

## DEATHS REPORTED

**Alexander, Robert J.**

63, husband of Lynne Muma Alexander, of 1003 Dry Wells Road, Quarryville, January 2, 2008. Reynolds Funeral Home, 786-3272.

**Bensinger, Raymond C.**

82, of 433 S. Kinzer Ave., New Holland, January 1, 2008. Groff-High Funeral Home, 354-0444.

**Clark, Richard Harvey**

78, January 1, 2008. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097.

**Clarke, Mary**

93, of Maytown, January 2, 2008. Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 684-6633.

**Dieter, Carol D.**

83, of Luther Acres, Lititz, January 2, 2008. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc.

**Dudley, Ashley S., Jr.**

88, of 333 S. Marshall St., January 1, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

**Groft, John G., Sr.**

81, husband of June J. Jarrett Groft, of Lancaster, January 2, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 560-5100.

**Hess, Martin R.**

83, of The Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, January 2, 2008. Harkins Funeral Home, Inc., 456-5915.

**Koser, Ellen Arlene**

85, wife of Wilbur H. Koser, of Elizabethtown, January 3, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543.

**Kreider-Carli, Diane**

49, wife of Bob Carli, of Strasburg, January 2, 2007. Bachman Funeral Home, 687-7644.

**Patterson, James W.**

72, of Ligonier, December 28, 2007. J. Paul McCracken Funeral Chapel, Inc., 724-238-9866.

**Posey, Beatrice B.**

93, of Moravian Manor, Lititz, January 1, 2008. Spacht Funeral Home, 626-2317.

**Reynolds, Lorin A.**

61, of ManorCare, Elizabethtown, January 3, 2008. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 653-5441.

**Sarchello, Anna M.**

87, of Lancaster, January 1,

**Lorin A. Reynolds**

Lorin A. Reynolds, 61, of ManorCare, Elizabethtown passed into God's Kingdom on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at Hershey Medical Center.



Formerly of 3356 Turnpike Road, Elizabethtown, Lorin was an educator, retiring from Eastern York School District where he taught high school for 33 years. He also worked part time as a professor for HACC at their Lancaster Campus and for Gettysburg College. Lorin was a 1964 graduate of Middletown High School, received his BS from Elizabethtown College, and his Master's degree in Education Administration from Lehigh University, Allentown.

A history buff, he spent his summers in Gettysburg as a tour guide for the Mark Nesbitt "Ghost of Gettysburg" tours. Lorin enjoyed collecting scrimshaw and traveling to his favorite place frequently, Mystic, Connecticut, where he took in the rich history of that seaport town. Earlier in his life he played hockey and baseball. Above all, Lorin loved to spend time with his daughters and grandson.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, he was the son of

**Beatrice B. Posey**

Beatrice B. Posey, 93, of Moravian Manor, Lititz, died peacefully on January 1, 2008 at Moravian Manor. Born in Lancaster, she was the wife of the late Robert S. Posey who died in 1993,



and the daughter of the late Guy and Mabelle Long Bomberger.

She has been a life long resident of Lititz and was married for 54 years. In 1932, she graduated from the former Lititz High School and in 1936, she graduated from Hood College. Prior to her marriage she taught at West Junior High School and McCaskey High

Rose Short Reynolds, Mount Joy and the late Alden C. Reynolds. His wife, Margaret L. Clark Reynolds passed away in January of 1999.

Lorin will be deeply missed by his daughters; Erin E., married to Keith I. Cramer, Marietta and Megan A., married to Caleb Staub, West Chester; a grandson, Landis L. Cramer; and a brother, Rexford, married to Annie Reynolds, Woodridge, CA.

A memorial service celebrating Lorin's life will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, (please use the main entrance to the rear of the church), 37 East Main St., Mount Joy on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 6 pm with the Reverend Donald E. Zechman officiating. There will be no public viewing, however Lorin's family will greet friends from 5 until 6 pm and again after the service during a time of fellowship in the Church social hall. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Lorin's name for use in the research of Lou Gehrig's disease may be made out to "Hershey Medical Center ALS Clinic" and mailed to Dr. Zachary Simmons, Dept. of Neurology, Box H037, Hershey Medical Center, 500 University Dr., Hershey, PA 17033. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., Mount Joy. Online condolences to [www.sheetzfuneralhome.com](http://www.sheetzfuneralhome.com)

wisdom and kindness. She was deeply grateful to have a wonderful husband, children, grandchildren and friends. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and will be lovingly missed by her son Robert, husband of Danica Krajnc Posey of Geneva, Switzerland, her son Richard, husband of Nancy Posey of Lititz, daughter, Sharon, wife of James Riley of Glenview, IL; 7 grandchildren, Kristen (Justin) Ahaase, Lauren (Joe) McGroarty, Adrienne Posey, Mark Posey, James Riley, John Riley, and Peter Riley; a brother, Robert (Yvonne) Bomberger, Sr., Lititz, and a sister, Nancy (Sam) Altdoerffer, Lancaster. She was preceded in death by a brother, Guy "Bud" Bomberger.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Beatrice's Life Celebration

## OBITUARIES

**Robert J. Alexander**

Robert J. Alexander, age 63, of 1003 Dry Wells Road, Quarryville died Wednesday afternoon at Lancaster General Hospital of natural causes. Robert and his wife Lynne Muma



Alexander celebrated 39 1/2 years of marriage. He was born in Melbourne, Australia and came to the United States when he was 2 years and 3 months old, residing in Fairfield most of his life. His mother is Merna Joy Graham Alexander Bradley of Wakefield, PA his father was the late Robert J. Alexander.

Robert was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church, Quarryville where he served as a trustee and on various church committees. He was employed as a technician, operating the electron scanning microscope for RCA, GE, and Thomson for 44 years. In 1975 he received the technician award. On December 4, 1984 he and his partner, John Hale, received ownership of a patent for a bead strap having an angulated grasping member. Robert was a graduate of Solanco High School and a member of Washington Lodge #156, F&AM, Quarryville.

A very loving and gentle man he is survived by his wife and mother; two daughters, Holly Ann married to Greg Ank of Platte City, MO and Heather Leigh married to Curtis Lee Appller of Quarryville; two grandchildren Briana Noelle Ank and Justin Alexander Ank.

Funeral services will be held from Memorial United Methodist Church, 101 South Hess Street, Quarryville, PA on Saturday at 11:00AM with Rev. John Longmire officiating. Interment will follow in Quarryville Cemetery. A visitation will be held at the church from 10:00AM until the time of service. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Robert's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. To send a note of condolence, please visit our website at [www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net](http://www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net)

**John G. Groft, Sr.**

John G. Groft, Sr., 81, of Lancaster, died peacefully with his family by his side on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.



Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late John and Edith (Fitzgerald) Groft. He was married to June J. Jarrett Groft for 60 years in June of 2007.

A veteran of World War II, John was a B u c k S e r g e a n t in the U.S. Army in the European Theatre of Operations and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. John was a Superintendent of Human Resources at UGI Corporation for 39 years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, where he belonged to the Senior Shepherds. He was also the past Master of the Andrew H. Hershey Lodge #43 of the Free and Accepted Masons, as well as a life member of American Legion Post #34 and a

**Mary Clarke**

Mary Clarke, 93, of Maytown, died Wednesday, January 2, 2008. She was the wife of the late Austin A. Clarke, who died April 27, 1990. She was born in Rocky Hill, CT, daughter of the late Mike and



Celia Popovich Misky. A member of Mount Joy South Congregation of Jehovah Witness; she enjoyed baking and cooking.

She is survived by one son: A. Timothy Clarke, Franklin, NC. Two daughters: Janet E. married to Richard Havumen, Riverton, CT and Carole A. married to Michael Aversa, Maytown. Four grandchildren. One great-grandson. One broth-

member at the 8th Ward Club. John enjoyed watching sports on TV and going to the beach, and he loved spending time with his family.

In addition to his wife, John is survived by two sons: John J. "Jack" Groft, Jr., husband of M. Colette of Lancaster; and Jere M. Groft of Landisville; three grandchildren: John P. Groft, husband of Lindsey; Mary E. Gilson, wife of Michael; and Andrew M. Groft; a brother, Harold Groft of Asheville, NC; and two sisters: Lori Vatter of Leola; and Geraldine Kaska of Lancaster. He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Dumas.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the viewing at Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA on Friday, January 4, 2008 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., with the Masonic Service at 8:30 p.m., and again on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 750 Greenfield Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 from 9:00-10:00 a.m., with the funeral service to follow at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Mark L. Russell officiating. Interment in Riverview Burial Park. Please omit flowers. Those who desire may send memorial contributions to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. For more information or to send online condolences, visit [www.snyderfuneralhome.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhome.com)

**Martin R. "Bill" Hess**

Martin R. "Bill" Hess, age 83 years, formerly of Delta, died on Wed. Jan. 2, 2008 at The Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. He was the husband of the late Mary Charlotte (Boyd) Hess and Elizabeth M. Van Hart-Hess.

Mr. Hess was born on July 28, 1924 in Delta to the late H. Lyle and Mary E. (Thompson) Hess. He was an US Navy Veteran of WWII serving in the Pacific Theatre on a LST.

Bill worked as a rural mail carrier and as a guard for PECO.

He was a member of the Slateville Presbyterian Church, Friendship Lodge F&AM of

**Reynolds, Lorin A.**  
61, of ManorCare, Elizabethtown, January 3, 2008. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 653-5441.

**Sarchello, Anna M.**  
87, of Lancaster, January 1, 2008. Neill Funeral Home, 737-8726.

**Seery-Neidinger, Judith E.**  
66, wife of Clyde K. Neidinger, of 1108 Devonshire Rd., Lancaster, January 2, 2008. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097.

**Whitenight, Suzanne Patricia\***  
52, wife of Daniel B. Whitenight, of Annville, December 31, 2007. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543.

\* No Obituary appears

dent of Lititz and was married for 54 years. In 1932, she graduated from the former Lititz High School and in 1936, she graduated from Hood College. Prior to her marriage she taught at West Junior High School and McCaskey High School.

She was an active member of the Moravian Church in Lititz all of her life and was deeply committed to her faith. She provided leadership in the church's historical guide program for 22 years. She was a member of the Lititz Women's Club, the Lititz Historical Society, and was a charter member of the Tuesday Club. She found joy in traveling, reading, spending time with family and friends, and was an avid bridge player.

Beatrice freely shared her optimism, energy, style, grace,

(Yvonne) Bomberger, Sr., Lititz, and a sister, Nancy (Sam) Altdoerffer, Lancaster. She was preceded in death by a brother, Guy "Bud" Bomberger.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Beatrice's Life Celebration from Steinman Hall, Moravian Manor, 300 W. Lemon St., Lititz, PA 17543 on Monday, January 7th at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Dean R. Jurgen and Rev. Mark Breland officiating. Interment in the Moravian Cemetery, Lititz. Family will receive friends at Steinman Hall on Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. If desired memorials may be sent to Moravian Manor or the Book of Remembrance, Moravian Church, 300 W. Lemon St., Lititz, PA 17543. Spacht Funeral Home, Lititz is handling arrangements.

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tributions may be made in Robert's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. To send a note of condolence, please visit our website at [www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net](http://www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net)

### Ashley S. Dudley, Jr.

Ashley S. Dudley, Jr., 88, of 333 S. Marshall St., Lancaster,



went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, January 1, 2008. He was preceded in death by his wife Georgie Parker Dudley.

Mr. Dudley was a retired dental technician.

Born in SC, he was the son of the late Ashley and Levina (Bryan) Dudley. He was a long-time member of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Lancaster. He was on the Board of Trustees, choir director and a Sunday school teacher.

In addition to his wife he was also preceded in death by a sister, Ruth R. Dudley.

He is survived by a son Kenneth I., husband of the late Barbara Mitchell, Lancaster and a sister Margaret Corly, Philadelphia, PA.

Funeral Services will be held at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 450-512 East Strawberry St., Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, January 8, 2007 at 9 AM with Rev. Edward Maurice Bailey officiating. Interment will be in Riverview Burial Park. Friends may view at the church on Monday between 7 and 9 PM and also on Tuesday between 8 and 9 AM. Arrangements Entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, PA, 717-872-2266. For on-line condolences, directions, or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at [www.scheidfuneralhome.com](http://www.scheidfuneralhome.com)

### James W. Patterson

James W. Patterson, 72, of Ligonier, formerly of the Lancaster, died Friday, December 28, 2007 in Sunrise Assisted Living, Monroeville, PA.

He was born Wednesday, April 17, 1935 in Lancaster, a son of the late James S. and Marion Wilson Patterson.

He is survived by two sons, Craig A. (and his wife Gaylene) Patterson and their sons, Kevin and Jason, of Churchville, PA, and Scott J. Patterson of Ligonier, and his children, Courtney and Jared of Irwin, and a sister, Mary Jane Rittenhouse of Lancaster.

In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his beloved wife Norma K. Patterson in 1998.

Services were held Thursday at 10:00 AM at the J. Paul McCracken Funeral Chapel, Inc., 144 East Main Street, Ligonier.

Interment will follow in the Ligonier Valley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jim's memory to the charity of one's choice.

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She is survived by one son: A. Timothy Clarke, Franklin, NC. Two daughters: Janet E. married to Richard Havunen, Riverton, CT and Carole A. married to Michael Aversa, Maytown. Four grandchildren. One great-grandson. One brother: Joseph Misky, Connecticut and two sisters: Ann Zagorodny, Florida and Helen married to Al Haman, Connecticut. She was preceded in death by four brothers and sisters.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family with interment in Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Windsor, CT. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to: Mount Joy Kingdom Hall, 861 Milton Grove Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552. Arrangements by the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 31 South Eighth St., Columbia, PA.

### Diane Kreider-Carli

Diane Kreider-Carli, 49, of Strasburg, died peacefully on Wednesday, January 2, while under the care of Hospice of Lancaster County. She was the wife of Bob Carli for over 2 years.

Diane was a Team Leader at the Jay Group. She was a member of Colemanville United Methodist Church.

Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Preston Kreider and Miriam Goss Kreider of The Buck. Diane is survived by four children, Robert, Matthew, Jennifer and Michael Carli, a brother, Larry married to Laura Kreider and their daughter, Leda, of Italy and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

VIEWING: Monday, January 7 from 10 until 11 AM at the Bachman Funeral Home, 7 South Decatur Street, Strasburg, PA. FUNERAL: Monday, January 7 at 11 AM from the funeral home with Pastor Jim Goudic officiating. Interment in Colmanville U. M. Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Kindly consider sending a contribution in Diane's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. [www.bachmanfuneral.com](http://www.bachmanfuneral.com)

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# SERVICES TODAY

**Bair, Mary M.**  
Brethren Village Chapel, 3001 Lititz Pike, Friday, 2 PM Buch Funeral Home.

**Coen, Fannie E.**  
Lititz Church of the Brethren Chapel, 300 West Orange St., Lititz, Fri., 10:30 A.M. Richard H. Heisey Funeral Home

**Gillen, Kevin J.**  
Lord's House of Prayer, 300 Hideaway Drive, Quarryville, Friday, 7 PM. Dewald Funeral & Cremation Services.

**Good, Paul Richard**  
Trinity E. C. Church, 110 E. Main St., Terre Hill, Friday, 2 PM. Eckenroth Home for Funerals.

**Hackman, Douglas L.**  
New Joy Church, 35 New Joy Drive, Ephrata, Fri., 7:00 PM. Stradling Funeral Homes

**Hornberger, Marjorie E.**  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 50 North Main Street, Manheim, Friday, 11 AM. Buch Funeral Home.

**Houck, Richard B.**  
Groff-High Funeral Home, 145 W. Main St., New Holland, Friday, 10 AM.

**Kiehl, Richard F.**  
Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, Friday, 5:30 PM.

**Kunkle, Maude S.**  
St. Anne's Retirement Community Chapel, 3952 Columbia Ave., Columbia, Fri., 3:00 PM. Heilig Funeral Home

**Leshner, Adam**  
Kreamer Funeral Home, Inc., 618 East Main Street, Annville, Fri., 9:30 AM.

**Lutz, James H.**  
Salunga God's Missionary Church, 48 Holland St., Landisville, Friday, 11 AM. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc.

**Schlossman, Susan M.**  
Columbia First Assembly of God Church, 4696 Breezy View Rd., Columbia, Friday, 7 PM. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home and Chapel Inc.

**Shank, Marguerite Cameron**  
Reynolds Funeral Home, 144 East State Street, Quarryville, Friday, 3 PM.

**Zimmerman, Douglas E.**  
Bachman Funeral Home, 7 S. Decatur St., Strasburg, Friday, 11 AM.

eran of WWII serving in the Pacific Theatre on a I.S.T.

Bill worked as a rural mail carrier and as a guard for PECCO.

He was a member of the Slateville Presbyterian Church, Friendship Lodge F&AM of Fawn Grove and the Mason-Dixon Lions Club.

He was a beekeeper, a water dowsner and an avid gardener. Bill moved to The Masonic Village in Elizabethtown in 2003.

He is survived by: a daughter, Marilyn H. Hushon and her husband, Richard of Delta; four grandchildren; a brother, Robert D. Hess of Delta. He was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald R. Hess.

Visitation on Sun. Jan. 6, 2008 from 3 to 6 PM at Harkins Funeral Home, 600 Main St., Delta. Funeral service on Monday at 11 AM at Slateville Presbyterian Church, 308 Slateville Rd., Delta, with interment in the adjoining church cemetery.

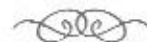
Memorial contributions may be made to the Slateville Church Memorial Fund, PO Box 657, Delta, PA 17314 or to the Mason-Dixon Lions Club, c/o Sylvia Sanzone, PO Box 158, Delta, PA 17314.

For directions or to send condolences, please visit [www.harkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.harkinsfuneralhome.com)

### In Memory Of Kathryn R. Rice Jan. 4, 1923 - Feb. 22, 2006



We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for a part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.



*We Miss You Mom,  
Children & Grandchildren*

## OBITUARIES

### Richard Harvey Clark

Richard Harvey Clark died January 1, 2008 following a brief illness. Born in Lansing, NC on September 26, 1930, he was the son of the late Mary O. and Frank A. Clark.



Richard was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Paul. He is survived by a son, Chase; grandson, Spencer; sisters Barbara and Sidney; sister-in-law, Ethel; and 13 nieces and nephews.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. Memorials may be made in Richard's name to the American Lung Association of Lancaster County, 101 Good Drive, Suite 1, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Arrangements by Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097. For additional information or to send an on-line condolence, please visit our website at [www.kearneyasnryderfuneralhome.com](http://www.kearneyasnryderfuneralhome.com)

### Raymond C. Bensinger

Raymond C. Bensinger, 82, of 433 S. Kinzer Ave., New Holland, died Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at Garden Spot Village. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marian (Dunlap) Bensinger in 1975.

Born in New Holland, he was the son of the late Charles and Minnie (Foreman) Bensinger.

He was a 1950 graduate of Penn State University. He then worked at the former Sperry New Holland as a systems analyst until his retirement in 1983. Following his retirement, he volunteered with Meals-on-Wheels, the former St. Joseph's Hospital, and as a driver for the American Cancer Society.

Raymond was an active, life-long member of St. Stephen United Church of Christ. He also was a loyal supporter of Penn State University and Garden Spot High School sports and events.

He served in the Navy during World War II on the USS Iowa.

Surviving are three daughters: Nancy married to Barry

### Judith E. Seery-Neidinger

Judith E. Seery-Neidinger, 66, of 1108 Devonshire Rd., Lancaster, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, January 2, 2008. Born in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of Clara Punte Brito of Baltimore, and the late Harold Engel. She was married to Clyde K. Neidinger.



She was an assembly technician for Bulova, Lancaster until she retired in 2003. She also enjoyed riding her horse, and was an active member of Lancaster County Life Story Writers for many years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by: a daughter, Kimberly wife of Mark Pandola of Thomasville; a son, Richard M. Seery of Lancaster; a sister, Claire wife of Tom Kennedy of Arnold, MD; 2 brothers, Gilbert husband of Joanne Engel of Glen Bernie, MD, Alfred husband of Pat Engel of Ellicott City, MD; 2 step-sons, Kenneth husband of Becky Neidinger of Elizabethtown, Raymond Neidinger of Middletown; 3 grandchildren; 7 step-grandchildren; 5 step-great-grandchildren;

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Bernard and Richard Engel.

A memorial service will be held at the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 141 E. Orange St., Lancaster, on Saturday, January 5, 2007 at 3 PM. The family will visit with friends from 1:30 PM until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125, or the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Dr., Lancaster, PA 17603. To send an on-line condolence, please visit our website at [www.kearneyasnryderfuneralhome.com](http://www.kearneyasnryderfuneralhome.com)

### Carol D. Dieter

Carol D. Dieter, 83, of Luther Acres, Lititz passed away on January 2, 2008. Formerly of Landisville, Carol was an active

### Ellen Arlene Koser

Ellen Arlene Koser, 85, of Elizabethtown, died Thursday, January 3, 2008 at Manor-Care Health Services, Elizabethtown.



Born in Mount Joy, she was the daughter of the late Elmer S. and V. Mae Risser Sentz. She was the wife of Wilbur H. Koser. They celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2007.

Mrs. Koser was a charter member of Elizabethtown Grace Brethren Church where she was in the choir and assisted in the nursery for 34 years. She was GBC Mother of the Year in 1981.

She was very active in many Bible studies. Mrs. Koser enjoyed reading, especially the Bible, bowling, and canning and freezing. She loved to visit with friends.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Koser is survived by three daughters, Karen, wife of Don Stahley, Lititz, Lynne Weitzel, Brenda, wife of Dan Saylor, both of Elizabethtown, four sons, Barry Koser, Elizabethtown, Jeff, husband of Lois Koser, Lancaster, Dennis Koser, Elizabethtown, Donald, husband of Sue Koser, Las Vegas, NV, 10 grandsons, 8 granddaughters, two brothers, Jacob, husband of Irene Sentz, Manheim, Paul, husband of Christine Sentz, Orange Park, FL, and a sister, Ruth Haines, Neffsville.

A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at Elizabethtown Grace Brethren Church, 305 Anchor Road, Elizabethtown, PA at 2:00 PM. The family will receive friends at Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 130 North Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA on Sunday evening from 5:00-7:00 PM and again Monday afternoon at the church from 1:00 until the time of service. Interment will take place in West Green Tree Cemetery, Elizabethtown. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Elizabethtown Grace Brethren Church, General Fund, 305 Anchor Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

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## Phila. police again faulted for wounding bystanders

BY MARYCLAIRE DALE  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — For the second year in a row, city officials are being asked how police officers responding to celebratory New Year's Eve gunfire ended up shooting innocent bystanders.

This year, police chasing an armed reveler shot into a house filled with partygoers, leaving one man in a coma, a second man wounded and a 9-year-old boy with a graze wound to the chest.

A year ago, police fatally shot a man in the back of the head as he tried to flee when neighbors started shooting guns into the air.

The shootings early Tuesday morning came as Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson ends a six-year tenure marked by public concern about gun violence and the police response to it.

Johnson has repeatedly been asked to answer questions about the department's use of deadly force, including two months ago when officers killed a distraught teenager wielding a clothes iron. City police fatally shot at least 16 people in 2007 and 20 the year before.

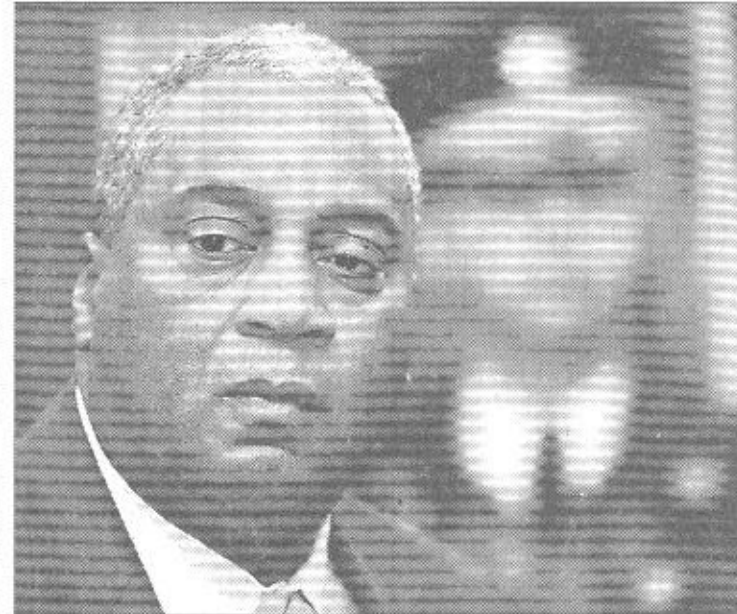
"It seems that there's too much of a policy to shoot first and worry about the outcome later," lawyer Bruce Ginsburg said Thursday. "It puts everybody in the city in danger."

Johnson, who retires today after 43 years with the department, defended his officers while promising an investigation of the New Year's Eve shootings. He also said the department's training is sufficient.

"It's hard for you to say when an officer has a gun pointed at him, is he reacting too fast? We had one (officer) killed, we had six others who were shot" this year, Johnson said Thursday at his final news conference.

He said that endangered officers frequently resolve situations without firing their weapons. But they have only a split second to make a decision.

"When you have an officer (with) a gun pointed at him, how he is going to react is how



Associated Press

Sylvester Johnson, retiring police commissioner, speaks at a news conference in Philadelphia Thursday. Johnson ends a tenure marked by concerns about shooting crime and shootings by police, including a police shooting New Year's Eve that wounded four people inside a home.

he reacts," he said. "When you have a door, he doesn't know who's behind the door."

Police acknowledged this week that they arrested an innocent partygoer early Tuesday morning, based on his resemblance to the suspect who they say fired shots in the air, pointed his weapon at police and ran toward the string of row homes. Authorities later charged a 21-year-old man, who was apparently shot in the arm but did not seek treatment.

The party's host, Clinton Rogers, 30, told reporters bullets started flying through the front door at him, friends and relatives just after midnight. Parents jumped in front of their children and two men who were shot ran upstairs, trailing blood.

The spray of bullets left Abebe Isaac, 33, in a medically induced coma after he was shot in the face. Meanwhile, Michael Johnson, 32, remains stable after being shot in the side. Nyger Page, 9, was treated and released after suffering the graze wound.

Ginsburg, the attorney, represents Page's family and also that of Bryan Jones, who was shot to death by police as 2007

arrived.

Jones, 20, had set out on foot in the waning moments of 2006 to retrieve a young nephew from a party and was fleeing gunfire when he was shot.

Police have said officers responding to a report of gunfire were fired at by people on a porch and that an officer fired at Jones when he saw him reaching for his waistband. Jones, however, had no weapon and no criminal history, Ginsburg said.

"Nothing was learned about the unnecessary death of a young man last year," Ginsburg said.

Ginsburg, who plans to file a wrongful death suit on behalf of Jones' family, said police have not released the name of the officer who shot Jones. The internal investigation into the case is still ongoing.

Police officials said Thursday officers take eight hours of training each year that includes shooting practice, classroom time and interactive exercises.

Johnson's replacement as police commissioner, Charles Ramsey, has pledged to address the number of police shootings.

Penn State University and Garden Spot High School sports and events.

He served in the Navy during World War II on the USS Iowa.

Surviving are three daughters: Nancy married to Barry Hibshman, Narvon; Bobbi married to John Bressler, Oley; and Brooke Bensing married to Thomas Fuentes, Red Lion; five grandchildren: Christopher, Nathan, and Erin Hibshman and Bailey and Tristan Fuentes; and two great-grandchildren: Joseph and Derek Hibshman.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 12, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen United Church of Christ, 249 E. Main St., New Holland. Family will receive friends following the service. Kindly omit flowers. If desired, memorial contributions may be sent to the St. Stephen United Church of Christ Memorial Fund, 249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557 or the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Dr., Lancaster, PA 17604. The Groff-High Funeral Home, New Holland is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be submitted at our website, [www.groffceckenroth.com](http://www.groffceckenroth.com)

## Anna M. Scarchello

Anna M. Scarchello, 87 of Lancaster, died peacefully Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at Holy Spirit hospital.

Formerly a resident of Mechanicsburg, Anna was born in Harrisburg the daughter of the late George and Mina Ehling.

Anna was preceded in death by her husband Dominick Scarchello in 1999, her four sisters; Ester Hawbaker, Vera Lenker, Sarah Lambert, Margarete Silvis and two brothers Melvin and Duke Ehling.

She is survived by her children: daughter Carol Weiss and husband Dr. Keith Weiss, son Barry Scarchello and wife Maggie, daughter Vera Sunday and husband William, daughter Cathy Kreider and husband Harold, ten grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews all of whom she loved dearly.

Funeral service will be conducted 1:00 PM Saturday, January 5, 2008 from Neill Funeral Home, 3401 Market St., Camp Hill. Visitation will be from 12:00 to 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Entombment will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Mechanicsburg.

## Carol D. Dieter

Carol D. Dieter, 83, of Luther Acres, Lititz passed away on January 2, 2008. Formerly of Landisville, Carol was an active member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Landisville where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and chaired the Women's Club.

Carol was born in Pittsburgh to the late Samuel M. and Mathilda C. Schatz Dougherty. A 1942 graduate of Shady Side Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, Carol worked at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh and later at the former St. Joseph's Hospital in Lancaster.

Carol was also an educator, having received her B.S. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1950. Carol taught at McCaskey High School in Lancaster and previously at the Winchester-Thurston School in Pittsburgh. In 1952 Carol moved to Lancaster and in 1954 married Howard R. Dieter who passed away in 1983.

Carol will be missed by her children, Barbara D. (G. Scott) Widdall, Lancaster; Howard R. (Kelly Barnes) Dieter, Bailey, CO and Jacquelyn D. (Nicholas) Lerche, Davis, CA; three grandchildren, Sydney M. and Kelsey M. Dieter, and Evan A. Widdall; two brothers, Paul E. (Dorothy) Dougherty, Ventura, CA, and James W. (Diane) Dougherty, Penobscot, ME; and two sisters, Joy A. (Merle) Chilcott, Newport Center, VT, and Ruth W. Roose, Anderson, SC.

A memorial service celebrating Carol's life will be held at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 85 Brandt Blvd., Landisville on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 11 am with the Reverend Richard Whitesel officiating. There will be no public viewing or visitation prior to the service, however Carol's family will receive friends immediately following the service at a time of fellowship in the Church social hall. Interment will be private in Mount Joy Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Carol's name may be made to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 85 Brandt Blvd., Landisville, PA 17538 or to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., Mount Joy. Online condolences to [www.sheetzfuneralhome.com](http://www.sheetzfuneralhome.com)

Green Tree Cemetery, Elizabethtown. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Elizabethtown Grace Brethren Church, General Fund, 305 Anchor Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

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# Jury to extend probe of casino owner

## Panel links Roman Catholic priest to organized crime investigation

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM  
Associated Press

ALLENTOWN — The grand jury that recommended a perjury charge against a Roman Catholic priest linked to casino owner Louis DeNaples is not finished with its work — and prosecutors say the panel may consider charges against other people.



Rev. Sica

Recent statements by the Dauphin County District Attorney's Office indicate that prosecutors believe DeNaples, owner of Mount Airy Casino Resort in the Poconos, lied to state gaming regulators when he said he had no ties to organized crime.

The investigation has "uncovered substantial evidence demonstrating that DeNaples lied in his sworn testimony" to

the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, District Attorney Ed Marsico said in court documents unsealed last month.

DeNaples, a wealthy businessman from Scranton whose interests range from banking to landfills, has denied having any connection to the mob. His spokesman on Thursday called Marsico's statement merely "an argument made in a brief."

DeNaples' close friend and adviser, the Rev. Joseph Sica, was arrested Wednesday on a charge that he lied to the grand jury about his relationship with the late Russell Bufalino, a mob boss from Scranton who served lengthy prison terms in the 1970s and '80s and died in 1993 at age 90.

Prosecutors said the charge — the first to arise from the grand jury probe of DeNaples — was based partly on separate photographs that showed the priest arm-in-arm with Bufalino and with William D'Elia, who reputedly heads the Bufalino crime family now, at what appeared to be a barbecue. Sica

also wrote a letter to the wife of then-Gov. Dick Thornburgh calling Bufalino "my friend" and seeking leniency for him, prosecutors said.

First Assistant District Attorney Francis Chardo said in a statement Wednesday that the grand jury may "consider appropriate charges against other individuals."

Legal analysts say prosecutors might have charged Sica as a way to pressure him into testifying against DeNaples.

"Sometimes it requires pressure to get people to cooperate, and sometimes that pressure is an indictment," said Edwin H. Stier, a former federal and New Jersey state prosecutor who specialized in corruption and organized crime cases.

"Prosecutors do that all the time," added Temple University law professor Maureen McCartney, a former assistant district attorney in Philadelphia who worked on a grand jury investigation into sexual abuse by priests.

Sica's lawyer, Robert Dan-

iels, said Thursday there has been no discussion of a plea.

Sica, who was released on \$20,000 unsecured bail after being led from court in handcuffs, is "relieved to be out of custody," Daniels said. "It obviously was quite a shock for him."

Court records show Sica filed for bankruptcy in April 1997, with DeNaples as his largest creditor. DeNaples' bank, First National Community Bancorp of Dunmore, lent Sica more than \$130,000 for "family expenses," and Sica owed the bank an additional \$16,500.

## Civil War group hosts Lincoln impersonator

President Abraham Lincoln scholar and impersonator James A. Getty will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday at the meeting of The Lancaster Civil War Round Table.

The meeting will be held at Lititz Public Library, 651 Kissel Hill Road.

The topic is "A Visit with Mr. Lincoln," the 16th president of the U.S.

Getty, one of Gettysburg's most recognized residents, has portrayed Lincoln in Gettysburg since 1978 and has been featured on television broadcasts and in appearances throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Preregister by e-mailing your name, phone number and number attending to [srihn@lititzlibrary.org](mailto:srihn@lititzlibrary.org) or call the library at 626-2255.

If you have questions about the program, call Micky at 392-4976 or send an e-mail to [lancastercivilwarroundtable@gmail.com](mailto:lancastercivilwarroundtable@gmail.com).

The programs is free and open to the public.

## Buchanan expert will speak at Cornwall Manor

The Friends of Cornwall Iron Furnace lecture series will resume at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday with a presentation on James Buchanan, 15th president of the U.S.

The group will meet in Freeman Hall at Cornwall Manor, Lebanon County, to hear the illustrated presentation by Donald L. Walters, a former professor at Temple University.

The lecture will focus on Buchanan, who dated the daughter of Robert Coleman, the ironmaster at Cornwall.

Buchanan was a bachelor-father, lawyer, politician, legislator and diplomat as well as president.

Walters has served as a docent at Buchanan's Lancaster

estate, Wheatland. He also served as a docent at Gen. Edward Hand's Rock Ford, at Boehms Chapel and as a guide for Historic Lancaster Walking

Tours.

The lecture program is free and held in a facility accessible to all. Donations are gratefully accepted.

## Millersville group will hear about Kready Avenue neighborhood

Millersville Area Historical Society will host "Growing Up in Millersville," a talk by a former university professor, at 9 a.m. Jan. 12.

The group will meet at the borough Municipal Center, 100 Municipal Drive, to hear Gordon Symonds, associate professor of English emeritus.

His talk will focus on the Kready Avenue area, and he will take questions.

Symonds taught at MU from 1963 to 1998 and at Lancaster's Edward Hand School.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 872-8837.