

Doris E. Ford

Orrtanna, 82

Doris E. "Tootie" Ford, 82, Orrtanna, died Sunday, January 4, 2009, at York Hospital.

Born March 5, 1926, in McConnellsburg, she was the daughter of the late Russell A. and Katherine (Oakman) DeShong. She was the wife of the late Harold B. Ritchey, who died in 1953 and the late J. Clair Ford of Orrtanna, who died in 1997. She was a member of Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church in Biglerville, where she sang in the church choir.

She worked at Knouse Foods Co-op in Chambersburg for 40 years. She was also employed by Edison Light Co. in McConnellsburg for a number of years. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and quilting.

Surviving are four sons: Dennis Ritchey and his wife, Nancy, McConnellsburg; James Ford, Orrtanna; Barry Ford and his wife, Linda, Phoenix, Ariz.; Andrew Ford and his wife, Tanya, Orrtanna; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters: Donna Garlock, McConnellsburg; Delores Henry, Scotland, Pa.; Dora Horton, Scotland, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 9, at Great Conewago Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg. Rev. James Speelman officiated. Burial was made in Great Conewago Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Monahan Funeral Home, Gettysburg, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, PO Box 3535, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Dorothy M. Miller

Breezewood, 80

Dorothy M. (Clark) Miller, 80, Breezewood, died Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at UPMC St. Margaret Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born on November 6, 1928, in Uniontown, Pa., a daughter of the late Wilbert H. and Ethel P. (Ramsey) Clark. On June 3, 1951, in Loysburg, she married Thomas J. Miller. He preceded her in death on July 17, 2005.

She is survived by the following family: one daughter, Patricia Chancellor, Breezewood; seven granddaughters: Mia, married to Bob Shipley, Middlebury Center, Pa.; Torey, married to Brent Anderson, Severn, Md.; Codi Chancellor, Philadelphia; Casey Chancellor, Johnstown; Kassie, married to John Leidy, New Enterprise; Lindsay, married to Robert Baaney, Hollidaysburg; Andrea Cragan, Portland, Ore.; a brother, Herbert Clark, married to Della Mae, Everett; sister-in-law Iola Clark, Breezewood; brother-in-law William Carpenter, Breezewood; great-grandchildren: Jesse and Jade Shipley, Peyton and Thad Leidy, and Xander, Cali and Maddox Baaney; and two special nieces: Melody Border and Melinda Feaster.

She was preceded in death by two sons: Montey and Wylon "Buddy" Clark; a sister, Joan Clark Smith Carpenter; and a brother, Dorald Clark.

She was a member of Mountain Chapel Brethren In Christ Church, Breezewood.

She was employed at Lion Manufacturing, Everett, for 25 years and later worked at Family House Restaurant in the gift shop.

She was a member of Breezewood Volunteer Fire Company

Auxiliary.

She loved reading, hand sewing and spending time with her family.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 10, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., in the chapel at Akers Funeral Home. Pastor Ronald Hott and Pastor H. Lee Ritchey officiated. Burial was private in Union Memorial Cemetery.

Carol Spade Musick

Annandale, Va., 67

Carol Spade Musick, 67, Annandale, Va., died Wednesday, December 31, 2008, at her home.

She graduated from Southern Fulton High School in 1959.

She was the wife of the late Carl Raymond Musick. Surviving are her mother, Retha E. Spade; a sister, Sylvia (Sheldon) Haselbarth, and a brother, Mark (Karen) Spade, along with many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 5, at Demaine Funeral Home, Springfield, Va. Burial was made in McKendree Cemetery, Crystal Springs.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Thomas M. Pittman

Needmore, 50

Thomas Mark Pittman, 50, Needmore, died Thursday, January 8, 2009, at his residence following a brief illness.

Born in Nanticoke, Pa., March 1, 1958, he son of the late Rev. Paul G. Pittman and Lula (Clear) Pittman, who survives him of Maugansville, Md. He was the husband of Jamie Pittman.

He attended Clear Spring High School and had been employed by the Mercersburg Academy and Wal-Mart in Hagerstown. He was active in youth sports and programs in the Southern Fulton School District and coached various sports teams over the past several years. He also was an avid outdoorsman and hunter.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Heather Nicole Pittman, Needmore; son Joshua Tyler Pittman, Needmore; brothers: Paul G. (husband of Ann) Pittman Jr., Hagerstown and Rev. David L. (husband of Shirley) Pittman, Chambersburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at Howard L. Sipes Funeral Home Inc., McConnellsburg, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 15. Rev. David L. Pittman officiated.

John B. Bivens

McConnellsburg, 99

John B. Bivens, 99, McConnellsburg, died Friday, January 9, 2009, at Fulton County Medical Center.

He was born in Todd Township June 18, 1909, the son of the late George and Martha Ellen (Barmont) Bivens.

He was a farmer, drove school bus for Central and Southern Fulton School Districts, worked at Fulton County Medical Center for 12 years and also was a janitor at Central Fulton School District.

He was preceded in death by a brothers: Horace C. Bivens, Harry J. Bivens and George H. Bivens; sisters: Catherine E. Purnell, Marie G. Kerlin and Gladys Kendall.

Funeral services were held at Howard L. Sipes Funeral Home Inc., McConnellsburg, at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 16. Pastor William Bair officiated. Burial was made in Union Cemetery.

Dorothy M. Johnson

McConnellsburg, 81

Mrs. Dorothy Myda Johnson, 81, McConnellsburg, died, Thursday, January 8, 2009, at the Augusta Medical Center in Fishersville, Va.

She was born in Fulton County October 8, 1927, and was a daughter of the late Charles and Maude (Patterson) Stoner.

She retired as the manager at the senior center in McConnellsburg. She loved her flowers, cooking and her grandchildren.

She was united in marriage to William G. Johnson, who preceded her in death in February of 2000.

She is survived by three daughters: Alice J. Baker of Hagerstown; Karen L. Weaver of Hanover; Patricia A. Landes of Dayton; two sisters: Belya J. McCormick of Austin, Texas; and Joyce Clem of Rockville, Md.; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 11, 2009, at the Johnson Funeral Service Chapel in Bridgewater, Va.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Piedmont Chapter, PO Box 310, Harrisonburg, VA 22803, to help with research.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.johnsonsf.com.

Johnson Funeral Service, Bridgewater, was in charge of arrangements.

Engagement



Ric and Barb Farr, Palmyra, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Leah Farr, to Erik Wingert.

The bride-elect graduated from Palmyra High School in 2000 and Shippensburg University in 2004. She is employed by ABWE Publications, Harrisburg.

Mr. Wingert is the son of Lynn and Pat Wingert, and the grandson of the late Harold and Lena Winters of Thompson Township, Fulton County. He graduated from Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School in 1993 and is employed by Maranatha Productions Inc., Lancaster.

A May 2009 wedding is planned.

Local Student Receives Scholarship

Catherine E. Hockenberry of Shade Gap, Pa., and sophomore at Millersville University of Pennsylvania has received a National Science Foundation scholarship.

Hockenberry, a chemistry major, will receive \$2,500 each semester until she graduates as long as she maintains a 2.7 grade point average. Twelve students total from Millersville University of Pennsylvania have received this scholarship from the Foundation.

Western PA Girl, 5, Locked On School Bus Two-Plus Hours

ALIQUIPPA, Pa. (AP) - A 5-year-old western Pennsylvania girl spent at least two hours locked in a school bus before officials learned she was missing when her mother called about her missing wallet.

Ty-onie Leonard had fallen asleep on the bus on the way to her Aliquippa school Tuesday morning. She woke up, pounded on the doors and screamed, but no one heard her.

About 11 a.m., Ebony Leonard called about the wallet and officials began searching.

Anthony Battalini, the district's transportation director, found the crying child.

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Digital TV

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transition go ahead next month. What has been lacking, Copps insists, is urgency throughout the government and industry - along the lines of the nation's Y2K preparations - to ensure that the transition leaves no one behind.

In 2005, Congress required the digital shift to free up chunks of wireless spectrum to be used for emergency-response networks and commercial services. The government has raised roughly \$19 billion by auctioning off this spectrum.

Even with the years of warning, however, analysts at Nielsen Co. estimate that as of December, 6.8 percent of the 114 million U.S. households with TVs remained completely unready for the digital transition. Another 10 percent still had at least one TV that was not yet ready.

A key sign that something was amiss came this week when the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, an arm of the Commerce Department, said it had hit a \$1.34 billion funding limit set by Congress to pay for converter box coupons.

The coupon program - targeted largely at poor and minority viewers - lets consumers request up to two \$40 vouchers per household to help pay for the boxes, which generally cost between \$40 and \$80 each. The NTIA started a waiting list for coupon requests as of Jan. 4 and is now sending out new coupons only as unredeemed ones already in circulation expire. That means that consumers who have applied since then are unlikely to receive their vouchers before Feb. 17.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., a key member of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, has drafted a bill that would loosen the program's accounting rules to enable the NTIA to resume sending out new coupons.

But even if lawmakers can re-

solve the funding issues, the coupon program itself is still not user-friendly, said Gene Kimmelman, vice president for federal policy at Consumers Union, which has called for the transition date to be postponed.

The program was not designed to handle a surge in last-minute requests, he said, which is exactly what the NTIA is now seeing as the government and industry have ramped up efforts to educate people about the transition.

It can take anywhere from four to six weeks to request a coupon, receive it in the mail, purchase a converter box and troubleshoot any technical issues. Now many consumers have run out of time.

Kimmelman added that the coupon program is inflexible in other ways as well. It places a 90-day expiration date on all coupons and prohibits consumers from reapplying if they let their coupons expire without redeeming them.

Added up, many fear, all these issues could amount to a train wreck on Feb. 17.

"We need to try to minimize the dislocation and chaos," Copps said. "But there will be people left behind."

Senior Center Lunch Menu

Fulton County Senior Center lunch menu for the week is as follows: Monday: closed.

Tuesday: pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, wheat bread, apricots.

Wednesday: chicken parmesan, spaghetti, broccoli, multi-grain bread, cake.

Thursday: breaded fish, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, bun, apple.

Friday: country fried steak, baked potato, peas and carrots, wheat bread, peaches.

To reserve a dinner, write name on the sheet at the appropriate center or call before 1:30 p.m. on the day before: McConnellsburg - 485-5613; Hustontown - 987-3770; Warfordsburg - 294-6020. Suggested donation is \$2.

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