



Aaron Spicher

June 11, 2016

Aaron Spicher, 65, of Lancaster, entered into rest on Saturday, June 11, 2016, after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. Born on October 31, 1950 in Spangler, PA, he was the son of the late Harry A. and Grace Hedley Spicher.

Aaron was raised in Harrisburg, PA, with his parents and sister and attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He graduated from William Penn High School in Harrisburg in 1963. He earned an Associate Degree in History from Harrisburg Area Community College and a Bachelor of Humanities Degree in Philosophy from The Pennsylvania State University in Harrisburg in 1973. A former resident of Harrisburg and Downingtown, PA, Aaron moved to the Lancaster area almost 30 years ago for his work in banking and retail.

Aaron began attending St. John's Episcopal Church of Lancaster in 1987 after having worshiped at St. James Episcopal Church in Downingtown and for more than 20 years, at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Harrisburg. As a member at St. John's, Aaron participated in chancel choir, alter guild, numerous St. John's Jubilee Ministry programs, and Vestry. He served as a delegate, alternate and volunteer at the Diocesan Convention.

In 2004, Aaron was hired as Verger at St. John's, with his primary responsibility being the set-up and orchestration of all worship services. Aaron liked to say that an enjoyable part of working at St. John's was that, "St. John's is a very thin space between earth and heaven." His parish family will

miss him greatly.

Aaron was a member of the “Music For Everyone Community Chorus” and enjoyed singing at its many concerts. His interests also included studying the Civil War, Lancaster history, and reading novels by Charlotte Harris.

Aaron is survived by his sister, Jane Spicher Kochanov, and her husband, William Kochanov of Harrisburg, his niece, Natalie Kochanov and his nephew, Alexander Kochanov.

There will be a celebration of his life at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 321 West Chestnut St Mulberry Sts., Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 12:00 pm with the Rev. John Morris officiating. Interment will be held at Burnside Cemetery, Burnside, PA. The family will receive friends at the church on Wednesday from 10:00 am until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent in Aaron’s memory to St. John’s Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, PA 17603.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
321 W. Chestnut Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Aaron Spicher

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Jane,

So sorry to hear about Aaron. I know we have never met but my mother was your aunt Freda.

Mom passed away in Dec. 2007, at the age of 106 and 1/2. I do remember her speaking of you and Aaron but I had not seen you since you were very small. My condolences.

Your cousin

Kay Gearhart [Brocious]

Kay Gearhart Brocious - January 27, 2017 at 02:03 PM



Jane,

I am sorry to hear that Aaron had passed away. I am your Aunt Freda's youngest daughter. When Mom had gone to visit Uncle Harry and Aunt Grace, I was taken a long. I am older than Aaron by seven years so we were sent to play outside and to walk on the sidewalk to the park.

Being from Cherry Tree, Pa., I was quite impressed with the big city and playing in the backyard that was all fenced in. He was about 5, I guess, so I was minding him. You have my condolences. My sister just called and told me so we did not know of his passing until this morning.

With loving thoughts,

Jane Gearhart Payne

Jane Payne - January 27, 2017 at 02:27 PM

TF

“ I was saddened to learn of Aaron's passing. When I first attended St. John's Church while a student at Lancaster Theological Seminary in the early 1990's, he was very welcoming and friendly to this newcomer. Many years later, when I returned for a visit after I became an Episcopal priest, Aaron was still there and just as hospitable. He took his verger duties seriously and always contributed to the excellence of worship at St. John's that I remember fondly. My prayers are with St. John's parish and all who cared for Aaron. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace. +

- The Rev. Dr. Nina George-Hacker, Cornwall PA

The Rev. Dr. Nina George-Hacker, FHC - June 15, 2016 at 04:21 PM

DW

“ Aaron was a long time friend of my family. I first met Aaron many years ago at St. John's Episcopal Church where I too was a member. From the beginning Aaron was a Character who I enjoyed seeing. Aaron was always full of life and quick with a joke or thought to help make the day better. I would often see Aaron around town and enjoy sharing how the day was going. Aaron had a very deep faith in God and Jesus. In Church he could be found getting ready for the next service. He seemed to always know more then the pastor did about the alter and the day to day activity. Aaron's love was for our God and Jesus. He loved the Church and everything about it! I know someday I'll see Aaron again in a better place. Till then We'll miss you my old friend. Rest in Peace.

Don Whitesel - June 15, 2016 at 04:18 PM

CW

“ *Charmaine Williams lit a candle in memory of Aaron Spicher*



Charmaine Williams - June 15, 2016 at 03:08 PM

CW

Just wanted to say what a pleasure it was to have shared time, although short, with Aaron. He always had a kind word, I would see him at market, or on my way to class. We always said, "God bless you to each other", or "Have a great day", or just chit chat. And, God has blessed Aaron. Life is so short, say Hello to someone you pass, you may just meet someone very special, I did. Thank you.

Charmaine Williams

Charmaine Williams - June 15, 2016 at 03:14 PM

SH

I actually played in the William Penn Band with Aaron in 1967/1968. Even though I was only a sophomore and he was a senior, he was always friendly and I especially remember his wonderful sense of humor (he was also a character in high school and full of fun). He was actually involved in all of the music organizations at William Penn, including playing trumpet in the band and orchestra and singing in the choir and choraliars.

About 5 years ago when I was at a service at St. John's, I saw his name and couldn't believe that he was actually living in Lancaster. After I reintroduced myself to Aaron, he was always really friendly when he would see me. I would periodically run into him at Central Market. Although the time was too short, I was glad to have met up with him again. I will miss seeing his welcoming face, recollecting with him about the past and hearing his kind words.

-Susan Dellinger Herr

Susan Herr - June 15, 2016 at 07:19 PM