

## Obituary Page

### REV. FRANKLIN H. LITTELL, SCHOLAR OF THE HOLOCAUST

The Rev. Franklin H. Littell, 91, of Merion Station, a Methodist minister widely acknowledged as the father of modern Holocaust studies in America, died Saturday at home after a long illness.

Mr. Littell dedicated his life to Holocaust research after spending nearly 10 years in postwar Germany as chief Protestant religious adviser in the U.S. high command. He was the first American scholar to offer courses on Holocaust and genocide studies, and at Temple University he established the nation's first doctoral program on Holocaust studies in 1976.

His scholarship examined individual responsibility in a free society and sought to encourage interfaith dialogue, especially between Christians and Jews.

Mr. Littell was the author of more than two dozen books and more than 1,000 articles, and was working most recently on his memoirs. He also was an activist who had marched with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil-rights struggle, said Marcia Sachs Littell, his wife of 30 years.

"He believed you could not hide behind the ivory tower of academia or the sanctity of the church," said Marcia Littell, a professor of Holocaust studies at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. "You must be actively involved in all that you do."

Born in Syracuse, N.Y., Mr. Littell earned his bachelor's degree from Cornell College in Iowa. He completed his master's degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York and his doctorate at Yale University.

After returning from Germany, Mr. Littell began offering a graduate seminar, the German Church Struggle and the Holocaust, in 1959 at Emory University, the first course of its kind in America.

In 1969, after professorships at Emory, the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, and the Chicago Theological Seminary, Mr. Littell joined the Temple University faculty. He retired in 1986.

In 1970, Mr. Littell founded the annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches, which for the last decade has been based at St. Joseph's University. His 1975 book, *The Crucifixion of the Jews* (Harper & Row), was the first work to explore Christianity in response to the Holocaust.

In 1976, in addition to beginning the doctoral program on Holocaust studies at Temple, he founded the National Institute on the Holocaust there.

President Jimmy Carter named Mr. Littell a founding member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. In 1979, he was the first Christian appointed to the International Governing Board of Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to Jewish victims of the Holocaust, in Jerusalem.

Mr. Littell was emeritus distinguished professor of Holocaust and genocide studies at Richard Stockton College and a visiting professor in the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at Hebrew University in Jerusalem for 25 years.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Littell is survived by daughters Jeannie Lawrence and Karen and Miriam Littell; son Stephen; stepsons Jonathan Sachs and Robert Sachs Jr.; stepdaughter Jennifer Sachs Dahmert; and 11 grandchildren.

His first wife, Harriet Davis Lewis, died in 1978.

Burial was private. A memorial service will be held in the fall. Donations in Mr. Littell's memory may be made to the annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches, Box 10, Merion Station, Pa. 19066.

*(From the Philadelphia Inquirer, written by staff writer Joelle Farrell.)*

### ELMER 'GUY' BUCKSBAUM

Elmer "Guy" Bucksbaum of Pleasantville and Davie, FL, on May 22, 2009, at the age of 89, slipped from the land of the living and into a peaceful rest in the great beyond. He is lovingly survived by his wife of 67 years, Faye Bucksbaum, his child and son in law Sharon and Marc Lovitz, his four grandchildren, Scott Lovitz, Caryn Hurlock, Geoffrey Lovitz, and Adam Bucksbaum, as well as, by his three-great-grandchildren, Jacob Hurlock, Manu Lovitz, and Eliana Hurlock.

Ever the eternal optimist, he typically answered the question, "How are you doing?" with his signature line, "Fantastic!" and by simply being fantastic, he had come to peace with the amazement of life's many adventures, as cherished and honored husband, as caring father and grandfather, as hero in the ball turret of a B-17 bomber over Europe, as an accomplished tap dancer, remarkable artist, and more than competent fiscal overseer.

For a boy who never graduated from high school, he was amazed at the accomplishments for which he had claimed as his own. Always quick with a joke, yet never one to speak when speech was nothing more than self serving, he was a quiet and humble man. As such, though always in a way particular to his own, he was an absolute pleasure to have around. He was not one to dwell on the past, but rather to cherish each day as it was offered to him. For sure, his Faye was his everything. It will be hard to imagine one without the other, but he will always live on in spirit, both within her, his family, and all of those who were lucky enough to have crossed his path.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Montefiore Cemetery, Jenkintown, PA. Arrangements were by Roth-Goldsteins' Memorial Chapel, Atlantic City ([www.rothgoldsteins.com](http://www.rothgoldsteins.com)).

### RONALD A. STARK

Ronald A. Stark died on May 20, 2009. He was a salesman and resided in Northeast Philadelphia.

He was the loving father of Michael and Arlene, Todd and the late Brad Stark, beloved son of Dorothy F. Stark and the late Leonard L. Stark, brother of Melvyn and Sandy Stark, Barney Stark and Margo and Bruce Pokras, loving friend of Jane Stark, grandfather of Matthew, Lindsey, Ian and Raquel and great grandfather of Noah. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were by Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks Inc., Philadelphia.

## Life Requires Planning...



We plan for weddings, when to start a family and for retirement. We also buy car insurance, life insurance and prepare a will, but we don't think to pre-plan our funeral. We leave the decisions about a funeral to a time when we are highly emotional. That's why we offer pre-arrangements, so that we can guide you through those decisions and your family can be assured your wishes have been met.

*Roth-Goldsteins'*  
MEMORIAL CHAPEL LLC

Providing funeral counseling and pre-need arrangements.  
In-home arrangements available.

**1-609-344-9004 • 1-800-858-7350**

Family Owned & Operated • Available 24 hours a day



Eric S. Goldstein, Mgr., NJ Lic. No. 4032  
Pacific & New Hampshire Avenues  
P.O. Box 1908 • Atlantic City, NJ 08404  
[www.rothgoldsteins.com](http://www.rothgoldsteins.com)



The UPS Store®

We can ship  
your trunks and  
duffels to camp

We have thousands of locations including one near you.  
So stop in and ask us for details!

**61 Central Square, Linwood, NJ 08221**  
**609-653-6777 fax 609-653-6744**  
**M-F 8am-6pm, SAT 8:30am-4:30pm**



**A HOUSE FULL**  
ANTIQUEN AND ESTATE CO.

We buy antiques,  
furniture,  
collectibles &  
house contents

Estate Liquidations  
Furniture Removal •  
Hauling • Complete Clean  
Out Service • Tag Sales

Showroom located at 6th Ave. off the White  
Horse Pike, Absecon (behind Texaco)

**Michael Lewkowski**  
**652-9555 • 641-2220**