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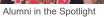
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2021 Homecoming

NEW BOARD MEMBERS & THE RETURN OF THE NEWSLETTER!



We would like to thank our Alumni for being patient while we restructured our Alumni Board and made some changes. The Cocalico Alumni Board would like to announce our new president, C. Jay Hertzog of the Class of 1965. Jay Hertzog (Cocalico '64, Penn State — '68, '72, and '80) has been on the Cocalico Alumni Board since 2014. He and his wife, Pam, have four grown children, eight almost grown grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Jay started his 41 year career in public education as a music teacher (Reamstown/Adamstown Elementary Schools and Hamburg High School) and administrator (ELCO and Fleetwood) in K-12 before moving to higher education where he taught, was a department chair, and ended his career as the Dean of Education at Slippery Rock University. They have lived in Georgia, western Pennsylvania, and now split their time between their condos at Hawk Valley and McCormick Rank, Scottsdale, AZ. Please welcome Jay to his new position!

We have a great group of people helping in all aspects of the organization, but we could really use more volunteers. There are many positions open, and we are looking for new people and new ideas. Please reach out to Lesley Stricker at Istricker@cocalico.org if you have any interest. We need help planning next year's golf tournament, support with the newsletter, and general fundraising events.

The newsletter may look a little different, but this format makes it easier for emails. And speaking of emails, we have quite a few newsletters bouncing back from emails that are no longer in use. If you know of anyone who is not receiving their newsletter, please have them reach out to us. It's a very easy fix!

Retired Cocalico HS Teacher & Member of '77 State Championship Basketball Team, Phil Fassnacht passes

Phillip Alan Fassnacht, 62, of Stevens, passed away unexpectedly early Friday morning, October 22, 2021, at his favorite hunting camp in Bradford County.

Phil was the husband of his high school sweetheart, Stephanie Graybill Fassnacht. They shared 30 years of love together, 25 of those years married. Born in Ephrata, he was the son of Kay Irene (Fritz) Fassnacht and the late Ralph Fassnacht Jr. He was also the son-in-law of Arthur and Marybelle Graybill.



He graduated from Cocalico High School in 1977 during which year he helped the mens basketball team win the state championship. He also received his teaching

degree from Millersville University where he continued his basketball and baseball career. Upon graduation, Phil started his teaching career at Cocalico High School where he became a beloved teacher for the next 35 years. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, spending time with his family, and worshipping at Ephrata Church of the Brethren where he was an active member for the last 25 years.

Phil will be remembered for his charismatic personality and the joy he brought to those around him. He will be deeply missed and always remembered by his wife, Stephanie and his three daughters, Samantha Johnson, wife of Matthew Johnson, Kayla Weaver, fiancé of John Merkert, and Olivia Fassnacht, girlfriend of Clarence Grutza. He was a proud "Papa" of Nora and Eloise Johnson. Phil was loved by his brother and best friend, Michael Fassnacht, husband of Nancy Fassnacht, and the late Timothy Fassnacht. He was admired by his three nephews, Shane Fassnacht, husband of Lindsay Fassnacht, Nathan Fassnacht, and Matthew Fassnacht.







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Yard Sign Sale!

All proceeds support Classroom Grants provided by the:



Cocalico Pride Signs are available for purchase!

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ExtraOrdinary Give

November 19, 2021

Support the Cocalico Education Foundation during the ExtraOrdinary Give, Lancaster County's largest day of giving. Donate online through the ExtraGive website.

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When you give EXTRA, Extraordinary things happen!

Classroom Grants

Money is awarded to innovative programming going beyond the normal curriculum. Past winners include family nights, STEM activities, flexible seating, literacy initiatives, and so much more!

Technology

The Cocalico Education Foundation has funded many technology initiatives including iPads for every K-2 classroom, robots for students to learn the basics of coding, and makerspace items to foster creativity while learning.

Early Literacy

Each year, children from one to five years of age, receive a free book and literacy information. These books are highly anticipated by families every

Family Fund

The Family Fund has been set up to help community families in need. Money is given to assist those in paying for school supplies, electricity, clothing, school lunches, counseling, activity fees, field trip costs, and other necessary items.

Please consider donating online on November $19 \ \underline{\text{or}}$ donate anytime by sending your contribution to: Cocalico Education Foundation, PO Box 800, Denver, PA 17517.





ALUMNI IN THE SPOTLIGHT MICHAEL MEANS

While many of us became couch potatoes during covid, our Alumni in the Spotlight, Michael Means Class of 1999, decided to put together a home gym in his garage. Michael explains, "Ever since college I have loved lifting weights, which was something I despised in high school. Up until I was thirty-nine, I lifted recreationally to stay in shape and stay strong but when my gym and school facilities got shut down during Covid, my wife and I decided to piecemeal together a garage gym. Over the last 18 months we just continued to add to it piece by piece and now have a really



nice setup in the garage." As the pandemic continued, he took it a step further. Michael adds, "When football was shut down and we couldn't workout with our guys, I needed an outlet for my addiction to competition and doing a powerlifting meet seemed like the most obvious choice. I changed my training splits up and entered a meet in May." Michael then went on to his first competition where he broke the PA State Masters (40 years and over) record. Now, keep in mind, Michael had never competed in this sport before. Michael was more-or-less competing against himself, and he was just really enjoying the sport. He explains, "I love the individual nature of the sport, which is very different from the sport I coach and the sport I played in college. I also love the challenge of lifting really heavy weights and the mental preparation that goes along with preparing to do that. Training is my stress relief and I love the feeling of pushing myself to the limit with heavy weights." Going

into his first meet, he had minimal expectations. He adds, "I knew what my best case and what my worst-case scenarios were going into the meet so I had an idea of the numbers that I could get to achieve some of the goals I set out for. I honestly was not worried about other people in the competition, I was competing with myself. I was the second oldest guy in the competition, and I was happy with how I performed. I hit a 1410 total in paused bench, squat, and deadlift and thought my best-case scenario was around 1470 so putting it all together and putting those numbers up was pretty good. I am not measuring my success by comparing myself to other lifters, I am measuring it by pushing the limits of what I am capable of. It was good enough to win that PA state championship for the USPA 40+ division but all that really means is that I am one of the only older guys still competing."

In high school Michael played basketball and football, and that he did enjoy high school. "I had a lot of great teachers when I was at Cocalico but the ones that had the biggest impact on me were Mr. Kimmich, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Brensinger, and my mom, Mrs. Means. I loved all of the English classes I took in high school." In college at Shippensburg University, Michael played basketball and started lifting his sophomore year to get stronger for Division II level competition. Michael initially studied public relations but realized he really wanted to go into teaching. He has been teaching 17 years and is currently teaching Social Studies at Oxford High School. He adds, "It was definitely the right professional choice for me, and I really enjoy interacting with kids every day." Michael also is the head football coach at Oxford and admits his life revolves around his family and football."

I asked Michael what happens at a lifting competition. He explained, "The competition is a long day of lifting but it is an awesome rush getting on the podium in front of the crowd and attempting to hit a lift. All of the lifters are organized into flights based on strength and each flight has 10-15 lifters in it (there were four flights at my meet). Squat is first and each lifter gets three attempts at weights that you have to relay to the judges. After a lifter goes and the lift is approved or rejected by the judges, he waits for the rest of the lifters in the flight before taking the next attempt. The second lift is the bench press, and the last lift is the deadlift. The average time between the three attempts of the same lift are 10-20 minutes and the average time between the different lifts was about two hours. It is a real test of mental strength to be able to put all nine lifts together and try to get yourself up nine separate times to hit maximum effort lifts. I went 7-9, missing my last bench attempt and my second deadlift attempt."

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Michael said the best part of his new hobby is the time he gets to spend with his family. He explains, "I live near Chesapeake City, MD with my wife Kristin, and two sons, Braeden and Brody. They have been my biggest supporters for me and one of the biggest blessings of building the gym in the garage and training at home is being able to do it with my sons. Braeden is fifteen now and Brody is thirteen so it has been great being able to share my love of working out with them and be able to do it with them. Kristin is also extremely active so us being able to spend time together training has been awesome and is much better than me disappearing for two hours to go to the gym."

I asked him for advice for anyone starting out in Powerlifting. He said, "It is a marathon, not a sprint, and anyone who has consistent training, and the right mindset

can succeed at it. All you have to do is have a smart training plan and be ready to grind through ups and downs in the gym. As the weights get heavier, you also have to prepare to overcome some injuries and get used to being in pain because it is part of the territory in this sport."

Michael plans to continue his new hobby by entering one meet a year, barring injury. He would like to break the USPA deadlift record for the Masters' Division and would like to work towards an Elite total of 1763 pounds total in the bench, squat, and deadlift. Good luck Michael and we look forward to hearing about your next accomplishments!



CLASS OF 1961 REUNION



Row 1: Arlene Brubaker, Lois Forry, Brenda Oberholtzer, Nadine Kilhefner, Evelyn Wingenroth, Sally Beamesderfer, Ann Wenger, Geraldine Henly, Elaine Hulshiser, Loraine Splngler

Row 2: Paul Brubaker, Ed Sweighart, Larry Wolf, Gretta Nies, Shirley Eshleman, June Burkhart, Louetta Gring, Sharon Wiest, Sundae Clouser, David Buchter, Geraldine Kieth

Row 3: Barry Gelsinger, Larry Ruhl, Neil Leid, Kathleen Harlinger, Bill Gockley, Irwin Fox



The Cocalico Alumni Association held their 7th Annual Golf Outing on June 28, 2021. With 33 4-somes registered it was our largest turnout thus far.

The Alumni Association would like to thank Carl Unruh for all that he has done to make the last

tournaments a gigantic success. Without him and his graduating class ('74) we would have never had the outcome that we have had. The Alumni Golf Outing is our largest (and sometimes only) fundraiser for the year and it supplies the funds for our scholarships and allows for the yearly

scholarships to be given to outgoing Cocalico Seniors.

To see more of our golf tournament, the winning foursomes, and pictures taken throughout the day check out the Cocalico Alumni website: www.cocalicoalumni.org.



HOMECOMING 2021

On Friday October 1, 2021 Cocalico High School celebrated Homecoming with the crowning of the Homecoming Queen at half time. This year's queen was Ashlyn Althouse who was escorted by Blake Johnson. With fantastic weather, an Eagles' win over Solanco, and an appearance from the Cocalico Alumni Band, you couldn't have asked for a better night.



ALUMNI OBITUARIES



Douglas Robert Fehr, 50, of Denver, passed away on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at home. He was born in Abington, PA, Montgomery County, to Diane J. (Flack) Fehr of Denver and the late Glenn Robert Fehr. Doug was a graduate of the Cocalico High School Class of '89. Beginning in 1989 he attended Johnson and Wales Culinary Institute and graduated in 1991. He returned to Lancaster County where he spent many years cooking in fine restaurants including The Log Cabin, Doneckers, and Bent Creek Country Club. He also worked in the culinary field on the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Doug enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He also enjoyed all outdoor activities including hiking, 4 wheel-

ing, fishing, working in the garden, spending time at the family's beach home in Outer Banks, Avon, North Carolina, and raising and loving his many dogs. In addition to his mother, Doug is survived by numerous loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.



Neal T. Showalter, 60, of Reinholds, passed away on Monday, August 16, 2021, at his brother's residence. He was born in Ephrata to the late E. Luke and Margaret "Peggy" (Helm) Showalter. He was a member of Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church, Stevens, and Cocalico Sportsman Association, where he also served as secretary. He started tactical handgun shooting and coached youth .22 caliber and air rifle shooting. Neal was a 1979 graduate of Cocalico High school. He followed in his father's footsteps and worked at High Concrete for nearly 42 years most recently as a quality control specialist. Neal enjoyed the outdoors and

spending time at the family cabin. He liked shooting handguns and rifles and was an avid reader of science fiction and action/adventure. He also made the occasional road trip to visit and connect with family friends. He is survived by 2 siblings, Kirk T. Showalter of Reinholds and Jill C. Showalter of Reamstown, 2 uncles, 1 aunt and many cousins and friends.



Faye R. Walter, 84, of Stevens, passed away on Monday, August 16, 2021, at Ephrata Manor. She was born in Ephrata to the late Tillman and L. Evelyn (Fisher) Rupp and was the wife of George R. Walter, Jr. with whom she shared 65 years of marriage. She was a member of Wiest Memorial Chapel, Stevens, and Order of Eastern Star. She was an avid bowler and Phillies fan. Faye worked for JJ Newbury, Ephrata, and waitressed at the family business, the Lincoln Restaurant. She was a graduate of Denver High School Class of '55. In addition to her husband, Faye is survived by 3 children, Teresa M., wife of LeRoy W. Martin of Denver, Vanessa Hable, wife of Dennis Foltz of Schaefferstown, and George

R. Walter, III of Stevens; 8 grandchildren, Alicia Oberholtzer and companion Brad Miller, Kelly, wife of Billy Stoltz, Jessica, wife of JP Callahan, Brandy, wife of Kurt Ansel, Torrey, husband of Stephanie Martin, Courtney Leigh Walter, Heather Folk, and Holly Clark; 13 great-grandchildren, Jamie, Bradley, Kaylin, Alissa, Ashley, Lily, Austin, Rielly, Jameson, Jaycee, Marley, Kayla, and Sophia; 3 sisters, Connie Rupp, Linda Devlin, and Donna, wife of Charlie Spade. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Tillman Rupp.



Patricia Faye Gress, 88, of Reinholds, passed away on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at Ephrata Manor. She was born in West Cocalico Township to the late Ralph and Esther (Gerhart) Wenrich and was the wife of the late Emory L. Gress who passed away in 2017. They shared 66 years of marriage. She was a member of Swamp Lutheran Church and Reinholds Station Unity Chapel where she was treasurer for 30 years. She loved traveling, camping, and spending time with family. She had a large collection of glass chickens and ruby glassware. Patricia was a graduate of Denver High School Class of 1950. She worked as a seam-stress for Keystone Nitewear for 28 years prior to retiring. Patricia is survived by

2 sons, Kory L. Gress of Reinholds, and Kyle L., husband of Kimberly Gress of Exton; daughter-inlaw, Amy Gress of Milton; 5 grandchildren, Madison Morgan, Josiah Gress, Mariah Gress, Maxwell Gress, and Alex Smoot; 3 great-grandchildren, Oliver and Anna Morgan, Emmi Paige. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by son, Kirk L. Gress.



Angela L. "Angie" Swartz, 58, of Stevens, passed away on Friday, July 16, 2021, at WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital. She was born in Ephrata to the late Henry and Dorothy (Smith) Rauser and was the wife of David A. Swartz with whom she shared 40 years of marriage. Angie was a member of Calvary Chapel Chester Springs, Exton. She received the Lord Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior when she was a teenager. A graduate of Cocalico High School Class of '80, she enjoyed reading her Bible, taking part in Bible studies, cooking, baking, going on vacation, and spending time with family and friends. Angie worked in

food preparation for Oregon Dairy. In addition to her husband, Angie is survived by a son, Joshua Lee, husband of Amanda Michelle Swartz; four grandchildren, Anastasia, Liam, Noah, and Thomas; mother-in-law, Joanne Swartz; three sisters, Ardell, wife of Dean Markley, Rosie Wenrich, and Shelly, wife of Dale Ebersole; 2 brothers, Mel Geib, husband of Kitty, and Sam Heiser, husband of Nancy. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Tina, wife of Gene Roth and a brother, Henry Rauser, Jr



Jackie L. Buchter, 70, of Ephrata, passed away on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital. He was born in Lancaster to the late Earl I. and Betty L. (Hehnly) Buchter and was the husband of the late Fay (Stewart) Buchter who passed away in 2004. Jackie was a graduate of Cocalico High School Class of 1969. He worked as a traffic manager for Kalas Manufacturing for 42 years prior to his retirement. He was a big country music fan and loved watching wrestling. Jackie is survived by 2 daughters, Mandi S., wife of Justin Long and Becky A., wife of Spencer Kulp; 2 grandchildren, Hannah Kulp and Dylan Kohl;

and a sister, Debra K., wife of Barry Martzall. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by 2 brothers, James and Larry Buchter; and former wife, Beverly A. Buchter.



Dennis L. High, 63, of Robesonia, passed away at home on Saturday, May 22, 2021, after a 2-1/2 year battle with cancer. He was born in Ephrata to J. Clair High and the late Shirley Ann (Weaver) High and was the husband of Connie (Becker) High, with whom he shared 32 years of marriage. Dennis was of the christian faith. A graduate of Cocalico High School Class of 1975, he worked as a self-employed contractor. He coached midget football, baseball, and softball for Cocalico and played fast-pitch softball for various teams. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, snowmobiling, and spending time with family and friends. His favorite place to go was his cabin in the mountains. In addition to his father and wife, Dennis is survived by 3

children, Megan H., wife of William Hunter Wilbanks of Charlotte, NC, Kayla M., wife of Colton Murray of Olathe, KS, Joshua G. High of Lancaster; grandson, Asher Isaac; 5 brothers, Gary L. High of Elizabethtown, Jay L., husband of Star High of Reinholds, Kevin L., husband of Holly High of Denver, Curtis L., husband of Joan High of Stevens, and Darrell L., husband of Cindy High of Lebanon; many nieces and nephews. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by sister, Lori Sue High and brother, Clair High.



Barry Lee Shupp, 70, of Ephrata, passed away on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at home. He was born in Denver to the late Leroy Shupp and Pauline (Sweigart) Shupp Hornberger. Barry retired from NAPCO as a QA Technician and worked for KALAS Mfg. for 28 years. He went to Cocalico Schools and studied at PSU. He was a PSU alumni who loved supporting their games. WE ARE PENN STATE! Photography and Astrology were his passions. He loved spending time at Middle Creek Wildlife Center. He was an original member of BCAAS, Berks County As-

tronomy Club. He was a regular contributor to the club as a go-to for astrophotography questions. He also loved Ocean City Air Shows. Barry was described as a good, solid dude! He loved to support his nephews' music by showing up to see their bands throughout the years. He taught his niece and his brother-in-law, Larry, how to shoot photos and use a camera. He was a kind man with a good heart and was a loyal friend to many. Barry is survived by brother, Rick Shupp, husband of Linda of Pittsburgh, Terri, wife of David Lorah, Sr. of Manheim; 2 nephews, David Lorah, Jr. and Steven Lorah; 3 nieces, Nicole Lorah, Tracy Lefever Eager, and Shannon Earhart; 2 step-nieces, Doreen Gensemer and Kim Earhart; step-nephew, Doug Earhart; along with great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 4 siblings, Cathy Earhart, Craig Allen Shupp, Cynthia Gail Lefever, and Kevin Leslie Shupp.



Mary Jane (Showalter) Miller, 90, of Reinholds, passed away on Monday, May 17, 2021, at StoneRidge Towne Centre Retirement Living Community, Myerstown. She was born in Reinholds to the late Oliver S. and Florence P. (Kopp) Showalter and was the wife of Rev. James B. Miller with whom she celebrated 71 years of marriage last October 23rd. She was a member of Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds, where she was also a member of the choir, Reading Civic Opera and Choral Society, Cocalico Christian Women's Group, The Flying Dutchman Ski Club, and the Western Berks Horseman's Club. Mary Jane was a gradu-

ate of East Cocalico Vocational School Class of 1948. Prior to retirement, she was a therapeutic activity worker at Wernersville State Hospital. Before that she worked and instructed at Colonial Hills Bowl in Sinking Spring and Wiest's Sporting Goods in West Reading. In addition to her husband, Mary Jane is survived by son, James D., husband of Mary Ann (Bachert) Miller of Reinholds; 3 grandchildren, James S. Miller, Joshua D. Miller, and Katherine M. Burd; 3 great-grandchildren, Clayton, Wyatt, and Evie Miller; and sister, Brenda Dianne, wife of the late Barry L. Emes, of Lancaster. She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Warren K. and Ray K. Showalter.



Tim O'Neal Lorah, 60, passed away in Manhattan on Sunday, May 2nd, 2021. Devoted son of Lucille E. and Harry E. (Ducky) Lorah of Denver, PA; beloved brother and brother-in-law of Geoffrey L. Lorah and Mary Grace Lydon Lorah of Punta Gorda, Florida and John W. Lorah and Janice Ferro Lorah of Stevens, PA; doting Uncle of Jasa, Justis, and Joshua Lorah. Born July 12, 1960, Mr. Lorah was a member of Swamp Lutheran Church and graduated from Cocalico High School in 1978 where his love for the theatre began. He earned a BFA in theatre from Penn State University and an MFA in acting from Asolo Con-

servatory at Florida State University, then eagerly headed to New York City and never looked back. He worked as an actor, waiter and bartender before managing the Landmark Tavern for several years in the late 1980s, before a friend persuaded him to pursue a Law career. He attended New York Law School, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1996. Mr. Lorah then clerked for the Honorable Howard A. Levine, Associate Judge, New York Court of Appeals, before becoming a Senior Associate at Schulte Roth and Zabel LLP for over 4 years. Esteemed for his expertise in the field of financial crime, he subsequently served as the Global Head of Anti-Money Laundering and Financial Crime at both Morgan Stanley and Barclays, and as a Managing Director with Navigant's Global Investigations and Compliance Practice. Mr. Lorah was also an Adjunct Professor of Law and a coveted lecturer, panelist, and co-author in his field. He served on the Boards of Bailey House, Housing Works, and Times Square Alliance Business Improvement District. As Tim cherished his relationships with the Penn State theatre community, he was honored to be named an Alumni Fellow by The Penn State Alumni Association in 2016. Tim was devoted to his family and friends. He was a colorful raconteur who loved hosting parties, a fanatical collector of Christmas ornaments, a strategic card player, a fan of Broadway theatre. He loved watching The Price Is Right and Law and Order. He frequented his favorite restaurant, Joe Allen, so often that he was awarded Best Leading Regular Customer at the restaurant's "Joey" Awards. When not being in the comfort of his NYC apartment, visiting family in PA and FL, or traveling the globe for work, he most enjoyed vacationing with family and friends in Paris, Martha's Vineyard, North Carolina and the New Jersey Shore



Kenneth "Ken" L. Stewart, 91, of Ephrata, formerly of Reinholds, passed away on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at Ephrata Manor. He was born in Reinholds to the late Stella Bensing and was the husband of Isabel L. (Shupp) Stewart. He was a member of Swamp Christian Fellowship Church, Reinholds, Reinholds Fire Co., and Reinholds Lion Club, where he served in many capacities. He enjoyed golfing and bowling. Kenneth was a graduate of Denver High School Class of 1948. He was the co-owner of Keystone Nitewear. Prior to that he worked for the Leola Planing Mill. In addition to his wife, Kenneth is survived by

a daughter, Susan S., wife of Richard Bell of Greencastle, a son, David A., husband of Stephanie



Oscar "Oz" O. Christ, Jr., 48, of Mohnton, passed away on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at home. He was born in Ephrata to the late Oscar O. Sr. and Jeannette (Bell) Christ and was the husband of Melanie L. (Blimline) Christ with whom he shared 11 years of marriage. Oscar had attended the Reamstown Church of God. He loved his family, spending time with his kids, and had a passion for music. In addition to his wife, Oscar is survived by his in-laws, Mommom and Jon Lubas, and 3 children, Bailie Elaine Christ and future husband Evan Rosario, Zachary

Marley Christ, and Griffin Alexander Sheaffer; a granddaughter, Lydia Lynn; a brother, Garry, husband of Diana (Woodward) Christ, a sister, Melody L. (Christ) Karick, wife of Arthur Thomas Karick, Jr., and brother-in-law Michael W. Blimline; nephews and nieces, Ty, Ryan, and Kyle Blimline, Victoria P. (Karick) Young, wife of Matthew Young, Arthur Thomas Karick, III, Whitley A. (Karick) Lynch, wife of Joshua Lynch, and Austin T. Karick, husband of Andrea Karick; great-niece and great-nephews, Oliver and Piper Karick, and Lincoln Lynch.



Judith L. Sauder, 80, of Reinholds, passed away on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at home. She was born in Ephrata to the late William and Helen (Klopp) Hershey and was the wife of the late John H. Sauder who passed away in 1986. She was a member of Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds, church choir, and card club. She was also a Lioness member of the Reinholds Lions Club and an avid Phillies fan. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and going to the mountains and the shore. Judith worked as a secretary for Swamp Lutheran Church for 26

years. Judith is survived by 3 children, Susan, wife of Guy Templin of Sinking Spring, David, husband of Lori Sauder of Denver, and Jeffrey, husband of Laurie Sauder of Denver; 4 grandchildren, Alexis, Jonathan, Lindsey, and Nathan, husband of Katelyn. Also survived by her companion's children, Karen Leisey of New Holland, Brett, husband of Tricia Boyer of Mohnton, and Tammy (Pat) Boyer of Denver. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by infant daughter, Wendy Lynne Sauder, companion, Charles Boyer who passed away in 2019 and his son Patrick Boyer.



Scott D. Krall, 61, of Denver, passed away Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Lebanon Co., he grew up in Myerstown, a son of the late David & Jeannette F. (Bowman) Krall and the loving husband to Bridget T. (Twombley) Krall with whom he would have celebrated 34-years of marriage next month. Scott was a graduate of Elco High School, class of 1978 and where his legacy of Track & Field began. He held the school javelin record at Elco, to later delight in the honor of coaching the student who finally broke it. Scott began coaching at Cocalico High in 2001. He specialized in shotput, javelin, and discus. Students traveled from surrounding schools for Scott's train-

ing. Students on Scott's track team learned the best positions, finest techniques, and the greatest life lessons. In addition to his wife, Scott is survived by his son, Jordan S. Krall, husband of Xenia L. Krall of Stevens; two grandchildren Felix J. & Stella R. Krall; four siblings, Debbie Sands, Karen Rittle, Wendy Smith, Greg Krall; and many loving nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Jeff Krall.



Clyde 'Junior' R. Pfautz Jr., 87 of Reinholds, passed away Monday September 20, 2021, at the Lancaster General Hospital. Born and raised in Reamstown, he was a son of the late Clyde R. and Anna Mae (Hoover) Pfautz and was the devoted husband of 67 years to Betty A. (Pierce) Pfautz until her passing a year ago. Junior was proud to be a veteran of the U.S. Army. He loved classic cars and antique tractors, often taking his 1927 Chevy to car shows. While growing up he drove truck for his dad, handling and selling produce at the farmers markets. Formerly, he owned his own gas station & garage in Reinholds, and he worked at the Cocalico School Dist., managing all their maintenance projects. He was a hard worker and held various jobs over the years at the Weaver's Markets bak-

ery, Dorma, Greenlawn, Greenlea Eggs, Wengers Feed Mill, and Reinholds Lumbers. Junior was skilled and talented carpenter; he could make anything out of wood. More than a jack-of-all trades, he had a knack for fixing anything and he was always willing to try something new. Junior loved being a father and even more, loved being a grandfather and great grandfather. He was a wealth of knowledge, just enough of a risk taker, and an example of applied common sense that made him the balanced and solid man he was. Junior is survived by his daughter, Kathy Behrendt (Clifford L. Jr.) of Denver; his son, Ron Pfautz (Tracy Weidenhammer) of Reinholds; two grandchildren, Jennifer Zeni (Adam), Kimberly Franck (James); four great grandchildren, Evan Zeni, Addison Zeni, Charlotte Fanck, Camden Franck; four sisters, Thelma Weaver, Mary Gonzalez (Joe), Arlene Hartraft, & Paulene Ludwig. He was predeceased by three brothers, Eugene Pfautz, Larry Pfautz, John Pfautz.



Roma H. Oberholtzer, 97, of Stevens, passed away Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Born in East Cocalico Twp., Roma was a daughter of the late George G. & Emma H. (Hirneisen) Garman and the devoted wife of 55 years to Richard E. Oberholtzer until his passing in 2002. Roma was the last living member of the Denver High School, class of 1941. She loved country living and being a farmer's wife. While working on the farm and raising her family, Roma helped her husband manage Reamstown Mutual Insurance. Roma was deeply rooted in her faith; a lifelong member of Muddy Creek Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir,

taught Sunday school, volunteered in the office, and was actively involved with the women's group. Card club was always time she enjoyed with friends. She was an amazing cook and baked the best desserts, her home was always tidy and clean. Most of all, she was an awesome grandma, her grandchildren and great grandchildren were her greatest love. Roma's presence brightened a room, her independent and giving spirit blessed all. Roma is survived by a daughter, Jane L. Wenger of Ephrata; daughter in law, Colleen Oberholtzer of Ephrata; four grandchildren, Andrew Wenger (Paula) of Reading, Jason Oberholtzer (Monika) of Poulsbo, WA, Jill Youndt (Jesse) of Denver, Jamie Copeland of Ephrata; and nine great grandchildren. She was predeceased by son, R. Dean Oberholtzer, and sister, Ardell Garman, who died as a child.



Cherie Lynn Lewis, 53, of Akron, passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Born in Annapolis, Md, she was a daughter of Mary Lee (Hartzell) Naumann of Bradenton, FL, and the late James L. Naumann Sr. Cherie was a graduate of Cocalico High School, class of 1986, where she met many lifelong friends that she loved dearly. Cherie moved around a lot after high school but always came back home to Lancaster County. She looked forward to summertime, basking in the sun at the beach or pool. Cherie enjoyed traveling with and to her loved ones to spend those precious moments with family near and to make lasting memories. Her family and

all those whose lives she touched will forever remember her for bringing them together, having a special sense of humor, and always being there. With friends and family, she ended every conversation with "love you." In addition to her mother, Cherie is survived by her son, Brad Lewis of Anchorage, AK; a brother, Christopher C. Naumann of Bradenton, FL; nieces & nephews, Mitchell Naumann, Annika McKinney, Erin Naumann, Kristin Rutledge, Ava Naumann; Aunt, Diane Hartzell-Haines of Jacksonville FL; Uncle, Robert Naumann of MD; and sister-in-law, Gina Naumann Horning. In addition to her father, Cherie was predeceased by her brother, Jim Naumann.



M.Kent "Kent" Leid, 77, Harrisburg, passed unexpectedly, Tuesday, June 29, 2021, to spend eternity with his beloved wife Kathleen R. Leid. He was the son of the late Mahlon and Dorothy Leid. Kent grew up in Denver, PA., graduating from Cocalico High School and Susquehanna University. He attended Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary finding his passion in firefighting. He was a volunteer firefighter with Denver, Gettysburg and Hanover Fire Companies before becoming a career firefighter in Hanover and Lancaster City. He was a founding member of the former West End Ambulance Association in Lancaster County. Kent later became a funeral director, working in Lancaster and Harrisburg. While Kent engaged in

various careers, his passion was always fire service. He went on to become the Administrative Officer of the PA Office of State Fire Commissioner where he retired. He and Kay enjoyed traveling and nights with friends. They loved hosting family gatherings at the holidays and spoiling the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Kent is survived by his daughter, Stephanie A. (Toby) Hickey, Lancaster, PA., his son, Brian K. (Susan) Leid, Mount Joy, stepsons, Stuart (Sue) Spencer, Millersburg, PA., and Steven Spencer, Naples, FL., his brother Craig Leid, Denver, PA., seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and faithful friend and caregiver, Tammy Mills



Tyler Scott Leisey, 27, of Adamstown, passed away unexpectedly after sustaining injuries from an auto accident in the early morning of Sunday, June 6, 2021. Born in West Reading, he was the son of Jeffrey S. Leisey, companion of Sharon Patton and Phyllis J. Reinert, companion of Edward V. Williams Jr. Tyler graduated from Cocalico High School and the Lancaster Co. Career & Technology (Brownstown campus) class of 2011. He formerly worked at Kalas Manufacturing and most recently for DenTech Industrial of Denver where he was a supervisor. He was a first-to-clock-in and last-to-leave kind of guy – he loved his work and had

a strong work ethic. Tyler was a car enthusiast, putting his automotive tech skills to the test, he loved working on cars, and he liked sprint car and dirt track races. When a wrench wasn't in his hand, he could be found with a fishing rod on a weekend trip. Most of all, Tyler put others before himself. He was always available to help, mow a neighbor's lawn, or check on his grandparents. His presence lightened a room. His friends were everything to him, Tim Gehman was like a brother, they were always together. Tyler will forever be remembered for his selfless and generous nature, his larger-than-life personality, and big hairy smile. In addition to his parents, Tyler is survived by sister, Courtney Nikol Leisey, fiancé of Scott Ernest Bowman Jr.; nephew, Bentley Scott Bowman; stepbrother, Jesse A. Trievel, paternal grandparents, James & Dolores Leisey; Aunts & Uncles, Evone Shupp and Pam & Randy Leisey; cousins, Cody and Hunter Leisey; and countless friends. Tyler was predeceased by maternal grandparents, Richard & Jacqueline Reinert. In memory of Tyler, mow a neighbor's yard or do a good deed, looking for nothing in return.



Tyler was a graduate of Cocalico High School, class of 2013. He was an arborist at Wolf Tree Specialists of Fleetwood where in true Tyler-style, always up for a challenge, he became their lead climber. Prior, he had worked in tree cutting and tree removal on his own. Tyler's passion for bikes started young, growing up he loved BMXing. He was a motorcycle race enthusiast to say the least; he lived to go to the track! He raced at tracks all over the country, his favorite was Palmer Motorsports Park in Palmer, MA. Tyler loved his race family at Evolve GT Track Days and was so proud to recently receive a certificate for Advance Pump. Tyler enjoyed having the support of his race partner and best friend,

Rachel Yoder, on and off the track, they were always working on their bikes together. He was a glass half-full kind of guy; he could always see the silver lining even in the worst circumstances. He hugged everyone, even if you didn't want to be hugged. Tyler was an artist, designing his own line of pendants and jewelry called Apex Creations. He loved his family and was the best brother, he was fun and protective. He loved to dance and was a great cook. Tyler will forever be remembered for his big heart and his contagious smile. In addition to his parents, Tyler is survived by, three sisters, Ashley Fry, Katie Fry, & Sara Fry; grandparents, Lonnie & Victoria Schlott, Cathy & Michael Kulp, Alan & Monica Fry, Janice & Kerry Palsgrove, Steven & Margaret Miller, and Dave & Sheri Wolfinger; as well as many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.