

DEATHS REPORTED

- Ault, Robert LeRoy**
81, husband of Betty Sneath Ault, of Millersville. January 11, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266
- Bowman, Florence G. (Keffer)**
82, of Denver Nursing Home, Stevens. January 13, 2008. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 336-4909.
- Brown, Doris J.**
72, wife of James R. Brown, Sr., of Paradise. January 12, 2008. Fred F. Groff, Inc., 397-8255.
- Courtney, Ruth Kathleen**
95, wife of Wayne W. Courtney, of Lancaster. January 14, 2008. Young Funeral Home, 299-7371
- Deck, Margaret H.**
83, of Lancaster. January 12, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661
- Ewing, Joshua Ryan**
23, of Paradise. January 12, 2008. Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 302-731-5459
- Graybill, Richard L.**
80, husband of Nancy E. Rohrer Graybill, of Mountville. January 13, 2008. Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc. 285-4513
- Hemperly, Grace E.**
89, of Mountville. January 13, 2008. Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc. 285-4513
- Hertzler, Elva Buckwalter Minnich**
97, of Moravian Manor, Lititz. January 13, 2008. Spacht Funeral Home, 626-2317.
- Hess, Miriam P.**
92, of Lancaster. January 12, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.
- Johansen, Ida Eleanor ***
89, Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community. January 12, 2008. Dewald Funeral & Cremation Services, 786-3530
- Kear, Ronald**
65, husband of Peggy Kear, of Harrisburg. January 11, 2008. Neill Funeral Home, 564-2633
- Lopez, Felix ***
49, of Lancaster. January 11, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266
- Lynch, Dennis M.**
54, of Willow Street. January 8, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid
- Myers, Arlyne V. Houghton**
89, of Lancaster. January 13, 2008. Gundel Funeral Home, Inc. 393-1776.
- Redcay, Leon B.**
85, of Ephrata. January 12, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 733-2472
- Santana, Richard**
67, husband of Lucy Sosa Santana, of Lancaster. January 13, 2008. Fred F. Groff, Inc. 397-8255
- Schroeder, Wilbur C.**
93, of 14 Bennington Circle, Lititz. January 14, 2008. Spacht Funeral Home, 626-2317.
- Serfass, Edith Jane**
83, of Masonic Village, Elizabethtown. January 5, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543
- Slaseman, Miriam J.**
80, of Columbia. January 12, 2008. Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc. 684-6633.
- Sponagle, Dyanna DiBerardino**
40, of Lancaster. January 12, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.
- Stewart, Ruth E.**
85, of 120 Rider Ave., Lancaster. January 13, 2008. Fred F. Groff, Inc. 397-8255
- Stoe, Marjorie R.**
75, wife of Harry C. Stoc, of Lancaster. January 12, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266
- Stoltzfus, Lydia L.**
65, wife of Joseph T. Stoltzfus, of Rockville, IN. January 12, 2008. Machledt & Servies Funeral Home, 765-435-2261
- Teplitz, Ralph Nathaniel**
71, husband of Joyce Elaine Martzall Teplitz, of New Holland. January 13, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 733-2472.
- Thomas, Arlene E.**
85, of N. Prince St., Lancaster. January 14, 2008. Fred F. Groff, Inc. 397-8255.
- Walter, Philip S.**
86, husband of Mary Myers Walter, of 402 Red Oak Drive, Manheim. January 13, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341
- Weidman, Vernon L.**
82, of Akron. January 12, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 859-1230
- Wiggins, Edna Carpenter**

OBITUARIES

Richard L. Graybill

Richard L. Graybill, 80, of Mountville, died Sunday, January 13, 2008 surrounded by his loving family, after a long illness. He had been under the care of Hospice of Lancaster County.



He was the husband of Nancy E. Rohrer Graybill with whom he celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on March 18, 2007. He was born in Bareville, son of the late John L. and Ruth B. Lefever Grabill. He was a master carpenter and cabinet maker. A member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, Lancaster where he served as a trustee and usher. He was a veteran of the US Army serving during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Thaddeus Stevens Trade School in Carpentry in 1945 and Architectural Drafting in 1950. He built the home that he shared with his wife and the homes of his children. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, raising sheep and jigsaw puzzles.

Surviving in addition to his wife, one son: Barry R. married to Judy A. Knoll Graybill, Landisville. Three daughters: Jacqueline G. married to Ken Cooper, Diane G. married to Barry W. Armstrong, and Karen R. Boben, all of West Hempfield Twp. Ten grandchildren: Holly, Joseph Richard, Rebecca, Callie, Sheri, Alison, Amy, Jodie, Kevin and Morgan. Four great-grandchildren: Kyla, Kaden, Peyton and Alanah. One brother: John L. married to Ellen Hoak Graybill, Millersville. He was preceded in death by one sister: Luetta.

Funeral service will be held at the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 114 West Main Street, Mountville, on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Robert A. Bailey, officiating. Interment in Millersville Mennonite Cemetery, with military honors being accorded by the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard. Friends may call at the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc. from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made in his mem-

Doris J. Brown

Doris J. Brown, age 72, of Paradise, PA, passed on Saturday at the Essa Flory Center of Hospice of Lancaster County.



Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late John W. and Anna Schwarz Werhel. She and her husband, James R. Brown, Sr., celebrated their forty-eight wedding anniversary on Oct. 24th.

Doris was a 1953 graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School.

She was employed as a secretary for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Educator's Mutual Life Insurance Company, St. John's United Methodist Church in Paradise, PA and as a teller at the Fulton Bank in Gap, PA.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

Doris enjoyed gardening, the seashore, reading, family picnics, high school classmates and helping with her high school reunions.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, James R. Brown, Jr., Paradise, Jeffrey R. Brown, Lancaster, two brothers, Donald "Jake" Werhel, Lancaster, Richard A. Werhel, Lititz, two sisters, Elizabeth J. Bachman, West Lampeter and Mary Ann Smith, Mt. Joy. She was preceded in death by a brother, John W. Werhel, Jr. and two sisters, Rosaire Kieley and Evelyn Kopf.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Doris' Life Celebration Mass of Christian Burial from St. Anthony of Padua Church, 501 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA, on Thursday at 11:00 AM with Rev. Daniel C. Mitzel, celebrant. Final Commendation and Farewell in St. Joseph New Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call on Wednesday from 6-8 PM at the Funeral Home of Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA and at the church on Thursday from 10:00 AM until time of Mass. Holy Rosary will be at 7:30 PM on Wednesday at Groff's. Please omit flowers. If desired, memorial contributions may be

Robert LeRoy Ault

Robert LeRoy Ault, 81, of Millersville, died Friday, January 11, 2008.



Born in Highville, he was the son of the late Samuel P. and Mabel B. Ault.

Bob, a devoted husband and father, is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty Sneath Ault.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Melvin B. Ault and Ger-

ald L. Ault.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sisters, Dorothy M. Ault, Lititz and Linda A., wife of Robert Shelly, Lititz; a daughter, Susanne, wife of Peter Glatfelter, Willow Street; and a son, Scott R. Ault, husband of Tina B., Peach Bottom; and 5 grandchildren.

Bob served in the U.S. Navy in WWII, attaining a rank of Machinist's Mate 3/c. He fought in the Pacific Theatre on the USS Halford, DD 480, a Fletcher class destroyer and on the USS Lewis and USS Silverstein.

He was a carpenter and millwright by trade. He worked for various private contractors, RCA and Armstrong World Industries and the Lancaster Housing Authority retiring in 1991. He was a lifelong outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Bob loved spending time with his grandchildren and he often attended sporting events.

Bob was a member of Stehman United Methodist Church in Millersville for 58 years serving on numerous committees. He was a member of the senior men's and ladies Bible class and was an active member of the Centerville AARP 4221.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday evening, January 15, 2008 from 7 to 9 PM at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at Stehman United Methodist Church, 485 Indian Run Rd., Millersville, PA at 11 AM with

Edith Jane Serfass

Edith Jane Serfass, 83, of Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, died on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at her residence. Born in Norristown, she was the daughter of the late Lloyd Harrison and Ethel Jean Beidler Daub. She was married over 37 years to Paul T. Serfass who died in 1988.

Mrs. Serfass was a 50-year member of Port Kennedy Presbyterian Church in King of Prussia, where she had served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, elder and visitation minister. She was also a member of the choir, was a choir mom, and was active with the Ladies Aid Society.

Mrs. Serfass was a 1942 graduate of Upper Merion Area High School in King of Prussia. She earned a bachelors degree in elementary education from Beaver College (now Acadia College) in Glenside.

Prior to retiring in 1985, she was employed for more than 15 years as an elementary teacher in Upper Merion Area School District. In 1997 she was elected to the Upper Merion "Wall of Fame" for excellence in teaching. Mrs. Serfass was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association.

She was a member of Order of Eastern Star, Radiant Chapter #96, Norristown. In addition to her interest in her grandchildren, and former students, she delivered Meals-on-Wheels for more than 10 years.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lloyd Harrison Daub, Jr.

She is survived by three children, Paul T., Jr., husband of Sandra Lepp Serfass, Coranado, CA; Rebecca Serfass, wife of George H. Wagner, Lancaster; Daniel D., husband of Patti Serfass, King of Prussia; a sister, MaryEllen Wallman, King of Prussia; and 12 grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Port Kennedy Presbyterian Church, 1084 Old Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA at 9:30 AM. There will be no viewing. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Arlene Hughes Caring Fund, c/o Masonic Village, One Masonic Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Arrangements by Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, Elizabethtown.

www.millerfuneralhome.com

2008. Neill Funeral Home, 564-2633

Lopez, Felix *
49, of Lancaster. January 11, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266

Lynch, Dennis M.
54, of Willow Street. January 8, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266

MacMahon, Fred
89, of Chestertown, MD. January 8, 2008. Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 410-672-2200

Miller, Cyrus C.
75, of Honey Brook. January 14, 2008. The Labs Funeral Home, Inc. 610-273-3914

Walter, of 402 Red Oak Drive, Manheim. January 13, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341

Weidman, Vernon L.
82, of Akron. January 12, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 859-1230

Wiggins, Edna Carpenter
91, of Calvary Fellowship Homes, Lancaster. January 12, 2008. Reynolds Funeral Home, 786-3272

Yost, Ralph E.
87, husband of Erla Hart Yost, of Christiana. January 14, 2008. Shivery Funeral Home, 610-593-5967

* No Obituary appears

SERVICES TODAY

Herr, Wilmer
Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, Tues., 11:00 AM.

Hollinger, Coreta E.
Ranck's U.M. Church, 700 Ranck Rd., New Holland, Tuesday, 10 AM. Roseboro, 336-6531.

Hooper, Susanna K.
Druid Ridge Cemetery 7900 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD, Tuesday, 11:00 AM. Buch Funeral Home.

Hoover, James Allen
Gravcnor Home for Funerals, 100 W. Main St. Ephrata, Tuesday, 10AM.

Martin, Kathryn V.
Stradling Funeral Home, 201 Church Ave., Ephrata, Tuesday 7 PM.

Myers, Blanche T.
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Tues. 11AM. Wentz Funeral Home.

Stoltzfus, Lydia L.
Late home, 7537 E. US 36, Rockville, IN, Tues., 9:00 AM. Machledt & Servics Funeral Home

Dennis Michael Lynch

Dennis M Lynch, 54, of Willow Street, died Tuesday, January 8, 2008, in Columbia with his loving family after a lengthy illness.

Born in Boston, MA, he was the son of the late Joseph E. Lynch and Ruth E. Swazdowich Garcia.

He was a self-employed TV repairman and had served in the US Navy.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by three sisters, Donna, wife of Frank O'Dell, Salem, NH, Doreen Taggart, Richmond, NH and Dawn, wife of Ted Seifried, Willow Street, PA; a brother, Douglas Lynch; two daughters, Kimberly Ann, Brattleboro, VT and Kendra Alyssa King, Holtwood; and one grandson.

Services are being held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Rd., Millersville, PA. 17551.

www.scheidfuneralhome.com

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lersville Mennonite Cemetery, with military honors being accorded by the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard. Friends may call at the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc. from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to: Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

Ruth Katleen Courtney

Ruth Katleen Courtney, 95, of Lancaster died at Calvary Fellowship Homes Monday, January 14, 2008. Born in Okotoks, Alberta, Canada, she was the daughter of the late Elbert E. and Lulu E. (Smith) Saunders. Ruth was the wife of Wayne W. Courtney. She was a missionary with OMF International and was a member of Calvary Church.

Surviving besides her beloved husband are two sons, Trivett Courtney of Newtown Square, PA, and Lea A. Courtney of Lookout Mountain, GA, and five grandchildren.

MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Rd., Lancaster on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008 at 11:00 AM. There will be no viewing; interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to OMF International, 10 W. Dry Creek Circle, Littleton, CO 80120.

www.youngfuneralhome.com

Arlyne V. (Houghton) Myers

Arlyne V. Myers, 89, of Lancaster, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 13, 2008, at Golden Living Center. Born August 7, 1918, she was a daughter of the late Atle and Rose (Rothfus) Houghton. Arlyne is preceded in death by her late husband, James W. Myers.

Arlyne is survived by her sister, Rosemary Stone of Lancaster; and her niece and nephew.

Memorial services will be announced at the discretion of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, 685 Good Dr., Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements by the Gundel Funeral Home, Inc. For additional information or to send a condolence, please call 393-1776 or visit www.gundelfuneralhome.com

8 PM at the Funeral Home of Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA and at the church on Thursday from 10:00 AM until time of Mass. Holy Rosary will be at 7:30 PM on Wednesday at Groff's. Please omit flowers. If desired, memorial contributions may be sent to the charity of one's choice, Lancaster Catholic High School, General Fund, 650 Juliette Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601 or Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Dr., P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. www.lifecelebration.com

Pastor Richard Santana

Pastor Richard Santana, 67, of Lancaster, PA, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 13, 2008. Born in Maniti, Puerto Rico and formerly of Brooklyn, NY, he was the husband of Lucy



Sosa Santana and they celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on October 12th. He was the son of the late Richard and Rufina Santana.

Richard graduated from a Bible School in New York and later became a cook in various restaurants and hotels, before retiring to Lancaster.

He was a member of In The Light Ministries where he believed in winning people for the Lord and was a true evangelist.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children: Maria Milagros Santana, Queens, NY; Michelle, wife of Jason Ayala, and Jennifer, wife of Victor Fallas, both of Lancaster; and Juan Samuel Lozano of Jersey City, NJ; and eight grandchildren. Two brothers; Marciano Martinez of Queens, NY and Enrique Martinez of Brooklyn, NY, also survive him. A brother, Jose Santana, preceded him in death.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Richard's Life Celebration Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 from In The Light Ministries, 415 S. Shippen St., Lancaster, PA, with a viewing at Fred F. Groff, Tues 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm. If desired, memorial contributions may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 3544 N. Progress Ave., Suite 202, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Fred F. Groff, Inc.
www.lifecelebration.com

15, 2008 from 7 to 9 PM at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at Stehman United Methodist Church, 485 Indian Run Rd., Millersville, PA at 11 AM with the Reverend Jonathan W. Hall officiating. Friends may call at the church from 10 AM. Interment will be in the adjacent Greenfield Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Stehman United Methodist Church General Fund, 485 Indian Run Rd., Millersville, PA 17551.

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

Leon B. Redcay

Leon B. Redcay, 85, of Ephrata, entered into rest at his home on Saturday, January 12, 2008.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, January 18, 2008 at the Bible Baptist Church, 45 S. 9th Street, Akron, with Pastor George H. Frantz officiating. The family will receive friends following the memorial service. Interment will be private at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery will full military honors.

Memorial contributions in Leon's memory may be sent to the Bible Baptist Church, 45 S. 9th Street, Akron, PA 17501. Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit www.

stradlingfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Arlene Hughes Caring Fund, c/o Masonic Village, One Masonic Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Arrangements by Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, Elizabethtown.

www.millerfuneralhome.com

Lydia L. Stoltzfus

Lydia L. Stoltzfus, 65, of rural Rockville, IN, passed away at her home Saturday, January 12, 2008. Born December 6, 1942 in Honey Brook, to John E. and Rachel Kauffman Fisher. Lydia was a member of the Old Order Amish Church, Bellmore District. Married Joseph T. Stoltzfus on November 20, 1962 in Bart.

She is survived by her husband, parents and grandparents, Enos and Rachel Schrock of Rockville; three daughters, Levi "Rachel" King of Waveland, IN, Aaron "Katie" Beiler of Christiana; Isaac "Sadie" Lapp of Ronks; three sons, John "Barbara" Stoltzfus of Peach Bottom, Benjamin "Sadie" Stoltzfus of Rockville, David "Rachel" Stoltzfus of Rockville; six brothers: Daniel "Annie" Fisher of Marshall, IN, Elam "Mary" Fisher of Loganton, Christ "Barbara" Fisher of Cambridge City, IN, John "Fannie" Fisher of Rockville, Amos "Lydia" Fisher of Loganton, Paul "Lydia" Fisher of Rebersburg; five sisters: John "Rebecca" Glick of Quarryville, David "Mary" Fisher of Loganton, John "Fannie" Lapp of Allentown, John "Annie" Lapp of Rockville, Jacob "Rachel" Fisher of Loganton; 45 living grandchildren; 8 deceased grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at her home, 7537 E. US 36, Rockville, IN, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, with burial at Ferndale Amish Cemetery. Friends may call anytime prior to service.

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during a difficult time.

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2024 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster
Randy L. Stoltzfus, Supervisor
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OBITUARIES

Philip S. Walter

Philip S. "Phil" Walter, 86, of 402 Red Oak Drive Manheim died on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at Pleasant View Retirement Community, Manheim. Born in Bethlehem, he was the son of the late Robison F. and Hilda Mae Walton Walter. Retired in 1982, Phil was a sales manager for the Fuller Company, Manheim and Compton, California. He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps serving during WW II. He was the husband of Mary Myers Walter and they celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in January of 2008. Phil was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Manheim where he served as past president of Consistory. He was a past board member and active volunteer at Pleasant View Retirement Community and Stiegel Elementary School, Manheim. Phil loved to golf.

Surviving is a son, Philip S. Jr. husband of Judith H. Walter of Spring Branch, Texas, a daughter, Betsy W. wife of Ramon C. Aguirre of Spokane, Washington, four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother Robison F. Walter Jr.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his memorial service at St. Paul's United Church of Christ 50 North Main Street Manheim, PA on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 11:00 AM with Reverend William J. LaSalle officiating. Interment will be private in the adjoining church memorial garden. Friends may visit with the family immediately following the memorial service at the church. Those desiring may send contributions in Phil's memory to St. Paul's United Church of Christ Capital Fund P. O. Box 129 Manheim, PA 17545 or Pleasant View Retirement Community Benevolent Care Endowment Fund 544 North Penryn Road Manheim, PA 17545. The Buch Funeral Home Manheim, PA in charge of arrangements. For further information or to send the family a message of condolence you

Ralph E. Yost

Ralph E. Yost, age 87, of Christiana went home to be with his Lord on Monday, January 14, 2008 at Harrison Senior Living of Christiana. He was the husband of Erla Hart Yost with whom he celebrated 64 years of marriage on April 4th of last year.

He was born in Parkesburg, son of the late Ralph M. & Elma Wright Yost. He was a member of the Christiana United Methodist Church where he was a former trustee. Ralph was a Machinist for Downingtown Manufacturing, Beloit Eastern which are both known now as McGuckin & Pyle of Downingtown, retiring in 1986. He was a veteran of W.W. II serving in the Army with the 108th Engineering Corps in England. He was a member of the Christiana American Legion and the Gap V.F.W.

Surviving besides his wife are 2 sons: Ronald E. Yost and Richard P. husband of Deborah McKeown Yost, both of Atglen, 2 grandchildren: Corrine wife of Kenny Davidson of Browns-town, Chad husband of Stephanie Reimold Yost of Quarryville; 2 step grandchildren: Lisa wife of Ed Hoover of Paradise and Angel wife of David Pointek of Cochranville; 4 great grandchildren; and 8 step great grandchildren; 1 sister: Margie wife of Jesse Willard of Christiana. He was preceded in death by a brother: Harry Yost.

Funeral service will take place at the Christiana United Methodist Church, 14 South Bridge Street, Christiana, PA on Thursday, January 17, at 2 P.M. with Rev. Allan Sumerfield officiating. The interment will be in the Atglen Methodist Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 12:30 P.M. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Ralph's memory to the Christiana United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 45, Christiana, PA 17509 or to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements by the Shivery Funeral

Arlene E. Thomas

Arlene E. Thomas, 85, of N. Prince St., Lancaster, PA, died January 14, 2008. She was born in Lancaster, a daughter of the late Samuel L. Sr. and Edythe Barto Powell and the wife of the late

Charles Kirchgessner and the late Clayton Thomas. Arlene was employed as a pastry clerk with Woolworth's and she also volunteered for MS. She enjoyed painting.

Surviving is a daughter, Claudia Kendall, Lancaster; two grandchildren, Audra Kendall and Edward L. Kendall Jr.; four great grandchildren, Joseph, Katrina and Brittany Ritchey and Eddy Kendall III; two sisters, Hazel Ruhl and Betty Neiss, both of Lancaster.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Dickel and Edith Stauffer and a brother, Samuel I. Powell Jr.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her Life Celebration on Thursday at 1 P.M. from the Groff Funeral Home, Ltd 234 W. Orange Street Lancaster. Interment in Riverview Burial Park. Friends may call on Thursday from 12 Noon until 1 P.M. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in Arlene's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. www.LifeCelebration.com

Ralph Nathaniel Teplitz

Ralph Nathaniel Teplitz, 71, of New Holland, entered into rest at Hershey Medical Center, on Sunday, January 13, 2008.

He was born in Philadelphia, a son of the late Israel David and Marion Malin Teplitz.

He was the husband of Joyce Elaine Martzall Teplitz for 43 years.

He worked at Sperry New Holland and served in the U. S. Army.

Vernon L. Weidman

Vernon L. Weidman, 82, of Akron, passed away at his home peacefully with family by his side on Saturday, January 12, 2008.

Born in Ephrata on May 18, 1925, a son of the late Frank H. and Mary Ruth Weidman. He was married to the late Fern Leisey Weidman, who died in 2005, for 54 years.

He retired from Sperry New Holland after over 40 years of service. He served seven years in the Merchant Marines and was a member of the Cocalico Post #3376 V.F.W. and Amvets Post #136 of Ephrata.

He was also a member of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church, Ephrata.

He enjoyed playing cards and spending time with family and friends.

Vernon is survived by three daughters, Deborah A., wife of Lester McNutt of Hooversville, Mary Jean (Jeannie), wife of Dennis J. Overly of Akron, and Sheila Weidman of Montreal, Canada, 8 grandchildren, Michele, Jeremy, Patrick, Brian, Kurt, Nicole, Shane and Kelly, and 3 great grandchildren, Kelsi, Jared and Landon. He is also survived by two sisters, Elaine Beck and Miriam Meckley.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Jack, Robert, Jeff, Frank and Raymond, and a sister, Lois.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2008, at the Stradling Funeral Home, 30 N. 9th St., Akron. Interment will follow in the Mt. Zion Evangelical Cemetery with military honors being accorded by the Red Rose Honor Guard. A viewing will be held one hour prior to services.

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

Grace E. Hemperly

Grace E. Hemperly, 89, of Mountville, died Sunday, Janu-

Marjorie (Margie) R. Stoe

Marjorie (Margie) R. Stoe, 75, of Lancaster, died Saturday, January 12, 2008, at home after a lengthy illness.

Born in Altoona, PA, she was the daughter of the late James R. Richards and Phyllis M. Wallace.

She had worked as a banquet server for 25 years at Historic Strasburg. She was a graduate of J. P. McCaskey High School class of 1950.

In addition to her husband of 56 years, Harry C. Stoe, she is survived by a daughter, Linda A. Stoe, Lancaster, 3 grandsons, 2 great grandsons and a great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by a son, Michael L. Stoe.

Services will be held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Rd., Millersville, PA, Wednesday, January 16, at 10 AM with Reverend Wayne Moritz officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 9 AM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

Arrangements entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Rd., Millersville, PA 17551.

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Miriam J. Slaseman

Miriam J. Slaseman, 80, of Columbia, went home to be with her Lord, after a brief illness on Saturday, January 12, 2008. She was the wife of the late Robert W. Slaseman, Sr. She was born in New Cum-

berland, daughter of the late Owen, Sr. and Gertrude M. Spidle Best. She enjoyed working with children through the Office of Aging. She was an active member of First Assembly of God.

She is survived by three sons: Robert W. Slaseman, Jr., Columbia; Samuel E. Slaseman, Columbia; and John D. Slaseman,

Edna Carpenter Wiggins

Edna Carpenter Wiggins, 91, of Calvary Fellowship Homes, Lancaster, PA, died on Saturday, January 12, 2008.

She was born in Wilmington, DE, daughter of the late John M. and Irene Briggs Carpenter. She was the wife of the late Ross W. Wiggins, Jr. who died in 1976. Their only child, a son, Ross W. Wiggins, III died January, 2007.

Edna graduated from Drexel University in 1937. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lancaster, the Bethany Circle of the church and the United Methodist Women. She was active with the Water Street Rescue Mission Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Joy Windle, of Fallowfield, PA, a few cousins and many friends.

The Graveside Service will be held at Marticville United Methodist Cemetery, 641 Marticville Road, Martic Twp. on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 10:30 A.M. with Pastor David Myers officiating. The burial will be in Marticville United Methodist Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 29 E. Walnut St., Lancaster, PA 17602 or Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or Calvary Fellowship Homes Benevolent Fund, 502 Elizabeth Drive, Lancaster, PA, 17601.

Reynolds Funeral Home, 144 East State Street, Quarryville, PA. To send a letter of condolence, please visit our website: www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net

Margaret H. Deck

Margaret H. Deck, 83, of Lancaster, died Saturday, January 12, 2008, under the care of Hospice at her son's home in Chalfont, PA. Born in New Brunswick, NJ,

she was the daughter of the late Leo A. and Lillian M. O'Connell Henry. Margaret was the wife of the late Harry W. Deck, who died May 1, 1987. She was a homemaker and previously worked for RCA as a secretary. She was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church. She liked to travel with her husband and family. She had a love of dogs.

Surviving are two sons, Harry W. Deck, Jr. of Lancaster, Gary L. husband of Christine Deck, Chalfont, PA; one sister,

O. Box 129 Manheim, PA 17545 or Pleasant View Retirement Community Benevolent Care Endowment Fund 544 North Penryn Road Manheim, PA 17545. The 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

Florence G. Bowman

Florence G. Bowman, 82, formerly of Ephrata, died Jan. 13, 2008, in Denver Nursing Home, Stevens, surrounded by her family. Born in Spring Twp., Berks Co., daughter of the late John and Esther (Ludwig) Keffer, her husband, Willis S. Bowman, died Aug. 31, 1984.

A member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver, she worked 25 years for A. N. Wolf Shoe Co., Denver. Florence was devoted to her family, loved Pavarotti and enjoyed traveling.

Surviving are daughters, Linda M. (Alvin E.) Smeltzer, Penryn; and Darlene F. (Mahlon C.) Estright, Tampa, FL; sons, Rev. Gary L. (Rev. Nancy Schongalla) Bowman, Yardley; and Dennis T. (M. Louise Loomis) Bowman, Ephrata; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Thelma (Kenneth) Wimer, Lancaster; and Henrietta (Robert) Keller, Reading.

FUNERAL: Friday, Jan. 18, 10 AM, First U. M. Church, 68 N. Church St., Ephrata, PA 17522. BURIAL: Memory Gardens. VIEWING: Thursday 6-8 PM, Good Funeral Home, Reamstown. Rather than flowers, contributions to Hospice of Lancaster Co., Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

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on Thursday from 12:30 P.M. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Ralph's memory to the Christiana United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 45, Christiana, PA 17509 or to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements by the Shivery Funeral Home, Christiana & Paradise.

Ruth E. Stewart

Ruth E. Stewart, age 85, of 120 Rider Ave., Lancaster, PA, passed away on Sunday at the Lancaster General Hospital. She was a lifelong resident of Lancaster County.



Born in Lititz, PA, she was the daughter of the late Norman and Laura Foss Showers and the wife of the late Galen W. Stewart, who died in Sept. 1977.

Ruth was a homemaker. She was a 1941 graduate of J. P. McCaskey High School.

Ruth was of the Protestant faith. She enjoyed dinner shows and plays.

Surviving are two daughters, Deborah L., wife of Barry L. Clayton, Lancaster; Diana L., wife of Robert Ackerley, Florida, a son, Barry G. Stewart, Calif., five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A sister, Helen Snyder, preceded her in death.

Funeral services and interment will be private at the convenience of the family. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home of Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA, on Wednesday from 7-9 PM. There will not be a viewing. If desired, memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Dr., P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

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Israel David and Marion Malin Teplitz.

He was the husband of Joyce Elaine Martzall Teplitz for 43 years.

He worked at Sperry New Holland and served in the U. S. Army.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Laurie, wife of Robert Russell of Ephrata and Cindy, wife of Keith Shaffer of Leola, two grandchildren, Andrew and Garrett Russell, and a brother, Benjamin, husband of Dona Teplitz of Tenafly, N.J.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at the Stradling Funeral Home, 201 Church Ave., Ephrata. Interment will follow in the Mohler's Brethren Cemetery, Ephrata Township. A viewing will be held on 1 hour prior to the service.

The family requests memorial contributions in Ralph's memory be sent to the American Heart Association, 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603. Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit www.stradlingfuneralhome.com.

Fred MacMahon

Fred MacMahon, 89, of Chestertown, Maryland, formerly of Hall Township, passed away January 8, 2008.

Born in Eddystone, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Charles and Helen MacMahon. After serving in the Merchant Marines during World War II, he worked for Consolidated Laundries in Neptune, New Jersey for over 40 years, retiring as chief engineer.

In addition to his parents, Mr. MacMahon was predeceased by his wife of 49 years, Estelle MacMahon, a brother Steven, a sister, Ruth, and his daughter Barbara Miller.

He is survived by his daughter Deborah Rooney, 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, Jan 18, 2008, 2:30 p.m. at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville.

Arrangements by Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory, PA.

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Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit www.stradlingfuneralhome.com

Grace E. Hemperly

Grace E. Hemperly, 89, of Mountville, died Sunday, January 13, 2008 at the Mennonite Home. She was the wife of the late Ray H. Hemperly who died September 2, 2003. She was born in Chestnut Hill, daughter of the late Frank and Edith Newcomer Schlossman. She worked for the Hamilton Watch Co., also in the meat department at ACME Markets, and was a cafeteria worker for Hempfield School District before her retirement. A member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and the Mountville Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by one brother: Charles E. married to Martha E. Schlossman, Mountville. One nephew: Michael. One niece: Dawn. Two great-nephews: Gregory and Kevin. Two great-nieces: Allison and Cailin.

Funeral service will be held at the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 114 West Main Street, Mountville, on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 2:00 PM. with Pastor Arthur L. Retew officiating. Interment in Silver Spring Cemetery. Friends may call at the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc. from 1:00 PM. to 2:00 P.M. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to: St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 100 West Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.

Joshua Ryan Ewing

Joshua Ryan Ewing, age 23, of Paradise, PA, son of George and Barbara Ewing, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 12, 2008. A visitation will be on Friday, January 18, 2008 at Faith Baptist Church, 4210 Limestone Rd., Wilm, DE from 6-8 p.m. and again on Saturday, January 19, from 9-10 a.m. followed by a service in celebration of Joshua's life at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in the Calvary Monument Bible Church Cemetery, Paradise, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Joshua may be sent to Faith Baptist Church Scholarship Fund. To express an online condolence, please visit www.strano-feeley.com.

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 302-731-5459

berland, daughter of the late Owen, Sr. and Gertrude M. Spidle Best. She enjoyed working with children through the Office of Aging. She was an active member of First Assembly of God.

She is survived by three sons: Robert W. Slaseman, Jr., Columbia; Samuel E. Slaseman, Cressona and John P. Slaseman, Columbia. One daughter: Mary A. Murphy, Columbia. Two grandchildren: Owen Best, Jr., Charlottesville, VA and Robert Best, Mechanicsburg. One sister: Louise Finneran, New Cumberland. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Elizabeth M. Hubbs and one granddaughter: Elizabeth R. Slaseman.

Funeral service will be held at the First Assembly of God, 4696 Breezyview Road, Columbia, PA on Friday, January 18, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Bob Drescher, officiating. Interment in Hilltop Cemetery, Lewisberry. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Slaseman Family, c/o the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 31 South Eighth Street, Columbia, PA 17512.

Cyrus C. (Cy) Miller

Cyrus C. (Cy) Miller, 75 yrs. of Honey Brook, PA, formerly of Reamstown, PA died on Monday, January 14, 2008 at the Ephrata Community Hospital, following a short illness.

He was born in Compass, PA and was the son of the late Cyrus & Margaret (Thompson) Miller.

Cy was a retired steel worker and contractor. He was also known as Honey Brook's junk man, which he enjoyed doing. He attended the Gospel Tabernacle Church. He was a member of the following: Coatesville Moose & Polish Club, Honey Brook Gun Club, Honey Brook, Geigertown, and West End Fire Companies.

He is survived a brother, Franklin "Sonny" Davis, of MD; also by a host of nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008 at 10 AM from The Labs Funeral Home, Inc., 141 Pequea Ave., Honey Brook, PA, with Pastor Denny Moyer officiating. Interment will follow at Pequea Baptist Cemetery. A calling hour will be held from 6 to 8 PM on Thursday at the funeral home.

homemaker and previously worked for RCA as a secretary. She was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church. She liked to travel with her husband and family. She had a love of dogs.

Surviving are two sons, Harry W. Deck, Jr. of Lancaster, Gary L. husband of Christine Deck, Chalfont, PA; one sister, Winifred Seiferling of East Brunswick, N.J. Margaret was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Malazzo.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Anne's Catholic Church, on North Duke and Liberty Streets, Lancaster on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 11:00 AM. Interment will be in St. Joseph New Catholic Cemetery. There will be a viewing at the church on Thursday from 10:00-11:00 AM. Flowers will be received or contributions may be made in Margaret's memory to St. Anne's Catholic Church, 929 North Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602. Arrangements made by the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, Lancaster, 393-9661. To send online condolences, please visit: www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Wilbur C. Schroeder

Wilbur C. Schroeder, 93, of 14 Bennington Circle, Lititz, formerly of Toledo, OH, died Monday at Luther Acres, Lititz. Born in Toledo, OH, he was the son of the late Christopher M. and Emma Burand Schroeder. He retired in 1973 from Plaskon-Allied Corp. as Chief Project Engineer after 35 years of service. He attended St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lititz. Wilbur was married to the late Fern A. Neundorf Schroeder who died in 1993. He is survived by a daughter, Sherry A. (Thurman) Fribance, Lititz; 3 grandchildren, Kimberly Fribance, J. Scott Fribance, Gregory Fribance; 2 twin great granddaughters, Haley and Sarah Fribance. He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Kaiser.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Wilbur's Life Celebration from Spacht Funeral Home, 127 S. Broad St., Lititz on Friday at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Linda C. Hanus officiating. Entombment in Toledo, OH at a later date. Friends may call at Spacht Funeral Home on Friday from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Please omit flowers. Memorials may be sent to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 200 W. Orange St., Lititz, PA 17543 or a charity of your choice. www.lifecelebration.com

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Elva Buckwalter Minnich Hertzler

Elva Buckwalter Minnich Hertzler, 97, of Moravian Manor, Lititz, formerly of 302 S. Spruce St., Lititz died Sunday at her residence. Born in Warwick Twp., she was the daughter of the late Abram R. and Bertha F. Buckwalter Minnich.

Elva was a member of Lititz Church of The Brethren. She enjoyed gardening especially flowers and she was the best chocolate chip cookie baker. Elva was married to the late A. Charles Hertzler who died in 1979.

She is survived by a brother, LeRoy Minnich, Mesick, MI; 4 nieces, Sue (James) Weaver, Lititz, Linnea Hershey, Lancaster, Judy Ebbert (Richard) Syfrett, Lakeland, FL, Monica Newman, Mesick, MI; 5 nephews, Douglas (Cindy) Minnich, Lititz, David Minnich, Lancaster, Jim (Doris) Minnich, Ephrata, Mike Minnich, Michigan, and Jack (Karen) Ebbert, Philadelphia. She was preceded in death by a sister, Annabelle Ebbert and a brother, Galen B. Minnich.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Elva's Life Celebration from Lititz Church of The Brethren Chapel, 300 W. Orange St., Lititz, PA 17543 on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Stephen R. Hess officiating. Interment in Longeneckers Brethren Cemetery, Warwick Twp. Friends may call at the church on Wednesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Lititz Church of The Brethren in Elva's memory. Spacht Funeral Home, Lititz is in charge of arrangements.

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Ronald "Butch" Kear

Ronald "Butch" Kear, 65, of Harrisburg, died unexpectedly at Harrisburg Hospital on January 11, 2008.



Born on August 23, 1942 in Allentown, PA, he was the son of the late Bernard C. Kear and Gladys T. (Kear) Hartman.

He was a graduate of Donegal High School (Class of 1960) where he played baseball, football and basketball. He was employed at the Defense Distribution Susquehanna PA and a US Air Force veteran.

His recent love was restoring a 1965 Ford Ranchero. He enjoyed going to the drag races at Beaver Springs Dragway and even did some racing himself this past season. His love for racing has been a lifetime passion. He and his wife enjoyed traveling to visit their daughters in New York, Chicago, New Mexico, Colorado and California. They also enjoyed just going out for a drive and wandering around the countryside in hopes of finding a neat little antique shop or a cool diner.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years Peggy; daughters, Tracey Kear of California and Lisa Kear of Colorado; mother, Gladys T. Hartman of Enola; sister, Kay Higgins of Shamokin; brothers, Thomas Kear of East Stroudsburg and Michael Kear of Hershey.

A viewing will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, January 16, 2008 followed by the Funeral Service at 11:00 AM in the Neill Funeral Home, 3501 Derry St., Harrisburg. Burial will be in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association at www.americanheart.org

Dyanna DiBerardino Sponagle

Dyanna DiBerardino Sponagle, 40, of Lancaster, died unexpectedly Saturday, January 12, 2008, in Lancaster.



Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of Virginia L. Shoff DiBerardino and the late John DiBerardino.

She worked as an income maintenance worker for the Lancaster Public Assistance office. She was also a coach for Manheim Township junior cheerleading.

In addition to her mother she is survived by a sister, Chelsea L DiBerardino, two daughters, Hailey Blessing and Sloane Sponagle, a son Ethan Sponagle and a fiancé Chris McKinnel.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 17, 2008 at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Rd., Millersville, PA 17551 at 4 PM. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 until 4. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Freedom Village (www.freedomvillageusa.com) or to the charity of your choice. www.scheidfuneralhome.com

Miriam P. Hess

Miriam P. Hess, 92, of Lancaster, died January 12, 2008 at Conestoga View.

Born July 11, 1915, in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Adam M. and Lillian Mae (Kendig) Hess.

She is survived by her extended family and caring friends. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Adam M. Hess, Jr. and Robert A. Hess.

Funeral Services will be held at Conestoga View, 900 East King Street, Lancaster, PA on Friday, January 18, 2008 at 10 AM. Interment will be in the Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery, East Lampeter Twp, PA. Friends may view Conestoga View on Friday from 9 to 10 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, please visit our website at www.scheidfuneralhome.com

Finding hot spots on their feet helps diabetics avoid foot ulcers

May reduce need for amputations

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Diabetics, watch out: A hot spot on your foot can signal an ulcer is brewing, a wound that could cost your limb.

New research shows that using a special thermometer to measure the temperature of their soles can give patients enough early warning to avoid one of diabetes' most intractable complications.

It's a simple-sounding protection for such a huge problem. Foot ulcers each year strike 600,000 U.S. diabetics, people slow to notice they even have a wound because diabetes has numbed their feet.

"They've lost the gift of pain," says Dr. David Armstrong of Chicago's Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, a diabetic foot specialist.

Worse, foot ulcers are so slow-healing and vulnerable to infection that they're to blame for most of the roughly 80,000 amputations of toes, feet and lower legs that diabetics undergo each year.

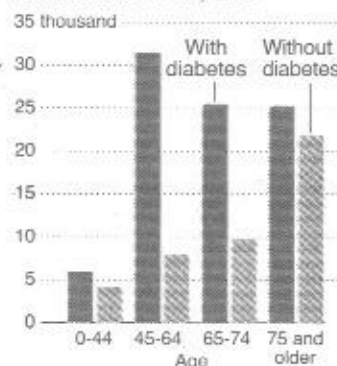
So word that an easy-to-use gadget could help is generating excitement. Using the thermometer reduced by nearly two-thirds the number of high-risk patients who got foot ulcers, Armstrong found in a study of 225 diabetic veterans, the third in a series of government-funded research to back the approach.

How does it work? Inflammation goes along with tissue injury, and inflammation can be measured by a bump in temperature. It's subtle — a minimum 4-degree difference between, say, your right big toe and your left one

Most amputations linked to diabetes

In 1997, 67 percent of lower extremity amputation (LEA) hospital discharges were diabetes-related.

Hospital discharges, nontraumatic LEAs, 1997



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention AP

that can occur days before the skin breaks.

"A wound really will heat up before it breaks down," Armstrong said.

Patients measure half a dozen spots on each foot. When the thermometer signals a hot spot, they put up their feet for a day or so until the temperature normalizes. Easing pressure before the skin cracks lets the body heal more easily than it can with a full-blown wound.

"Heat is one of the most sensitive things, one of the first things that happens when we begin to have tissue breakdown," said Dr. Crystal Holmes, a University of Michigan podiatrist who has begun prescribing the thermometers.

"It's looking positive that this sort of testing could be quite useful," said Dr. Theresa Jones, who oversees research on diabetes complications at the National Institutes of Health. "There isn't any other treatment one knows about to (help) at that point before there's an ulcer."

This isn't a standard thermometer, but a \$150 infrared one with a tip that digitally measures skin temperature on contact.

Maker Xilas Medical, with an NIH grant, is working to make the thermometer resemble a bathroom scale: Step up, and it would automatically flash any trouble spots to the patient and to a computer that alerts the doctor.

That's still a few years from market. For now, San Antonio-based Xilas sells the handheld Temp'ouch by prescription only.

Insurance coverage is mixed. But, "how cheap compared to an amputation," says Dr. Mary Ann Banerji, who heads the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center's diabetes center.

Treating a simple diabetic foot ulcer can cost \$8,000, double that for an infected one and even more for an amputation.

"It's basically idiot-proof," Walter Massa of Skokie, Ill., says of the thermometer.

"On the other hand, it's very hard to take your temperature when you don't think there's a problem there," said Massa, 53, who has used the thermometer since Armstrong helped him narrowly avoid amputation when the joints in his foot disintegrated. "There's something you have to teach yourself."

Some 21 million Americans have diabetes, meaning their bodies can't properly regulate blood sugar, or glucose. Over many years, high glucose levels seriously damage blood vessels and nerves that lead to, among other things, loss of sensation in the feet and poor blood flow in the lower legs — the ulcer environment.

There is little therapy to avert foot ulcers. Patients are urged to wear proper-fitting shoes and check their feet daily for redness, bumps or other signs of trouble.

Bubble gum makes life better for throat cancer survivor

DEAR DR. GOTT: I guess you could call



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Bubble gum makes life better for throat cancer survivor

DEAR DR. GOTT: I guess you could call me a cancer survivor. I was told I had throat cancer in the year 2000. I went through chemotherapy and radiation that caused my salivary glands to malfunction, causing me to have a constant dry mouth that lead to choking and gagging.

I tried all kinds of prescription medicines for the condition, and nothing really worked until my wife suggested chewing bubble gum, which works very well. Please pass this information on to others.

DEAR READER: Cancer occurs when normal cells



Dr.
Peter Gott

transform, grow and multiply. The cells form a mass known as a tumor. Not all tumors are cancerous, but obviously yours was. Oral squamous cell carcinoma is the most common form of throat cancer, accounting for more than 90 percent of all cancers. Other less common forms include minor salivary-gland tumors.

Tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and alcohol are common risk factors, and men are twice as likely to develop throat cancer than are women. I'm not sure this translates to more men indulging in these two vices than do women, as there is no evidence to substantiate my observation. However, I admit I don't know any women who chew tobacco or use snuff, so perhaps it's a guy thing. In any event, tobacco use — in both inhaled and smokeless forms — should be discontinued, as should excessive alcohol consumption. Cancer patients should follow a balanced diet to avoid nutritional deficiencies.

Therapies commonly used after biopsy include radiation and surgery, with chemotherapy being used in some advanced cases. It appears your doctor chose to treat your cancer aggressively.

Radiation can affect healthy as well as cancerous cells of the body, with side effects of dry mouth, fatigue, sore throat,

weight loss and difficulties eating and swallowing.

I have to agree with you that you are a cancer survivor. Congratulations. Follow your doctor's advice, stay off tobacco if you were a smoker and excessive alcohol if you indulged, and keep chewing that bubble gum.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my health report "Viruses and Cancer." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been following your no flour, no sugar way of eating for a year and a half now, and it has been the answer to my prayers. Trying to control my weight for about 40 years, I finally admitted I'm a sugar addict.

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