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DEATHS REPORTED

Berger, Nathaniel H.
86, husband of Kathryn A. (Heitz) Berger, of Stevens. March 11, 2008. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 336-4909

Brewer, Jeanne R.
58, of Atlantic City, NJ. March 11, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266

Davis, Mary Moore
88, of Lewisburg. March 11, 2008. Spence Funeral Services, 664-2270

Dickens, Maude E. (Labezius)
90, of York. March 11, 2008. Heffner Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc. 767-1551

Fisher, Kathryn Ann
63, wife of Raymond E. Fisher, of Lancaster. March 11, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 859-1230

Glatfelter, Donald G. Sr.
77, husband of Helen Walton Glatfelter, of 154 Cooks Landing, Peach Bottom. March 11, 2008. Reynolds Funeral Home, 786-3272

Hurst, Sharon M.
44, of Rosman, NC. March 7, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 733-2472

Lefever, Marianne E.
70, of 18 Clayton Court, Clayton, DE. March 10, 2008. Reynolds Funeral Home, 786-3272

Lierman, John Stephen
69, husband of Patricia C. Donohue Lierman, of Lancaster. March 11, 2008. Wilde Funeral Home, 610-857-5551

McDermott, Anna Sabatine
83, of Chicago, IL. March 8, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661

Scott, Margaret Q.
91, wife of John E. Scott, of Conestoga. March 11, 2008. Bachman Funeral Home, 687-7644

Stauffer, Nancy J.
78, of Elizabethtown. March 11, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543

Stoltzfus, Mima Z.
89, of 3032-A Lincoln Hwy. East, Gordonville. March 12, 2008. Furman Home for Funerals, 656-6833

Nancy J. Stauffer

Nancy J. Stauffer, 78, of Elizabethtown, went home to be with her Lord, on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at her home.



Born in Elizabethtown, she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Ethel Kaylor

Shelly. She was the wife of Ellwood F. Stauffer who died on July 10, 2001. They had been married for 53 years.

Mrs. Stauffer attended the First Church of God, Elizabethtown.

She had previously taught Sunday school. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and her cat. In addition, she liked reading, baking, and sewing.

Mrs. Stauffer is survived by two sons, Ronald N., husband of Patricia A. Schopf Stauffer, Elizabethtown, and Darrel D. Stauffer, Lancaster; two granddaughters, Valerie A., wife of Steve Spencer, Red Lion, Stacey L., wife of Kyle Williams, York; and four great grandchildren, Mikaela, Nikolaus, Quinn, and Mattie.

A Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2008 at Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 130 North Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA at 3:00 PM. The family will receive friends from 2:00 until the time of service. Interment will take place in Mount Tunnel Cemetery. If desired, contributions may be made to the Humane League of Lancaster County, 2195 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602.

www.millerfuneralhome.com

Jeanne R. Brewer

Jeanne R. Brewer, 58, of Atlantic City, NJ, passed away on March 11, 2008 at the Atlantic City Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Born May 18, 1949, in Canton, OH, she was the daughter of Edith A. Brewer and the late Gerald B. Brewer.

A 1971 graduate of Millersville University, Jeanne worked for many years for law firms in Philadelphia, PA.

She is survived by her mother, Edith A. Brewer, of Lancaster,

Anna Sabatine McDermott

Anna Sabatine McDermott, 83, died Saturday March 8th, in Chicago, IL after a brief illness.



Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Donat and Mary Yecker Sabatine. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and had graduated from



Lancaster Catholic High School. After graduation, she attended Catholic University and worked in the World War II effort in Washington, DC, where she met her late husband, the late Thomas J. McDermott, Esq., who died in 1977.

After his death, she moved to Sarasota, FL, where the family has many fond memories.

Anna is survived by her 2 daughters: Leone McDermott of Chicago, and Joan married to E. Joseph Griffin, Jr. of Gaithersburg, MD; two grandchildren, Andrew and Julie; and her brother and sisters, Joseph Sabatine, Margaret Williams, Grace Mellinger, and Agnes Meyer. Her deceased brothers and sisters are Fabian, Paul, Leo, Donat and Margaret Williams.

Friends will be received on Saturday from 8:30-9:30 AM at the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 414 E. King St., Lancaster, PA, with the Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10 AM at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 501 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA, with the Rev Daniel Mitzel as Celebrant. Interment in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in the memory to Rainbow Hospice, 444 N. Northwest Hwy., Suite 145, Park Ridge, IL 60068. For directions or to send an online condolence, please visit

www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Kathryn Ann (Ann) Fisher

Kathryn Ann (Ann) Fisher, 63, of Lancaster, entered into

OBITUARIES

Marianne E. Lefever

Marianne E. Lefever, age 70, of 18 Clayton Court, Clayton, DE, formerly of Perryville, MD and Strasburg, PA, died on Monday morning at her home, while under the care of hospice and her loving fiancé, Steven F. Bunk. Marianne had survived cancer on three separate occasions. She was the widow of Christian R. Lefever who died October 9, 1997 following a 22-year marriage.

Born in Gettysburg, Marianne was the daughter of the late John P. and Jeanne Eleanor Hamilton Eicholtz. Most recently, she was employed as an administrative assistant for Gambill, Strubel Insurance Agency in Rising Sun, MD and prior to that for Marty Varon, Nationwide Insurance Agency in North East, MD. Marianne was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg since she was 11 years old and was a former Senior Choir member, Director of the Cherub Choir, and past President of Presbyterian Woman's Association. She was a member of the Paul R. Strubel Post #8710, V.F.W. Ladies auxiliary and participated with Strasburg scouting, Brownies through Senior Scouts. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, reading, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeanne A. wife of Paul H. "Skip" Whaley, III of Willow Street; a granddaughter Morgan Paige Whaley; and her fiancé, Steven F. Bunk.

A Memorial Service will be held from Grace Brethren Church at Willow Valley, 300 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA on Tuesday at 11:00 AM with Pastor John Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Strasburg Cemetery. Visitations will take place at the Reynolds Funeral Home, 144 East State Street, Quarryville, PA on Monday at 6:30-8:30 PM and again at the church on Monday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Marianne's memory to Hospice of Delaware, 911 South

John Stephen Lierman

John Stephen Lierman, 69, of Lancaster, passed away on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at his home, surrounded by his family after a short battle with Leukemia. He was the husband of Patricia C.



Donohue Lierman, formerly of Parkesburg, PA, with whom he shared six and half years of marriage.

Born in Sandusky, MI, he was the son of the late Donald F. and Helen McQueen Lierman. A resident of Lancaster for the past one and a half years, he graduated from the Butler University of Indianapolis, Indiana. He was retired from the the US Navy as a Commander and was a decorated Vietnam Veteran. After retirement, he was employed by PRC, Wycatt and most recently was a District Manager for Selmer Band Instrument Co. John was also an avid reader and an Atlanta Braves fan.

He is survived, in addition to his wife, by two children: Jennifer E., wife of Greg Druffel, of Centreville, VA and Stephanie, wife of Robert Shumate, of Cary, N.C.; two stepchildren, Laura, wife of Robert Boarts, of East Earl, PA, and Michael Simmons and wife Elizabeth, of Gig Harbor, WA; one sister, Jane Lierman of Green Valley, AZ; five grandchildren; one step granddaughter; one niece, Sarah Vandermeulen of Ypsilanti, MI; and close friends, Jim and Judy Amato of Florida. He was preceded in death by a sister, Joann Lierman.

Funeral services will be private. Interment will take place at the Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Wilde Funeral Home of Parkesburg, PA.

www.wildefuneralhome.com

Mima Z. Stoltzfus

Sharon M. Hurst

Sharon M. Hurst, 44, formerly of Lancaster, PA, died Friday, March 7, 2008, in Rosman, NC of natural causes. She was the daughter of Mel and Ruth (Kramer) Hurst of Ephrata, PA.



Sharon was a member of the Worship Center of Leola, PA. A former youth group leader at the Worship Center, she was vivacious and the life of the party. She played the piano and loved music and also loved to travel.

She had worked for Freidman Windshield Repairs in Reading, PA. Sharon also had a career in real estate in Lancaster and later in Phoenix, AZ. She was currently employed as an administrative assistant at The Buildersmith Construction Company in Sapphire, NC and also worked part time as a receptionist at the Greystone Inn on Taxaway Lake, NC.

Besides her parents, she is survived by a sister, Leslie, wife of Ben Bennett, and their 5 children, Alexander 6, Sophia, 5, Nicholas 4, and twins Christopher and Anthony 2, all of whom she deeply loved. She had intense pride of her family and heritage.

The family will be receiving friends from 6 to 8 PM Sunday, March 16, at The Worship Center, 2384 New Holland Pike, Lancaster where a memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, March 17, 2008. Pastor Sam Smucker will be officiating. The family will receive friends following the memorial service.

The family requests memorial contributions in Sharon's memory be sent to Youth With A Mission Volunteer Fund, c/o The Worship Center, 2384 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601. Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit www.stradlingfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Q. Scott

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Van Aulen, Frank P.
81, of Lancaster. March 12, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266

Wagner, Richard E. *
57, of 300 North Hanover Street, Apt. 15, Elizabethtown. March 9, 2008. Spence Funeral Services, 664-2270

Witmer, Naomi C. *
95, Denver. March 10, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, Inc., 733-2472

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A 1971 graduate of Millersville University, Jeanne worked for many years for law firms in Philadelphia, PA.

She is survived by her mother, Edith A. Brewer, of Lancaster; a brother, Michael J. Brewer, husband of Kate, of New Castle, DE; a niece Laura and nephews David and Jonathon.

A Memorial Service will be held at the convenience of the family. Please omit flowers. 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

On a Sunday. Visitation and funeral services will take place at the Reynolds Funeral Home, 144 East State Street, Quarryville, PA on Monday at 6:30-8:30 PM and again at the church on Monday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Marianne's memory to Hospice of Delaware, 911 South Dupont Boulevard, Dover, DE 19901. Murray A. Miller serving the family. To send a note of condolence, please visit our website at:

www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net

Kathryn Ann (Ann) Fisher

Kathryn Ann (Ann) Fisher, 63, of Lancaster, entered into rest at her late residence on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Porterdale, Ga., a daughter of the late William C. (Bill) Martin and Kathleen Dobbs Martin of Covington, Ga.

She is the wife of Raymond E. (Ray) Fisher.

A homemaker, Ann was a member of the Leola United Methodist Church.

Surviving besides her husband and mother are a son, James (Jim) Fisher of Leola, a daughter, Margaret Weaver of Augusta, Ga., grandson, Adam Fisher, and a brother, Don husband of Gabrielle (Adams) Martin of Duluth, Ga., 2 nieces, Sherie Smith of Lexington, S.C., and Courtney Martin-Braun of West Hollywood, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her father.

A memorial service will be held at 2 PM on Friday, March 14, 2008 at the Leola United Methodist Church, 7 West Main Street, Leola, with Pastor John Gudikunst officiating. Private interment in the Trumbauer Cemetery, Leola. The family will receive friends immediately following the memorial service.

The family requests memorial contributions in Ann's memory be sent to the Myotonic Dystrophy Assistance & Awareness Support Group, 3737 Vigilance Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-6127. Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit www.stradlingfuneralhome.com

Funeral services will take place at the Reynolds Funeral Home, 144 East State Street, Quarryville, PA on Monday at 6:30-8:30 PM and again at the church on Monday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Marianne's memory to Hospice of Delaware, 911 South Dupont Boulevard, Dover, DE 19901. Murray A. Miller serving the family. To send a note of condolence, please visit our website at:

www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net

Donald G. Glatfelter, Sr.

Donald G. Glatfelter, Sr., 77, of 154 Cooks Landing, Peach Bottom, PA, died on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at Lancaster General Hospital. He was the husband of Helen Walton Glatfelter.



Donald had worked as a laborer in the construction industry.

He was born in Lancaster, son of the late John and Emma Glatfelter.

In addition to his wife he is survived by: daughter Diane Rothenhoefer of Lancaster, sons Donald Glatfelter, Jr. and Daniel Glatfelter of Gettysburg, daughter Debra Bare of Willow Street, daughter Darlene Bare of Quarryville, son David Glatfelter of Lancaster; 18 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; brothers Clarence and Frank Glatfelter, and his sisters Loretta Hall and Barbara Martin.

A brief memorial service will be held at the Glatfelter residence for family and close friends on Saturday, March 15, at 2:00 PM. Reynolds Funeral Home, 144 East State Street, Quarryville, PA. To send a letter of condolence, please visit our website at:

www.reynoldsfuneralhome.net

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Wilde Funeral Home of Parkesburg, PA.

www.wildefuneralhome.com

Mima Z. Stoltzfus

Mima Z. Stoltzfus, 89, of 3032-A Lincoln Hwy. East, Gordonville, died Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at home of natural causes. She was the daughter of the late John D. and Lizzie Zook Stoltzfus. A homemaker, she was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving are: nine children, John married to Mary Esh Stoltzfus of Quarryville, Chester married to Mary Stoltzfus of Ronks, Samuel married to Sylvia Stoltzfus of Elizabethtown, Christ married to Amanda Esh Stoltzfus of Elizabethtown, Sylvan Jr. married to Rebecca King Stoltzfus of Sacramento, PA, Amos married to Sylvia Zook Stoltzfus of Millersburg, Salome married to Amos Beiler of Narvon, Joel married to Linda King Stoltzfus of Gordonville, Elizabeth married to Melvin Petersheim of Elizabethtown; 69 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren. She was the last of her immediate family. Her husband, Sylvan F. Stoltzfus, died in 1976. She was also preceded in death by an infant son and a stillborn daughter.

Friends will be received at the late home from the time of this notice till the service. The funeral will be held at the late home, Friday, Mar. 14, 2008 at 9 a.m. EST with interment following in the Gordonville cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Furman Home for Funerals, Leola.

In Loving Memory Of Alisha Mejias

March 13, 1996
Happy 12th Birthday



We Love You & Miss
You Very Much.
All Your Family & Friends

SERVICES TODAY

Berkebile, Henry L. Jr.
Red Lion Bible Church, 105 Springvale Rd., Red Lion, Thurs., 7:00 PM. Burg Funeral Home

Blanks, Mildred D. Martin
Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 414 East King St., Lancaster, Thurs., 2:00 PM.

Brandt, Joan M.
Chapel of St. Anne's Retirement Community, 3952 Columbia Ave., Columbia, Thursday, 11:00 AM. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc.

Eberly, John F.
Reynolds Funeral Home, 144 E. State St., Quarryville. Thurs, 10:00am.

Ebersole, Barbara E.
Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, Thurs., 10:00 AM.

Eshleman, Albert I.
Gundel Funeral Home, 415 North Duke Street, Lancaster, Thurs., 11:00 AM.

Fehl, Charlotte Zeamer
First Presbyterian Church, 140 East Orange St., Lancaster, Thurs., 11:00 AM. Heilig Funeral Home

Gobla, Anna
Richard H. Heisey Funeral Home, 216 South Broad St., Lititz, Thurs., 11:00 AM.

Nies, Ann (King)
East Cocalico Church of the Brethren, Bunker Hill Rd., Reamstown, Thurs., 2:00 PM. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre

Welk, Bette J. Misel
Grace United Methodist Church, 404 Hellam St., Wrightsville. Thurs., 1:00pm. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc.

Wright, Michael D.
First Church of God, 33 East Center St., Lititz, Thurs., 10:00 AM. Spacht Funeral Home

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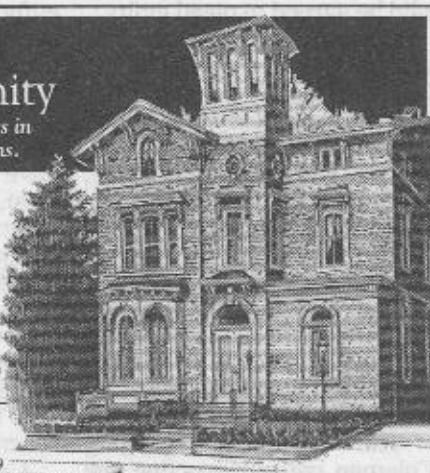
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Margaret Q. Scott

Margaret Q. Scott, 91, formerly of Quarryville and West Chester, died at her home in Conestoga on Tuesday, March 11, 2008. Born in Passaic, NJ, she was the daughter of the late William J. and Matilda McIntyre Quigley.

A graduate of West Philadelphia High School and Pierce Business School, she worked as a secretary for Burrough's Research Center in Paoli and then for Cotter Home North-Nursing Home in West Chester. She was a member of Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 68 years, John E. Scott, of Conestoga and her son, Karl E. Scott, of Phoenixville.

Private interment will take place in Quarryville Cemetery without any formal services. Arrangements by Bachman Funeral Home, Strasburg, PA.

www.bachmanfuneral.com

OTHER OBITUARIES ON PAGE B4

In Loving Memory of Michael Steven Hurst Oct. 4, 1968 - March 13, 2007



One Year Later

Gone but not
Forgotten

My brother Mike was an awesome guy. I don't know why he had to die. You were so cute as a little boy, you smiled at me and brought me joy.

We wish so much that you were here, or just down "At Cowboy's" havin' a beer. It's happy thoughts that will get us through, like all the fun we shared with you.

And now my poem will come to an end, until the day we meet again.

With all our Love

From Sis, Marty, Tim, Jay,
Trevor, And the Rest of
the Family

OBITUARIES

Nathaniel Berger

Nathaniel Berger, 86, Stevens, went home to be with Jesus on March 11, 2008, in Ephrata Hospital following a 6-month illness.

Born in Tilden Twp., Berks Co., he was a son of

John H. and Cora Mae (Moyer) Berger, and the husband of Kathryn A. (Heitz) Berger for 58 years.

He was member of Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, Swartzville, and a longtime member of the Muddy Creek Cemetery board.

A 1940 graduate of Hamburg H. S., he was a self-employed farmer. He also retired from Weave Corporation, Denver, provided transportation for local team Mennonite families and enjoyed public sales and bus trips.

Also surviving: daughters, Linda K. and Brenda A. Berger, at home; sisters, Clara A. Bomberger, Lancaster; and Cora E. Dippner, Stevens; and a brother, David D. (Debra Schaffer) Berger, Rothsville.

He was predeceased by a sister, Kathryn Wink, and brothers, John and Claude.

FUNERAL: Saturday, March 15, 11 AM, Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, 11 S. Muddy Creek Rd., Denver, PA 17517. **BURIAL:** Muddy Creek Cemetery. **VIEWINGS:** Friday, 7-9 PM, Good Funeral Home, Reamstown & Saturday, 10-11 AM, at church.

www.goodfuneral.com

Frank P. Van Aulen

Frank P. Van Aulen, 81, of Lancaster, entered into rest on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at Conestoga View.

Born September 18, 1926, in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Frank A. and Mary Jane (Haus) Van Aulen.

A Veteran of the Korean Conflict, Frank proudly served his country with the U.S. Army. He was a foreman at the former Slaymaker Lock in Lancaster for over 32 years.

Maude E. (Labezius) Dickens

Maude E. (Labezius) Dickens, 90, died Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at York



Lutheran Nursing and Rehabilitation Village at Sprenkle Drive. She was the wife of the late Alfred D. Dickens.

A celebration of life service will be held 10 a.m., Friday, March 14, 2008 at Heffner Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc., 1551 Kenneth Rd., York, with her pastor, the Rev. Jeffrey S. Swanger, officiating. Burial will be held in Prospect Hill Cemetery. There will be no viewing or visitation.

Mrs. Dickens was born June 3, 1917 in Lancaster, a daughter of the late Harry and Nora E. (Stokes) Labezius.

She was employed with the former Doc Spun as a utility girl for 10 years, until her retirement in 1984.

A member of Trinity United Methodist Church in York, she also had passion for traveling and traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe.

Mrs. Dickens is survived by many loving nieces and nephews and devoted friends. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Earl, Russell, Charles, Merle and Howard and four sisters, Anna, Florence, Hazel and Isabel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 241 E. King St., York, PA 17403 and Heartland Hospice of York, 3417-C Concord Rd., York, PA 17402.

Send condolences at:
bestlifetributes.com

Mary Moore Davis

Mary Moore Davis, 88, of Lewisburg, PA died Tuesday morning, March 11, 2008 at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. Born in Pitcairn, PA, she was the daughter of the late Philip Chase and Clara Fehl Moore. She was the wife of the late William C. Davis, Sr. who died

France's last WWI veteran dies

National funeral planned

BY LAURENT PIROT
Associated Press

PARIS — France's last remaining veteran of World War I died Wednesday at age 110 after outliving 8.4 million Frenchmen who fought in what they called "la Grande Guerre."

Lazare Ponticelli, who was born in Italy but chose to fight for France and was a French citizen for most of the past century, died at his home in the Paris suburb of Kremlin-Bicetre, the national veterans' office said.

"It is to him and his generation that we owe in large part the peaceful and pacified Europe of today. It is up to us to be worthy of that," President Nicolas Sarkozy said in a statement.

France planned a national funeral ceremony Monday honoring Ponticelli and all the "poilus," an affectionate term meaning hairy or tough that the French use for their soldiers who fought in World War I.

The 1914-1918 conflict, known at the time as the Great War or the "war to end all wars," tore Europe apart and killed millions. Only a handful of World War I veterans are still living, scattered from Australia to the United States and Europe. Germany's last WWI veteran died on New Year's Day.

Monuments to battles and war dead cover swathes of France where trenches once divided the landscape during



Associated Press

Italian-born Lazare Ponticelli, the only remaining French veteran of World War I, at his 110th birthday celebration at the National History of Immigration Museum in Paris, in December 2007. Ponticelli has died at the age of 110, the French presidency announced Wednesday.

the war, which left 1.4 million French fighters dead.

Ponticelli was born Dec. 7, 1897, in Bettola, a town in northern Italy.

To escape a tough childhood, Ponticelli trooped off alone at age 9 to the nearest railway station, 21 miles away in Piacenza, where he took a train to join his brothers in France, eventually becoming a French citizen, according to the veterans' office in Versailles.

In the French capital, he worked as a chimney sweep and then as a newspaper boy. When the war broke out, he was just 16, so he lied about his age to enlist, the president's statement said.

Ponticelli decided to fight

for France, because it had taken him in.

"It was my way of saying 'Thank you,'" he said in a 2005 interview with the newspaper Le Monde.

Ponticelli joined the Foreign Legion during the war and served in the Argonne region of forest, rivers and lakes in northeast France, digging burial pits and trenches.

"At the beginning, we barely knew how to fight and had hardly any ammunition. Every time that one of us died, we fell silent and waited for our turn," he said in the 2005 interview.

He also recalled running into no man's land to save a wounded comrade stuck in barbed wire.

"He was shouting, 'Come and get me, I've severed a leg.' The stretcher-bearers didn't dare go out. I couldn't bear it any longer," he said.

When Italy entered the war in 1915, Ponticelli was called up to fight with an Italian Alpine regiment. He tried to hide, but was found and sent to fight the Austrian army.

He described moments of fraternity with enemy Austrian soldiers.

"They gave us tobacco, and we gave them loaves of bread. No one was shooting any more. The headquarters found out and moved us to a tougher zone," he told Le Monde.

He described the joy in receiving letters from a milkmaid who "adopted" him when he was serving in Italy. He couldn't read at the time, so comrades read them to him, according to a biography by the Versailles veterans' office.

He returned to France in 1921, and he and his brothers started a company that made factory smokestacks. The company, Ponticelli Freres, grew into a manufacturer of specialized industrial equipment and is still in business.

Ponticelli became a French citizen in 1939, his nephew said.

His family was uncomfortable with the elaborate national funeral ceremony planned. Ponticelli agreed to one before his death, as long as it honored all the poilus and not just himself.

"We are trying to keep this a bit personal. We didn't want all this ceremony," said his grandnephew, Daniel Ponticelli.

He will be interred in a family burial plot in Paris.

Pa. House votes for Democratic health plan for uninsured adults

BY MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press

HARRISBURG — A billion-dollar-plus plan to help about 270,000 uninsured Pennsylvania adults get state-subsidized health coverage cleared a major hurdle Wednesday in the state House.

execute it in a fashion that would meet the expectations that are being set forth," he said.

Funding would come from the federal Medicaid program, premiums paid by the people who are covered, tobacco settlement money currently used for the state's

"What we're saying is, if you pay your employees crappy, you'll qualify for a grant, but if you don't, you won't," said Rep. Scott Boyd, R-Lancaster. "It doesn't make any sense."

The program would be similar to the adultBasic insurance program that

legislation as a step in the right direction.

Republicans failed in an effort to have the bill sent back to the Insurance Committee, arguing that the legislation was riddled with holes and needed public hearings.

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Born September 18, 1926, in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Frank A. and Mary Jane (Haus) Van Aulen.

A Veteran of the Korean Conflict, Frank proudly served his country with the U.S. Army. He was a foreman at the former Slaymaker Lock in Lancaster for over 32 years.

Frank was a member of the Safe Harbor United Methodist Church, Conestoga, PA.

He is survived by two sons, Scott D. Van Aulen, of Lancaster, Shane M. Van Aulen, of Millersville; two sisters, Teresa Johnson, of Lititz, Agnes Bauman, of Leola and a brother, Paul Van Aulen, of Columbia.

Funeral Services will be held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA, 717-872-2266 on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 2 PM. Interment will be in the Riverview Burial Park, Lancaster, PA with military rites accorded by the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard. Friends may visit with the family at Scheid's on Monday between 1 and 2 PM. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: www.scheidfuneralhome.com

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Mary Moore Davis, 88, of Lewisburg, PA died Tuesday morning, March 11, 2008 at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. Born in Pitcairn, PA, she was the daughter of the late Philip Chase and Clara Fehl Moore. She was the wife of the late William C. Davis, Sr., who died in 1990.

Mary was an active member of Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church in Lewisburg where she served on numerous committees and administrative boards. She was a graduate of Clearfield Hospital School of Nursing and studied nursing at University of Pittsburgh. Most of her career was spent as Director of Nursing at Ziegler Student Health Services at Bucknell University. She took a leave of absence from Bucknell in order to help establish and develop the nursing services at Lewisburg United Methodist Home.

She showed her pride for her community by volunteering her time with the Civic Club, Garden Club, Council of the Arts, and the Packwood House and Slifer House Museums. She also volunteered raising funds for various charitable organizations. Her favorite things in life were traveling with her husband and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters, Deborah D., wife of Roy H. Tryon of Columbia, SC and Rebecca A. Davis of Lewisburg; a son, William C., Jr., husband of Susan L. Rittenhouse Davis of Elizabethtown, PA; four grandsons, Matthew Tryon, John Hurt, William Hurt, and Peter Davis; and a granddaughter, Charlotte Tryon Cantrell. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Catherine, Alta Mae, and Phyllis, and a brother, Philip.

Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral on Saturday morning, March 15, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church, 42 South 3rd Street, Lewisburg with The Rev. Brian D. Vasey and The Rev. Gary S. George officiating. Interment will follow in the Lewisburg Cemetery. There will be no viewing. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements by Spence Funeral Services, Manheim, PA.

BY MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press

HARRISBURG — A billion-dollar-plus plan to help about 270,000 uninsured Pennsylvania adults get state-subsidized health coverage cleared a major hurdle Wednesday in the state House.

The 114-81 vote followed a nine-hour debate during which backers promoted the proposal as the next logical step to follow recent state laws that cover children and pay prescription costs for the elderly. The amendment still needs a final House vote and faces an uncertain fate in the Senate.

The sponsor, Rep. Todd Eachus, D-Luzerne, said it is nearly impossible to survive in modern society without health insurance.

"For House Democrats, access to affordable health care to working families is the key in all of our districts," he said after the vote.

Minority Leader Sam Smith, R-Jefferson, said he was concerned about the price tag, which is expected to reach \$1.1 billion by 2012-13.

"This program, fully implemented as it's proposed, is going to require a huge increase in revenues to properly run it and

execute it in a fashion that would meet the expectations that are being set forth," he said.

Funding would come from the federal Medicaid program, premiums paid by the people who are covered, tobacco settlement money currently used for the state's existing health-insurance subsidy for adults and money that helps doctors pay medical malpractice insurance premiums.

Legal U.S. residents ages 19 to 64 who meet income guidelines and have gone six months without insurance would qualify for what would be known as the Pennsylvania Access to Basic Care program. People at higher incomes would pay monthly premiums.

The money also would help companies with fewer than 50 employees provide health insurance as long as coverage is offered to each employee, and half the employees participate. Companies also would have to pay relatively lower wages to qualify.

"What we're saying is, if you pay your employees crappy, you'll qualify for a grant, but if you don't, you won't," said Rep. Scott Boyd, R-Lancaster. "It doesn't make any sense."

The program would be similar to the adultBasic insurance program that currently covers about 55,000 people and eliminate adultBasic's 80,000-person waiting list. But it would add four types of coverage to what is available under

adultBasic: prescriptions, behavioral health, prevention and wellness and chronic disease management.

Physicians would still be eligible for the malpractice subsidy if they consent to treat patients covered by the new health care program as well as those under the Cover All Kids health-insurance program passed in 2006.

A spokesman for Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell, who wants to cover all 800,000 uninsured Pennsylvania adults, said the governor was supportive of the

legislation as a step in the right direction.

Republicans failed in an effort to have the bill sent back to the Insurance Committee, arguing that the legislation was riddled with holes and needed public hearings.

"Surely, those people who provide medical care — doctors, surgeons, therapists, insurance companies — and those who need medical care, the 12 million Pennsylvanians we represent, have an interest in this bill and whether this bill is the right solution," said Rep. Kate Harper, R-Montgomery.

Democrats accused Republicans of obstructionist tactics, but Smith said his caucus was committed to its own plan and worried that Eachus' approach would lead to higher taxes.

"The Senate is going to fall down much closer to our side of the ledger than what these guys have proposed," he said afterward.

Eachus said that if additional money could be found in future state budgets, he will support widening the program. His legislation was an omnibus amendment to a bill that already passed the Senate that extended the doctors' malpractice subsidy into 2008.

Ex-Pa. trooper to plead guilty to tipping off pimps

HARRISBURG (AP) — A former Pennsylvania state trooper tipped off pimps who ran a child-prostitution ring in exchange for money and sex, federal prosecutors said Wednesday.

Kevin Judas Coleman Sr., 42, of Harrisburg was charged with interfering with a nationwide investigation into a ring that used women and teenagers as prostitutes. Prosecutors said he agreed to plead guilty.

Coleman was assigned to anti-prostitution patrols at the Gables Truck Stop along Interstate 81 near Harrisburg when pimps — many from Toledo, Ohio — were operating there, prosecutors said. He was accused of disclosing investigative details, cell phone wiretaps and police sweeps.

The federal investigation known as Precious Cargo led to the conviction of 14 pimps and two lead prostitutes, most of whom await sentencing.

The document charging Coleman with obstructing the

due administration of justice said a pimp let him have sex with a prostitute in exchange for arresting a competitor's prostitutes.

It also claimed that the trooper gave his work schedule to a pimp and his prostitutes so they knew when they could work without fear of arrest.

Coleman's actions were uncovered after investigators heard that someone in law enforcement was tipping off suspects, said Acting U.S. Attorney Martin Carlson in Harrisburg.

"It is always serious when law-enforcement officials who have a public trust violate that trust," Carlson said. "We owe an obligation to the public to serve the public's interest solely."

Coleman resigned from the force Jan. 28, after learning he was under investigation. The 14-year veteran's final salary was \$71,000. A phone message left for his attorney, Royce Morris, was not returned.

Carlson's office said Wednesday

that Coleman would be sent a summons, and his bail would be set once he appeared in court.

The federal indictment in December 2005 that broke up the prostitution ring described it as a "loose confederacy" where pimps worked together to avoid police and run their business. The women and girls were moved from state to state and "sold" between pimps.

At least nine were under 18 when they were forced into working as prostitutes, authorities said, and in one case a 12-year-old girl was forced to engage in prostitution to pay for her grandfather's crack cocaine.

The pimps were indicted in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Michigan, and the investigation was considered one of the largest coordinated efforts to break up child prostitution rings in the United States.

Investigators said they identified at least 125 women who worked as prostitutes for the ring in the Harrisburg area.

Police: Executive beaten to death

READING (AP) — Reading police say a supermarket executive killed over the weekend was beaten to death.

The body of 55-year-old Gary W. Redner of Redner's Wholesale Markets was found Sunday morning outside a neighbor's house in Lower Heidelberg Township.

Redner had been in Ganly's Pub & Restaurant less than a quarter-mile from his house on the night before he was found dead. But authorities say they are not aware of any trouble at the establishment before he left.

State police say they are working around the clock to try to solve the killing. Lt. Thomas G. McDaniel says investigators are looking at a variety of possible motives.

The family has put up \$10,000 to raise to \$20,000 the reward offered for information leading to an arrest.