

## DEATHS REPORTED

**Altpeter, W. John**  
87, husband of Elsie (Doran) Altpeter, of 1204 Farm Crest Dr., Ephrata, May 16, 2008. Eckenroth Home for Funerals, 445-5122.

**Bair, Alfred R.**  
77, Hamilton Arms Nursing Center, February 24, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661.

**Breneman, Jane Spong**  
93, of Homestead Village, May 15, 2008. Fred F. Groff, Inc., 397-8255.

**Brooks, Maryann**  
78, of Susquehanna Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, May 16, 2008. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 684-2370.

**Davis, Anna C.**  
65, of 116 David Street, Mount Joy, May 17, 2008. Sheetz Funeral Home, 653-5441.

**Groomc-Ward, Brittney A.**  
22, of 522 Hemlock Lane, Lebanon, May 16, 2008. Kreamer Funeral Home, 867-4811.

**McCreary, Arlene R.**  
83, wife of the late Dennis P. McCreary, Brethren Village, Lititz, May 16, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home Inc., 393-9661.

**Moales, John H. \***  
72, of Hamilton Arms Center, May 13, 2008. Gundel Funeral Home, 393-1776.

**Morris, William Thomas, Jr.\***  
78, husband of Leslie A. Evans-Morris, of Pensacola, FL, May 16, 2008. The Labs Funeral Home, Inc., 610-273-3914.

**Sangrey, Esther Ream\***  
58, of Lancaster, May 5, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, Inc., 393-9661.

**Sayre, Robert D.**  
63, husband of Roma J. (Weaver) Sayre, of 400 Manor View Drive, Millersville, May 16, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

**Siddons, Mary Elizabeth**  
94, wife of Wilbur Andrew Roger Siddons, Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, May 16, 2008. Reynolds Funeral Home, 786-3272.

## Rev. Dr. Robert D. Sayre

Rev. Dr. Robert D. Sayre, 63, of 400 Manor View Drive, Millersville, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Friday, May 16, 2008 at the Essa Flory Hospice Center.



He was the cherished husband of Roma J. (Weaver) Sayre with whom he would have celebrated 42 years of marriage on July 17, 2008.

Sayre was an assistant professor of history at Millersville University and a retired minister. He was campus minister with United Campus Ministry at Millersville University from 1981 to 1997 and from 1996 to 2002 was pastor of the Wrightsville Presbyterian Church.

Born January 1, 1945, in Tiffin, Ohio, he grew up in Bloomville, Ohio. In 1954, while the Salk vaccine was being distributed, he contracted polio and spent three months in Children's Hospital, Toledo, Ohio. He worked as a printer's apprentice in high school and became the managing editor of the Bloomville Gazette in 1971, prior to attending seminary.

He served United Methodist pastorates in Green Springs, Gambier, Marengo, and Fulton in Ohio, and interim pastorates at New Holland, Marietta, and Clearfield United Methodist Churches in Lancaster County. He retired from the Presbyterian ministry in 2002. He was a member of the Donegal Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and had served as Chaplain at Camp Donegal in York County, PA.

Sayre was a 1963 graduate of Bloomville High School, and graduated from Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio in 1970 with the A. B. cum laude. He received the M. Div. degree from The Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio in 1974 and in 1987 was awarded the Ph. D. in history from The Ohio State University, having written a dissertation on early abolitionism centered in Philadelphia. He also attended the Southern Baptist Theological

Church history.

He had been a board member of the Lancaster Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and active in the Lancaster County and Millersville CROP Walk committees. He worked with the Suicide Prevention Task Force in the Penn Manor School District. He served as secretary of the Wrightsville ministerium, and formerly served with the Pennsylvania Commission of United Ministries in Higher Education, the Eastern Pennsylvania United Methodist Conference Committee on Higher Education, and the board of directors of the United Christian Center at The Ohio State University. He was a member of the Southern Historical Association and the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and was associated with the Historic Wrightsville and its history roundtable.

He enjoyed watching all sports, (especially the Cleveland Indians and Ohio State Buckeyes), playing golf, and was a Little League coach/umpire and counseled sport camps in Ohio. He also enjoyed model railroading, music, having sung in a family gospel quartet, Backwoods Brothers Quartet and Youth for Christ Evangelairees in the 1960s; and was an avid reader.

He was the son of the late Corbett L. and Leatha A. (Ranson) Sayre and the step-son of the late Gilbert L. Weaver. In addition to his wife, he is survived and will be greatly missed by his two daughters, Jennifer J., married to James A. Croyle, of Lititz, and Amanda J., married to Brent J. Peiffer, of Manheim. He was so proud of his four grandchildren, Kayla and Joshua Croyle and Luke and Benjamin Peiffer. He is also survived by three brothers, Conard E., married to JoAnn Sayre, of St. Albans, West Virginia, G. Larry, married to Sharon E. Weaver, of Galion, Ohio, and James A. (Jason), married to Teresa Weaver, of Las Vegas, Nevada; and a sister, Patricia A., married to Richard Foutz, of Flint, Michigan and by many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Cecil C. Sayre.

Funeral Services will be held at the Wrightsville Presbyterian Church, 205 N. 2nd Street, Wrightsville, PA 17368

## OBITUARIES

### Anna "Doll" Davis

Anna C. "Doll" Davis, 65, of 116 David Street, Mount Joy, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at Lancaster General Hospital. Her husband, Kenneth R. "Bussy" Davis passed away in 2005.



A homemaker, Doll also provided childcare in her home for the past 45 years. She loved children and had a special place in her heart that held memories of each one of them. An avid BINGO player, Doll also enjoyed traveling and flower gardening, having that "Green Thumb" that could make anything grow. A huge Elvis fan, she was going to vacation this week in Memphis and tour the Elvis mansion with her family. Special times were spent with her family and friends each morning around the kitchen table enjoying a cup of coffee. Above all, Doll loved her family dearly, always putting them first.

Born in Mount Joy, she was the daughter of the late Daniel D. and Anna C. Coover Fackler.

Doll will be deeply missed by her children, Kenneth D. Davis, Mount Joy, and Stacey married to Donald Walmer, Elizabethtown; her brothers, Albert married to Debra Thomas Fackler, John married to Charlotte Royer Fackler, Edward married to Nancy Hower Fackler, all of Mount Joy, LeRoy married to Doris Blough Fackler, Elizabethtown; and her sisters, Vicki married to Jeffrey Eshleman, Dillsburg, Mary Lou Roland, Middletown, Elva Ebersole, Mount Joy, Nancy Jumper, Linda Thomas, and Shirley married to George Halbleib, Jr., all of Elizabethtown. A sister, Goldie Dolby, and a brother, Daniel W. Fackler, Sr. preceded her in death.

A funeral, celebrating Doll's life will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, 16 E. Main St., Mount Joy on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 10:30am with Pastor Skip Davis officiating. Interment will follow in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. Friends may call at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Mount Joy on Tuesday from 6 until 8pm and again on Wednes-

### Mary Elizabeth Siddons

Mary Elizabeth Siddons, age 94, died Friday afternoon at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community where she resided since 1991. She and her husband Rev. Wilbur Andrew Roger Siddons where married July 5, 1941.



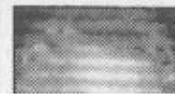
Mrs. Siddons was born in Lancaster on May 18, 1913 to the late D. Landis and Mary Whittaker Winger. She was a 1931 graduate of Manheim High School and Millersville Teachers College. Her teaching career took place in Baltimore, Washington, DC and lastly at Penn Manor School District from where she retired in 1975. Mrs. Siddons was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster of which her husband was the founding pastor.

Surviving beside her husband are two sons, David and his wife Mary Jane of Lancaster, Dr. Philip and his wife Linda of Buffalo, NY; 3 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and a sister Anna wife of John Smith of Chambersburg.

A memorial service will be held from Ellingsworth Auditorium at the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, 625 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, PA on Monday at 3:00PM. A public interment service will be held at 1:00PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Mrs. Siddons memory to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601. Reynolds Funeral Home, Quarryville, PA in charge of arrangements. To send an on line condolence note, please visit our website at [www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net](http://www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net)

### Fern M. Slabach

Fern M. Slabach, 86, of Denver, entered into rest on Friday, May 16, 2008 at Ephrata Manor.



She and her

### Maryann Brooks

Maryann Brooks, 78, of 400 Mill St., Columbia, died Friday evening of natural causes at the Susquehanna Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Elizabeth Heinz Keller.

Maryann worked for many years as a teller at the Mountville branch of Fulton Bank. She had also worked a secretary at various businesses' here and in New Jersey. She was a dedicated and active member of the Mountville VFW Post 8757 Ladies Auxiliary and once served as president. She was also a former Girl Scout leader.

She is survived by her children, Roberta, wife of Richard Garber, Columbia; Bruce Brooks and his wife Deborah, Earleville MD and Jody Brooks and her companion Robert Vendetta of Mount Joy. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Vincent, Taryn, Drew and Jenny and great grandchildren, Kiley and Abbie. A brother Richard Keller and his wife Gloria of Columbia also survive. A brother Henry preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held from the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 519 Walnut St., Columbia, PA on Wednesday at 11:00Am with the Rev. Peter I. Hahn, officiating. Interment in Conestoga Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday one hour prior to the service. Please omit flowers. Contributions to Hospice of Lancaster County, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 in Maryann's memory would be deeply appreciated.

### Alfred R. Bair

Alfred R. Bair, 77, passed away on February 24, 2008 at Hamilton Arms Nursing Center, where he had resided for the past 10 years.

Born in Lancaster, Alfred was the son of the late Garman and Marcella Roland Bair.

He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and had a good

Manor View Drive, Millersville, May 16, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

**Siddons, Mary Elizabeth**  
94, wife of Wilbur Andrew Roger Siddons, Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, May 16, 2008. Reynolds Funeral Home, 786-3272.

**Sites, Paul G.**  
83, Moravian Manor, Lititz, May 16, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341.

**Slabach, Fern M.**  
86, wife of Harry A. Slabach, of Denver, May 16, 2008. Roseboro Funeral Home, 336-6531.

**Sprout, Janet L.**  
75, of 5 Springwalk Court, Lancaster, May 16, 2008. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 684-2370.

**Steckel, Anthony L.**  
80, husband of Patricia Kranz, of Spring Hill, FL, May 10, 2008.

**Stirba, Clifford\***  
89, of 121 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Paradise, May 16, 2008. Bachman Funeral Home, Inc., 687-7644.

**Williams, Dorothy M. (Nelson)**  
84, wife of Paul S. Williams, of Wyncote, PA, May 14, 2008. Gundel Funeral Home Inc., 872-8621.

\* No Obituary appears

College in Hills, Ohio in 1970 with the A. B. cum laude. He received the M. Div. degree from The Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio in 1974 and in 1987 was awarded the Ph. D. in history from The Ohio State University, having written a dissertation on early abolitionism centered in Philadelphia. He also attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

At Millersville, he helped found the Peace Coalition in the 1980s and was an original member of the Commission on Cultural Diversity. He led fellowships with the football teams and directed several Spring Break in Appalachia service programs. He began teaching in the history department in 1988, teaching Civil War and Reconstruction, The New Nation, African-American History, and developed a course in American Religious History. He was a devoted professor, proud to be a member of the history department, and was loved and respected by faculty and students. He loved research and writing and had numerous articles published in The Journal of Southern History and recently finished the research and writing of the Wrightsville Presbyterian

(Jason), married to Teresa Weaver, of Las Vegas, Nevada; and a sister, Patricia A., married to Richard Foutz, of Flint, Michigan and by many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Cecil C. Sayre.

Funeral Services will be held at the Wrightsville Presbyterian Church, 205 N. 2nd Street, Wrightsville, PA 17368 on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 10 AM. Interment will be in the Grace United Methodist Cemetery, Millersville, PA. The family will receive relatives and friends at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA, (717)-872-2266 on Wednesday evening between 6 and 9 PM and also at the Wrightsville Presbyterian Church on Thursday between 9 and 10 AM. Memorial Remembrances can be made to the United Campus Ministry, Millersville University, P. O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551 or the Robert D. and Roma J. Sayre Award for Excellence in American History Scholarship c/o Sovereign Bank, 519 Leaman Avenue, Millersville, PA 17551. For online condolences, directions, or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: [www.scheidfuneralhome.com](http://www.scheidfuneralhome.com)

A funeral, celebrating Doll's lie will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, 16 E. Main St., Mount Joy on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 10:30am with Pastor Skip Davis officiating. Interment will follow in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. Friends may call at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Mount Joy on Tuesday from 6 until 8 pm and again on Wednesday from 9:30 until 10:30 am. If desired, memorial contributions in Doll's name may be made to the American Heart Association, 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603. Online condolences to [www.sheetzfuneralhome.com](http://www.sheetzfuneralhome.com)

### Anthony L. Steckel, Jr.

Anthony L. "Bud" Steckel, 80, of Spring Hill, FL, formerly of Lancaster, PA, died May 10, 2008 at his home. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Anthony L. "Tim" Steckel and Eva M. Steckel.

Anthony served in the Merchant Marine during WWII and the Korean War. A lifelong printer and entrepreneur, he headed Steckel Printing Co. for many years and founded Pioneer Litho, Drew Mailing Services and other corporations. He retired to Florida in 1988.

A loving and generous husband, father and grandfather, he is survived by his wife Dr. Patricia Kranz, Spring Hill, FL; sister Nancy L. Tyson and husband John, Spring Hill, FL; sons Michael A. Steckel and wife Sherry, East Petersburg; Eric L. Steckel, Albuquerque, NM; daughter Carol A. Hershey and husband Michael Hershey, Elizabethtown; stepson Larry Kranz and wife Andrea, Lancaster; granddaughters Crystal R. Steckel, Julie Kranz, and grandson Benjamin M. Williams.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the Salvation Army.

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### Fern M. Slabach

Fern M. Slabach, 86, of Denver, entered into rest on Friday, May 16, 2008 at Ephrata Manor. She and her husband, Harry A. Slabach, celebrated 62 years of marriage on February 14. Born in E. Cocalico Twp., she was a daughter of the late George and Elizabeth (Fry) Henly.

She was last employed by Dutchmaid Inc., Ephrata. A member of Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, Swartzville, she was a 1940 graduate of the East Cocalico High School. Fern enjoyed playing pinochle and hassenpeffer, crossword puzzles, babysitting and going out to eat, and she loved her family and cooking.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her children, Dixie L. (Jerry) Snader, Mt. Airy, David L. (Cindy A. Getz) Slabach, Denver, and H. Dennis (Jacqui Hillard) Slabach, Cincinnati, OH; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and a sister, Marlene (Elwood) Boose, Swartzville. Fern was predeceased by a grandson, Eric David Snader, and brothers George and Lester Henly.

The funeral will be on Tuesday at 10:00 AM, viewing Monday 6-8 PM in the Roseboro Funeral Home, 533 Walnut St., Denver. Interment in Muddy Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Fern's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Assn., Greater PA Chapter, 3544 N. Progress Ave., Suite 205, Harrisburg, PA 17110. [www.roseborofuneralhome.com](http://www.roseborofuneralhome.com)

**Alfred R. Bair**

Alfred R. Bair, 77, passed away on February 24, 2008 at Hamilton Arms Nursing Center, where he had resided for the past 10 years.

Born in Lancaster, Alfred was the son of the late Garman and Marcella Roland Bair.

He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and had a good sense of humor.

The last of his immediate family, Alfred is survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his 2 brothers, both of Lancaster, Elwood and Raymond Bair, and by a sister, Sylvia Gill of Brooklyn, NY.

Private services will be held at Riverview Burial Park at the convenience of the family. Arrangements by the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, Lancaster 393-9661. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.snyderfuneralhome.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhome.com)

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## OTHER OBITUARIES ON PAGE B4

# SERVICES TODAY OR TOMORROW

**Bowers, Richard P.**  
West Green Tree Church of the Brethren, 740 Greentree Road Elizabethtown, Monday, 11 AM. Hetrick Funeral Home.

**Hahn, Lillie M.**  
Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 114 W. Main St., Mountville, Mon., 11:00am.

**Keeperports-Ziegler, Flo Romaine**  
St. Paul's U.M. Church, 45 1st Ave., Red Lion, Mon., 10:00am. Burg Funeral Home, Inc.

**Law, Margaret A.**  
Olivet United Methodist Church, 310 E. Chestnut St., Coatesville, Mon., 11:00am. Harris-Mountain Funeral Home.

**Lowe, Anna Lois**  
White Oak Church of The Brethren, 1211 North Penryn Road, Manheim, Monday, 10:30 AM. The Buch Funeral Home.

**Martin, Luella S.**  
Martindale Fellowship Center, 352 Martindale Road, Ephrata, Monday, 9 AM. Stradling Funeral Homes.

**Maurer, Frederick P.**  
Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 810 Newport Ave., Gap, Mon., 2:00pm. Bachman Funeral Home.

**Meisinger, Frederick F.**  
Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 519 Walnut St., Columbia, Mon., 11:00am.

**Ober, Patricia M.**  
Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, Monday, 10 AM.

**Peters, Clair E.**  
Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 114 West Main Street, Mountville, Monday, 3 PM.

**Risser, Charles Greenly**  
Stradling Funeral Home, 201 Church Avenue, Ephrata, Mon., 10:00 AM.

**Siddons, Mary Elizabeth**  
Ellingsworth Auditorium, Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, 625 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, Monday, 3 PM. Reynolds Funeral Home.

**Stover, Benjamin C., Sr.**  
Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster, Mon., 11:00am

**Timblin, Orin C.**  
Ross G. Walker Funeral Home, Ltd., 217 Freeport Rd., New Kensington, Mon., 11:00am


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In Loving Memory Of  
**Jeremy S. Earhart**  
April 14, 1971 - May 18, 1997



You're eleven years gone and the heartache still lives on. We love and miss you so very much.

**Dad, Mom, Brothers, Sister, Family and Friends**

# OBITUARIES

## Janet L. Sprout

Janet L. Sprout, age 75, of 5 Springwalk Court, Lancaster, died peacefully at home, Friday, May 16, 2008. Born in Manor Township; she was the daughter of the late Clyde G. Rankin and the late Mary Groff Rankin Troop. She was the wife of the late Howard S. Sprout, Jr.; he died July 11, 1984.

Janet worked in the office for Armstrong World Industries from 1950-1962 and from 1968 until her retirement in 1994. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church of Kissel Hill, Lititz, where she was a Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Church Council. She was a former member and Sunday School Teacher at Zion Lutheran Church, Landisville. Janet was a 1950 graduate of East Hempfield High School. She was a member of the Circle A Charity Organization of Armstrong Cork Company and a volunteer at both the Fulton Opera House and the former Community Hospital of Lancaster. Janet enjoyed sports, reading mysteries, knitting, crossword puzzles, collecting baskets, and shopping with her sisters.

She is survived by a daughter: Beverly J. Sprout, life-partner of Susan K. Darhower of Lancaster; a sister: Nancy L., wife of Jay V. Smith of Landisville, two sisters-in-law: Rosemary Harding and Bette Burkman, both of Lancaster. Janet was preceded in death by a sister: Betty J. Eshleman.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2008 from Salem Lutheran Church of Kissel Hill, 26 Owl Hill Road, Lititz, at 11AM (family will receive friends 10-11AM) with Reverend Kenneth R. Jetto and Reverend Mark S. Kopp officiating. Interment will follow in Salem's adjoining cemetery. Please omit flowers. Contributions in Janet's memory may be made to: Hospice of Lancaster County, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements by: Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., Columbia/Landisville.

## W. John Altpeter

Reverend W. John Altpeter, 87, of 1204 Farm Crest Dr., Ephrata, formerly of 93 Scenic Dr., Denver, died Friday, May 16, 2008 at the Ephrata Community Hospital.



Born in Rochester, NY he was the son of the late Christian J. and Mildred (Eutin) Altpeter. He was married 50 years on October 5 to Elsie (Doran) Altpeter.

John graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology with a masters degree in Statistics. He worked from 1972-1984 as Quality Control Manager at Pennsylvania Optical Company in Reading. Later he served as pastor at Rexmont E.C. Church in Rexmont, from 1984-1993; Mohns Hill E.C. Church in Sinking Spring from 1993-2001; and Trinity E.C. Church in Terre Hill from 2001 until present.

During the Korean Conflict and WWII he served in the US Navy.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four children, Dr. Heidi, married to Levi B. Zimmerman of Reinholds, Paul Altpeter, married to Teri Smith-Altpeter of Bethlehem, Hollie Kemper of Denver, and Debbie Sum of Rowlett, TX; nine grandchildren; a great granddaughter; and two sisters, Helen Heyden of Rochester, NY, and Mary Brown of Frederick, MD.

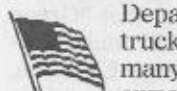
A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 7 pm at the Trinity E.C. Church, 110 E. Main St., Terre Hill with the Reverend Al Hoffman officiating. Private interment will be at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday at the Church from 5-7 pm. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Evangelical Congregational Global Missions, 100 West Park Ave., Myerstown, PA 17067. Arrangements by Eckenroth Home for Funerals, Terre Hill. To send the family condolences visit us at [www.groffeckenroth.com](http://www.groffeckenroth.com)

**Richard C. Drumm, Sr.**

Richard C. Drumm Sr. 2008

## Clair E. Peters

Clair E. Peters, 87, of Columbia, passed away Thursday, May 15, 2008 at Lebanon VA Medical Center, Hospice Unit. He was the husband of Margaret E. Bailey Peters. He was born in Ironville, son of the late Clarence W. and Emma Peters.



In his early years, he was employed by the PA State Highway Department as a truck driver and for many years was the owner of Peter's Disposal, Columbia. After his retirement, he worked as a driver for Manheim Auto Auction. He was a veteran of the US Navy, serving during WWII, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. A member of PA 1000 Yard Benchrest Club, winning many trophies and awards for his shooting abilities.

Surviving in addition to his wife, eight children: Robert A., husband of Joan Bailey, Columbia; Thomas K., husband of Charlotte Peters, Mount Joy; Carl E., husband of Faith Peters, Wrightsville; Clarence W., husband of Mary Ellen Peters, Columbia; Dale R. Peters, Columbia; Joann Scheid, Lancaster; Claire E. Markley, Lancaster and Beth E., wife of Carl Metzger, Wrightsville. Twenty-two grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. One brother: Earl Peters, Lancaster and one sister: Anna May Joe, Christianna.

The funeral service will be held at the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 114 West Main Street, Mountville on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. Interment in Habecker Mennonite Cemetery. Friends may call at the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc. from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to: the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

## Jane Spong Breneman

Jane Spong Breneman, 93, of 1380 Elm Avenue, Lancaster, PA, died on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at Homestead Village.



Born in Lancaster and a lifelong resident, she grew up in the city and lived in Eden after her marriage. She was the wife of the late John Jacob Breneman who died February 13, 2004. She is the daughter of the late William and Anna Keller Spong.

A graduate of Stevens High School and Catawba College she taught Home Economics in the Lancaster City Schools, Lampeter Strasburg High School and taught at the Lancaster School of Practical Nursing. At one time she demonstrated appliances for P & L.

She served our country as a WAVE during World War II in New York City.

She was a 54 year member of First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster and served as a deacon. She was a former member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the Iris Club and volunteered with the Walking Tour of Lancaster.

She is survived by two daughters, Deborah Breneman, Milton, DE and Barbara, wife of John Toth Shaker Heights, OH. She is also survived by one grand-daughter Natasha Toth, Shaker Heights, OH.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Jane's Funeral Services on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 10:00 AM from the Chapel at First Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA with The Rev. Dr. Randolph T. Riggs officiating. Interment at Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery. Friends may call at the Chapel on Tuesday from 9:30 AM until time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to The McNinch Fund, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17602. Fred F. Groff, Inc. [www.lifecelation.com](http://www.lifecelation.com)

**Arlene R. McCreary**  
Lifetime Resident of  
Lancaster

## Thomas J. Nitroy Beloved Pappy, Pappaw

Thomas J. Nitroy, 70, of Lancaster, passed away on Thursday at the Lancaster General Hospital following an unexpected illness. Born in Lancaster, and a lifelong area resident, he was the son of



the late Joseph A. and Anna Schmalhofer Nitroy. Tom was the husband of Helen R. Roten Nitroy, they celebrated their 41st anniversary on Sept. 3rd, 2007.

He retired as the former owner and operator of ABC Beverage in Lancaster, in 2003, he had worked there for over 40 years. The most important part of Tom's life was his large and extended family. He was devoted to his wife, children, grandchildren and greats. He will be sorely missed by his dog Sidney.

Tom will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Helen, daughters Donna N., wife of Richard W. Horner, Beth Anne Leshier and Karen E. Campbell all of Lancaster; sons Thomas, Jr., of Belmont, MA, Mark B., husband of Robin N. DeBord of Silver Spring, PA, and Troy D. Nitroy, eleven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and a great great grandson. Also surviving are two brothers, Joseph, husband of Ann Nitroy of Lewes, DE and John, husband of Theresa Nitroy of Columbia. He was preceded in death by a son Rex A. DeBord.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Life Celebration Service from Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3825 Concordia Rd., Columbia, PA on Tuesday at 11:00 AM with the Rev. William H. Cluley officiating. Interment will be held in Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Fred F. Groff Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA on Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and at the church on Tuesday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. If desired memorials may be sent in Thomas's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Dr., P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or to the Arthritis Foundation, 630 Janet Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601.

## DEATHS FROM EARLIER IN THE WEEK

The following deaths were reported in the past week. Complete obituaries can be found in the LancasterOnline.com news archives.

- ALBRIGHT, Ruth M., 88, Columbia, May 13.
- ANDREWS, Melvia E., 57, Lebanon, May 6.
- BECK, Stephanie L., 39, Denver, May 11.
- BERNARD, Vivian R., 79, Auburn, Wash., Jan. 31.
- BISHOP, George B., 71, Quarryville, May 9.
- BOLICH, David J., 63, Lititz, May 9.
- BOWERS, Richard P., 69, Elizabethtown, May 14.
- BROWN, Edith P., 83, Lancaster, May 11.
- CALCARA, Priscilla, 68, Lancaster, May 13.
- CORYELL, Bertha B., 100, Columbia, May 12.
- DAVIDSON, William John Jr., 83, Lancaster, May 12.
- DENNISON, Gladys M., 78, Peach Bottom, May 10.
- DONA, Candy, 61, Quarryville, May 6.
- DUGAN, John D., 64, Manheim, May 14.
- DURBIN, Roger W., 74, Lancaster, May 10.
- DRUMM, Richard C. Sr., 80, Holtwood, May 15.
- EASTWOOD, Ann G. Lenderking, 83, West Grove, May 9.
- EBERSOLE, Harry J., 71, Bainbridge, May 11.
- ECHTERNACHT, Allan R., 62, Denver, May 10.
- EELLS, Thomas E., 74, Honey Brook, May 16.
- ESTES, S. Charlotte, 75, Manheim, May 10.
- FULTON, Donald Eugene, 80, Orlando, Fla., March 8.
- GOOD, Laura M. Sauder, 81, Leola, May 10.
- HAHN, Lillie M., 81, Columbia, May 14.
- HALFORD, James D. Jr., 80, Lancaster, May 11.
- HARDWICK, Emma Paschall, 79, Lancaster, May 13.
- HATTON, Bernice P., 84, Lancaster, May 10.
- HINTON, Danny M., 51, Columbia, May 13.
- HORNING, Mildred W., 81, East Earl, May 10.
- JACKSON, Bonnie S., 44, Cochranville, May 10.
- KEEPORTS-ZIEGLER, Flo Romaine, 93, Red Lion, May 13.
- KING, Katie S., newborn daughter of David F. and Mary G. Stoltzfus King, Peach Bottom, May 13.
- KIRCHNER, Romayne K., 102, Lancaster, May 8.
- LANDIS, John S., 93, Lancaster, May 11.
- LAW, Margaret A., 82, Coatesville, May 14.
- LAWRENCE, Betty, 88, Lancaster, May 8.
- LEAYMAN, Robert C., 78, Lan-

Reverend Mark S. Kopp officiating. Interment will follow in Salem's adjoining cemetery. Please omit flowers. Contributions in Janet's memory may be made to: Hospice of Lancaster County, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements by: Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., Columbia/Landisville.

### Brittney A. Groome-Ward

Brittney A. Groome-Ward, 22, of 522 Hemlock Lane, Lebanon died Friday May 16, 2008 in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon. She was the daughter of Dina Groome with whom she lived.

Born in Fairfax, VA on June 10, 1985, she attended the Masonic Home Day Care, Elizabethtown, participated in the Special Olympics in golf, bowling, soccer, basketball, and swimming. She also enjoyed being involved with Connections.

Brittney loved life, was a bright light, always happy and excited, and was devoted to God and her family.

Surviving in addition to her mother is a sister Kaitlin Groome-Ward at home, a maternal grandmother Helen Groome at home, and also 6 cousins, 2 uncles, and 2 aunts.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 5:00 PM from the Kreamer Funeral Home, 618 E. Main St., Annville. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Viewing will be held on Tuesday from 4:00-5:00 PM at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 1263, Lebanon, PA 17042 or the Special Olympics Lebanon County, P.O. Box 1018, Lebanon, PA 17042. [www.kreamerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kreamerfuneralhome.com)

lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Evangelical Congregational Global Missions, 100 West Park Ave., Myerstown, PA 17067. Arrangements by Eckenroth Home for Funerals, Terre Hill. To send the family condolences visit us at [www.groffeckenroth.com](http://www.groffeckenroth.com)

### Richard C. Drumm, Sr.

Richard C. Drumm, Sr., age 80, of 40 Pencroft Drive North, Holtwood, died Thursday evening at Lancaster General Hospital following complications from an automobile accident. He and his wife, Eleanor J. Leddy Drumm celebrated 49 years of marriage. He was born in Martic Township, a son of the late Ira Jacob and Verna Mae Cramer Drumm.

Richard was a retired Kirkwood farmer and had also worked as a millwright for Armstrong World Industries for 25 years. A US Army veteran, he served his country during the Korean War. Mr. Drumm was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Surviving beside his wife are two sons, Richard C., Jr., married to Gladys Garrett Drumm of Holtwood and John D., married to Donna Cassidy Drumm of Puyallup, WA; 5 grandchildren, Jennifer, Margaret, Rose, Connor, and Klaire.

Funeral services will be held from the Reynolds Funeral Home, 144 East State Street, Quarryville, PA on Tuesday at 11:00AM. Interment will follow in Bethesda United Methodist Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday from 6:30-8:30PM and again on Tuesday from 10:00AM until the time of service. Honors will be accorded by the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Richard's memory to Lancaster General Hospital, Neurosurgical Trauma Unit, 555 North Duke Street, P.O. Box 3555, Lancaster, PA 17604. To send an online condolence, please visit our website at [www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net](http://www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net)

Memorial contributions may be sent to The McNinch Fund, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17602. Fred F. Groff, Inc. [www.lifecelebration.com](http://www.lifecelebration.com)

### Arlene R. McCreary Lifetime Resident of Lancaster

Arlene R. McCreary, 83, formerly of 959 Parkside Lane in Lancaster, passed away on Friday at Brethren Village.

She was the wife of Dennis P. McCreary, with whom she celebrated 65 years of marriage this past July 11th. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin H. and Irene Warfel Benedict.

Arlene had worked at the RCA Corp. during World War II, as a dress maker during the Korean War, and later at the Hamilton Watch plant in East Petersburg.

She was a 1942 graduate of McCaskey High School and was a member of the school's alumni association. Arlene enjoyed gardening, traveling and reading.

In addition to her husband, Arlene is survived by a sister Lottie Benedict Hartman, wife of Robert K. Hartman of Spring Hill, FL.

Friends will be received on Tuesday from 10-11AM at the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home Inc., 414 E. King St., Lancaster, PA, with the funeral service to follow at 11AM. Interment in Conestoga Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Arlene's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. For directions or to send an online condolence, please visit [www.snyderfuneralhome.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhome.com)

### Paul G. Sites

Paul G. Sites, 83, formerly of Manheim, died Friday May 16, 2008 at Moravian Manor, Lititz. Born in Mount Joy Twp., he was the son of the late Harry and Kathryn (Gruber) Sites. He was the husband of the late Esther B. (Bard) Sites who died in 1996.

Paul was a Bridge Foreman for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for 23 years before retiring in 1986, he was member of Salem United Methodist Church of Manheim, a member of the Red Rose Pony Club, was an avid hunter, and was an Army veteran of WW II.

Surviving is a daughter Carol wife John Wayne Smith of Manheim; a grandson Waylon Smith of Seattle WA; three sisters Joan wife of William Way and Mary wife of Robert Thome both of Mount Joy, and Helen Miller of Potter County; a companion Evelyn Sauder of Lititz; several nieces and nephews; and close friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his graveside services on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 1:00 PM at Colebrook Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Church Road, South Londonderry Twp. with Rev. Richard W. Conner officiating. Please omit flowers, contributions in Paul's memory may be sent to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster PA 17604.

Buch Funeral Home, Manheim PA in charge of arrangements. For further information or to send the family a message of condolence you may visit our website at [www.buchfuneral.com](http://www.buchfuneral.com)

evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and at the church on Tuesday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. If desired memorials may be sent in Thomas's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Dr., P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or to the Arthritis Foundation, 630 Janet Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601. [www.lifecelebration.com](http://www.lifecelebration.com)

### Dorothy M. (Nelson) Williams

Dorothy M. (Nelson) Williams, 84, of Wyncote Pa., died Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at the Wyncote Church Home. Born December 13, 1923, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, she was a daughter of the late Morton and Esther (Madsen) Nelson. Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband, Paul S. Williams, of Wyncote.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the Conestoga United Methodist Church. She was a United Methodist Church missionary, serving in South America, for thirty years. She retired from the Manheim Township school district, after teaching for twelve years.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Williams is survived by three daughters: Gwenth L., wife of Will Doggett, of Philadelphia; Christine M., wife of Keith Finitzer, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Deborah J., wife of Greg Wilhelm, of Pequea; one brother: Earl Nelson, and twelve grandchildren. Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by a sister, Erma Murrell.

Interment will be private and at the discretion of the family. Memorial Services will take place at a later date. Rather than flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, North Carolina 28607. Arrangements by the Gundel Funeral Home Inc. For additional information or to send a condolence, please call 872-8621 or visit: [www.gundelfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundelfuneralhome.com)

- KING, Katie S., newborn daughter of David F. and Mary G. Stoltzfus King, Peach Bottom, May 13.
- KIRCHNER, Romayne K., 102, Lancaster, May 8.
- LANDIS, John S., 93, Lancaster, May 11.
- LAW, Margaret A., 82, Coatesville, May 14.
- LAWRENCE, Betty, 88, Lancaster, May 8.
- LEAYMAN, Robert C., 78, Lancaster, May 12.
- LEWIS, Willie Clinton, 87, Lancaster, May 13.
- LINDEMAN, Carl G. Sr., 77, Millersville, May 10.
- LOWE, Anna Lois, 69, Manheim, May 15.
- MACKLEY, Robert E., 79, Lancaster, May 13.
- MAKLE, Frances M., 94, Elizabethtown, May 11.
- MALFUCCI, Joseph R., 84, New Holland, May 9.
- MARTIN, Alvin W., 85, Narvon, May 13.
- MARTIN, David B., 61, Ephrata, May 12.
- MARTIN, Luella S., 83, Ephrata, May 14.
- MASLUK, Helen, 77, Akron, May 15.
- MAURER, Frederick P., 80, Lancaster, May 15.
- McELROY, Robert, 67, Lancaster, May 15.
- McLEOD, Nellie, 88, New Holland, May 9.
- MEISINGER, Frederick F., 75, Columbia, May 14.
- MESSNER, Martha J., 83, Manheim, May 13.
- MEYER, Lucille D., 89, Columbia, May 15.
- MINICH, Harry F. III, 54, Bird-in-Hand, May 14.
- NEIDERMYER, Paul D. Jr., 83, Akron, May 11.
- NITROY, Thomas J., 70, Lancaster, May 15.
- OBER, Patricia M., 53, Lancaster, May 13.
- ORTIZ, Cruz M., 64, Lancaster, May 13.
- PARMER, Donald E., 76, Lancaster, May 12.
- PETERS, Clair E., 87, Columbia, May 15.
- PFEIFFER, Dorothy R., 82, Willow Street, May 9.
- PINKERTON, Rita K., 92, Columbia, May 9.
- PISCITELLI, Jerry M., 52, Denver, May 10.
- RICHARDS, Grace B., 97, Lancaster, Dec. 10, 2007.
- RISSER, Charles Greenly, 92, Stevens, May 12.

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graduates Saturday to "dare to speak a word to the weary."

...speak on God's behalf," as Martin Luther King Jr. and Bishop Oscar Romero, both of whom were killed for their prophetic witness, were called.

"How will you respond?" she asked.

"You are called by God to go forth and not to be afraid, not to be rebellious, to believe and

to trust in the God who called you."

Mark Kearse has responded. The former truck driver has already been ordained in his Baptist church and will be serving a church while starting work on a Doctor of Ministry program.

Returning to school, he said,

Bell, Richard B. Hull Memorial Scholarship; Lori Unger Brandt, Herman M. Lutz Prize in Christian Education and Chalice Press Book Award; Kristen Curlee, Beatrice Weaver McConnell Award; Joyce Anderson, Dr. Paul Reid Pontius Memorial Award in Worship;

Emily Schwenker in Old Testament and Lori Unger

...son; Tony Fields Sr.; Rebecca R. Fuchs; Michael Thomas Grubbs Jr.; Jennifer Marie Hess; Mark Keith Kearse; Rosemary Elizabeth Magee; Emily J. Schwenker; Cynthia Simpson; Brian D. Snow; William Mark Sowers; Nicole Nadine Swanson; Asher Felix Tunik; Roger Martin Ulrich; Bradley Alan Walmer; Naomi R. Weaver; Jennifer Johnson

...Life: Engaging a Presbyterian Congregation in the Recent Presbyterian Conversation"; Timothy Reichard, "An Exploration of the Relationship Between Combat and Changes in Christian Religious Practices Among World War II Veterans"; Galen Russell, "Adult Leadership Development in Youth-Based Ministry." ■

## Politics: More on those GOP finance reports

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and Rendell's office isn't "sending the names over."

"Usually it's the higher-up stuff" that ends up being used as leverage to get other appointments approved by the Senate, Armstrong said, not county row offices.

"Almost always it's a tradeoff. You get your guys, we get our guys. Normally it's not a problem."

He said he would check Monday.

"Nobody has said a word to me about this — none," Armstrong said. "Usually the county [Republican] chairman heads this up and rides herd on it."

Because Stuckey is a Republican, his replacement through 2009 has to be Republican as well. Deputy Controller Walt Rogers is running the office.

The other theory, Greiner said, is that new Senate leadership might be pushing back against Rendell.

"They're sending a message that they're not going to roll over for him," Greiner said. "He's a pretty skilled politician himself — he's not going to roll over either."

No matter what the problem is, "it puts me in a really difficult position," Greiner said. He'd have to resign as Upper Leacock Township supervisor if he's named controller. And his employers at the Hatter Harris & Beittel accounting firm are in limbo, too.

"Even they are asking, 'When's it going to happen?'" Greiner said.

### Upon further review ...

Maybe the county GOP *doesn't* have to file its campaign finance reports at the county elections bureau.

In a May 4 Sunday News story, attorney Paul Rossi, who represents committeewoman Millie Max in her federal lawsuit against the party, questioned why the committee had not reported its recent legal bills in the case on campaign finance reports.

He also noted that the party hadn't

filed copies of its finance reports at the county elections office, although the county notified candidates and political committees last year that state law requires them to send "courtesy copies" to the county as well as to the state.

But the state office — which was contacted for comment on the May 4 story but did not provide an opinion on the filing question until May 6 — noted that a separate section of the campaign finance law says that if a political committee supports both candidates who must file with the state and candidates who must file locally, the committee needs to file only with the state, according to deputy press secretary Rebecca Halton.

Asked to review the opinion, Rossi said Friday that the law is "a poorly written statute. There is no section which clearly defines where political parties must file their reports. However, I believe the party has a legitimate claim that they only need to file with the Secretary of State."

Rossi, though, said the party still is wrong "not to include their legal liabilities on their reports."

Andrew Heath, the county GOP executive director, said he contacted the state elections bureau about the filing question and also was told the party didn't have to file locally.

"Even after knowing that, we still filed all our reports as a courtesy to the county," he said, "... just because we have absolutely nothing to hide."

The GOP routinely filed copies with the county until late last year. Rossi noted the local filings stopped around the time that Max sued, claiming the party violated her free speech rights by trying to prevent her from campaigning against two endorsed judge candidates in the 2007 primary.

Max is a Mount Joy Township committeewoman.

On the question of legal bills, Heath said he was advised earlier this month to handle the fee "updates" the party has been getting from its attorneys at

Hartman, Underhill & Brubaker as bills.

So Heath filed an amended report for the pre-primary cycle, showing \$25,025 owed to attorneys as of Jan. 31.

"It will appear on every finance report until the debt is paid off," Heath said.

He argued that Rossi is "waging not just a legal fight but a political fight. We decided to keep it all in the courtroom."

### CSI Lancaster

Today is final exam day for the county's deputy coroners.

Fourteen of Coroner Steve Diamantoni's 16 deputies need to pass the test today, at the conclusion of a two-day course at the county's emergency training center taught by national expert Dr. Michael Karagiozis, to become certified medical investigators.

"In addition to selecting individuals who have strong professional backgrounds in forensics, medicine and law enforcement," Diamantoni said, his goal is to "provide them additional education and certifications ... to be the best coroner's office in the country."

Diamantoni was elected last year in part on a platform of hiring well-qualified deputies.

"This is a very astute group," Karagiozis said Saturday. "It's much sharper as a group than most of the classes that I've taught."

The course prepares deputies to conduct better investigations and to know how to handle crime scenes so that evidence stands up in court.

"In systems where there are parallel investigations — two teams of different expertise, law enforcement and coroner, two teams pulling one wagon — it increases the reliability and integrity of the investigation," Karagiozis said.

"The odds of having somebody come in and get an evidentiary ruling" — having evidence thrown out because of a procedural error — are reduced.

Karagiozis, an HIV specialist in

Nevada, teaches forensics at the University of Maryland and teaches the certified medical investigator course for the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute.

"We feel very fortunate to have him here," Diamantoni said.

### Political potpourri

● Bill Neff, who's mulling a write-in bid for the 13th state Senate district, will announce his decision after Memorial Day, according to campaign consultant Shelley Castetter. Neff lost in the April 22 Republican primary to Lloyd Smucker in a four-way race.

The Democratic nominee, Lancaster City Councilman Jose Urdaneta, recently unveiled a new Web site, [www.urdaneta4senate.com](http://www.urdaneta4senate.com).

● County Democrats will host the work of photographer Christa Stein and multimedia artist L.M. Bolger from 5 to 8 p.m. on First Friday, June 6, at the "Underground" meeting room, 53 N. Duke St. Flute and piano music by Silver, Wood & Ivory will complement the art exhibit. For information, call Lois Herr, 371-5721 (cell) or 299-5701 (office), or e-mail [lcde@epix.net](mailto:lcde@epix.net).

● County Republicans are hosting a May 29 meeting for GOP committee members to hear a presentation by the Lancaster County Government Study Commission, which recently approved a draft of a proposed home-rule charter in advance of a Nov. 4 referendum. The meeting is at the Farm & Home Center.

● State Rep. Tom Creighton, R-37th District, will support legislation now being drafted to suspend the state's gas tax — 12 cents a gallon, plus an oil franchise tax of 19.3 cents a gallon — for the summer. "This gas tax holiday will help lower the cost of gasoline and spur greater activity in the economy," Creighton said.

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## Program on 'Addiction, Recovery and Family' at the Health Campus

The RASE Project will host a seminar on "Addiction, Recovery and the Family" at 7 p.m. Thursdays, May 22 and 29, in the Wellness Center Conference Room of Lancaster General

Health Campus, 2100 Harrisburg Pike. RASE, or Recovery-Advocacy-Service-Empowerment, seeks to reduce the stigma of addiction and to focus on the successes of recovery.

The topic will be different each of the two nights.

The program will be offered again in the summer. To register, call RASE at 232-8535. ■

## Deaths

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ROHRER, Esther I., 90, Manheim, May 12.

ROSENTHAL, Brian J., 39, Lancaster, May 8.

ROZZELLE, Harold B., 64, Charlotte, N.C., May 14.

RUHL, Robert E., 73, Ephrata, May 11.

SAGAR, Elmer B., 84, Lititz, May 9.

SCHLABACH, Samuel Jay, 75, Ephrata, May 11.

SEAMAN, Lawrence R., 78, Lancaster, May 8.

SEIFERT, Clarence B., 89, Elizabethtown, May 11.

SEIFERT, Paul A. Sr., 79, Mountville, May 10.

SHAUB, Robert I. III, 57, Burkburnett, Texas, April 6.

SMITH, Robert W., 87, Willow Street, May 9.

SPANGLER, Ellen K., 89, Ephrata, May 14.

STOLTZFUS, Mark P., 86, Akron, May 11.

STOVER, Benjamin C. Sr., 67, Lancaster, May 14.

SWEIGART, Kathryn S., 79, Reinholds, May 13.

SWEIGART, Marian J., 91, Stevens, May 10.

SWORDS, Linda L., 60, Richfield, May 10.

TIMBLIN, Orin C., 97, Hershey, May 10.

WENTZ, Alma R., 89, Lititz, May 11.

WILLIAMS, Reginald J. Jr., 61, Lancaster, May 10.

WOZNITSKI, Joseph T., 80, Lititz, May 10.

WRIGHT, Audrey M., 95, Mountville, May 11.

YODER, Richard W., 85, Willow Street, May 16.

YUNINGER, Carl L., 91, Lancaster, May 13.

ZIMMERMAN, Bernice M., 90, New Holland, May 8.

## BIRTHS

JIMMO, Christina, Lancaster, a daughter, at Heart of Lancaster Hospital, Friday.

PIERCE, Michael and Keri, Denver, a son, at Ephrata Community Hospital, Friday.

ROHRER, Aaron and Shanon (Stafts), Mountville, a daughter, at Heart of Lancaster Hospital, Wednesday.