Hospital and Medical Center, Development Fund, PO Box 16052, Reading, PA 19612 or to Bainbridge Church of God, Second and Race Streets, Bainbridge, PA 17502 or to First Church of God, 144 South Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

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## Lester Ridenour

Lester Ridenour, of Lancaster, went home to be with the Lord on January 31, 2008 at the Essa Flory Hospice Center.

Born in Tennessee, he was the son of the late Andrew and Jeannette Ridenour. He was a devoted husband to Josephine Ridenour for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Josie, of Lancaster; six step children; ten grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; five brothers, David, Randy, Joe, Curtis and Gary Ridenour, of Tennessee. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Memorial Services will be held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA 17551, 717-872-2266, on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 1 PM. Friends may visit with the family following the service. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at:

[www.scheidfuneralhome.com](http://www.scheidfuneralhome.com)

## Savannah Hope Fisher

"I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Savannah Hope Fisher, 8 day old beloved daughter of Sam and Rosetta (King) Fisher of Ronks, was carried to her heavenly home on January 31st, 2008 following a brief stay at Hershey Medical Center. Also surviving are: her brothers Maxwell and Adam, both at home; maternal grandparents Alvin and Mary King, Ronks; paternal grandparents Amos & Rebecca Fisher, Lancaster; maternal great-grandparents Aaron and Mary King, Ronks and Anna Mullet, Sugarcreek, OH. She was preceded in death by a brother Samuel Montae Fisher.

Friends and family are welcome to attend the services on Saturday Feb. 2, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. from the Weavertown Amish Mennonite Church, 2900 Church Rd., Bird-in-Hand with interment following in the adjoining cemetery. The viewing will be from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Savannah's honor can be made to the Clinic for Special Children, PO Box 128, 535 Bunker Hill Rd., Strasburg, PA 17579. Furman Home for Funerals, Leola.

## Donald L. Weiksner

Donald L. Weiksner, 79, of 975 Cambridge Drive, Manheim and formerly of 204 North Elm Street, Lititz died of natural causes on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at Pleasant View Retirement Community Manheim. Born in Altoona he was the son of Pauline Weiler Weiksner of Lancaster and the late James F. Weiksner Sr.

In 1990 Don retired as the service manager for the former Trojan Yacht Company Lancaster after thirty-five years of service. Earlier in his life he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad and served as a waiter at the Log Cabin Restaurant Leola for many years. He served in the United States Navy.

Don was the husband of Sondra Vetter Weiksner and they observed their 56th wedding anniversary on June of last year. Don was a member of the Cloister American Legion Post 429 Ephrata, and a life member of the Ephrata Elks. His interests included Penn State Football, Pittsburgh Steelers, reading suspense novels and backyard grilling. Throughout his life he kept an immaculate vegetable garden.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are two daughters, Donna, wife of Gus Russo of New Hope, Robin, wife of Steve Binkley of Manheim, a son, Paul, husband of Debbie Bixler Weiksner of Palmyra, ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and two brothers, James Weiksner of Lancaster, and Gene "Bernie" Weiksner of East Petersburg.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service from the Buch Funeral Home, 21 Market Square, Manheim on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 11:30 AM with Pastor Glen Faus officiating. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family in Lititz Machpelah Cemetery. There will be a public viewing at the funeral home on Saturday morning from 10:30 AM until the time of service. Please omit flowers. Those desiring may send contributions in Don's memory to the American Diabetes Association 3544 North Progress Avenue Suite 101 Harrisburg, PA 17110. The Buch Funeral Home Manheim in charge of arrangements. For further information or to send the family a message of condolence you may visit our website at

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Columbia. Friends may call at the church from 9:30 AM until the time of the service. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to the Columbia United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, 510 Walnut St., Columbia, PA 17512, or to Hospice of Lancaster, 685 Good Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601.

## Suetta S. Showalter RR1 Liverpool

Suetta S. Showalter, 76 passed away, Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at her son Anthony Showalter and his wife Kathryn's residence, with whom she resided since January 5, 2008. Her passing was sudden.

Suetta was born on July 8, 1931 in Ephrata, Lancaster County, the daughter of the late David and Annic (Stauffer) Horst. She was a caregiver for many families in the local area and was a member of Stauffer's Mennonite Church at Riverview, Liverpool.

Suetta is survived by Ethan Showalter of Waynesboro, VA; a daughter Audrey Showalter at home; three sons and their spouses; Anthony and Kathryn Showalter of Liverpool, Steven and Marie Showalter of Leonard, MN, and Rodney and Carolyn Showalter of Mt. Pleasant Mills; 30 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; five brothers and their spouses; Roy S. and Arlene Horst of Selinsgrove, David S. and Mary Horst of Port Trevorton, Levi S. and Susie Horst of Denver, Pa, Carmi S. and Emma Horst of Ephrata, and Marlin S. and Royall Horst of Tunas, MO, and a sister Marion S. Zimmerman of Liverpool. She was preceded by four brothers and two sisters.

Family and friends are invited to the home of her son's Anthony Showalter RR1 Box 233D (Klinger Hollow Rd), Liverpool on Sunday, February 3, 2008 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM for the viewing. Further services will be on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 8:30 AM again at the son's residence with further services at 9:30 AM Monday at Stauffer's Mennonite Church at Riverview, Old Trail and Oriental Rd, Liverpool. Burial will be in the adjoining church cemetery. The George P. Garman Funeral Homes, Inc., 9366 Rt. 35, Mt. Pleasant Mills, entrusted with the arrangements.

did just 2 weeks ago on January 15, 2008.

Born in Columbia he was the son of the late James C. Sr. and Marie Collins Barninger. Harry retired from the Nelson Weaver Trucking Co. in Lititz and worked part-time in the maintenance department of the Columbia Boro School District. He was a member of the First Church of God in Columbia.

Surviving are 2 Sons: Steve, husband of Lynne Barninger of Manheim and David, husband of Kim Barninger of Andreas, PA. Also surviving are 5 Grandchildren, his Mother-In-Law: Theda Mutzabaugh Barch of Columbia and a sister, Linda. He was predeceased by 2 brothers: James Barninger, Jr. and Kenneth Barninger.

Funeral Services for Harry will be held from the First Church of God, 7th & Walnut Streets, Columbia, PA on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 2:00PM with his Pastor Rev. Joseph N. Musser officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Bethel Cemetery. There will be no public viewing. The family requests that flowers be omitted. Memorial contributions in Harry's memory to the First Church of God, 7th & Walnut Streets, Columbia, PA 17512 would be deeply appreciated. Arrangements by the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc. Columbia/Landisville

## Joeli Grace Dougherty

Joeli Grace Dougherty, was stillborn on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at Women's and Babies Hospital.

She was the daughter of Sean and F. and Abigail J. Strangarity Dougherty of Lancaster.

Surviving besides her parents is a sister Seana Jane Dougherty, paternal grandparents, Rev. Raymond and Madeline Dougherty of Cape May, NJ; maternal grandparents Dr. Joseph W. and Marilou Strangarity of Denver; paternal great grandparents, Ernest and Grace Lipari of Folsom, NJ; maternal great grandparents, Joseph F. Strangarity of Myerstown and Mary Jane Sattazahn of Denver. Also surviving are nine aunts and uncles and three boy cousins.

Services and interment in Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements by the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097, to send an online condolence to the family, visit our website at [www.kearneyasniderfuneralhome.com](http://www.kearneyasniderfuneralhome.com)

produces several types of hormone, mainly thyroxine, which contains iodine that allows for normal body growth and function.

As for your lab work, your TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) should be below 4, but anything higher than 2 coupled with an abnormal T4 (thyroxine) (4.5-11.2) is a red flag for early-stage hypothyroidism. Your T3 (triiodothyronine) level should be 1 to 2.

Yours is elevated because your body is attempting to fix itself by releasing more of one hormone to compensate for the lack of another. This attempt is failing in your case. The ANA is abnormal, and in some people with thyroid disease it can be increased, much as yours is. The other levels are all within normal limits.

I strongly urge you to see an endocrinologist who specializes in glandular disorders such as thyroid disease. He or she should run more tests to get up-to-date results. I suspect they will clearly point to hypothyroidism. The specialist should also check you for other disorders and forms of thyroid disease, such as Hashimoto's thyroiditis.

Treatment is simply thyroid medication taken every day. Once on medication, you should start to feel better within a few days.

As an aside, depression is not generally associated with thyroid disease, but given your situation and lack of resolution, it can be expected. If your depression does not go away once you start to feel better, I recommend you see a psychiatrist or counselor. He or she can work with you and, if necessary, prescribe medication.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my health report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed No. 10 stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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