



Alexander P. Wirth

February 22, 2026

Alexander Paul Wirth, 36, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Sunday, February 22, 2026, following a courageous three-year battle with Castleman's disease and lymphoma. He was born in Lancaster to Randy M. Wirth (Kathy) and Carol Byers Engroff.

Alex graduated from Manheim Township High School in 2007, where he was actively involved in theatrical productions and was selected as a speaker for both his commencement and baccalaureate ceremonies. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Theater from East Stroudsburg University in 2011. Continuing his academic journey, Alex received a master's degree in religion and philosophy from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 2014.

As a youth, Alex loved his time in the Boy Scouts, where he climbed the highest mountain at Philmont Scout Ranch and formed lifelong friendships. He was also deeply connected to the local craft brewing community, where he enjoyed spending time with friends and regularly dominating trivia nights.

By far, Alex's greatest passion was theatre. He held season tickets at the Fulton Theatre, frequently attended productions at the Ephrata Playhouse, and would occasionally travel to Broadway to catch a few shows. Friends described Alex as brilliant, kind-hearted, and delightfully goofy, with a larger-than-life personality and a laugh and sense of humor unlike any other.

The family is deeply grateful to the doctors and staff at Lancaster General Hospital, whose care left a lasting impact on Alex, especially the nurses who supported him through his many long hospital stays.

In addition to his parents, Alex is survived by his brothers, Austin (Lauren) Wirth, Jeremy (Christine) Gingrich, and Brett (Yvonne) Engroff; his sisters, Jill Gingrich and Amanda (Scott) Harella; and many extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Greg Engroff, who passed away just a few months ago.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603, on Monday, March 2, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Private interment will take place at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Alex's name may be made to the Fulton Theatre, 12 N. Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

MAR 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *Oh Randy. As a college classmate, your college roommate and as a friend, I grieve for you. As a parent, I grieve for you even more. I cannot even begin to express the sympathy I extend to you with this tremendous loss. In time, may the good and loving memories you have of Alex give you, and your family, comfort and strength. With sincerest sympathy.*

Lou Jackubowski

Lou Jackubowski - February 28 at 01:04 PM

BD

“ *I remember Alex from our shared families' lives at Grandview and as a great friend of our brewery. I and our team miss him greatly already. I offer my condolences to his family and friends*

Bob Desmarais - February 26 at 10:25 PM

MD

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Mike Domin - February 26 at 09:23 PM

RM

“ I was so saddened to hear of Alex’s passing. We were classmates in high school and college, and I remember him as kind, genuine, and a memorable presence on stage. Even though our paths didn’t cross much in adulthood, I’m grateful for the memories we shared.

My heartfelt condolences to his family. I hope you find comfort in the many lives he touched. --Rachel Mack (MT '06, ESU '09)



Rachel Mack - February 26 at 09:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alexander P. Wirth.

February 25 at 02:58 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alexander P. Wirth.



February 25 at 02:58 PM

DT

“ Carol and Randy and family I am so sorry to hear of Alex's passing. What great accomplishments he made. I will pass this information on to Amanda Lori and Tabatha. Hugs to you all.

Love ,
Doris

Doris Todd - February 25 at 12:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alexander P. Wirth.



February 24 at 06:34 PM