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DEATHS REPORTED

Bender, M. Harriet Hall
94, 606 Woodcreek Circle, McQueeney, TX. January 22, 2008. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097.

Colagiovanni, Anthony F.
57, husband of Holly A. (Redlick) Colagiovanni, of Lititz. January 11, 2008.

Gockley, Kayla Marie *
Daughter of Terry L., Jr., and Stephanie M. (Ludwig) Gockley. Stillborn, Ephrata Community Hospital. January 22, 2008. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, Inc. (800) 933-4909

Lapp, Emanuel F.
65, of 135 Iva Road, Ronks. January 23, 2008. Furman Home for Funerals, 656-6833

Lechlitner, Angela Sue
28, of Norfolk, VA. January 19, 2008. Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, 574-862-2235

Lentz, Donna V.
65, of Lancaster. January 22, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661

March, Elizabeth J.
83, wife of Russell V. March, of Palmetto, FL. January 20, 2008. Wentz Funeral Home, 610-384-0318

Reining, Mary Jo
73, wife of Arthur H. Reining. January 22, 2008. DeWald Funeral & Cremation Services, 786-3530

Shaeffer, Grace M.
85, of Marietta. January 22, 2008. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc. 653-5441

Shope, Donald L.
72, of 478 Wasp Street, Marietta. January 22, 2008. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc. 684-2370

Stauffer, Hilda E.
82, of Lancaster. January 21, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

Steely, Pauline J. (Lebo),
79, wife of Robert L. Steely, Denver Nursing Home, Stevens, PA. January 22, 2008. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre 717-336-4909.

Weidman, Robert H.
89, of Denver. January 23,

M. Harriet Hall Bender

M. Harriet Hall Bender, 94, of 606 Woodcreek Circle, McQueeney, Texas and formerly of Lancaster, PA died Tuesday, January 22nd at the Guadalupe Regional Medical Center in Seguin, TX.



She was the wife of the late Harold G. Bender who died in 1958. Born in Norristown, PA she was the daughter of the late Harry H. and Mable Bodge Hall. Mrs. Bender was the former owner and operator of Harriet's Beauty Shop in Lancaster. She attended Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lancaster and was a member of the Happy Hours Club of the Lancaster Recreation Center.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Sally M. Sanders with whom she resided; three grandsons, Shannon, Eric and Sheldon McGallicher; three great-grandchildren, Heather, Ryan and Kaitlin; a brother, Patrick H. J. Hall of Lancaster; two sisters, Minnie L. May of Akron, PA and Edna L. Sheaffer of Lancaster, PA. She was predeceased by a son, Gerald B. McGallicher, brothers Robert T. and Lewis F. Hall and sisters Bertha M. Hall and Annie M. Keene.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a funeral service at the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 141 E. Orange St., Lancaster PA on Monday, January 28th at 10:30 a.m. Friends may call at the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be in Henry Eberle Cemetery, Mt. Joy, PA.

Please omit flowers. If desired, contributions in Mrs. Bender's memory may be sent to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 500 Pearl St., Lancaster, PA 17603 or the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Dr., Lancaster, PA 17603. To send an on-line condolence, please visit our website at www.kearneyasnryderfuneralhome.com

Robert H. Weidman

Robert H. Weidman, 89, of Denver, PA. died on Wednesday.

Donna V. Lentz

Donna V. Lentz, 65, of Lancaster died Tuesday night at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of Kathryn Y. Madonna Bartholomew Reiff Bachman of Lancaster and the late Donald A. Bartholomew, who was killed on Iwo Jima during World War II. Donna worked as a postal clerk for the United States Postal Service for 19 years and retired in 1998. Prior to USPS employment, she worked as a charge nurse at several medical institutions in Lancaster County.

Donna enjoyed reading, cooking, music and writing. She received many awards for her poetry with many published in anthologies as well as several published articles.

She was a 1959 graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School and graduated in 1972 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving are two sons: Keith Lentz, Donald Lentz; a daughter, Denise M. Lentz; five grandchildren: Angela, Tonya, Brent, Leticia, Alana; eight great grandchildren: Justin, Anthony, Abraham, Jaaden, Isaiah, Janaya, Alize and Alyzah; three brothers: Dennis Reiff, Mark Reiff, Brian Reiff; a sister: Colleen Reiff Smith; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews; Dori and son Zechariah.

Donna was preceded in death by a son, William Lentz, Jr.; a daughter, Justine Lentz Enck; and a sister, Eileen P. Reiff Comp.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 St. Joseph Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday at 11:00 AM. Friends may pay their respects to the family from 10-11:00 AM at the church. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Donna's memory to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements made by the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661. To send online condolences, please visit: www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Anthony F. Colagiovanni

Anthony F. Colagiovanni, 57,

OBITUARIES

Donald L. Shope

Donald L. Shope, 72, of 478 Wasp St., Marietta, PA died on Tuesday at his residence following a lengthy illness. He was the husband of the late Jane P. Shope who died on June 19, 2007.



Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Ralph and Virginia Gainer Shope. Don worked for Wyeth Labs in Marietta from 1958 to 1995 and retired as a Supervisor in the Flu Vaccine Dept. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War and spent 11 months in Okinawa. He was a member and Past Master of Ashara Lodge #398 Free and Accepted Masons. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and specifically liked Turkey hunting and he loved to Golf. He is survived by a Grandson: Zak Shope of Marietta and a Mother-In-Law: Kathryn Carson Patterson of Columbia. He was predeceased by a Son: Donald L. Shope, Jr. in 1998.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend Don's Memorial Service from the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1290 River Rd., Marietta, PA on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 11:00 AM with Rev. Cheryl Hoffman officiating. Interment will follow the services in Marietta Cemetery. There will be no public viewing. The family requests that flowers be omitted. Memorial contributions in Don's memory to the Kidney Association Lancaster Area, P.O. Box 1446, Lancaster, PA 17604 would be deeply appreciated. Arrangements by the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., Columbia/Landisville.

Elizabeth J. "Libby" March

Elizabeth J. "Libby" March, 83, of Palmetto, FL, formerly of Coatesville, died on Sunday, January 20, 2008, at her home. Born in Chattanooga, TN, Libby was the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. John Cordell Jackson and Mirvin Callaway Jackson. She was married to Russell V.

Pauline J. Steely

Pauline Steely, 79, Denver, died Jan. 22, 2008, in Denver Nursing Home, Stevens. Born in Fritztown, a daughter of Jacob R. and Martha I. (Steffy) Lebo, she was the wife of Robert L. Steely for 59 years.



Pauline was a member of Salem Evangelical & Reformed Church, Reamstown, and worked for Bollman Hat Co., Adamstown. She enjoyed bowling with the "Sleepyheads" of Colonial Bowl, knitting, reading, gardening and had traveled 48 states and 12 countries.

Also surviving: son, Barry L., Brooklyn, NY; and cousins, Richard Steffy, Reading; Barbara Miller, Sarasota, FL; Lonette Morley, Northpoint, MI; and Leona Burkhart, Denver.

FUNERAL: Saturday, Jan. 26, 10 AM, Good Funeral Home, Reamstown. VIEWING: 9-10 AM. BURIAL: Muddy Creek Cemetery.

www.goodfuneral.com

Hilda E. Stauffer

Hilda E. Stauffer, 82, of Lancaster, entered into rest on Monday, January 21, 2008 at the Essa Flory Hospice Center after a brief illness.

Born February 12, 1925, in Millersville, she was the daughter of the late Milton B. and M. Gertrude (Christ) Stauffer.

Hilda was a longtime member of Grace United Methodist Church, Millersville, PA. She worked as a registered nurse starting at the emergency room at LGH and later for several medical practices throughout Lancaster. Miss Stauffer was also an avid Philadelphia Philly's Fan and enjoyed listening to music.

She is survived by her extended family and caring friends.

Memorial Services will be held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA 17551, 717-872-2266, on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 10 AM with Pastor Barry A. Wolfe

Grace M. Shaeffer

Grace M. Shaeffer, 85, of Marietta passed away Tuesday at Hospice of Lancaster Co. after a three-week illness. She was the wife of the late William F. Shaeffer.



Grace worked for the former Savoy, Gerberich and Payne, and Colonial Shoe Companies. She enjoyed the company of her pet parrots and cockatiel.

Born in Lancaster on Dec. 23, 1922, she was the daughter of the late John S. and Margaret Speidle Coover.

Survivors include a son William (Sandie Olweiler) Shaeffer and a daughter, Beverly (Jack) Neal, both of Marietta; 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She was the last of her immediate family.

A Memorial Service will be held from The Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main St., Mount Joy on Sat., Jan. 26, 2008 at 10 a.m. Private interment. Grace's family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. www.sheetzfuneralhome.com

Angela Sue Lechlitner

Angela Sue Lechlitner, 28, of Norfolk, VA died at her home on Sat., Jan. 19, 2008. She was born on Feb. 22, 1979 in Ephrata and grew up in Goshen, IN.

She is survived by her parents, Rex Lechlitner and Grace (Zimmerman) Lechlitner, of Goshen, IN; two brothers, Jeremy Lechlitner of Elkhart, IN, Daniel, husband of Jennifer Lechlitner of Goshen, IN; 1 niece, Zoa Michelle Lechlitner; and maternal grandmother, Anna Mary Zimmerman of Denver. She was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Tiny and Doris Lechlitner, and maternal grandfather, Clayton Zimmerman.

Angela was a 1997 Graduate of Goshen High School and a 2003 Graduate of Purdue University. She was employed at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk. She was a member of the Tabernacle Church of Norfolk and was very active in her church and community.

Visitation will be Fri., Jan. 25,

Steely, Pauline J. (Lebo), 79, wife of Robert L. Steely, Denver Nursing Home, Stevens, PA. January 22, 2008. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre 717-336-4909.

Weidman, Robert H. 89, of Denver. January 23, 2008. Gravenor Home for Funerals, Inc. 733-6181.

* No Obituary appears

Society, 314 G. Dr., Lancaster, PA 17603. To send an on-line condolence, please visit our website at www.kenneyasnyderfuneralhome.com

Robert H. Weidman

Robert H. Weidman, 89, of Denver, PA, died on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at Ephrata Community Hospital. He was born in Lititz, PA to the late Harry A. and Mabel (Herr) Weidman and was the husband of the late Freda M. (Hart) Weidman.

Robert was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII.

He is survived by a daughter, Barbara A., wife of Harry L. Fetter of Denver, 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Robert R. Weidman.

Friends will be received from 9-10 a.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008 at Gravenor Home For Funerals, 100 W. Main St., Ephrata, PA. Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. with the Rev. David E. Klepper, Jr. officiating. Interment will be in Mellinger's Cemetery, Schoeneck, PA.

To offer your condolences please visit www.gravenorhomeforfunerals.com

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Catholic Church. Arrangements made by the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661. To send online condolences, please visit: www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Anthony F. Colagiovanni

Anthony F. Colagiovanni, 57, of Lititz, died Jan. 11, 2008, at Johns Hopkins Medical Campus in Baltimore, MD, surrounded by his family.

Born June 6, 1950, in Cleveland, OH, he had lived in Willowick, OH, before moving to Lititz seven years ago.

He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Colagiovanni was a produce purchaser for Four Seasons Produce in Denver the past seven years.

Survivors are his wife of 24 years, Holly A. (Redlick) Colagiovanni; children, Jason (Monica) Colagiovanni, Gina and Antonette Colagiovanni; 3 grandchildren; one sister; one brother. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Baby Christina; mother; brother & sister-in-law.

Friends may call Tues., Jan. 29, 2008 at Midway Mennonite Reception Center, 210 E. Lexington Rd., Lititz, PA 17543. Service will be held at 6:30 p.m., with fellowship afterward.

Elizabeth J. "Libby" March, 83, of Palmetto, FL, formerly of Coatesville, died on Sunday, January 20, 2008, at her home. Born in Chattanooga, TN, Libby was the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. John Cordell Jackson and Mirvin Callaway Jackson. She was married to Russell V. March for 42 years.

She was a former member of First Baptist Church of Pequea, Gap. Libby retired in 1982 after working for 30 years as a secretary for Lukens Steel Co.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a brother, John C. Jackson, of Canton, GA and 2 sisters: Rozalind Jackson Rottler and Jeanette Jacovin Jackson, both of Charleston, SC.

A Memorial Service for Libby will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Pequea where family and friends may call beginning at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials in her honor may be made to First Baptist Church of Pequea, 6062 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gap, PA 17527 or to TideWell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238.

Arrangements by Wentz Funeral Home, Coatesville, (610) 384-0318

ing to music. She is survived by her extended family and caring friends.

Memorial Services will be held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA 17551, 717-872-2266, on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 10 AM with Pastor Barry A. Wolfe officiating. Interment will be in the Grace United Methodist Church Cemetery, Millersville, PA. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Remembrances can be made in Hilda's honor to the Grace United Methodist Church Benevolent Fund, 163 W. Frederick Street, Millersville, PA 17551, or to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: www.scheidfuneralhome.com

Angela was a 1997 Graduate of Goshen High School and a 2003 Graduate of Purdue University. She was employed at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk. She was a member of the Tabernacle Church of Norfolk and was very active in her church and community.

Visitation will be Fri., Jan. 25, from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, 311 S. Main St., Goshen, IN. Funeral service will be Sat., Jan. 26, at 2 PM at Grace Community Church, 20076 CR 36, Goshen.

Obit Addendum

Margaret (Collison) Custer

The address for Conestoga Church of the Brethren should be: 141 E. Main Street, Leola, PA 17540.

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Happy Birthday Babe

In Loving Memory Of Jere L. Obetz

Jan. 24, 1949 - April 25, 2007

I miss your
blue eyes.
I miss
your
smile.
I miss
you so
much.



You will be
forever in my heart and the
hearts of our dear friends
and family.

Love, Barb

SERVICES TODAY

Allmond, D. Elaine
Church of the Brethren, 1601
Sunset Ave., Thursday 11
AM. Fred F. Groff Inc.

Dinnocenti, Rosemarie A. (Yonkovich)
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
Church, 1128 main St., Lin-
field, Thursday, 11 AM.
Shalkop Grace Strunk Fu-
neral Home.

Hawman, William M. Jr.
Grace Lutheran Church, 517
North Queen Street, Lancast-
er, Thurs., 11:00 AM. Gundel
Funeral Home, Inc.

Leshner, Arlene M.
Peace U.C.C., 37 E.
Swartzville Rd., Denver,
Thurs., 7:00 PM. Roseboro
Funeral Home

Musser, Robert E.
Calvary Church, 1051 Landis
Valley Road, Thursday, 10
AM. Andrew T. Scheid Fu-
neral Home.

Muzyk, Walter
Strasburg Assembly of God,
211 Gap Road, Strasburg.
Thurs., 2:00pm. Bachman
Funeral Home.

Roberts, Nancy J.
Gravenor Home for Funer-
als, Inc., 100 W. Main St.,
Ephrata. Thurs., 11:00am.

Smith, Margaret W.
Chapel at Luther Acres, 400
St. Luke Dr., Lititz, Thursday,
11:30 AM. Kearney A. Snyder
Funeral Home.

Stoltzfus, Nancy B.
Home of John K. Stoltzfus,
1084 Noble Road, Christiana,
Thurs., 11:00 AM. Shivery
Funeral Home

Wetherill, Miriam
Ranck's United Methodist
Church, 700 Ranck Road,
New Holland, Thursday, 11
AM. Groff-High Funeral
Home.

In Loving Memory of Jared Ryan Sigle

Nov. 25, 2006 - Jan. 24, 2007



They say
there is a
reason.
They
say that
time
will
heal. But
neither time
nor reason will

change the way we feel. No
one knows the heartache that
lies behind our smiles, no
one knows how many times
we've broken down and
cried. We want to tell you
something so there won't
be any doubt, you're so
wonderful to think of, but so
hard to live without.

We miss you little man, you
will never be forgotten.

Love Pappy & Nanny
Hohman

In Loving Memory of Mark N. Harnish

January 24, 1972 -
March 16, 1993

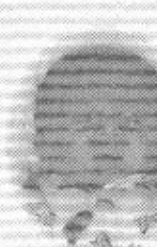


Your birthday
a day we recall
Among the
happiest of all.

Forever in our hearts...
Your Parents

In Loving Memory of Jared Ryan Sigle

Nov. 25, 2006 - Jan. 24, 2007



Although
you are not
physically
here, I feel
your sweet
presence
daily. You
are now and
always will
be my only true
love. My arms will ache for
you for eternity. I miss you
and love you little man.

Love Mommy

Trust In Our Service

We'll be with you every step of the way.



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OBITUARIES

Emanuel F. Lapp

Emanuel F. Lapp, 65, of 135 Iva Road, Ronks, PA, died Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at his residence. Born in Paradise Twp., he was the son of the late Gideon B. Lapp and the late Elizabeth Fisher Lapp. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. He worked as a woodworker for Country Valley Woodworking Shop.

Surviving are five brothers, John Lapp, Gideon Lapp, both at home, Amos, husband of Katie Zook Lapp of Strasburg, Benjamin, husband of Mary Ruppert Lapp of Leola, Daniel, husband of Sara Stoltzfus Lapp of Ronks; four sisters, Lydia Lapp, at home, Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Fisher of Paradise, Anna, wife of Paul Stoltzfus of Leola and Sarah, wife of John Petersheim of Christiana. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Susie Lapp.

Services will be held at the Ephraim Esch residence, 145 Iva Rd., Ronks, PA on Friday, January 25, 2008 at 9:00 AM. Interment will follow in the Gordonville Cemetery, Gordonville, PA. Friends will be received from the time of this notice to the time of the service at the late home, 135 Iva Rd., Ronks, PA. Kindly omit flowers. Furman Home for Funerals, Leola.

Mary Jo Reining

Mary Jo Reining (nee Garvey), 73, formerly of Chester, entered into rest at her home on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Arthur H., and children, Fran, Carol and Arthur J., along with seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Friends and family may pay their respects at St. Catherine's Church, 955 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, PA on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:00. Interment will be immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mary Jo's memory to the Salvation Army, PO Box 868, Lancaster, PA 17608.

Arrangements are by DeWald Funeral & Cremation Services, Quarryville, PA.

Ledger's death strikes a sad chord for many

Media glare sheds little light on private man

BY JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Close your eyes and think of Heath Ledger. OK, now try to get beyond those chiseled good looks. What probably pops to mind isn't a grinning red-carpet photo but one of an urban dad, carrying a toddler on his shoulders or pushing a stroller down a city street — a tableau captured by countless celebrity magazines.

And maybe that image — one that in a sense made him more like us, but also kept us at a distance — is one reason why the loss of this actor with a pensive look and a blazing talent is evoking genuine sadness and less of the usual prurient fascination with untimely Hollywood deaths.

News of Ledger's death at age 28 had broken less than an hour before Nicole LaChapelle, a 40-year-old school administrator in Easthampton, Mass., got home from work Tuesday. Yet she had an immediate e-mail and a phone call, too, from shocked friends.

"It hit me as stunningly sad, something different from the typical celebrity who had maybe struggled with substances," said LaChapelle, who admired "Brokeback Mountain" but



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Heath Ledger arrives at a film premiere in New York in November 2006.

also enjoys watching Ledger's lighthearted "A Knight's Tale" with her 17-year-old daughter. "He seemed like a good guy, like maybe you'd walk into a pizza place and see him with his daughter."

LaChapelle had seen many pictures of Ledger with then-girlfriend Michelle Williams, walking with daughter Matilda in their family-friendly Brooklyn neighborhood, not the

flashiest place for a movie star to live.

"It all felt like it could have been in the Massachusetts town where I live," said LaChapelle. "And suddenly he's found dead, with no clothes on."

As an autopsy proved inconclusive and speculation raged over what could have killed Ledger — accidental overdose of prescription pills? complications of pneumonia? suicide? — many focused instead on the two things he left behind: an endlessly promising film career and, of course, his child.

"I feel so sad about Heath Ledger," read one of dozens of posts on *urbanbaby.com*, a Web site for mothers. "It's just so sad and his daughter will never get to know him."

"God, you bless Ennis Del Mar," wrote Anna Van der Heide, referring to Ledger's Oscar-nominated role as the taciturn cowboy in "Brokeback Mountain." She was one of more than 1,000 people to post comments on a New York Times blog in the hours after Ledger's death was announced.

"I will never forget the moving depth of your portrayal of this long-suffering man. What a courageous and honest performance. I'm a senior and have seen a lot of movie 'stars' — you certainly were among them."

Chad Henderson, a Denver lawyer who grew up partly in the area of Wyoming where

"Brokeback Mountain" is set, was also struck by the rawness and truth in Ledger's performance. He admired Ledger as an actor

but also as a celebrity — unlike many other celebrities in their 20s today (did anyone say Britney? Lindsay? Paris?) — who preferred to be known for their achievements. "You just heard about Heath and his work," he said. "It was nice to have someone who wanted to be known for that."

Film historian Leonard Maltin agrees. "I don't envy any young actor, especially a good-looking one, who has to make his way in today's world," Maltin said. "But he succeeded pretty well in maintaining a private life, and as a result, we

don't know that much about him. And that's as it should be. He wanted to be seen for his work."

And his work was so widely admired in part for the challenging choices he made, in a career that could have easily just cashed in on his looks and charisma. Rather, he chose difficult films like "Monster's Ball," in which he played a prison guard, and of course, "Brokeback Mountain."

"He captured all the colors of that role, of a repressed man about to implode," said Maltin. "It's such a shock and such a loss. I didn't really know him, but I feel a terrible loss."

Some wrote Wednesday of Ledger's affinity for playing tortured souls, and speculated that perhaps these roles mirrored anguish in Ledger's own soul. But New York Times critic A.O. Scott cautioned against that. "Those roles should be seen less as expressions of some imagined inner torment than as evidence of resourcefulness, creative restlessness and wit," he wrote.

And celebrity editor Bonnie Fuller, in a blog entry titled "Why, Why, Why?" on the Huffington Post Web site, even looked to literature for answers, and to the tortured character in Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights" that Ledger was named for: Heathcliff.

In the immediate aftermath of Ledger's death, outside the SoHo apartment where his body was found, there was one particularly jarring sight. There wasn't much to show on TV, or to photograph, and so viewers were treated to footage of paparazzi snapping shots of four or five lonely bouquets of flowers.

No, Ledger was not Princess Diana, whose death drew football fields of bouquets. But neither was he Anna Nicole Smith, whose drug-fueled death drew fascination and Web hits but little shock and little public grief. Ledger's fans, and many who didn't quite know they were fans, were grieving this week for a man of seemingly few words but a whole lot of mystery, talent and potential.

Marie Smith Jones, last full-blooded Eyak dies

BY MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Marie Smith Jones, who worked to preserve her heritage as the last full-blooded member of Alaska's Eyak Indians and the last fluent speaker of their native language, has died. She was 89.

Jones died in her sleep Monday at her home in Anchorage. She was found by a friend, said daughter Bernice Galloway, who lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

"To the best of our knowl-



Insurance won't cover cosmetic

ial will begin at 10:00. Interment will be immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mary Jo's memory to the Salvation Army, PO Box 868, Lancaster, PA 17608.

Arrangements are by De-wald Funeral & Cremation Services, Quarryville, PA.

Pauline D. (Haas) Kistler

Pauline D. (Haas) Kistler, 83 years, of Denver, PA, formerly of Weisenberg Twp., passed away on Monday, January 21, in Reading Hospital and Medical Center. Among her survivors is a son, Roy C. Kistler, and his wife, Mildred, of Germansville.

Services will be 11:00 A.M. Friday, January 25, at Keller Funeral Homes, Inc., 1018 Church St., Fogelsville. Visitation will be Thursday, January 24, from 7 to 8:00 P.M.

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Jones died in her sleep Monday at her home in Anchorage. She was found by a friend, said daughter Bernice Galloway, who lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

"To the best of our knowledge, she was the last full-blooded Eyak alive," Galloway said Tuesday.

"She was a woman who faced incredible adversity in her life and overcame it," Galloway said. "She was about as tenacious as you can get."

As the last fluent speaker, she worked to preserve the Eyak language, a branch of the Athabaskan Indian family of languages, said Michael Krauss, a linguist and professor emeritus at the University of Alaska Fairbanks who collaborated with her.

She wanted a written record of the language so future generations would have the chance to resurrect it, said Krauss, who



Associated Press

Marie Smith Jones in 2001

directs the university's Alaska Native Language Center.

Jones helped Krauss compile an Eyak dictionary and grammar. Jones, her sister and a cousin told him Eyak tales that were made into a book.

"With her death, the Eyak language becomes extinct," Krauss said. In all, he said, nearly 20 native Alaskan languages are at risk of the same fate. He called them "the intellectual heritage of this part of the world. It is unique to us, and if we lose them, we lose what is unique to Alaska."

The Eyak ancestral homeland runs along 300 miles of the Gulf of Alaska from Prince William Sound in south-central Alaska eastward to the town of Yakutat. Jones was born in Cordova in 1918 and grew up on Eyak Lake, where her family had a homestead.

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many who didn't quite know they were fans, were grieving this week for a man of seemingly few words but a whole lot of mystery, talent and potential.

Insurance won't cover cosmetic procedure to remove skin spots

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 83 years old and have developed an appreciable number of dark spots on my face over the past few years. I read laser treatment might remove them, but unfortunately, my insurance company won't cover the procedure. Is there an alternative method for this cosmetic condition?



Dr. Peter Gott

DEAR READER: Age spots are one unfortunate development that affects many people as they age. The lesions most often appear on the backs of hands, faces and arms. They are generally harmless unless they change markedly in ap-

pearance, that is, if they darken, grow or bleed.

You have several options at your disposal. However, as you indicated, cosmetic surgery is frowned upon by most insurance companies as unnecessary.

To begin with, there are over-the-counter creams containing glycolic acid that can fade spots.

Prescription bleaching creams containing hydroquinone can be prescribed. These creams can be used alone or in conjunction with retinoids and a mild steroid that can work toward fading the lesions. This treatment may take several months before any positive effects are noticed.

Dermatologists can use a freezing method known as cryotherapy that applies liquid nitrogen or other freezing agents to the spots. The procedure can pose a slight risk of permanent scarring or discoloration.

Another procedure known as dermabrasion can sand down the surface layer of the skin with a rapidly rotating brush. Temporary redness and scabbing can occur following dermabrasion.

A chemical peel can gradu-

ally fade spots. This procedure involves applying an acid that burns the outer layer of skin. The downside is that several treatments will be necessary before results are seen, and people undergoing chemical peel should take precautions when going out into the sun — a reason for age spots appearing in the first place.

Laser therapy also will fade age spots. Depending on the type of procedure the physician uses, it may take several return visits.

Dermabrasion, chemical peels and laser therapy may not be covered by insurance. They often are considered cosmetic procedures and therefore not medically necessary. Be sure to check with your insurance company to see what procedures are covered. If none, then ask about setting up a payment plan with the physician.

Most actinic keratoses can be prevented by taking proper care of your skin, such as using sunblock and proper clothing when going outside. It is best to have a dermatologist look at all new skin lesions to ensure they are not cancerous before deciding on treatment.

While all procedures sound distressing, they are safe if performed by qualified professionals. I suggest you be examined by a dermatologist, who can further advise you on which procedure, if any, might be appropriate.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my health report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, No. 10 stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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