

## DEATHS REPORTED

**Bender, John S. Jr.**  
81, of 242 Colebrook Rd., Elizabethtown. May 18, 2008. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc. 653-5441

**Charles, Helen Mae \***  
85, Denver Nursing Home. May 18, 2008. Gravenor Home For Funerals, Inc. 733-6181

**Dexter, Norma R. (Scheid)**  
81, of Lancaster. May 18, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266

**Glover, Robert L. Jr. \***  
51, husband of Daphne M. (Benjamin), of Lancaster. May 18, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266

**Hartung, Jeanne L.**  
80. May 18, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 560-5100

**Hussain, Abdul Rashid**  
75, of Columbia. May 18, 2008. Gundel Funeral Home, Inc. 393-1776

**Jones, Edward E.**  
91, husband of Agnes I. Sholly Jones, of Lititz. May 18, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 560-5100

**Nesbit, Ruth D.**  
86, of Messiah Village, Mechanicsburg. May 18, 2008. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097

**Rote, Lola A.**  
84, wife of Luther W. Rote, Jr., of Mennonite Home. May 18, 2008. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc. 684-2370

**Seitz, Irmgard E. (Schrautemeier)**  
84, wife of Erwin Seitz, of Lancaster. May 19, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home, Inc. 872-5041

**Shaffer, Thelma R. Balmer**  
81, of Brethren Village, Lancaster. May 18, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341.

**Shane, Tilli Stein**  
86, of Evergreen Estates. May 19, 2008. Fred F. Groff, Inc. 397-8255.

**Simpson, Emma Virginia**

### Jeanne L. Hartung Antique Specialist and Gardener

Jeanne L. Hartung, 80, formerly of 2005 Northbrook Dr., went into God's embrace in the early hours of Sunday morning.



She was the wife of the late Marlowe W. "Bud" Hartung, who passed away in 2001. Born in Northampton, PA, Jeanne was the daughter of the late Paul K. and Ruth L. Miller Kulpcllymer.

She had worked as a secretary for the PA Crop Improvement Assn, as well as Marlowe W. Hartung, Inc.

Jeanne enjoyed her food and loved to entertain, hosting pinochle and bridge parties. She made extravagant holiday meals, painted Easter eggs, and loved putting together Easter baskets for everyone. In years past, she would visit Roots Flea Market, talking to friends and vendors. She had been an antiques dealer and owner of Pandora's Antiques with her family. A quilt and textile enthusiast, she provided Lancaster County's new courthouse annex with a Trip Around The World Quilt.

An accomplished bowler, Jeanne bowled in the Lancaster Bowling League, where she was captain of the "Morning Glorys," from which she received numerous trophies.

She loved to read and watch the Phila. 76ers basketball games on television. Also an avid gardener, Jeanne took great pride in her beautiful flower gardens. She loved to travel with her family and enjoyed her mountain home with her husband and family, where she looked forward to her husband's evening catch of the day.

Recently, she became known as the "Sock Lady" for interesting socks, and had been known as the "Hat Lady," with an extensive collection of hats. She was a woman who didn't feel

### John Root Todd

John Root Todd, 83, of 2726 Burma Road, Columbia, PA, died unexpectedly of natural causes and went home to be with his Lord on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at the Mennonite Home, Lancaster.



Born in Warwick Township, he was the son of the late William D. and Anna Laura Root Todd. A lifelong farmer, John was the owner and operator of his own farm. He was the husband of Mary Kathryn Stauffer Todd, and they observed their 62nd wedding anniversary in December of last year. John was a member of Rohrerstown Mennonite Church. He enjoyed being with his family, meeting people and playing checkers. Surviving in addition to his wife is a son, John S. husband of Elaine Shaub Todd of Cross Junction, VA, daughter, M. Jane Gerlach of Lancaster, daughter, Shirley Harsh of Mount Joy, son, Steven S. husband of Cathy Harnish Todd of Thomasville, daughter, Barbara wife of Lawrence Hershey of Columbia, PA, eleven grandchildren, Katrina Brownie, Christopher Todd, Tera Hoxworth, Britney Harsh, Neil Todd, Renee Todd, Kent Todd, Maria Todd, Amanda Hershey, Amy Hershey, Alan Hershey, one great granddaughter, Julia Brownie, and a sister, Mary R. wife of Lester Rank of Quarryville. He was preceded in death by four brothers, and seven sisters.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service from the Rohrerstown Mennonite Church, 601 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster, PA on Friday, May 23, 2008 at 11:00 AM. Interment in the adjoining church cemetery. There will be a public viewing at the church on Thursday evening from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with additional viewing on Friday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the church. Please omit flowers. Those desiring may send contributions in John's memory to the Mennonite Central Com-

### Thelma R. Balmer Shaffer

Thelma R. Balmer Shaffer, 81, formerly of Manheim, died peacefully and went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at Brethren Village, 3001 Lititz Pike Lancaster.



Born in Rapho Township, she was the daughter of the late Ernest "Ernie" and Lulu Boyd Weaver. Thelma worked as an Administra-

tive Assistant for Elizabeth-town College and later for the Farm Credit Bureau in Lebanon County. She was the wife of the late Morris H. Shaffer who died in 2001. Her first husband, the late J. Harold Balmer, died in 1981. She was a member of the East Fairview Church Of The Brethren Manheim. Thelma was a 1944 graduate of Manheim High School. Her interests included, knitting, crocheting, quilting, flower and vegetable gardening, canning, traveling, and family gatherings. Surviving are two daughters and two sons, Barbara A. wife of Paul G. Smith of Mount Joy, Judith C. wife of Richard A. Hiestler of Lebanon, Richard H. husband of Sarah McKalips Balmer and Steven R. husband of Kathy Doster Balmer all of Manheim. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren, Eric P. Smith, Jody L. Smith-Monahas, Curt L. Smith, Christopher S. Rankin, Bradley Hiestler, Rochelle King, Johnathan C. Balmer, Douglas G. Balmer, Katelynn L. Balmer, Amy E. Balmer, Megan L. Balmer, Michael S. Balmer, seven great grandchildren. Further, she is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Robert Weaver of Charlotte, NC., Donald husband of Fran Weaver of Manheim, Geraldine wife of Quentin Buckwalter and Nancy wife of Gerald Fellenbaum all of Manheim. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ernest Weaver Jr., Wilbur "Whin"

### Norma R. (Scheid) Dexter

Norma R. (Scheid) Dexter, 81, of Lancaster, formerly of Manor Avenue, Millersville, died on Sunday evening, May 18, 2008 at the home of her son and daughter-in-law in Manheim Township after a lengthy illness. Her husband, the late Charles E. Dexter, Sr., died on September 10, 2001.



Norma and her late husband owned and operated the former Brubaker's Jewelry Store in Columbia from 1965 until their retirement in 1981. Earlier in her life, she helped her father in the family's retail produce business in Bausman and continued again after her retirement for her brother and two nephews at Scheid Produce, Inc., Millersville. She was also a licensed beautician and last practiced at her nephew's funeral home, The Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, Millersville from 1995 until 2005.

Born November 18, 1926, in Lancaster, and raised in Bausman, she was the daughter of the late Paul H. and Mabel L. (Waldbauer) Scheid.

Norma was baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Cabbage Hill and was later a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Millersville and was an active volunteer in the church thrift shop. She also was a member of Columbia Chapter No. 366 O.E.S. Norma enjoyed traveling, cooking, baking and working in her flower gardens and yard. She enjoyed spending time with her family and was an active member of the former Columbia Chapter of the Deborah Heart and Lung Center. In her last months she enjoyed attending the Lancaster Generations Adult Day Care.

Surviving is her son, Charles "Charlie" E. Dexter, Jr. married to Christine (Halbig), of Lancaster; two grandsons, Patrick L. Dexter (Maggie), of Pittsburgh and Kevin R. Dexter (Meghan), of Arlington, VA; one sister, Mary Magdalene (Scheid) Plasterer of Manheim;

### Tilli Stein Shane

Tilli Stein Shane, age 86, of Evergreen Estates, passed away on Monday at the Essa Flory Center of Hospice of Lancaster County.

Born in Gravenwiczbach, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Fritz and Emma Grimm and the wife of the late Charles K. Shane who died in 1996.

Tilli was employed on the production line at the former Schick Electric Company and Woodstream Company.

She was a member of Church of the Apostles United Church of Christ and the German American Club.

Tilli loved flowers, plants and gardening. Her family thought of her as a very strong and brave woman.

Surviving is a son Gunter H., husband of Anita L. Stein, Lake Winnebago, MO, a daughter Patricia K. Shane, one grandchild, two great-grandchildren and nieces and nephew who live in Germany. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Helmut Stein and a brother Werner Grimm.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Tilli's Life Celebration service at the Funeral Home of Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA, on Thursday at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Dr. Tyson L. Frey officiating. Interment in Conestoga Memorial Park. Friends may call at Groff's on Thursday from 10:00 AM until time of service. Please omit flowers. If desired, memorial contributions may be sent in Tilli's name to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Dr., P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

www.lifecelebration.com

### Irmgard E. (Schrautemeier) Seitz

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81, of Brethren Village, Lancaster. May 18, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341.

**Shane, Tilli Stein**  
86, of Evergreen Estates. May 19, 2008. Fred F. Groff, Inc. 397-8255.

**Simpson, Emma Virginia**  
90, of Christiana. May 16, 2008. Rigby Harting & Hagan, 610-566-3755

**Todd, John Root**  
83, husband of Mary Kathryn Stauffer Todd, of 2726 Burma Road, Columbia. May 18, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341

**Wagner, Robert P. Jr. \***  
58, of 125 North Locust Street, Apt. 7, Elizabethtown. May 15, 2008. Spence Funeral Services, 664-2270

**Witmer, Margaret J.**  
86, of Lancaster. May 18, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 560-5100

\* No Obituary appears

travel with her family and enjoyed her mountain home with her husband and family, where she looked forward to her husband's evening catch of the day.

Recently, she became known as the "Sock Lady" for interesting socks, and had been known as the "Hat Lady," with an extensive collection of hats. She was a woman who didn't feel complete going out without her hat and pocketbook.

Jeanne was a former member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where she had taught Sunday School. She was a direct descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

She is survived by her four children: Melissa Hartung, married to William Brenner of Lancaster, Keith married to Cathy Hartung of Delaware, Brant E. Hartung of Waterville, PA, and Pamela J. Hartung of Maine; her three grandchildren: Lokshmi, Alisha, and Raevynn; and by her sister, Marilyn R. Quay of Allentown.

Friends will be received on Thursday from 6:30-7:00 PM at the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA, with the memorial service to follow at 7:00 PM, the Rev. John Smaligo officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery in Allentown, PA. To send an online condolence, please visit:  
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ceremony. There will be a public viewing at the church on Thursday evening from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with additional viewing on Friday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the church. Please omit flowers. Those desiring may send contributions in John's memory to the Mennonite Central Committee, 21 South 12th Street, P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500. The Buch Funeral Home, Manheim, PA in charge of arrangements. For further information or to send the family a message of condolence, you may visit our website at:  
[www.buchfuneral.com](http://www.buchfuneral.com)

## Emma Virginia Simpson

Emma Virginia Simpson, age 90, of Christiana, formerly of Media, PA, died May 16, 2008 at her home.

Born and raised in Media, Mrs. Simpson worked for 25 years as a meat packer at Habbersetts Brothers, Inc. She was a member of Calvary Monument Bible Church.

Mrs. Simpson donated to various charities, Humane League and St. Jude Feed The Children. She enjoyed drawing, painting, reading and yard sales. She loved being with and taking care of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, the late Douglas W. Simpson, her daughter, the late Barb V. Dugan, and her grandson, the late Chris Simpson.

Surviving are her son, Douglas F. Simpson, of Christiana; six grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11:00 AM at the Rigby Harting & Hagan Funeral Home, 15 E. Fourth St., Media. Visitation will be Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 AM at the funeral home. Burial will be in Media Cemetery, Media.

Arrangements by the Rigby Harting & Hagan F.H.

## Abdul Rashid Hussain

Abdul Rashid Hussain, 75, of Columbia, died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at Lancaster General Hospital. He was born July 7, 1932, in Quetta, Pakistan. Mr. Hussain is survived by his wife, two sons, and five daughters.

Funeral services and burial will be private and held at the discretion of the family. Arrangements by the Gundel Funeral Home, Inc. For additional information or to send a condolence, please call 717-393-1776 or visit:  
[www.gundelfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundelfuneralhome.com)

g grandchildren. Further, she is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Robert Weaver of Charlotte, NC., Donald husband of Fran Weaver of Manheim, Geraldine wife of Quentin Buckwalter and Nancy wife of Gerald Fellenbaum all of Manheim. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ernest Weaver Jr., Wilbur "Whip" Weaver, and Eugene "Jim" Weaver.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service from the East Fairview Church Of The Brethren, 1187 Fairview Road Manheim on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Jimm A. Roland and Pastor Dana E. Statler officiating. Interment will be held in the adjoining church cemetery. There will be a public viewing at the Buch Funeral Home, 21 Market Square Manheim on Wednesday evening from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM with additional viewing on Thursday morning at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Please omit flowers. Those desiring may send contributions in Thelma's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County P. O. Box 4125 Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or Alzheimer's Association, South Central PA Chapter, 3544 North Progress Avenue, Suite 205, Harrisburg, PA 17110. The Buch Funeral Home Manheim in charge of arrangements. Please visit our website at [www.buchfuneral.com](http://www.buchfuneral.com) for further information or to send the family a message of condolence.

## Edward E. Jones

Edward E. Jones, 91, of Lititz died Sunday, May 18, 2008 at Ephrata Hospital. He was born in Mount Carmel, PA. Edward was the husband of Agnes I. Sholly Jones, and they were married for 60 years. Ed worked in the warehouse of Raub Supply Company for 40 years. He served in the US Army as a Military Policeman during WWII in Hawaii.

Surviving besides his wife are two stepsons: Clayton Wardrop of Denver, PA and James, husband of Virginia Wardrop of Lancaster.

A graveside service will be held at Conestoga Memorial Park, 92 Second Lock Road, Lancaster, PA on Friday, May 23, 2008 at 11:00 AM. Arrangements are by the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel. To send condolences, please visit:  
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er Generations Adult Day Care.

Surviving is her son, Charles "Charlie" E. Dexter, Jr. married to Christine (Halbig), of Lancaster; two grandsons, Patrick L. Dexter (Maggie), of Pittsburgh and Kevin R. Dexter (Meghan), of Arlington, VA; one sister, Mary Magdalene (Scheid) Plasterer, of Manheim; two brothers, Paul H. Scheid, Jr., of Millersville and Harold D. Scheid married to Lois (Arnold) Scheid, of Pottstown; several nieces, nephews and cousins as well as family throughout the USA and Germany.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Christian Prayer Service from the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA, 717-872-2266 on Friday, May 23, 2008 at 10 A.M. with the Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Smith officiating. Interment will be in the Scheid family plot in the St. Joseph New Catholic Cemetery, Bausman, PA. Friends may view at Scheid's on Thursday evening between 7 and 9 P.M. and also on Friday between 9 and 10 A.M. Kindly omit flowers. Memorial Remembrances can be made in Norma's memory to the Deborah Hospital Foundation, 20 Pine Mill Road, Browns Mills, NJ 08015. For online condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at:  
[www.scheidfuneralhome.com](http://www.scheidfuneralhome.com)

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## Irmgard E. (Schrautemeier) Seitz

Irmgard E. (Schrautemeier) Seitz, 84, of Lancaster, passed away on Monday May 19th, 2008 at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Muenster, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Bernard and Maria (Nillis) Schrautemeier. Irmgard was married to Erwin Seitz for 59 years.

Mrs. Seitz was President and Co-Owner of the former G.E. Richards Inc. in Lancaster. She was a member of the American Business Women's Association and St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Surviving besides her husband is one daughter, Liane G., married to Ernest Beardsley of Lancaster, several nieces and nephews in Germany. She is preceded in death by a son, Garry J. Seitz, who passed away August 7, 2007.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Irmgard's memory to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 501 East Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17602. Arrangements by the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home Inc., 441 North George Street, Millersville, 872-5041. To send an online condolence, please visit:  
[www.snyderfuneralhome.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhome.com)

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## OTHER OBITUARIES ON PAGE B4

# SERVICES TODAY

**Breneman, Jane Spong**  
Chapel at First Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Orange St., Tuesday, 10 AM. Fred F. Groff, Inc.

**Drumm, Richard C., Sr.**  
Reynolds Funeral Home, 144 East State Street, Quarryville, Tuesday, 11 AM.

**Groome-Ward, Brittney A.**  
Kreamer Funeral Home, 618 E. Main St., Annville, Tuesday, 5 PM.

**Mackley, Robert E.**  
Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Tuesday, 10 AM.

**Masluk, Helen**  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 320 Church Avenue, Ephrata, Tuesday, 11 AM. Stradling Funeral Homes.

**McCreary, Arlene R.**  
Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home Inc., 414 E. King St., Tuesday, 11 AM.

**Meyer, Lucille D.**  
Mt. Zion Rd. Church of the Brethren, 2087 Mt. Zion Rd. Lebanon, Tuesday, 1 PM. Strauss-Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home.

**Minich, Harry F., III**  
Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, Tuesday, 7 PM.

**Nitroy, Thomas J.**  
Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3825 Concordia Rd., Columbia, Tuesday, 11 AM. Fred F. Groff Inc.

**Simpson, Emma Virginia**  
Rigby Harting & Hagan, 15 E. Fourth St., Media, Tues., 11:00 AM.

**Slabach, Fern M.**  
Roseboro Funeral Home, 533 Walnut St., Denver, Tuesday, 10 AM.

**Spangler, Ellen K.**  
Stradling Funeral Home, 201 Church Avenue, Ephrata, Tuesday, 2 PM.

**Sprout, Janet L.**  
Salem Lutheran Church of Kissel Hill, 26 Owl Hill Road, Lititz, Tuesday, 11 AM. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc.



# OBITUARIES

## Lola A. Rote

Lola A. Rote, 84, formerly of Columbia, went home to be with the Lord early Sunday morning, May 18, 2008 at the Mennonite Home where she had resided with her husband, Luther W. Rote, Jr. for the past month.

Born in Millersville, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Olive Harnish Herr. A homemaker, Lola worked for 18 years in the cafeteria at the Columbia High School, retiring in 1991. She had also worked at the former Hamilton Watch Company. She was a member of the Columbia United Methodist Church where she taught Toddler Sunday School and participated in the Women's Society of the Church. She was also a graduate of Penn Manor High School Class of 1942.

She will be greatly missed by her family which includes her husband of 60 years, Luther W. Rote, Jr.; daughters, Nancy wife of John Berdiner, Landisville; Kathy wife of Rick Moser, Columbia and Patricia wife of Brian Groft, Ellicott City, MD; grandchildren, John, Ryan, and Chad Berdiner; Jill, Jennifer, and Jamie Moser; Lauren and Abbey Groft and great-grandchildren, Emma and Noah Berdiner. A brother, J. Kenneth Herr and his wife Corrine (Thumma) of Ephrata also survive. Her siblings, Marvin Herr, Samuel Myers Herr and Olive Kellish, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held from the Columbia United Methodist Church, Fifth and Walnut Streets, Columbia, PA on Friday, May 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. Jeffrey A. Snyder, officiating. Interment in Longenecker's Mennonite Cemetery. Friends may call at the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 519 Walnut Street, Columbia, PA on Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday at the church one hour prior to the funeral service. At the request of the family, kindly omit flowers.

## Ruth D. Nesbit Kindergarten Teacher

Ruth D. Nesbit, 86, died on Sunday, May 18. She had resided for the past year in skilled nursing care at Messiah Village, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Nesbit taught kindergarten in Lancaster County at the James Buchanan and Nathan Scheaffer elementary schools from 1964 to 1979. Earlier, she taught nursery school in Lancaster and State College and was on the staff of the YWCA in Youngstown, Ohio.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Nesbit had served on the boards of the Lancaster YWCA and the Millersville University Campus Club. She was a member of PEO Chapters AK and BQ.

Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late John L. Davies and Nora Miller Davies.

She was a graduate of Sharon High School and Slippery Rock State College.

She was married for 53 years to the late Daun W. Nesbit.

Her brother, J. L. "Lew" Davies, formerly of Meadville, Pennsylvania, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Marion J., of Wayland, Massachusetts; a son, David D., married to Marcia Miller Nesbit of Mechanicsburg; five grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Locke, who resides in Cortland, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster on Sunday, May 25, at 2:00 PM. The Nesbit family will greet guests at the church after the memorial service. Instead of flowers, her family requests that memorial gifts be made in Ruth Nesbit's memory to assist in the education of seminary students by contributing to the "Sending Fund" of the First Presbyterian Church, 140 East Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17602.

## John S. Bender, Jr.

John S. Bender Jr., 81, of 242 Colebrook Rd., Elizabethtown died Sunday, May 18, 2008 at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. His wife, Mary Belle Wachstetter Bender, died Jan. 20, 2005.

John retired from the former Fuller Company of Manheim in 1988 after 26 years of employment. A veteran of WWII, he served in the Navy on the destroyer USS Duluth in the South Pacific escorting aircraft carriers as they covered the initial occupation of Japan.

He was a lifelong member of Mount Calvary Church in Elizabethtown and volunteered his time doing carpentry, maintenance, and woodworking. A motorcycle enthusiast, he was a member of the American Motorcycle Association and enjoyed attending races and shows.

Born in Milton Grove, he was the son of the late John S. Sr., and Myrtle Frey Bender. He is survived by three children, Jo Ann married to Rance Phillips, Mount Joy; Barry, married to Beverly (Thompson) Bender, Manheim; and David G. Bender, Elizabethtown. Three grandchildren, Tracy Davis, Todd Phillips, married to Lonny (Simora) Phillips, and Erika Bender. There are also 2 great grandsons, Bobby and Andy Davis. Also surviving are two brothers, George of Milton Grove and Leroy Bender of Mount Joy.

A Funeral Service honoring John's life will be held from the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy on Thursday, May 22, at 1 PM. Interment to follow in the Camp Hill Cemetery. John's family will receive friends at the Sheetz Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 and again on Thursday from 12 noon until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of John may be made to Holli-

## Margaret J. Witmer

Margaret J. Witmer (Bender), 86, of Lancaster passed away Sunday, May 18, 2008 at home. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Myrtle (White) Rittenhouse. Margaret was married to the late Roy M. Bender before he passed in 1969. She was the widow of the late Raymond Witmer.

Margaret was previously employed by the office of Pete Schweik, School District of Lancaster and the County of Lancaster. She enjoyed playing bingo and traveling to Wildwood Beach with her family. Margaret loved all animals, especially her dogs. She loved being with her family, and they were her life.

Margaret is survived by 5 sons: Larry Stark husband of Jan of Pequea, James Fochl of Lancaster, Roy Bender Jr. husband of Sharon of Mount Joy, Robert Witmer husband of Cindy of Lancaster, and Dave Witmer of York; 3 daughters: Bonnie Foltz wife of John of Lancaster, Debbie Sultzbach wife of Cyril of Lancaster, and Margaret Hull wife of James of Millersville; a stepdaughter: Lori Ann Dang wife of Tim of York; 21 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; 4 step grandchildren; 1 step great-grandchild; and a sister, Betty Stoll.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Heartland Hospice, 217 Granite Run Drive, Suite 200, Lancaster, PA 17601; Christ Lutheran Church, 407 Lafayette St., Lancaster 17603; or the Humane League, 2195 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602.

A Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz 17543 at 11 a.m. with the Rev. James Emerick officiating. The family will receive friends before the service from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Landis Valley Mennonite

## CAMPUS NEWS

### HONORS

◆ Donovan E. Tann of East Petersburg, a 2008 Eastern Mennonite University honors graduate, has received a major fellowship award for graduate study.

An English major with a minor in church music, Tann was one of 15 students nationwide accepted into the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program operated by Valparaiso (Ind.) University. He was selected from among 67 students nominated from the 89 schools that are members of the Lilly Fellows Program National Network of church-related colleges and universities.

Tann, who graduated summa cum laude from EMU, plans to enroll in a combined master of arts and Ph.D English literature program at Temple University. He also has received an assistantship there.

◆ Elizabeth Velardo was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Collegiate Scholastic Honor Society at Clarion University, where she is a computer science major. Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society for college freshman.

She is the daughter of Marilyn and Frank Velardo of Lancaster.

◆ Anna Gerz was inducted into the French Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi, at Loyola College where she is a double major in Communications and French. She also was named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

A 2006 graduate of Manheim Township High School, she is the daughter of George and Carole Gerz.

### GRADUATIONS

◆ Stephanie Lantz of Strasburg graduated from Union University on May 17 with a bachelor of science in nursing.

A graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School, she is the daughter of Paul and Shirley Lantz.

◆ Jamie Witbeck graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree from James Madison University. She also received the Scholar's Award for highest grade-point average in her major and the Althea Loose Johnson award for Most Distinguished Student.

◆ Ryan Heichel recently graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh College of Business Administration with a degree in accounting and a certificate in leadership and ethics.

He is the son of Dan and Karyn Heichel of Lancaster.

◆ Four area residents graduated from Penn State Harrisburg on May 17: Kristian H. Caskey of Elizabethtown, elementary education; Caitlin M. Downs of Elizabethtown, interdisciplinary humanities; Christopher L. Kantz of Mount Joy; and Jennifer Hannahoe of Lancaster, accounting.

The four were among the first students to enter Penn State Harrisburg as freshmen in 2004 when the college completed its transformation to a four-year undergraduate institution.

### DEAN'S LIST

◆ Kourtney Heichel was named to the dean's list for the fall and spring semesters at the University of Pittsburgh, where she is a pre-occupational therapy major pursuing a bachelor's degree in speech and communication disorders.

She is the daughter of Dan and Karyn Heichel of Lancaster.

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in Longenecker's Mennonite Cemetery. Friends may call at the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 519 Walnut Street, Columbia, PA on Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday at the church one hour prior to the funeral service. At the request of the family, kindly omit flowers. Contributions in Lola's memory would be deeply appreciated to the Columbia United Methodist Church, 510 Walnut Street, Columbia, PA 17512 or the American Diabetes Association, 3544 North Progress Avenue, Suite 101, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

family will greet guests at the church after the memorial service. Instead of flowers, her family requests that memorial gifts be made in Ruth Nesbit's memory to assist in the education of seminary students by contributing to the "Sending Fund" of the First Presbyterian Church, 140 East Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17602. Arrangements by the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 717-394-4097. For other information or to send an online condolence to the family, visit our website at [www.kearneyasniderfuneralhome.com](http://www.kearneyasniderfuneralhome.com)

terment to follow in the Camp Hill Cemetery. John's family will receive friends at the Sheetz Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 and again on Thursday from 12 noon until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of John may be made to Hollidaysburg Veterans Home, P.O. Box 319, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648-0319. Condolences may be directed to: [www.sheetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sheetsfuneralhome.com)

held Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz 17543 at 11 a.m. with the Rev. James Emerick officiating. The family will receive friends before the service from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery. To send an online condolence or for more information, please visit: [www.snyderfuneralhome.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhome.com)

mester. A 2006 graduate of Manheim Township High School, she is the daughter of George and Carole Gerz. [jroberts@lnpnews.com](mailto:jroberts@lnpnews.com) or mail them to Jack Roberts, c/o Intelligencer Journal, 8 W. King St., P.O. Box 1328, Lancaster, PA 17608-1328.

## Area residents receive degrees from Alvernia College

The following local residents graduated from Alvernia College at the school's 50th anniversary celebration.

Receiving master's of business administration degrees were James Derek Chadwick of Ephrata, corporate; Melissa Marie Lutchkus of Lancaster, marketing and communications; and Tina Marie Wolf of Stevens, human resources.

Receiving master's in education degrees were Paul Eugene Gladfelter of Quarryville, educational leadership; Bill Jimenez of Lancaster, educational leadership; Stacie Lynn King of Narvon, urban education; and John Steve McTaggart of Lancaster, educational leadership.

Receiving master's of science degrees in occupational therapy were Stephanie Marie Long of Denver, summa cum laude; Kristen Lynn Hogan of Lititz; and Katherine Lynn Schultz of Efters.

Receiving bachelor of arts degrees were Denise Beth Kramer of Myerstown, elementary education, summa cum laude; Brandi Nicole Light of Myerstown, sport management; Stacey Jo Breneman of Ephrata, elementary education, magna cum laude; Laura Lynn Borja of Bowmansville, elementary education, cum laude; Dawn M. Beiswenger of Denver, criminal justice, cum laude; Jennifer Marie Weber

of Ephrata, elementary education; David Richard Witwer of Ephrata, criminal justice, cum laude; Jocelyn M. Gardner of Reinholds, elementary education, cum laude; Julieanne Isabel Davis of Lancaster, psychology; Adam C. Flurry of Lancaster, criminal justice, cum laude; and Stacey Jo Breneman of Ephrata, elementary education, magna cum laude.

Receiving bachelor of science degrees were Justin Michael Ludwig of New Holland, mathematics and communication, cum laude; Sandra Diane Greiner of Reanstown, business administration magna cum laude; Kathleen E. Rammer of Stevens, business administration, magna cum laude; Kimberly L. Horn of Lancaster, biochemistry.

Receiving bachelor of science degrees in nursing were Linda Faye Balsbaugh of Myerstown; Elizabeth Rae Clemens of Myerstown; Lauren Nicole Smuck of East Petersburg; Rachel Dianne Croyle of Ephrata; Sara Beth Martzall of Ephrata; Julianna Potteiger of Ephrata, magna cum laude; Veronica Lee Uber of Ephrata; Kristin Jean Moyer of Reinholds, magna cum laude; Julie Ann Sheidy of Reinholds, summa cum laude; and Shana Ching Li Tan of Stevens.

Receiving a bachelor of social work degree was Erin Nicole Landis of Lititz.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following have applied for marriage licenses in the Lancaster County Courthouse:

**Benjamin A. Martin**, 23, of 118 Pearl St., son of Richard and Diane Martin, and **Amy M. Lennon**, 22, same address, daughter of Donald Lennon and Linda Readinger.

**Ronald G. Barreft**, 60, of 315 Wickshire Circle, Lititz, son of the late Robert G. Barreft and the late Harriet C. Barreft, and **Grace Lyn Reith**, 60, of 201 E. Second Ave., Lititz, daughter

of the late William H. Reith and the late Mary R. Reith.

**Donald R. Schaffner Jr.**, 27, of 528 E. Park St., Elizabethtown, son of Donald R. Sr. and Lorraine Schaffner, and **Jacqueline R. Laird**, 23, same address, daughter of William Laird and Diane Comrey.

**James E. Campbell**, 36, of 66 Roberts Road, Nottingham, son of Gilda M. Reynolds and the late Earl D. Campbell, and **Norma M. Quinlan**, 29, same address, daughter of Reba Gray

and the late James Zeigler.

**Dillon S. Gravely**, 22, of 5 Sportman Road, Denver, son of Dennis and Betty Gravely, and **Jennifer Lynn Miller**, 22, of 1124 Martin Ave., Ephrata, daughter of Michael and Janis Miller.

**Isai Rodriguez**, 27, of 242 Seymour St., son of Sadot Rodriguez and Madeline Silva, and **Maria L. Ramos-DeJesus**, 25, same address, daughter of Carlos L. Ramos and Maria S. DeJesus.

**Paul Zakarian**, 77, of 3302 Windsor Drive, Norristown, son of the late Moses Zakarian and the late Arek Zakarian, and **Karen E. Chambers**, 69, of 317 Coppersmith Lane, Strasburg, daughter of the late Clarence Shene and the late Mildred Shene.

**Craig D. Wilson**, 44, of 718 W. Brubaker Valley Road, Lititz, son of James J. and Patricia Ann Wilson, and **Kay L. Greenawalt**, 44, same address, daughter of John A. and Virginia L. Kurtz.

**Tyler Theodore Groff**, 25, of 840 Kreps Road, son of Theodore and June Groff, and **Koyci Lynn Quirk**, 25, of 512 CR 302, Floresville, Texas, daughter

of Edward Michael Quirk and the late Barbara Lee Quirk.

**Robert L. Glover Jr.**, 51, of 471 Atlantic Ave., son of Robert L. Sr. and Betty Glover, and **Daphne M. Benjamin**, 38, same address, daughter of the late William B. Benjamin and the late Jeannette Sanford.

**Gary C. Wilson**, 43, of 7 Cold Stream Drive, son of the late Gerald E. Wilson Sr. and the late Olive A. Wilson, and **Evelyn Rivera**, 42, same address, daughter of Pablo N. Rivera and Leila Nunez.

**Kevin Santiago**, 21, of 838 E. Orange St., Apt. 2, son of Kevin McCarthy and Maribeth Santiago, and **Teahney E. Crespo**, 21, of 437 New Dorwart St., daughter of Sherman McDowell and Lucisita Daub.

**Jeffrey M. Zimmerman**, 21, of 6219 Sherman Valley Road, Loysville, son of Lamar and Nancy Zimmerman, and **Kristo M. Weaver**, 20, of 372 Reading Road, East Earl, daughter of Melvin and Betty Weaver.

**William P. Crum**, 54, of 101 Heritage Road, son of Juanita Crum and the late William B. Crum, and **Elisa M. Emperor**, 49, same address, daughter of Maria Emperor and the late James Emperor.

## NYC journalism professor Irving Rosenthal dies

GREAT NECK, N.Y. (AP) — Irving Rosenthal, who taught journalism at the City College of New York for 40 years and became a mentor to some of the country's top reporters, has died. He was 95.

Rosenthal died Sunday at his home of natural causes, his son Robert, executive director

of the Center for Investigative Reporting in Berkeley, Calif., said.

Rosenthal began teaching journalism at City College in 1936 and retired in 1976 as professor emeritus of English and chairman of communications and mass media.

Among those he taught were A.M. Rosenthal (no relation), the late executive editor of The New York Times; Daniel Schorr of NPR and formerly CBS; Marvin Kalb of CBS

and NBC News; and Stephen B. Shepard, former editor of Business Week and dean of the Graduate School of Journalism of the City University of New York, of which City College is a part.

Rosenthal also served as director of public relations for the college for many years and co-wrote two books on writing.

He also wrote articles for the Times, The Saturday Review, The New York Herald Tribune, Public Opinion Quarterly and other publications.

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