

Ralph E. Berkstresser III

Chambersburg, 60

Ralph Eugene "Sonny" Berkstresser III, 60, of Chambersburg, and formerly of Needmore, died Saturday, December 7, 2013, at his residence.

He was born in Huntingdon, August 6, 1953, the son of the late Ralph Eugene Berkstresser Jr. and Betty J. (Mellott) Berkstresser, who survives him of Harrisonville.

He graduated from Forbes Road High School in 1971 and Millersville University in 1975 with a master's in elementary education.

He was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church, Harrisonville, a former deputy of the PA Fish Commission, and after teaching sixth grade at Southern Fulton Elementary School for 17 years, he was nominated for The Presidential Award for Excellence in the teaching of science.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by daughters: Crystal Peffer of Rural Valley, Pa.; Darcy Kagarise of Bedford; Megan Buterbaugh of Bedford; Chelsey Berkstresser of Needmore; sisters: Brenda Hardwig of Somerset, Pa., and Christine Horton of McConnellsburg; a brother, Stephen Berkstresser of Waterfall; and grandchildren: Natalie and Blake Peffer, Hunter and Chase Kagarise and Bentley Buterbaugh.

Memorial services will be held at at Howard L. Sipes Funeral Home Inc., McConnellsburg, at 2 p.m., Sun-

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