

DEATHS REPORTED

Bickhart, Alice M.
93, of Ephrata, February 7, 2008. Gravenor Home for Funerals, 733-6181.

Buckwalter, James E.
76, husband of Lucille (Graybill) Buckwalter, of 230 W. Woods Dr., Lititz, February 9, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 560-5100.

Elmire, Barbara Ann
56, wife of Michael L. Elmire, of Ridgewood Manor, Manheim, February 8, 2008. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 653-5441.

Engel, Calvin G.
81, of Lancaster, February 7, 2008.

Grandstaff, Leroy*
87, of Honey Brook, February 10, 2008. The Labs Funeral Home, Inc., 610-273-3914.

Hoenninger, Cameron Jeffrey
Son of Yescenia Robles and Jeffrey L. Hoenninger II, February 7, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

Lowry, John W., Sr.
79, husband of Jean Graham Lowry, of 233 Maple Ave., Manheim, February 10, 2008. Clauser Funeral Home, Inc., 949-6588.

Martin, Calvin N.
2, son of Mahlon Z. and Arlene Nolt Martin, of 307 Goods Road, Ephrata, February 9, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 859-1230.

McDevitt, Walter J.
68, husband of Theresa J. Rankel McDevitt, of 30 Marie Drive, Quarryville, February 8, 2008. Reynolds Funeral Home, 786-3272.

Mellinger, Annabel H.
93, wife of Arthur T. Mellinger, of Ephrata, February 7, 2008. Gravenor Home For Funerals, 733-6181.

Rosen, Isaac M.
93, husband of Thelma R. (Beeler), of Denver, February 9, 2008. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 336-4909.

Ruhl, Ivan S.
93, of 252 South Charlotte Street, Manheim, February 10, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341.

Sabatine, David F.
52, of Johnstown, February 8, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 11 AM from the Lancaster Church of the

Alice M. Bickhart

Alice M. Bickhart, 93, of Ephrata, passed away on Thurs., Feb. 7, 2008 at the Ephrata Community Hospital after a brief illness.



She was married for 55 years to G. Wilson Bickhart,

who died in 1991.

She was born in Blainsport to the late Harvey and Amanda (Earhart) Buffenmyer. She was a homemaker. A member of Hope United Methodist Church, she served as a Sunday School teacher and sexton and was a member of the choir and United Methodist Women.

Surviving are two sons: Larry W., husband of Doris, Ephrata and Rev. Ronald L., husband of Anna, West Lawn; two granddaughters: Janet, wife of David Nauman, Manheim and Pam, wife of Mark Kennedy, Rising Sun, MD; six great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by siblings: Henry, Nathan and Elizabeth Buffenmyer and Edna Buffenmyer Birkenbine.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wed., Feb. 13, 2008 at Hope UM Church, 3474 Rothsville Rd., Ephrata. The viewing will be from 9-10 a.m. Interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Ephrata.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hope UM Church at the above address.

To offer your condolences please visit www.gravenorhomeforfunerals.com

SERVICES TODAY

Bowers, Helen M.

First United Methodist Church, corner of Duke and Walnut Sts., Lancaster, Mon., 2:00 PM. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home

Colon, Elsa M.

Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, Mon., 10:00 AM.

Phyllis L. Shirk

Phyllis L. Shirk, 72 of 118 North Laurel Street Manheim died unexpectedly of natural causes on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the Ephrata Community Hospital.



Born in Lancaster, she was

the daughter of the late Charles G. and Ruth Bashore Longenecker. Phyllis worked as a pharmacy assistant for Sloan's Pharmacy, Manheim, until her retirement, previously she worked for fifteen years in the medical office of Dr. Mark M. Burrell Manheim and in her early years worked at the family owned Longenecker's Hardware Store located in Manheim.

She was the wife of Warren A. "Bud" Shirk and they observed their 51st wedding anniversary in August of last year. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church Of Christ Manheim and served as a deacon on the church consistory, a member of women's fellowship and helped with bible school in her early years. She received an associate's degree from Elizabethtown College with a major in Medical Secretary Science.

Phyllis was a member of the Manheim Historical Society and a life member of the Manheim Central Alumni Association. She volunteered for Manheim Veterans Memorial Ambulance Association and the Nearly-Nu Shop Manheim. She was an avid reader and enjoyed watercolor painting. Phyllis was devoted to her family and she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, W. Douglas, husband of Lynn D. Dunkle Shirk of Hummelstown, Eric C. Shirk of Manheim, three grandchildren, Corinne L. Shirk, Emilee Hill, Adam Hill, and two brothers, Fred, husband of Barbara Longenecker and Bill, husband of Jan Longenecker all of Manheim.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her memorial service from St. Paul's United Church Of Christ, 50 North Main Street, Manheim, on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend William J. LaSalle officiating. Interment will be private in St. Paul's United Church Of Christ Memorial Garden.

John W. Lowry, Sr.

John W. Lowry, Sr., 79, of 233 Maple Ave., Manheim, died Sunday February 10 2008 in the Hospice of Lancaster County. He was the husband of Jean Graham Lowry. He was born June 6,



1928 in West Hempfield Twp., Lancaster County, a son of the late James and Matilda Schmitt Lowry. He was employed for over 25 years with Mushroom Transportation as a mechanic and jockey.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Kleinfeltersville; Naughty Pines Hunting Camp, Sullivan County and the Brotherhood of Teamsters #771. He was a veteran serving in the US Navy during the Korean War and enjoyed boating and fishing.

Surviving in addition to his wife are children, Sandra Allen wife of Richard Allen, Mt. Joy; John Lowry, Jr., husband of Pamela Lowry, Ephrata; Douglas Lowry, husband of Sandra Lowry, Lititz; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brothers, Thomas Lowry, Robert Lowry; sisters, Louise Lowry, Patricia Lowry. He was preceded in death by brothers James, Leroy and Kenneth Lowry and a sister, Matilda "Dew" Goodnow.

Memorial service will be held Wednesday at 7 PM in the Trinity United Methodist Church, Kleinfeltersville. Family and friends are invited to a gathering at the church following the service. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to his church at P.O. Box 7, Kleinfeltersville, PA 17039 of the Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601. Clauser Funeral Home, Inc. is handling the arrangements.

Ivan S. Ruhl

Ivan S. Ruhl, 93, of 252 South Charlotte Street, Manheim died at home on Sunday, February 10, 2008 following a



OBITUARIES

Marguerite I. "Peggy" Rush Paul

Marguerite I. "Peggy" Rush Paul, 84, of Midlothian, VA, formerly of Scranton and Lancaster, PA, peacefully departed this life in God's loving care on Thursday, February 7, 2008.



Born in Scranton, PA, she is the widow of William H. Paul, who died in 1989 and the daughter of the late Harold and Gertrude Schultz Paul.

Peggy leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Cynthia P. Butler and husband, Gary L. Butler of Midlothian, VA and Jennifer P. Minschke of Virginia Beach, VA, and three grandsons; USMC Cpl. Paul A. Butler, currently serving in Iraq; Mark A. Minschke of Virginia Beach, VA; and William J. Butler of Midlothian, VA. She is also survived by Herbert W. Schultz, MD, of Eliot, ME. In addition to her loving husband, she was preceded in death by her oldest grandson, Gregory W. Minschke.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and at one time was active in the choir. She was also a member of MusicaSacra Choral Group and served as a volunteer during Landis Valley Days. She enjoyed traveling with her husband to Europe, including countries of Poland, Germany, and Ireland. She especially enjoyed taking care of her kitties.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Peggy's Life Celebration Funeral Service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S. Duke St., Lancaster, PA on Wednesday at 2:00 PM with the Deacon Gus Mauro officiating. Her final resting place will be with her husband at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery for a private interment. Friends may call at the Funeral Home of Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM and Wednesday at the Church from 1:00 PM until time of service.

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

James E. Buckwalter

James E. Buckwalter, 76, of 230 W. Woods Dr., Lititz, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the Moravian Manor Retirement Community, where he was a resident for the past 6



months, after a courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia. He was surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Born in Lititz, PA on October 9, 1931, he was the son of the late David R. and Marie (Esben-shade) Buckwalter. He was the husband of Lucille (Graybill) Buckwalter and they would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this coming April 19th.

James was a member of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, he served on the Advisory Board of the Fulton Bank, Lititz Branch. He retired from a life long career of farming and numerous land developments in Lancaster County. James was a 1949 graduate of Manheim Township High School and while attending Twp. he was enrolled in the wood shop where he honed his skills and became an accomplished furniture maker. James was an avid hunter and enjoyed the outdoors. He enjoyed all sports and was an avid fan of the Hershey Bears hockey team.

James was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He dearly loved his wife, children and grandchildren.

Besides his wife he is survived by 5 children; James Reid Buckwalter married to Ruth (Barley), David R. Buckwalter married to Leslie (Parker), Lucinda K. married to R. Louis Weiler, LuAnn married to Patrick J. Keene, all of Lititz, Sharon G. married to Dr. Thomas J. Gray, of Toms River, NJ; 14 grandchildren and three brothers, David E., Richard E. and Josie E., all of Lititz.

All are invited to attend the viewing on Tuesday evening from 6-8 PM at the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 11 AM from the Lancaster Church of the

Home & Cremation Centre, 336-4909.

Ruhl, Ivan S.
93, of 252 South Charlotte Street, Manheim, February 10, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341.

Sabatine, David F.
52, of Johnstown, February 8, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661.

Shirk, Phyllis L.
72, wife of Warren A. Shirk, of 118 North Laurel Street, Manheim, February 9, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341.

Smith, Donald E.
66, of Greenville, SC, February 7, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543.

Smith, Rose M.
48, wife of Bradley S. Smith, of Lancaster, February 8, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

Steberger, Gary J.
68, of Lancaster, February 10, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

Stoltzfus, Ivan L.
85, husband of Betty Messner Stoltzfus, of Lancaster, February 10, 2008. Shivery Funeral Home, 610-593-5967.

Thomas, Elizabeth T.
82, of Lancaster, February 5, 2008. Smedley Funeral Home, Ltd., 426-3614.

Thome, Ralph G.
89, husband of Lynda Watt Thome, of Elizabethtown, February 4, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543.

Yost, Rose *
75, of Mountville, February 10, 2008. Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 285-4513.

* No Obituary appears

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Church, corner of Duke and Walnut Sts., Lancaster, Mon., 2:00 PM. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home

Colon, Elsa M.
Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, Mon., 10:00 AM.

Dracoules, Michael William
Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel Inc., 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, Monday, 11 AM.

Elliott, Melinda Lee
Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren, 1392 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, Mon., 11:00 AM. Reynolds Funeral Home

Esh, Sarah S.
Home of the late, 2732 Stumptown Road, Bird-in-Hand, Monday, 9AM. Furman Home for Funerals.

Evans, Grace L.
Grace United Methodist Church, 163 West Frederick Street, Millersville, Monday, 11 AM. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home.

Hiler, Jessie M. Habecker
93, of Miami, FL, February 4, 2008. Richard A. Sheetz Funeral Home, 397-6329.

Howard, Paul L.
Reynolds Funeral Home, 144 East State Street, Quarryville, Monday, 2 P.M.

Johnson, Helen S.
Dunnstown United Methodist Church, Monday, 11 AM. Yost-Gedon Funeral Home.

Lodck, William V., Sr.
Roseboro Funeral Home, 533 Walnut St., Denver, Monday, 11 AM.

McDevit, Walter J.
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 955 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, Thursday, 10 AM. Reynolds Funeral Home.

Shenk, Lillian C.
Richland Church of the Brethren, 215 S. Race St., Richland, Monday, 2 P.M. Stradling Funeral Homes.

Simmons, Robert V.
Gravener Home For Funerals, 100 W. Main St., Ephrata, Monday, 10 AM.

Stewart, S. Grant
Thomas Auditorium, Willow Valley Lakes Manor, Monday, 2 PM. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home.

Walker, Rosemary
St. Gertrude Catholic Cemetery, Colonia, NJ, Mon., 10:30 AM. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home

respectfully invited to attend her memorial service from St. Paul's United Church Of Christ, 50 North Main Street, Manheim, on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend William J. LaSalle officiating. Interment will be private in St. Paul's United Church Of Christ Memorial Garden. Friends may visit with the family at the church on Tuesday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Please omit flowers. Those desiring may send contributions in Phyllis's memory to St. Paul's United Church Of Christ Memorial Fund, P. O. Box 129, Manheim, PA 17545 or the American Diabetes Association, 3544 North Progress Avenue, Suite 101, Harrisburg, PA 17110. The Buch Funeral Home Manheim in charge of arrangements. For further information or to send the family a message of condolence you may visit our website at www.buchfuneral.com

Isaac M. Rosen

Isaac Rosen, Denver, died Feb. 9, 2008, in Hershey Medical Center.

Born in Philadelphia, a son of Morris and Sadie (Heitner) Rosen, he was married to Thelma R. (Beeler) Rosen

for 30 years.

A member of Christ Episcopal Church, Reading, he was a self-employed hearing aid dispenser in West Chester for 33 years. Rosen was a Temple University graduate and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

An Army Captain during World War II he served in the European Theatre.

Also surviving: son, Mark (Brenda) Rosen, Centerville; step-children, Nancy (Kenneth) Ames, Windom Circle, CT; Betty Gregg, Exton; and Stephen (Susan) Grisafi, Stevens; 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a wife, Bette, and a step-son, Thomas Grisafi.

FUNERAL: Thursday, Feb. 14, 11 AM, Good Funeral Home, Reamstown. **BURIAL:** St. James Church Cemetery of Kingsessing, Philadelphia. **VIEWING:** Wednesday 7-8 PM. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions: Hospice of Lanc. Co., Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. www.goodfuneral.com

Ivan S. Ruhl

Ivan S. Ruhl, 93, of 252 South Charlotte Street, Manheim died at home on Sunday, February 10, 2008 following a brief illness.



Born in Manheim, he was the son of the late Raymond and Elsie Shenenberger Ruhl. He was the husband of the late Mary A. Fry Ruhl; she died in 1996. Retired in 1979, Ivan was a machine operator for 42 years at the Fuller Company, Manheim. He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Manheim. His interests included walking and gardening.

Surviving is a brother, Mervin S. Ruhl of Manheim, one grandson and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by a son, Charles I. Ruhl and a sister, Evelyn Long.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service at the Buch Funeral Home, 21 Market Square Manheim, PA on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 11:00 AM with Pastor James W. Roth officiating. Interment in Manheim Fairview Cemetery, Penn Township. There will be a public viewing at the funeral home on Thursday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Please omit flowers. Those desiring may send contributions in Ivan's memory to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Memorial Fund, 2 South Hazel Street, Manheim, PA 17545. The Buch Funeral Home, Manheim in charge of arrangements. For further information or to send the family a message of condolence you may visit our website at www.buchfuneral.com

Funeral Home of Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM and Wednesday at the Church from 1:00 PM until time of service.

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Baby Cameron Jeffrey Hoenninger

Baby Cameron Jeffrey Hoenninger, son of Yesenia



"Jessy" Robles and Jeffrey L. Hoenninger, II went to be with Jesus on February 7, 2008 at Women and Babies Hospital in Lancaster.

He is survived by his maternal grandparents, Rafael Gonzalez and Sandra Serrano, of Lancaster; paternal grandparents, Jeffrey and Diana Hoenninger, of East Petersburg; paternal great grandparents, William and Dorothy McFalls, of Lancaster; three aunts, Lisa Rowe, Morgan Hoenninger, Paige Hoenninger; two cousins, Jacel Tavaraz, and Kilee Garden.

The love and joy that Cameron would have brought will be greatly missed by his family.

Graveside Services will be held at the Millersville Mennonite Cemetery on Friday, February 15, 2008 at 10 AM with Rev. Eloise M. Shanley officiating. Arrangements Entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, PA, 17551, (717)-872-2266. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: www.scheidfuneralhome.com

brothers, David E., Richard E. and Josie E., all of Lititz.

All are invited to attend the viewing on Tuesday evening from 6-8 PM at the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 11 AM from the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Ave., Lancaster, with the Rev. Jeffrey Rill officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 10-11 AM. Interment will be at East Petersburg Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent in James memory to LBDA (Lewy Body Dementia Association), PO Box 451429, Atlanta, GA 31145-5429 of Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. To send online condolence, please visit www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Obit Addendum

Robert V. Simmons

He is survived by a brother, Ira W. "Junior" Simmons, husband of June Simmons of Farmersville and several nieces and nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by a step-granddaughter, Alicia Strauss.

OTHER OBITUARIES ON PAGE B4


In loving memory of my sister
Paula A. Mays
Nov. 6, 1955 - Feb. 11, 1999



As we look upon her picture, sweet memories we recall of a face so full of goodness and a smile for one and all.

Sweet Jesus, take this message to our Dear Paula up above, tell her how much we miss her, and give her all our love.

*Sadly missed & forever loved,
P.J. & Kristy and Mom*



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Ralph G. Thome, DMD

Ralph G. Thome, DMD, 89, of Elizabethtown, died on Monday, February 4, 2008 at Brethren Village. Born in Milton Grove, he was the son of the late Arthur and Olive Gingrich Thome. He was the husband of Lynda Watt Thome. They would have been married twenty years in May. His first wife, Minerva Martin Thome, died in 1973.

A 1937 graduate of Elizabethtown High School, Dr. Thome graduated from Elizabethtown College in 1947 and Temple Dental School in 1958. Between high school and college, he enlisted in the US Army and served two tours in the Pacific theater during WWII.

Retiring in 1983, Dr. Thome was in general practice for 35 years in Elizabethtown and was also employed by the former PA State Hospital for Crippled Children, Elizabethtown, performing oral surgery.

He attended Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church.

Dr. Thome was a life member of Conewago Post #329, VFW and Fred Barclay Post #5667, American Legion, both in Elizabethtown, was a member of Disabled American Veterans, Milton Grove and DelaChes Sportsman's Clubs and had the proud distinction of being the oldest member of the Elizabethtown Fitness Center.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Louise Warner; four brothers, Roscoe, William, Arthur and Robert Thome and an infant granddaughter.

Surviving in addition to his wife Lynda are a daughter, Gael M., wife of Thomas McKinne, Mount Joy; a son, Dr. Jack M., husband of Dr. Lilian Thome, Granville, OH; two grandsons, Casey and Kelly; a brother, Bernard G. Thome; four step-children, Thomas Siefken, Elizabeth Shamanow, Jennifer Halstead and Josh Siefken and nine step-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church, 996 East High Street, Elizabethtown at 11:00 AM. There will be no viewing. The family will receive friends on Saturday morning from 10:00 until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good



Donald E. Smith

Donald E. Smith, 66, of Greenville, SC, formerly of Elizabethtown, died on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at home in Greenville. Born in Bradford, PA, he was the son of Zoe Hickok Smith of



Greenville, SC, and the late Lloyd W. Smith.

Donald was a 1959 graduate of Olean High School, Olean, NY, earned a B.A. in Speech and Literature from the State University of New York at Geneseo in 1964, and an M.S. in Rhetoric and Broadcasting from SUNY at Geneseo in 1966. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Donald attended the University of Florida from 1966-67. In 1969 he came to Elizabethtown College to serve as Director of the theater. He then began to teach communication courses and went on to help create the Communication Arts and Communication Department. From 1972-76, he served as the first chairman of the Communication Arts Program and from 1973-83 served as the first Director of Broadcasting. He was advisor and general manager of WVEC from 1984-2000 and helped the station switch from AM to FM in the mid 1980's. In 1995, Donald was instrumental in the station going digital and started broadcasting on the worldwide web in 2000. He also directed musicals for the Elizabethtown Music Foundation, produced slide shows for Penn State University and puppet shows for Lancaster Public Library.

He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Elizabethtown, where he sang as a soloist and was also in the choir.

In addition to his mother, Donald is survived by a brother, Thomas, husband of Carol Smith of Mauldin, SC and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 398 North Locust Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, at 10:30 AM. Friends may call on Tuesday from 9:30 until the time of service. Interment will be private.

OBITUARIES

Larry E. Gehman

Larry E. Gehman, 72, of 812 Walnut St., New Holland, died unexpectedly and was found at his home on Friday, February 8, 2008.



Born in New Holland, he was the son of the late Richard E. and Evelyn M. (Reese) Gehman. His wife, Maxine S. (Hauck) Gehman, died Aug. 3, 2006.

Larry worked at Lukens Steel for 43 years retiring in 2000. During the Korean Conflict he served in the U.S. Marine Corp. as Sergeant.

He was a member of the Salem Evangelical Church in Voganville and he enjoyed golf, traveling, and horse racing.

Surviving are three sons, Jeffrey S., married to Michelle (Bonawitz) Gehman of Lancaster; G. Michael, married to Linda (Alexander) Gehman of Denver; and William J.C., married to Wendy (Summers) Gehman of Ephrata; seven grandchildren, Shannon Gehman, Nicole Weaver, Samantha, Shane, Courtney, Erica, and Devon Gehman; two great grandchildren, Cole and Josiah Boyer; a sister, Loretta Linderman of Christiana; and a brother, Jesse Gehman of New Mexico.

Preceding him in death is a brother, Richard Gehman; and a sister, Judy Herr.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, February 12 at 2 pm at the Groff-High Funeral Home, 145 W. Main St., New Holland. Interment will immediately follow in the Bergstrasse Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday at the Funeral Home from 1-2 pm. To send the family condolences visit us at www.groffheckenroth.com

Rev. Calvin G. Engel

Rev. Calvin G. Engel, 81, formerly of Gordonville and Magnolia of Lancaster, entered into heaven to be with his Savior and beloved spouse, Florence, on



Annabel H. Mellinger

Annabel H. "Annie" Mellinger, 93, of Ephrata, PA, died on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at Ephrata Manor. She was born in Philadelphia to the late John M. and Arlene B. (Bousum)



Kreider and was married to Arthur T. Mellinger for 70 years on September 18, 2007.

Annie was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ephrata. She was employed as a Floor Lady by Rosenau Dress Factory and more recently worked at the Ephrata Community Hospital Gift Shop. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the Ephrata Pioneer Fire Company and Ephrata Community Hospital.

In addition to her husband Art, she is survived by three sisters: Florence, wife of Robert Miller of South Carolina, Mary Wiker of Lancaster and Frances, wife of Aaron Wenger of Reinholds; 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 1-2 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 13, 2008 at Gravenor Home For Funerals, 100 W. Main St., Ephrata, PA. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Henry E. Herbener officiating. Interment will be in Memory Gardens, East Cocalico Twp., PA.

Memorial donations in Annie's honor may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 167 E. Main St., Ephrata, PA 17522 or to the Ephrata Pioneer Fire Co., 135 S. State St., Ephrata, PA 17522.

To offer your condolences please visit www.gravenorhomeforfunerals.com

Ivan L. Stoltzfus

Ivan L. Stoltzfus, age 85 of Lancaster, PA passed away at his home on Sunday, February 10, 2008. He was the husband of Betty Messner Stoltzfus with



Calvin N. Martin

Calvin N. Martin, 2, 307 Goods Road, Ephrata, entered into rest on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at his home.

He was born in West Earl Township, a son of Mahlon Z. and Arlene Nolt Martin.

Surviving in addition to his parents are two brothers and a sister, Luke Ray, Laurence N. and Marilyn N. Martin, all at home, maternal grandmother, Etta M. Nolt, Shippensburg, paternal grandfather, Aaron I. Martin, Ephrata, and maternal great grandfather, Paul Z. Burkholder, Ephrata.

He was preceded in death by a brother and sister, Marcus and Mary Jane.

His funeral service will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 9AM at the late residence, 307 Goods Rd., Ephrata, with further services at 9:30 at the Conestoga Mennonite Church, Groffdale Conference, West Earl Twp., with Bishop Titus Martin officiating. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. A viewing will be held on Tuesday, February 12 at the late residence from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

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

Walter J. McDevitt

Walter J. McDevitt, age 68, of 30 Marie Drive, Quarryville died Friday morning at his residence of natural causes. He was the husband of Theresa J. Rankel McDevitt.

Walter was born in Philadelphia, a son of the late Leo and Irene Howard McDevitt. He had been employed as a maintenance technician for Exelon - Philadelphia Electric for 32 years, retiring in July 2000. Walter was a member of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Quarryville. Mr. McDevitt served as a peacetime US Army veteran.

Surviving beside his wife are 3 children, Walter J. McDevitt, Jr. of Willow Street, Tricia, married to Eric J. Pownall of Quarryville, and Terri McDevitt of TN; 3 grandsons and a granddaughter.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held from St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 955 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, PA on Thursday at 10:00AM. with Rev.

Barbara A. Elmire

Barbara Ann Elmire, 56 of Ridgewood Manor, Manheim passed away February 8, 2008 at Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband of 26 years,



Michael L. Elmire.

Barbara was a 1969 graduate of the former West Reading High School. During her life she was employed by American Auto Parts of Reading, JC Penny Auto Center of Lancaster, the former RCA Corp, Penn Dairies, and most recently Kemp Foods. She enjoyed the company of her two cats, "Lightning and Gracie", bingo and playing computer games.

In addition to her husband she is survived by her parents Bruce and Erla Kissling Bossler of West Leesport, brothers Wayne Bossler and Forrest married to Sandra Bossler and her sister Christy Schaeffer all of Reading and a brother-in-law Barry Schaeffer of Sinking Springs. Also surviving are 6 nieces, a nephew, 3 great-nieces and 2 great-nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held from the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main St., Mount Joy, on Wednesday, February 13, 2009 at 11 am. Interment to follow in St. Joseph's New Catholic Cemetery, Bausman. Barbara's family will receive friends at the Sheetz Funeral Home from 10 am to 11 am. Please omit flowers. At Barbara's request, memorial contributions may be made to Smile Train "The Worlds Leading Cleft Palate Charity" 245 Fifth Ave., Suite 2201, NY, NY 10016. Online condolences may be sent to www.sheetzfuneralhome.com

Gary J. Steberger "Pops"

Gary J. Steberger, 68, of Lancaster, entered into rest on Sunday, February 10, 2008 at the Fessa Flory Hospice Center.

Born June 9, 1939, he was the son of the late Russel R. and Alice I. (Lynch) Steberger



on Saturday, February 10, 2008 at Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church, 996 East High Street, Elizabethtown at 11:00 AM. There will be no viewing. The family will receive friends on Saturday morning from 10:00 until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Arrangements by Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, Elizabethtown.
www.millerfuneralhome.com

David F. Sabatine

David F. Sabatine, 52, formerly of Lancaster, passed away on Friday February 8th in Johnstown, where he had been residing.

Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Fabian A. and Rosemary T. Geiger Sabatine.

David was of the Catholic faith, and he enjoyed fishing and riding his motorcycle.

He is survived by a son, Domonic F. of Florida, and 2 sisters: Eileen S. married to Albert W. Raffensberger, of York and Louise A. married to Roger Kichline, of Lancaster.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral services from the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 414 E. King St., Lancaster, PA on Wednesday at 11AM with the Rev Daniel Mitzel officiating. Interment in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery. Flowers will be received or contributions may be made in David's memory to the American Heart Assn., 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603. For directions, additional information or to send an online condolence, please visit

www.snyderfuneralhome.com

several nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 398 North Locust Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, at 10:30 AM. Friends may call on Tuesday from 9:30 until the time of service. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the church.

Arrangements by Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, Elizabethtown.
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Elizabeth T. Thomas

Elizabeth T. Thomas, 82, of Lancaster, formerly of Marietta, died February 5, 2008, shortly before her 83rd birthday. She was the loving wife of the late Joseph G. Thomas Sr. and the daughter of the late Guernsey Edward and Carrie Mae Cassett Klinger. Born in Shamokin, PA, Elizabeth was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Lancaster Second Ward).

Surviving are three children, Joseph G. Thomas, JR., AZ; Charles E. Thomas, Mount Joy, and Betty Jane Popow, Columbia; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren. Mrs. Thomas was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathleen A. Hurlburt, and three sisters.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Service to Celebrate her Life on Saturday, February 16th, at 4 P.M. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1210 E. King Street, Lancaster, PA 17602. Interment is private and at the convenience of her family. Smedley Funeral Home, Ltd., 29 N. Gay Street, Marietta, PA, is in charge of arrangements.

www.lifecelebration.com

Rev. Calvin G. Engel, 81, formerly of Gordonville and Magnolia of Lancaster, entered into heaven to be with his Savior and beloved spouse, Florence, on Wednesday, February 7, 2008.

Born in Chester, PA, he was the son of the late Irwin and Mary Engel. He was married to Florence (Ayers) for 54 years.

Calvin served in the Army as a staff sergeant during World War II until his honorable discharge in 1946. He then graduated and was ordained at Philadelphia College of Bible. Calvin and his new bride served with the Salvation Army in Schenectady, NY, later becoming pastor at Community Fellowship Church, Wilmington, DE. He later served as the pastor at Spring Gulch Campground, New Holland, for over 26 years. Calvin also served in many pastoral positions at The First Baptist Church of Pequea, Gap.

Through the years, he was a chaplain for various USOs, hospitals and prisons.

Besides his church work, Calvin enjoyed camping, reading and model railroading.

He is survived by two daughters, Karen, wife of Pete Herman, and Miriam, wife of Jimmie Garland; three grandchildren, Robert Eichelberger, Amanda Bughman and John McCarthy IV; and a great-grandson, Logan Bughman.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 3 PM at The First Baptist Church of Pequea, 6062 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gap, PA, 17527. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Calvin's memory may be made to the Missionary Fund at The First Baptist Church of Pequea.

Ivan L. Stoltzfus, age 85 of Lancaster, PA passed away at his home on Sunday, February 10, 2008. He was the husband of Betty Messner Stoltzfus with whom he celebrated 56 years of marriage on September 29th of last year. He was born in Atglen, son of the late Joseph H. & Emma Stoltzfus Stoltzfus. He was a member of the Faith Evangelical Congregational Church of Lancaster where in the past he was a usher.

Ivan was a farmer for most of his life in Atglen and he had also worked for Chester County Weights & Measures. He graduated from the former Parkersburg High School. He enjoyed bowling, hunting and the senior activities at his church. Ivan was an avid fan of the Philadelphia Phillies, Flyers and the 76ers.

Surviving besides his wife is a sister: Fern A., wife of Leroy D. Umble of Landis Homes and nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by two siblings: Ralph Stoltzfus & Anna Jane Buckwalter.

Funeral service will take place on Tuesday, February 12th at 11 A.M. from the Faith Evangelical Congregational Church, 2124 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA with a viewing one hour prior. Pastor Joel A. Kime will be officiating. A luncheon will follow the service with the interment in the Millwood Mennonite Cemetery, Gap, PA at approx. 2 P.M. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Faith Evangelical Congregational Church Building Fund, 2124 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. Arrangements by the Shivery Funeral Home, Christiana & Paradise.

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ried to Eric J. Pownall of Quarryville, and Terri McDevitt of TN; 3 grandsons and a grand daughter.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held from St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 955 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, PA on Thursday at 10:00AM with Rev. Ronald J. Moratelli as celebrant. Final commendation and farewell will be private. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 9:00AM until the time of service at the church. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Walter's memory to St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 955 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, PA 17566 or to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Reynolds Funeral Home, Quarryville serving the family.

To send a note of condolence, please visit our website at www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net

Rose M. Smith

Rose M. Smith, 48, of Lancaster, entered into rest on Friday, February 8, 2008 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born June 22, 1959, in Lancaster, she was the daughter of Renee (Bowman) Sheaffer and the late James Sheaffer. She was married to Bradley S. Smith for over 17 1/2 years.

She is survived by her husband, Bradley, of Lancaster; two sons, Daniel and Steven Fritz, both of New Providence; a step-son, Steven Smith, of Lancaster; and her mother, Rence Sheaffer, of Lancaster.

There will be no viewing. Memorial Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements Entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, PA, 17551, (717)-872-2266. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: www.scheidfuneralhome.com



(Martin) Steberger for over 42 years. Mrs. Steberger passed away in 2004.

Gary lived with his daughter Sherri, wife of Joe Crissman, and grandson, Chris Segner, in Lancaster.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He retired from the United Way in Lancaster, PA. Mr. Steberger enjoyed photography and studying military history.

He was of the Catholic Faith.

Private Graveside Services will be held at Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster, PA. Memorial Remembrances can be made in Gary's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County. Arrangements Entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, PA, (717)-872-2266.

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Jessie M. Habecker Hiler

Jessie M. Habecker Hiler, 93, of Miami, FL, formerly of Lancaster, passed away Monday, February 4, 2008 after a brief illness. Born in Silver Spring, she was the daughter of the late Ira and Frances Miller Habecker. She was the wife of the late Albert J. Hiler who died in 1978.

A homemaker, she was a life long member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by: a son, Richard A., husband of Elsa Hiler of Miami, FL; 2 granddaughters, Lindsay and Tiffani.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 11 AM at the Rohrerstown Mennonite Cemetery, Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111. Arrangements by the Richard A. Sheetz Funeral Home, 397-6329, to send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.kenneasnyderfuneralhome.com

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