

DEATHS REPORTED

Anderson, Robert E. Lee
79, husband of Charlotte J. Anderson, of Lancaster, April 25, 2008. Fred F. Groff, 397-8255.

Eastman, Arthur B., Jr.
89, husband of Emily As-cough Eastman, of 675 Wil-low Valley Square, April 24, 2008. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097.

Esh, Amanda Grace
Infant daughter of Ivan and Rebecca Zook Esh, of 3744 E. Newport Rd., Gor-donville, April 26, 2008. Fur-man Home for Funerals, 656-6833.

Gilles, Esther M.
86, of Willow Street, April 26, 2008. Fred F. Groff Inc., 397-8255.

Hannold, Margie N.*
58, of Lancaster, April 26, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Fu-neral Home, 872-2266.

Heisey, John Stanley
83, husband of Lois Fern Haldeman Heisey, of 1034 Old Line Road, Manheim, April 27, 2008. Spence Fu-neral Services, 664-2270.

Levan, Hazel Virginia
79, of Columbia, April, 26, 2008. Kraft-Workman Fu-neral Homes, Inc., 684-6633.

Nauerz, Dolores A.
64, wife of Frederick O. Nauerz, of Stevens, April 24, 2008. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 800-933-4909.

Northimer, Virginia A. (Dorwart)
64, of New Providence, April 27, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home Inc., 393-9661.

Reese, Herbert W.
79, husband of Janet E. (Yerkes) Reese, of Morgan-town, April 26, 2008. The Labs Funeral Home, Inc., 610-273-3914.

Richardson, Claudia F.
98, of Quarryville, April 27, 2008. Wetzal and Son Funer-al Home, 215-659-0911.

Stricker, Marilyn L.
64, wife of George E. Strick-er, Jr., of Denver, April 27, 2008. Roseboro Funeral Home, 336-6531.

Thompson, Naomi Lydia (Ferguson)

Robert E. Lee Anderson

Robert E. Lee Anderson, 79, died Friday, April 25, 2008, at St. Anne's Retirement Commu-nity, following a lengthy ill-ness. Born in Lancaster, he was the hus-band of Char-lotte J. Ander-son, Lancaster.



The couple celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in September 2007.

Born in Lancaster, Robert was the son of the late Herbert K. and Ella P. Anderson. He was a 1945 graduate of J. P. McCaskey High School and served in Europe as a member of the US Army from 1946 to 1948. He was a graduate of Lehigh University, with a degree in civil engineering.

Robert was retired from Philadelphia Suburban Corp., formerly Huth Engineers. He was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church and a past president of the American Business Club and a former board member of the Lancaster chapter of United Cerebral Palsy.

While a student at J. P. McCaskey, Robert was a state pole vaulting champion. He competed in pole vaulting at Lehigh University and as a member of the US Army. Fol-lowing retirement, he enjoyed woodworking and making fur-niture for family and friends.

In addition to his wife, sur-ivors include three children: Todd, Amy, and Wendy, wife of Bruce Herner, all of Lancaster; a step-granddaughter, Casey, wife of Patrick Perry, Saylors-burg; two grandchildren, Kirsten, daughter of Todd Anderson, and Jesse, son of Wendy and Bruce Herner; and two great-grandchildren, Tyler Anderson and Bell Perry.

Robert was preceded in death, in addition to his parents, by a brother, Herbert, and a sis-ter, Ellen P. Schafer.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Robert's Life Celebration Ser-vice from the Funeral Home of Fred F. Groff, 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Theodore C. Mefferd officiating. Inter-ment in Greenwood Cemetery.

John Stanley Heisey

John Stanley Heisey, 83, of 1034 Old Line Road, Manheim, PA, went home to be with his Lord on Sun-day morning, April 27, 2008, at United Zion Retirement Community, Lititz, PA, fol-lowing compli-cations from a stroke he suf-fered one year ago. Born in Rapho Twp., Lancaster County, PA, he was the son of the late John M. and Anna Becker Heisey. He was the husband of Lois Fern Haldeman Heisey for 62 years on October 27th.



John was a member of Chiques Church of the Brethren, Manheim, where he was involved with volunteer maintenance work and music ministries his entire life. He was a member of the senior choir, men's chorus, and various other vocal groups. He and his wife were members of the a cappella Faith Mixed Quartet. John was a warm-hearted man with a unique sense of humor.

After nine years of farming, John joined his father-in-law's firm, Frank L. Haldeman & Sons in Manheim as a plumber for 41 years, and various other firms part-time, until he retired in 2004. An avid hunter, he was a member of the Manheim Sportsmen's Club. John also enjoyed watching sports, espe-cially the Phillies and the San Francisco 49ers and meticu-lously cared for his lawn. He served in workcamps giving aid to those affected by natural dis-asters.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Teresa H., wife of Edward L. Albright of Manheim, Suzanne H., wife of Dale E. Cassel of Manheim, and Deborah H., wife of Herbert C. Werner, Jr. of Lititz; four grandchildren, Megan L. Nolt, Sarah E. Werner, Ian J. Cassel, and Jared M. Werner; and three great grand-daughters. He was preceded in death by a great granddaugh-ter, Emily R. Nolt; and three sis-ters, Verna M. Snyder, Grace H. Packard, and Arlene Wenger Buckalew.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, 11:00 A.M. at Chiques Church of

OBITUARIES

Hazel Virginia "Ginny" Levan

Hazel Virginia "Ginny" Levan, 79, of Columbia, went home to the Lord on Satur-day, April, 26, 2008 at Lan-caster General Hospital after a two-and-a-half year battle with cancer.



An area resident for over 40 years, Mrs. Levan was born May 14, 1928 in Roebing, NJ, a daughter of the late William and Eva Brey Giehl.

Before her retirement in 1959 to have a family, she was a manager with Loft's Candies in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Ginny will be remembered for her devotion and cheerful giving to her late husband, her children, and grandchildren.

She was truly loved by those who knew her. She was loyal, kind, fun-loving, and coura-geous. Her generous hospitality reflected her warm acceptance of people and her desire to serve others. Ginny, who wor-shipped at Hempfield United Methodist Church prior to her final illness, also enjoyed read-ing, cooking, and driving her sil-ver PT Cruiser to meet with friends for breakfast at Friend-ly's.

Surviving are her four chil-dren, Jeffrey (Cindy) Levan of Lancaster, Brian (Carla Paler-mo) Levan of Enola, Sharon (Scott) MacFeat of Columbia, and Deborah (Craig) Fish of Washington Boro; five grand-children, David Fish and Sheri Fish, both of Washington Boro, Hope Levan and Emily Levan, both of Enola, and Pastor Scott (Amanda) MacFeat Jr. of Stras-burg, a sister, Mary Dietz of Quakertown, and a sister-in-law, Phyllis Levan of Mount Joy.

Besides her parents, Ginny was preceded in death by her husband, Earl C. Levan, Jr., whom she married April 25, 1959, three sisters, Iva Giehl, Ruth Giehl, Pauline Giehl, and a brother, Carl Giehl.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, May 1, 2008 at the Kraft-Work-man Funeral Homes, Inc., 31 South Eighth Street, Columbia

Betty L. Weidler

Betty L. Weidler, 77, of Lititz, died after a long illness at her residence on April 25, 2008. Born in Mill-creek Twp., Lebanon Co., she was the daughter of the late Edward S. and Minnie Sweigart Son-nen. She was the wife for 59 years of Russell E. Weidler of Lititz.



Betty was a member of Brickerville United Lutheran Church, enjoyed sewing, and retired in 1986 from Wood-stream Corp. where she worked as a machine operator.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Gloria (John) Hostetter, Lititz; sons, Russell M., (Debra) Weid-ler, Lititz; Jeffrey L. Weidler, companion of Lois Hiltz, Lititz; grandchildren, Stacy Bletz; Vicky (David) Hoak; Amy (Tony) Reich; Michael Weidler; and great grandchildren, Gar-rick Hayden and Austin Reich. She is also survived by brothers and sisters, Elwood (Norma) Sonnen, Richland; Shirley Shelly, Lititz; Gladys Fry, Lititz; Elaine (Jack) Rutter, New Hol-land; Robert Sonnen, Richland; Mary Jane Fry, Reading; Fay Harnish, Morris; Anna Mae Frey, Gap; June (Kurt) Achey, Newmanstown; Evelyn Schoen-buchner, Richland; Patricia Thompson, Sinking Spring; Vivian (Robert) Mountz, Worn-elsdorf; Russell (Kathy) Son-nen, Myerstown. Preceding her in death were brothers, Ken-neth, Edward and Leroy Son-nen, John Steffy and a sister, Jean Sonnen.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. at Brickerville United Lutheran Church, 340 E. 28th Division Hwy., Lititz with the Rev. Clifford Hanus officiating. There will be a viewing from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, Ephrata. Contributions may be made in her memory to Hospice of Lan-caster Co., P.O. Box 4125, Lan-caster, PA 17604-4125. To send an online condolence, please visit: www.richardheiseyfuner-alhome.com

Naomi Lydia (Ferguson) Thompson

Naomi Lydia (Ferguson) Thompson, 86, of Lancaster, died Sunday, April 27, 2008 at Lancashire Hall. Born Sep-tember 9, 1921 in Chester County, she was a daughter of the late Rus-sell Dare and



Mary Louise (Richardson) Fer-guson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert M. Thompson, Jr. in 1977.

Mrs. Thompson was a mem-ber of Saint Andrew United Church of Christ in Lancaster. She was a member of Manheim VFW's Women's Auxiliary. She enjoyed NASCAR and shop-ping.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her son: Gilbert M. III, hus-band of Vickie Thompson of Conestoga; 2 daughters: Naomi L., wife of Raymond B. Brian of Lancaster, and Connie L., wife of Armando Marano of York; 10 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. In addi-tion to her husband, Mrs. Thompson is preceded in death by a son, Clair E. Thompson, and a sister: Hazel McMillen.

Funeral services are sched-uled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at the Gundel Funeral Home, 415 North Duke Street, Lancaster. Viewing will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow the service at Graybill's Church of the Brethren Cemetery. At the family's request, casual dress is acceptable for the funeral ser-vice. In lieu of flowers, memori-al contributions may be made to the Hospice of Lancaster Coun-ty, 685 Good Drive., P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements by the Gundel Funeral Home, Inc. For addi-tional information or to send a condolence, please call 393-1776 or visit

www.gundelfuneralhome.com

Dolores A. Nauerz

Dolores A. Nauerz, 64, of Stevens, PA, died April 24, 2008, in Denver Nursing Home. Born in

Carrollson, Claudia F. 98, of Quarryville, April 27, 2008. Wetzels and Son Funeral Home, 215-659-0911.

Stricker, Marilyn L. 64, wife of George E. Stricker, Jr., of Denver, April 27, 2008. Roseboro Funeral Home, 336-6531.

Thompson, Naomi Lydia (Ferguson) 86, of Lancaster, April 27, 2008. Gundel Funeral Home, 393-1776.

Weidler, Betty L. 77, wife of Russell E. Weidler, of Lititz, April 25, 2008. Richard Heisey Funeral Home, 626-2464.

* No Obituary appears

SERVICES TODAY

Bell, Charles D., Jr. Robert G. Foust Jr. Funeral Home, 841 W. Shamokin St. Trevorton, Monday at 11AM.

Buchter, David M. Spacht Funeral Home, 127 South Broad St., Lititz, Mon., 10:00 AM.

Diehm, Dale F. Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, 44 East Orange Street, Lititz, Monday, 11 AM. Buch Funeral Home.

Esh, Amanda Grace Home of the late, 3744 E. Newport Rd., Gordonville, Monday, 9 AM. Furman Home for Funerals.

Heckel, Frank Paine, Jr. First Presbyterian Church in Gloucester, Mon. 11AM.

Hufford, Marguerite M. Grandview United Methodist Church, 888 Pleasure Rd., Lancaster, Monday, 11:00AM. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home and Chapel.

Martin, Ruth K. Weaverland Mennonite Church, Mon., 1:30 PM. Groff-High Funeral Home

Patton, Florence I. Bridgeville Evangelical Congregational Church, 5971 Division Hwy., Narvon, Monday, 10:30 AM. Groff-High Funeral Home.

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mitting the written correction either by e-mail (obits@LNNews.com) or by fax (717-291-8728), Monday-Friday, 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Robert's Life Celebration Service from the Funeral Home of Fred F. Groff, 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Theodore C. Mefferd officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call at Groff's on Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please omit flowers. Memorial may be sent to American Parkinson Disease, 60 Bay St., Suite 401, Staten Island, NY 10301.

www.lifecelebration.com

Reber, Rodney S. Roseboro Funeral Home, 533 Walnut St., Denver, Monday, 8:00 PM.

Rhodes, Mary Elizabeth Burkholder Dayton Mennonite Church, Monday, 10:30 AM. Johnson Funeral Service, Inc.

Riley, Patricia A. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, Monday, 2 PM.

Rohrer, John B. Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Monday, 11:00 AM.

Rychalsky, Edward St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 St. Joseph Street, Lancaster, Monday, 10:00AM. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home.

Skces, Richard B. St. Isidore's Catholic Church, 2545 W. Pumping Station Rd., Quakertown, Mon., 11:00 AM. Jeffrey A. Naugle Funeral Home

Snyder, Peggy L. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 414 East King St., Lancaster, Mon., 1:00 PM.

Taylor, Ned D. Highland Presbyterian Church, 1801 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, Monday, 4:00PM. Bachman Funeral Home.

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Megan L. Nolt, Sarah E. Werner, Ian J. Cassel, and Jared M. Werner; and three great granddaughters. He was preceded in death by a great granddaughter, Emily R. Nolt; and three sisters, Verna M. Snyder, Grace H. Packard, and Arlene Wenger Buckalew.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, 11:00 AM at Chiques Church of the Brethren, 4045 Sunnyside Road, Manheim, PA with Pastors J. Becker Ginder, Ronald Strickler, and Michael Wise officiating interment in the adjoining cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Wednesday evening from 6-8:00 PM and Thursday morning from 9:30 AM until the time of the service. If desired, contributions may be made in his memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604, Abundant Living Ministries, 541 West 28th Division Highway, Lititz, PA 17543, or to the building fund of Chiques Church of the Brethren. For directions and additional information, visit www.spencefuneralservices.com

Amanda Grace Esh

Amanda Grace Esh, infant daughter of Ivan and Rebecca Zook Esh, of 3744 E. Newport Rd., Gordonville, died Saturday minutes after birth at Heart of Lancaster Regional Medical Center. Also surviving are: sisters, Mary Ellen, Rosanne, Katherine, all at home; brother, Amos Jay, at home; paternal grandparents, Samuel and Mary Esh, Gordonville; maternal grandparents, Melvin and Mary Zook, Christiana; maternal great-grandmothers, Rebecca Zook, Christiana, Esther King, Gordonville; paternal great-grandmother, Annie M. Lapp, Ronks.

Funeral: Monday 9 a.m. EST from the late home. Interment: Gordonville Cemetery. Furman Home for Funerals, Leola.

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Besides her parents, unity was preceded in death by her husband, Earl C. Levan, Jr., whom she married April 25, 1959, three sisters, Iva Giehl, Ruth Giehl, Pauline Giehl, and a brother, Carl Giehl.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, May 1, 2008 at the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 31 South Eighth Street, Columbia with the Reverend Kerry Leeper, Associate Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, officiating. Burial will be in the Silver Spring Cemetery. Friends will be received from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday at the Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc. Memorial contributions may be made to: Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17604 or The American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Virginia A. (Dorwart) Northeimer

Virginia A. (Dorwart) Northeimer, 64, of New Providence, passed away on Sunday April 27, 2008 after a lengthy illness. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late John E. Sr. and Dorothy (Herzog) Dorwart. She was widowed to the late J. Lewis Northeimer who passed away on June 5th, 1995.

Mrs. Northeimer was employed as a switchboard operator at Willow Valley Resort before retiring. She attended Zion United Church of Christ in Strasburg.

Surviving is Virginia's daughter, Virginia L, married to Jon Cole of New Providence, four grandchildren, Chelsea, Autumn, Jared and Jeremy, and a brother John E. Dorwart Jr. married to Elizabeth of Lancaster.

Services will be held at the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home Inc., 414 East King St, Lancaster PA. 17602, 393-9661 on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 11AM. There will be a viewing from 10AM. until the time of the service. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please send memorial contributions in Virginia's memory to the Zion United Church of Christ, 900 Winter Hill Rd, Strasburg, PA, 17579 or Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, Box 4125, Lancaster, PA, 17604. To send an online condolence, please visit www.snyderfuneralhome.com

There will be a viewing from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, Ephrata. Contributions may be made in her memory to Hospice of Lancaster Co., P. O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. To send an online condolence, please visit: www.richardheiseyfuneralhome.com

Deborah S. Keller

Deborah S. Keller, 56, of Schoeneck, entered into rest on Friday, April 25, 2008 at the Essa Flory Hospice Center following a courageous year long battle with cancer. She was married for 24 years to Richard L. Keller.

Born in Indiantown Gap, she was a daughter of the late Thomas Drum and Evelyn (Frazier) Drum, Millersville. Deb was a member of Mellinger's Lutheran Church, Schoeneck and the Mountain Trail Riders, and had volunteered at Schoeneck Elementary School. A 1969 graduate of Lebanon High School, Deb enjoyed horseback riding, knitting and gardening.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by her daughters, Rachel E. Engi, Ephrata, and Jessica S. Spangler, at home; grandchildren, Jameson R. Walters, Gavin B. Eberly and Olivia J. Stubbs; a sister Diana (James) Stager, Millersville; and a brother David (Debbie) Drum, Lebanon.

The Funeral will be on Wednesday at 1:00 PM, viewing Tuesday 6-8 PM in the Roseboro Funeral Home, 533 Walnut St., Denver. Interment in Mellinger's Cemetery, Schoeneck. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Deb's memory may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. www.roseborofuneralhome.com

Claudia F. Richardson

Claudia F. Richardson, 98, formerly of Quarryville, on April 27, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Samuel Richardson. Mother of the late Lorraine Faye and the late William Zook. Grandmother of Claudia and her husband Bill Neary. Great Grandmother of Bill Neary.

Relatives and friends are invited to her graveside service Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. at the Quarryville Cemetery, Robert Fulton Highway and Park Avenue, Quarryville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Crescentville United Methodist Church, 412 East Sentner Street, Phila., PA 19120.

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Dolores A. Nauerz

Dolores A. Nauerz, 64, of Stevens, PA, died April 24, 2008,



in Denver Nursing Home. Born in Bergenfield, NJ, a daughter of Doris O. (Staats) Pilot, Lakewood, NJ, and the late Arthur P. Jack-

ob, she was the wife of Frederick O. Nauerz for 35 years. Dolores last worked in the deli at Redner's Quick Shop, Stevens, and loved to cook.

Surviving in addition to her husband and mother is a daughter, Christine Nauerz, at home, and sisters, Laraine Frank, Lakewood, NJ, and Dale Howe, Austin, TX.

A memorial visitation and sharing of memories will be held Friday, May 2, 2008, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre of Reamstown.

www.goodfuneral.com

Marilyn L. Stricker

Marilyn L. Stricker, 64, of Denver, entered into rest on Sunday, April 27, 2008 at Ephrata Community Hospital following a brief illness. She and her husband, George E. Stricker, Jr., celebrated 40 years of marriage on February 10.

Born in Reading, she was a daughter of the late Leroy and Olga (Sigmund) Burkey. Marilyn graduated from Reading High School and Reading Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as an RN at Reading and Ephrata Community Hospitals, and was last employed at the Denver Nursing Home. She enjoyed going for drives, crocheting and knitting afghans and going out to cat.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her daughters, Tracy A., companion of Woodrow Austin, Stevens, and Amy B., wife of Kevin Shirk, Denver; and a sister, Virginia (James) Bush, Shillington. The Funeral will be on Thursday at 10:00 AM, viewing Wednesday 6-8 PM in the Roseboro Funeral Home, 533 Walnut St., Denver. Interment in Steinmetz Cemetery. www.roseborofuneralhome.com

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Esther M. Gilles

Esther M. Gilles, 86, of Willow Street, PA, passed away on Saturday afternoon at the Moravian Manor following a short illness. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Bessie Miller Markert, and wife of the late John J. Gilles, who passed away in 1998.

A 1939 graduate of McCaskey High School, Esther had worked as an office manager for Hershey Painting of Lancaster. She was a member of the Willow Street United Church of Christ where she taught Sunday school, was a volunteer at the Lancaster General Hospital and served on the Ladies Auxiliary of the Willow Street Fire Co. She enjoyed spending her time doing needlework, playing cards, gardening, and reading, especially books of the old west.

She is survived by her daughter, E. Pauline wife of Eugene J. McKeown of Pompton Plains, NJ, her son, John W., husband of Bobbi B. Gilles, of Willow Street, four grandchildren, one great grandson, and her sister Harriet Boettger of Lancaster.

She was preceded in death by a sister; B. Shirley Markert and three brothers; Louis C., H. Michael and Russell Markert.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her Life Celebration Memorial Service from Willow Street United Church of Christ, 2723 Willow Street Pike, Willow Street, PA, 17584 on Wednesday at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Ron A. Bohannon officiating. A private family interment will be held in Willow Street United Church of Christ Cemetery. The family will receive friends at a church luncheon, immediately following the services. If desired, memorials may be sent in Esther's memory to her church. Fred F. Groff Inc., in charge of services.

www.lifecelebration.com

Arthur B. Eastman, Jr.

Arthur B. Eastman, Jr., 89, of 675 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA died Thursday, April 24th at the Glen at Willow Valley. He was the husband of Emily Ascough Eastman. Born in Norristown, PA he was the son of the late Arthur Sr., and Helen Henkel Eastman. A 1940 graduate of the University of Delaware, he retired in 1984 from E.I. DuPont Co. where he was a design engineer.

Mr. Eastman was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. He was a resident of Willow Valley Lakes Manor since 1987 where he was a former treasurer of the resident council and chairman of the wood shop.

Prior to moving to Lancaster, he was a former member, Elder and Clerk of Session at the Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE.

He resided at Limestone Acres, Wilmington, DE, where he served as past president and treasurer of the Limestone Acres Maintenance Corp. He was also a member of the Ionic Masonic Lodge # 31 in Newport, DE.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a memorial service from the Thomas Auditorium, at Willow Valley Lakes Manor, 300 Willow Valley Lakes Dr., Willow Street, PA on Wednesday, April 30th at 10:00 a.m. The family will meet with friends immediately following the memorial service. Private interment will be in Red Clay Creek Cemetery, Wilmington, DE. Please omit flowers. If desired, contributions in Mr. Eastman's memory may be sent to First Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA, 17602. Arrangements are being made with Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home; 394-4097. To send an on-line condolence, please visit www.kearneyasniderfuneralhome.com

Did woman get away with murder in 1908?

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Few states let troops vote by e-mail

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan can speak to their families by Web camera and fight insurgents using sophisticated electronic warfare. Yet when it comes to voting, most troops are stuck in the past.

Communities in 13 states will send overseas troops presidential election ballots by e-mail this year, and districts in at least seven states will also let them return completed ballots over the Internet, according to data compiled by The Associated Press and the Overseas Vote Foundation.

That still leaves tens of thousands of service members in far-flung military bases struggling to meet voting deadlines and relying largely on regular mail to get ballots and cast votes — often at the last minute because of delays in ballot preparations in some states.

Adding an electronic boost to the process would ease those problems, but it raises security and privacy concerns.

Pentagon officials have been urging more states to move into the electronic age before November, a move that could help reverse recent trends in which thousands of military members asked for ballots but either didn't vote or had their ballots rejected for flaws.

The push comes more than seven years after problems with overseas military voting set off an uproar in President Bush's narrow 2000 victory. In Florida, where Bush squeaked out a 537-vote victory that gave him the presidency, questions were raised about several thousand overseas military votes that came in after deadlines and were counted in some districts but not counted in others.

This year, when war is a key campaign issue, the election results in any state — particularly one with heavy military voting — could turn on the votes of thousands of troops on the front lines.

"The personnel that fight our wars, the people who are most affected by the decisions on the use of the military, are being systematically denied the right to vote," said Bob Carey, a board member of the Overseas Vote Foundation, a voting

'Presumption' can trump reality for Pa. non-dads

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press

MILLVILLE — After a 15-year wait and at least \$10,000 in child-support payments, Mark Spaid was thrilled to be going in for a DNA test.

In 1992, Pennsylvania courts declared him the legal father of his wife's infant daughter even though he knew he was sterile, having had a vasectomy more than two years before the birth.

To the legal system, Spaid's inability to father children meant little when it came to determining who should be responsible for the child's care. In Pennsylvania, like most states, a "presumption of paternity" trumps everything.

The doctrine, with roots in English common law, assumes a husband is the legal father of any child born during his marriage. It's designed to preserve marriage and make sure children's financial and emotional needs are provided for.

But it also has embittered untold numbers of men across the nation who are required to support kids fathered by other men.

Spaid, a laborer, was unaware of the presumption when he asked the court for a paternity test in 1992. So he was floored when Luzerne County Judge Chester Muroski denied his request and ordered him to pay his ex-wife \$20 a week in child support — an amount that would eventually rise to \$71, or more than half his take-home pay.

He implored the judge to reconsider. He wrote to every politician he could think of, begging for a change in Pennsylvania law to make it easier to contest paternity. And he publicized his battle.

None of it did any good.

Then, one day last fall, he got his test.

But the results didn't really matter much more than they would have in the beginning.

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Decades ago, before DNA testing radically altered the legal landscape of paternity, there was little a man could do if he suspected his wife had given birth to another man's



Associated Press

Mark Spaid sits in his kitchen in Millville amid correspondence and court documents from his 16-year paternity battle.

hoefler, president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Advances in genetic technology, he said, "have changed what we do enormously."

A majority of states now allow husbands and others to use DNA testing to challenge paternity, although many of them impose time limits or other conditions for doing so, according to a recent survey of state paternity laws by men's rights activist Carnell Smith from Decatur, Ga.

Smith, who found out through DNA that another man had fathered the child he thought was his, was a driving force behind a 2002 Georgia law that allows a man to stop paying child support if a DNA test proves he is not the father.

The measure enabled Smith to "walk out of court as a broke, but free man," he said. "No more payments, no arrears and no more threats of jail."

Pennsylvania, however, does not afford the same rights to aggrieved husbands. The state essentially leaves it to the discretion of the courts to determine whether a man can avoid child support.

It's something Mark Spaid has learned the hard way.

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After his wife, who declined

"Presumption of paternity," which assumes a husband is the legal father of any child born during his marriage, trumps everything — including a DNA test.

dren with her.

Pennsylvania law gave Spaid the option of requesting a paternity test for their eldest child, because she was born before Spaid and his wife were married. He took the test and was shocked by the results: He was not the girl's biological father.

At that point, Spaid verified with a doctor that he was, in fact, sterile, then asked for a blood test to rule himself out as his youngest daughter's father. But since the couple were husband and wife at the time of conception, the presumption of paternity came into play, and Judge Muroski turned him down.

Frustrated, Spaid resolved to become a deadbeat.

"I never voluntarily paid a penny," says Spaid, a normally happy-go-lucky fellow whose voice takes on a decidedly bitter edge whenever he talks about his situation. "I refused to pay it until they proved to me that I was the father."

The authorities garnished his wages, seized his tax refunds, froze his bank accounts. His credit was ruined. He even spent a week in jail for nonpayment.

He could have wallpapered his apartment with the delinquent notices.

"At times I was so depressed, I just felt like saying the hell with it. If I die, I die," says Spaid, now 43.

Spaid's mother urged him to stop fighting and move on with his life. But he couldn't do it. He said it was not only the money, but the principle — his wife's youngest daughter deserved to know the identity of her natural father, if only for his medical history.

One day in 2001, Spaid woke up in a particularly sour mood. He scrawled a letter to Muroski, claiming that child support had drained his finances to the point that he was running a monthly deficit of nearly \$200