

**Vera E. Hixson**

Crystal Spring, 82

Vera E. Hixson, 82, Crystal Spring, died Sunday, October 5, 2008.

She was born October 16, 1925, in Everett, a daughter of the late Veryl Alvin Dodson and Mary Esther (Bowman) Dodson.



On July 14, 1961, at the Cherry Lane Church of the Brethren, she married Nathan B. Hixson, who survives along with their daughter, Mary Ann Poet, and husband Daryl, Crystal Spring; a granddaughter, Natalie Keebuagh; a grandson, Nathan Keebaugh, both of Crystal Spring; four sisters: Lavata Fischer, Crystal Spring; Marian Calhoun and husband Marvin, Everett; Maxine Hite, Huntingdon; Charlotte Householder and husband Gary, Huntingdon; a brother, Harry W. Dodson, Bedford; and sister-in-law, Cleo Dodson, Everett.

She was preceded in death by a sister and her husband, Isabelle and Lee Bellah; a brother, Roy V. Dodson; a sister-in-law, Marie Dodson; and two brothers-in-law, William Fischer and John Hite.

She was a member of Breezewood Lighthouse Assembly of God Church and was a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Women's Missionary with the Breezewood Full Gospel Lighthouse.

Earlier in her lifetime, she was a seamstress at Lion Manufacturing in Everett, and then was a cook at Pete's Diner in Breezewood. For the most part, she was a caring homemaker who enjoyed working with her husband at their dairy farm and was a gardener who enjoyed sewing and braiding fabric into rugs.

She also served as a leader for the 4-H of Crystal Spring, and especially enjoyed babysitting the neighborhood children, and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend who will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 8, at 11:00 a.m., at Breezewood Lighthouse Assembly of God Church. Rev. Herb Wireback officiated. Burial was made at Akersville Cemetery.

Dalla Valle Funeral Service, Everett, was in charge of arrangements.

**Colleen R. Craig**

Fort Loudon, 33

Colleen Rae Craig, 33, Fort Loudon, died Tuesday, October 7, 2008, as a result of a Tuesday afternoon automobile accident in Green Township.

Born December 17, 1974, in Fort Mead, Md., she was a daughter of Evelyn Beck Dale (and husband Jack Jr.), Shippensburg; and Joel S. (and wife Maria) Moore, Dallas, Texas.

A 1993 graduate of Shippensburg Area Senior High School, she worked for Volvo in Chambersburg. Among her interests, she had a hidden talent for painting, and she loved going for drives in the mountains.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her daughter, Rayna C. Craig; her sister, Marcelle Coover (and husband Charles Sr.), Chambersburg; her companion, Carl M. Gayman, St. Thomas; maternal

grandparents, Gordon "Dutch" and Ruth Brookens, Fayetteville; aunts and uncles: Kay Beck Heavner (and husband Ronald), Orrtanna; Larry Beck (and wife Leah), McConnellsburg; Kenneth Beck Jr., Chambersburg; E.J. Moore, Kansas City; Sandra Morris, Dallas, Texas; and Jimmie Sue Reyes, Sealey, Texas; a niece, Kayla E. Coover; a nephew, Charles Coover Jr.; and a number of cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents: Joel E. and Frances Moore, formerly of Dallas; and two aunts: Margaret Peggy Riggins and Jodi Bae.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 13, in the chapel of Thomas L. Geisel Funeral Home, Chambersburg. Rev. Susanne Elliot officiated. Burial was made in Brechbill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a trust fund account set up for her daughter, Rayna C. Craig, at any Orrstown Bank location. Online condolences may be expressed at [geiselfuneralhome.com](http://geiselfuneralhome.com).

**Marie A. Crouse**

Spring Run, Pa., 82

Marie Anna Crouse, 82, Spring Run, Pa., died Sunday, October 12, 2008, at home.

Born May 3, 1926, in Orbisonia, she was the daughter of the late Roy Elmer and Eva Jane Varner Worthy.

She was a member of Laurel Grove United Methodist Church.

In her earlier years, she had worked at Letterkenny Army Depot and Tracy Fashions of Chambersburg.

She is survived by her sweetheart of 59 years, Merrill W. Crouse, whom she married on April 2, 1949. Also surviving are two sons: Merrill Crouse Jr. (husband of Beverly), Terry Crouse (husband of Teresa) and daughter Connie Jane (Mrs. Thomas Edgar); six grandchildren: Nicole Pyles, Derek Crouse, Mandy Crouse, Kristen Crouse, McClain Gamble and McKenzie Gamble; two great-grandchildren: Cole and Alexis Pyles; one sister, Mrs. Betty Harkerode, Huntingdon; and five brothers: Roy Worthy of Indiana; Gary Worthy of Delaware; Jake Worthy of Mount Union; Thomas Worthy of Orbisonia; and Gene Worthy of Mount Union.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters: Viola Wakefield and Mary Wrights, and four brothers: Raymond, William Joseph and Robert Worthy.

Memorial services will be held at Laurel Grove United Methodist Church in Amberson at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 18, 2008.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Laurel Grove United Methodist Church, PO Box 69, Amberson, PA 17210 or to Lutheran Home Services Care, 2700 Luther Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202.

Arrangements are entrusted to Agett-Geisel Funeral Home, Dry Run, Pa.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.geiselfuneralhome.com](http://www.geiselfuneralhome.com).

**Beatrice J. Foster**

Chambersburg, 88

Beatrice J. Romig Foster, 88, formerly of Chambersburg, died Wednesday, October 8, 2008.

Born April 17, 1920, in Wells Tannery, she was a daughter of the late Murray and Mercy Brunner

Romig.

She was employed for 15 years as a nurse's aide at the former Guilford Convalesarium near Fayetteville.

She was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chambersburg.

Her hobbies included cooking and baking.

Her beloved husband, Roy Foster, preceded her in death July 4, 1983.

She is survived by three daughters: Barbara Baker and husband Richard, Marion; Sheila Kimple and husband Edward, Fayetteville; Sally Ingram and husband Tony, Boothwyn; a son, David Foster, and wife Nancy, Chambersburg; five grandchildren: Edward Kimple and wife Anne of Norfolk, Va.; Shawn Kimple and wife Brenda, Chambersburg; Alex Baker and wife Megan, Marion; Jennifer Stevens and husband Shawn, Chambersburg; and Casandra Foster, Chambersburg; five great-grandchildren: Layne, Cameron and Foster Kimple, Wyatt Baker and Cooper Stevens; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 10, in the chapel of Thomas L. Geisel Funeral Home, Chambersburg. Rev. Dr. Neal O. Hively officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 26 East Commerce Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.geiselfuneralhome.com](http://www.geiselfuneralhome.com).

**Willis K. Heefner**

Hustontown, 95

Willis K. Heefner, 95, Hustontown, died Saturday, October 11, 2008, at his residence.

Born in Waterfall, June 21, 1913, he was the son of the late Jeremiah and Martha (Berkstresser) Heefner. He was the husband of Grace I. (Shotts) Heefner, whom he married October 17, 1945.

He worked as a mechanic at Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, before retiring in 1974. After retirement he continued working at Delco in Hustontown for 14 years.

He was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church, Harrisonville, where he served as a trustee of the church for numerous years. He was a lifetime member of Hustontown Area Volunteer Fire Co., and he was a director and member of Northern Fulton Burial Assoc. He loved farming, tinkering and raising beef cattle.

He is survived by his wife, Grace, at home; two daughters: Linda D. Cook, wife of David, Three Springs; Esta M. Colledge, New Enterprise, Pa., a brother, Kermit Heefner, Lancaster; and six grandchildren: Doug Shotts, Tammy Cook, Brian Shotts, Tracy Cook, Carrie DeShong and Krista Hipkiss.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ray N. Shotts; and three sisters: Eunice Park, Cora Shope and Veda Ranck.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 14, at Fairview United Methodist Church. Rev. Jay Saxe and Pastor Deborah Strait officiated. Burial was made in Fairview United Methodist Cemetery, Harrisonville.

Howard L. Sipes Funeral Home Inc., Harrisonville, was in charge of arrangements.

Military services were conducted by Fulton Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fairview United Methodist Church, c/o Tom Deshong, 371 Reservoir Road, McConnellsburg, PA 17233, or to Hustontown Area Vol. Fire Co., PO Box 537, Hustontown, PA 17229.

**Lowell E. Younker**

Hancock, 73

Lowell Eugene Younker, 73, Hancock, Md., died Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

Born December 28, 1934, in Hancock, Md., he was the son of Benjamin A. and Mary Rosalie Sensel Younker.

He was a graduate of Hancock High School, class of 1952.

He and his wife owned and operated the Bridge Restaurant, Hancock, for 55 years.

He worked for Washington County Election Board as chief judge for 34 years.

He was a lifelong member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church where he served as an acolyte for 10 years.

He was a member of James W. Bowers Lodge #173 AF&AM for more than 50 years, Hancock, and he was a member of Ali Ghan Shrine in Cumberland, Md.

He served many years as a volunteer at many area nursing homes.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Frances Catherine Caldwell Younker; a daughter, Kimberly, and husband William Fox, Hagerstown; a son, Jerry Younker, Aberdeen, Md.; a granddaughter, Erin Rae Fox, Hagerstown; two sisters: Dolores Y. Creek, Hancock; Yetta J. Souders, Palm Coast, Fla.; a brother, Arnold L. Younker, Hancock; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, October 14, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Hancock. Rev. F. Allan Weatherholt Jr. officiated. Burial was made at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place, Glen Allen, VA 23060 or to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2 E. High St., Hancock, MD 21750.

**Preschoolers Enjoy Bus Ride**



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Helman visited with children in the Hustontown area during the Hustontown Branch Library's story hour. Much to the children's delight, they were given a tour and then a ride on one of Ralph's buses. The library would like to thank Barb Bishop, Central Fulton; Sheila Swope, Southern Fulton; and Mr. and Mrs. Helman, Forbes Road, for bringing a bus to the library for the children to tour. Preschool story hours are Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Hustontown Branch Library; Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., at the library in McConnellsburg and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., in Southern Fulton at the Needmore Branch Office of The First National Bank of Greencastle. All children are welcome.

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**Brett Cornelius on Family, Responsibility, and Growing Up in the Funeral Business.**

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He once told me, "There are many businesses that are easier and more profitable, but there are few that are more meaningful." Being a funeral director was my grandfather's entire life, and he inspired me to make it mine.

I am pleased to be able to keep the funeral home in the family. As the fourth-generation owner, I pledge to continue the tradition of compassion and service to the community that was started by my great-grandfather, and was entrusted to me by my grandfather and parents. I hope to make them proud.

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**FREE FLU IMMUNIZATIONS**  
For Fulton County Residents

The Area Agency on Aging & Fulton County Partnership, Inc. through grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Health are offering a free flu immunization clinic for Fulton County Residents. Vaccine will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

Pneumococcal vaccine will also be offered. The sites will be provided by the Area Agency of Aging. For more information, call 888-329-2376 toll free.

Limited transportation will be available to individuals on clinic days. To schedule transportation please contact the Fulton County Partnership at 485-0931 or 888-329-2376

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- Anyone who has a serious long-term health problem with heart disease; lung disease; asthma; cancer; kidney disease; metabolic disease, such as diabetes; anemia and other blood disorders.
- Anyone whose immune system is weakened because of HIV/AIDS or other diseases that affect the immune system, long-term treatment with drugs such as steroids, cancer treatment with x-rays or drugs.
- Women who will pass the 3rd month of pregnancy during the Influenza season (October through March)
- Anyone 65 years of age or older.

**Fulton County Partnership, Inc.**

**October 29 at the McConnellsburg Senior Center**  
from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

**Nov. 5 at the Warfordsburg Senior Center** from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

**Nov. 5 at the Hustontown Senior Center** from 1:00 to 3:00 PM