



Daniel C. Herr

July 30, 2023

Daniel C. Herr, 76, of Lancaster, died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 30, 2023, surrounded by family. Born in Lancaster, PA, he was the son of the late Richard F. and Sara Clements Herr and adoptive mother, Alice Beck Herr. Dan was the husband of Caroline Dean Herr with whom he shared a loving and devoted marriage for 55 years.

A 1964 graduate of Lancaster Country Day School, he received his undergraduate degree from Amherst College, and a Juris Doctor and Masters of Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina.

For 39 years Dan served the Lancaster community as an attorney at Herr & Low law firm where he was managing partner. He enjoyed visiting people in their homes, listening for their needs and counseling them in estate planning matters. In 2017, he received the Lancaster Bar Association's Louise Gatling Herr Memorial Award.

He was a long-time member of the Christian Science Church in Lancaster, serving in many capacities. Dan was the first Board President of the Lancaster Farmland Trust, served as a Supervisor of Strasburg Township from 1992-2004, and served on the L-S Recreation Commission, the boards of Crystal Lake Camps, the Fulton Theatre Foundation, and the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra.

Dan enjoyed the theater, gardening, and traveling with his wife, reading, classical music, sketching, and in his retirement, watercolor painting. He was a lifelong tinkerer and problem-solver. His favorite trips were to visit his sons' families.

Dan is cherished by his wife, Caroline, his sons, Alexander F. Herr (Amanda C.), Edina, MN, and son, Andrew D. Herr (Aran V. Nulty), Denver, CO, a brother, Jim Herr (Cindy), Lancaster, PA, and sister, Lois E. Herr, Arlington, VA, and five grandchildren: Emma and Josephine Herr and Ajax, Lola and Nell Nulty Herr. He was preceded in death by a brother, Rick Herr in 2009.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Dan's Memorial Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Friday, August 11, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. The family will receive guests at The Groffs from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service. A live webcast of the service starting at 2:30 p.m. can be found at <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/6359357739>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to First Church of Christ, Scientist, Lancaster, 200 W. Lemon Street, Lancaster, PA 17603, or Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, 48 N. Christian Street, Suite #200, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel C. Herr*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 11, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *Daniel C. Herr*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Sarah C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel C. Herr.*

Sarah C. - August 13, 2023 at 07:21 AM



“ 137 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 11, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daniel C. Herr.

August 10, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Daniel C. Herr.



August 10, 2023 at 10:38 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 10, 2023 at 05:36 PM

JW

“ At their meeting on Monday night, the Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors acknowledged the passing of a great man. Supervisor Weaver wished to have the following entered into the record in memorial:

*First, I would like to offer condolences to the Herr family.
Second, I would like to acknowledge and commend Dan as the father of our zoning ordinances and their contribution to land preservation and maintaining the agricultural heritage of Strasburg Township.*

Dan's foresight as to the critical importance of farming to Lancaster's culture, economy and quality of life for all who live in the Township was truly visionary.

On a personal note, Dan brought me into Strasburg Township government as a Zoning Hearing Board member and later guided me to the office of Supervisor.

I am indebted and thankful to this epitome of the noble servant of the people.

Judith Willig - August 08, 2023 at 03:36 PM

VR

“ Dan was a model of the kind, wise man - always ready to or already wearing that genuine smile and always speaking in an enviably calm positive voice. Dan and Carolyn were the 1st to welcome me to the Christian Science Church in Lancaster. I always felt 'at home' there ever since. His wise and insightful comments and relating positive outcomes of the faith's practice added significantly to my education and well being. He will be sorely missed and we are fortunate indeed to have God provide such a positive example of a Love-Inspired life lived so thoroughly. I so look forward to seeing him again at "the great reunion". Victor R.

Victor R - August 08, 2023 at 12:13 PM

RM

“ My condolence to the family. We will treasure the memories of Dan and Caroline coming to my greenhouse at Herbal Springs Farmstead to purchase native plants. Also the day you came and helped plant the riparian buffer on our farm. It was a hot day and Dan worked in the mud until he fainted. He refused the ambulance ride and told me later he depended on the bodies ability to heal. May God be near to you all! Rhoda Martin

RHODA MARTIN - August 07, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daniel C. Herr.

August 07, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel C. Herr.



August 07, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ Reading the news on your fb wall, Alex, made me very sad. I only met Dan once, many years ago, when he came to England with Caroline and the two teenage boys to visit his sister Lois, a good friend of mine. She dragged you all, armed with pizza, to our house a week or so after my younger son was born, and I remember a fun evening with you all, very relaxed with lots of laughter, and you all excited about the adventure you were having. Alex crossed our path again years later when my family and I lived in Michigan, and Dan and Caroline stayed at our house when visiting him while we were away. I never met Dan again, but this news hit me deeply. I know you will miss him dearly, but I also know that he is still companioning you - just in a different way. And that you can feel that. I am thinking of you a lot, knowing you well fed by legions of angels.

With all my love, Renate (Hausser-Duncan)

Renate - August 06, 2023 at 02:27 PM

BB

“ I extend our condolences to Dan’s family, coworkers and friends. I enjoyed working with Dan when we both sat on the L-S Rec Commission planning the eventual YMCA in Lampeter and found him to be both professional and personable. My wife Deb and I later used Dan and his law firm to write our will. From my family to yours, our prayers and deepest sympathy . Rest In Peace until we meet again. Bob BODNAR

Bob Bodnar - August 04, 2023 at 04:48 PM

“ DEAR CAROLINE,

I AM SO SORRY TO READ OF DAN'S PASSING. I WORKED WITH DAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS, MANY YEARS AGO, AT M&M, AS ONE OF THE SECRETARIES. READING OF HIS PASSING HAS CAUSED MANY MEMORIES ...

FIRSTLY, DAN WAS ALWAYS VERY WARM, KIND, CARING AND HELPFUL.

SECONDLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A COUPLE OF MEMORIES HERE, CAROLINE, HOPING THAT, IN TIME, THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE YOU SMILE.

MY HUBBY AND I LIVED IN ONE OF FRANK AND HARRIET'S APARTMENTS IN STRASBURG FOR TEN YEARS, 1982 TO 1992 .. I LEFT M&M IN MARCH OF 1984, SO THIS FIRST MEMORY HAD TO BE HALLOWEEN OF 1982 OR 1983 WHEN DAN STOPPED AT OUR APARTMENT WITH YOUR BOYS FOR TRICK-OR-TREAT -- OH MY GOODNESS, WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY CANDY FOR THE TRICK-OR-TREATERS, BUT HUBBY HAD A THOUGHT, WENT BACK TO THE BEDROOM AND CAME BACK WITH SOME CHANGE FOR ALEX AND ANDY'S TRICK-OR-TREAT BAGS.

THEN, WHILE AT M&M, ONE DAY WHEN DAN WAS RIGHT OUTSIDE OF MY OFFICE, I HAPPENED TO SEE THAT HIS TROUSERS WERE RIPPED, RIGHT AT THE SEAM IN THE BACK. I CALLED TO HIM, ASKING HIM TO COME INTO MY OFFICE, AND TO PLEASE CLOSE THE DOOR - WITH HIM LOOKING AT ME, LIKE, 'OH MY, WHAT'S COMING'? HE WAS STANDING, I WAS SITTING, AND I JUST LOOKED UP AT HIM AND SAID, "YOUR PANTS ARE RIPPED." HIS HAND IMMEDIATELY FLEW TO THE BACK OF HIS PANTS, AND HE ASKED ME, "DO YOU HAVE A SEWING KIT"? I SAID, "YES," AND I GAVE IT TO HIM, AND HE PROMPTLY WENT INTO THE MEN'S

ROOM AND TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM.

AGAIN, VERY SORRY, CAROLINE - YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS. ~ CINDY GRIMM

Cindy Grimm - August 04, 2023 at 04:23 PM

BD

“*Dan and I were classmates, lab partners and friends. Once in chemistry lab Dan and I were experimenting with copper and sulfuric acid. I misread the mix, used 10x the copper needed and filled the school with sulfur dioxide fumes. The whole school had to be evacuated. That was in 1964. Fond memories.*

Bob Dana - August 04, 2023 at 04:22 PM

SV

“*I was shocked and deeply saddened when I read of Dan's passing. What a huge loss to his dear family and the Lancaster community. He was a man of great intelligence, compassion, warmth, commitment and professionalism. I and many others will miss him and remember him with fondness and respect.*
Stefanie Valar

Stefanie Valar - August 04, 2023 at 08:56 AM

HD

I knew Dan since 1963 when we were at Country Day. We shared a few tiny escapades, which went into LCDS oral history. The headmaster could only give us two weeks of detention, as that was all that remained of the school year. -- Hal Dunlap

Hal Dunlap - August 04, 2023 at 10:08 AM

AL

I'm so very sorry, Alex & family. Jasen and I are thinking of you.

Angie Larson - August 04, 2023 at 11:38 AM

DE

To the Family of Dan Herr,

As I reminisce about Dan, I realized that it was our parents who knew one another long ago. Later, Dan became our legal advisor for a number of years before we moved to MA. There was no finer person, either professionally or personally, than Dan. I send deepest sympathy to you all and will keep you close in my thoughts in the coming days ahead.

*Sincerely,
Deborah Benson Everett*

Deborah Benson Everett - August 06, 2023 at 02:51 PM