



## David M. Schwanger

April 8, 2021

David M. Schwanger, 82, of Lititz, Pa., passed away Thursday, April 8, 2021, of natural causes at his residence. He was born in Lancaster, Pa., the son of the late D. Mark Schwanger and Ruth E. Schwanger. He was married for 61 years to Linda M. Schwanger, who survives.

He was a graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School and attended Lancaster Business School where he earned a Certificate of Accounting. David was a lifelong employee and second-generation owner of Schwanger Bros. & Co. Inc. He was very active in the Lancaster City community often lending a hand or sponsoring events.

He was a member of the Lancaster Lions Club; Lodge 43 Free and Accepted Masons; Lancaster Elks; Antique Truck Historical Society; Vagabonds Car Club; Pennsylvania Petroleum Association; Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association; former President of the Oil Heat Council of Lancaster; Past Director for the National Oil Heat Service Managers Association; and an active member of OESP (Oil & Energy Service Professionals).

David was a lifelong car, truck, and motorsports enthusiast and enjoyed attending shows, watching races or talking about cars and trucks.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, often over “lunch at the

local diner,” and mowing grass at his residence in Lititz.

In addition to his wife Linda, he is survived by four sons: Scott D. Schwanger of Lititz, Douglas M. Schwanger of Lancaster, Jeffrey R. Schwanger of Lancaster, and Stephen E. (Fayetta E.) Schwanger of Ephrata; six grandchildren: Kody J. Schwanger of Lancaster, Wyatt A. Schwanger of Ephrata, Jesse J. Schwanger of Ephrata, Coy H. Schwanger of Ephrata, Justin W. Schwanger of Florida and Jeffrey (Charlotte) Schwanger of Manheim; two great-grandchildren: Lilli and Rosie Schwanger; two step-grandsons: Todd and Bret Hirst of Ephrata; and a sister Nancy L. Maurer of Lititz.

Friends and family are invited to David's Funeral Service on Friday, April 16, 2021, at Noon at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster (corner of Orange and Pine Streets). The family will receive friends at The Groffs on Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 6:00-8:00pm and on Friday, April 16 from 11:00am until the time of service. Interment will follow at Conestoga Memorial Park.

You are welcome to view David's service by clicking the link below <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/46238669>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
528 W Orange St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-5300  
admin@thegroffs.com  
<https://thegroffs.com/>

## Visitation

APR **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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528 W Orange St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
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## Service

APR **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
528 W Orange St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-5300  
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## Graveside

APR **16**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Conestoga Memorial Park  
95 2nd Lock Rd  
Lancaster, PA 17603

# Tribute Wall

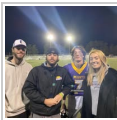


“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of David M. Schwanger*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - April 14, 2021 at 01:57 PM



*Wow really cool!! What a great tribute*

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**Adam Conover** - April 15, 2021 at 04:55 PM

CS

*Beautiful... Coy looks so much like him*

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**Christina Sullivan** - April 16, 2021 at 03:42 AM

LR

*Beautiful tribute to a great guy who led an interesting life quietly helping others and loving his family.*

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**Larry Roskos** - April 16, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *David M. Schwanger*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

GS

“ Dave gave many countless hours of time and financial support to the Rocky Springs Carousel Association, as a founding RSCA Board member. He worked hard to bring the historic Lancaster carousel home two decades ago (in 3 tractor trailers that were his!) We appreciate his dedication and the hard work that returned the historic carousel to safe storage in Lancaster two decades ago. Dave and I talked about the RSCA in late 2019, and he wished all of the new Board members good luck. We told him we will continue to work to keep his legacy safe! Deepest condolences to the Schwanger family.

Sincerely, Gail Groves Scott and Stephen T. Hohenwarter,

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**Gail Scott** - August 06, 2021 at 01:32 PM

MM

“ I just wanted to send our sympathies to Dave's family. Dave was very helpful to me as a young guy back in the sixties trying to build my first hotrod. Later, as the car shows and cruises became popular, I enjoyed re-connecting with Dave to catch up and talk about our projects. He was always a good friend and a good man. Safe travels, Dave.

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**Mike Marion** - April 16, 2021 at 12:33 PM

LN

“ To Linda and the rest of the family our heart and prayers go out to you. Dave was a special guy and a great friend. We will dearly miss him! I have great memories of our trips together and working and talk about trucks and cars. Life won't quite be the same anymore. Godspeed my friend and thanks for the all the great times.  
Love you all,  
Larry Newell

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**Larry Newell** - April 16, 2021 at 02:48 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David M. Schwanger.*



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April 15, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *TO Linda and family Dave was a guy with a positive disposition always a kind word and an upbeat message. I know he worked hard at making life better for his entire family. While I am out of town on family business my thoughts are with the entire family on your great loss*

*Love*

*John Martino  
and family*

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**John Martino** - April 15, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David M. Schwanger.*

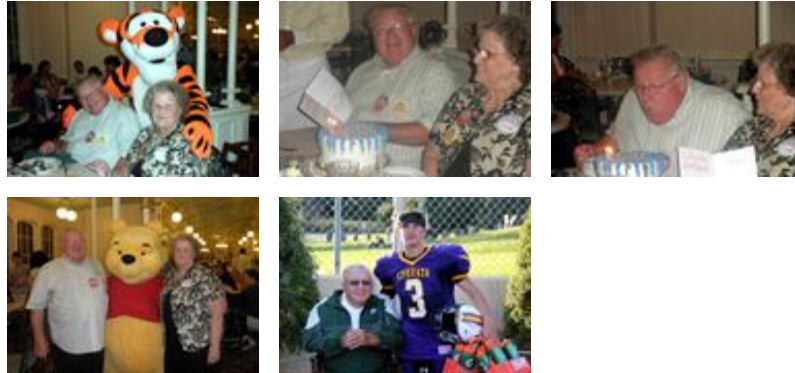


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April 15, 2021 at 07:42 AM



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - April 14, 2021 at 04:47 PM

BW

“ *Bob & Craig Wise purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David M. Schwanger.*



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**Bob & Craig Wise** - April 14, 2021 at 03:07 PM

JR

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Schwanger Family. You are in our Thoughts and Prayers*

*Jeff & Teresa Rietschey*

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**Jeffrey A Rietschey** - April 14, 2021 at 02:13 PM



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - April 14, 2021 at 01:50 PM

JH

“ Got my start working there back in 96. Dave was a nice man and always willing to answer any questions I had. My condolences to Steve, Doug and the rest of the family. May he rest in peace.

*Jim Hynes*

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**Jim Hynes** - April 14, 2021 at 01:19 PM

AF

“ Dear Schwanger family,  
Some of the best times of my life was working for Schwanger bros. The whole Schwanger family always treated me like a member of their family. Dave was always in to say hello and shake your hand. Never afraid to tell you how it was and most importantly thanking each and everyone of us for working for him. He and Steve took a chance on a young kid like me to work for them and I still think of the times at Schwanger bros and how much they meant to me. Thinking of all of you through this difficult time and know that your in my heart always.  
Andy Foster



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**Andrew Foster** - April 14, 2021 at 11:11 AM

KB

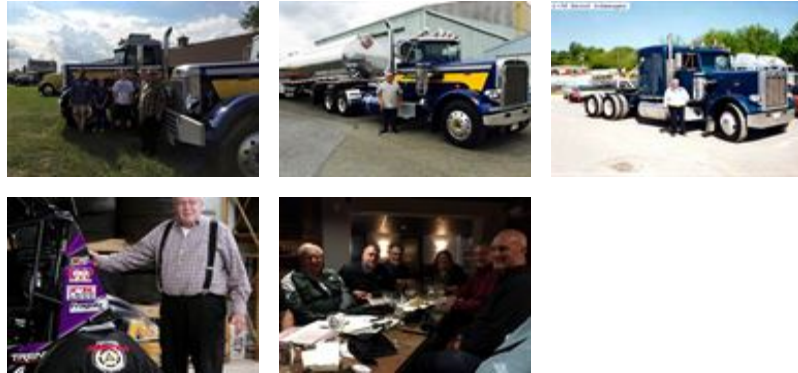
“ Steve, Scott, Doug, and family,  
  
Very sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed lunches with your father talking about the business, and talking about cars and trucks. I still remember being shocked when he popped the hood of his Denali and he showed me the Super Charger!  
  
He was a really nice guy, and will be missed in the community that he served I'm sure!  
  
Best wishes in this difficult time.  
  
Kevin Beatty

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**Kevin Beatty** - April 14, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ 9 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 13, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 13, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David M. Schwanger.



April 13, 2021 at 02:14 PM

FS

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Fayetta Schwanger** - April 13, 2021 at 01:19 PM

BS

“ *Linda and family,  
My heartfelt condolences to you. I most remember Dave's sense of humor and his compassion for others. I am not able to attend the services as I recently had a right hip replacement. I wish you God's peace.  
Beverly Shank*

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**Beverly Shank** - April 13, 2021 at 11:41 AM

LK

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences. I knew David and Nancy when we were kids. Our dads were both in the plumbing business. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Lynn (Good) Krushinski*

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**Lynn Good Krushinski** - April 12, 2021 at 01:02 PM

MS

“ Dear Linda and family,  
I was so sorry to learn of Dave's passing. I know you had many  
cherished years together.  
You are all in my prayers.  
Mary Rutherford Shelly

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**mary rutherford shelly** - April 12, 2021 at 11:26 AM

RA

“ Our condolences to Linda, Doug, Steve, Jeff and Scott. We knew  
Dave since 1980 when I worked with Doug at Oblender's Furniture  
store on S. Queen St. About that time we started using Schwanger's  
to service our 1951 boiler. Dave and his Son's kept the store warm  
until we were forced out in 2000 to build a Convention Center. Dave  
and I were members of the Lancaster Lion's Club and he was a  
great driving force of the Club for many years. Dave also drove the  
truck that delivered the Rocky Springs Merry Go Round to  
Lancaster. Dave also served on the Board of the Lancaster County  
Convention Center.

*Dave did alot and and we liked him very much.*

*Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.*

*Rick and Michelle Atwater*

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**Richard and Michelle Atwater** - April 12, 2021 at 10:42 AM

JB

“ *My sincere condolences to Linda and the Schwanger family. I've known Dave since the early 70s. I always had great respect for Dave, he was a good man, a good friend and I very much enjoyed working with him and for him. R I P my good friend !!!*



*Sincerely; Jeff Beard*

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**Jeff Beard** - April 12, 2021 at 09:59 AM

PB

“ *Dear Linda and Family,  
I offer my deepest sympathy.*

*It was always a pleasure be with Dave. He was charming, candid and had a great sense of humor.*

*Dave and I were board members of the Lancaster Council of Churches when it had financial problems. One of the largest debts were owed to Dave's heating oil company. He never asked for the money or complained.*

*May his memory be eternal!*

*Paul Benos*

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**Paul Benos** - April 12, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David M. Schwanger.*



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April 12, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ *We remember David and Linda as we rented a first floor apartment at their home on Buchanan Avenue in August, 1960. Both couples were recently married. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.*

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**Nancy/Bill Brackbill** - April 12, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss.  
Jimmy and Rena Falconi*

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**Rena Falconi** - April 12, 2021 at 08:24 AM



“ *I knew David well when he was a member of St. Peter's U.C.C. located in Lancaster. He served in various leadership capacities and was the go to man for questions about property issues. An example, for many years, he would bring his snow blower down the street from his home to clean the church sidewalk. I found David to be friendly, always with a smile and ready for a good joke. The Lancaster community has lost a good man.  
Dr. Bill Marshall*

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**William Marshall** - April 11, 2021 at 10:29 PM

BW

“ Condolences to the Schwanger family enjoyed having lunch with Dave at city line diner we where there just last week rest. In piece Dave  
Been Witmer

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**Ben witmer** - April 11, 2021 at 08:31 PM

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**faye Schwanger** - April 11, 2021 at 07:41 PM

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**faye Schwanger** - April 11, 2021 at 07:36 PM

KM

“ Mr Schwanger is a true leader, great times at Captain Gus, special times and laughs with KS.

*I am sorry for his loss, his family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kenneth G Myers** - April 11, 2021 at 07:10 AM

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“ Anyone who knew Dave, knew he had a smile the lit up any room he walked into, and a heart of gold that you could feel the love flowing from by just merely being in his presence.

*I've had the privilege and pleasure of becoming friends with him, from early on in my career in our industry. Whether it was industry board meetings, oil heat retreat or the conventions, he was always there, and always took time to chat with me. It only took a couple years before I just started to call him Dad, because he really did treat me just like a son, always gave me a fatherly hug, always shared great advice with me, and always encouraging me to keep reaching for my goals and to keep doing what I was doing. I even had the privilege to travel to Germany and Demark with him.*

*I am so grateful that I just happen to be at a recent meeting that he attended, as soon as I seen him walk in the room, I went right over and said Hi Dad and got that hug, that only a loving dad could give. I never would have imagined this would be the last hug. I love you dad, I'll miss you dearly, and I promise I'll just keeping reaching for those goals, knowing you're watching over all of us, from the beautiful heavens above.*



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**Alan Mercurio** - April 10, 2021 at 07:12 PM

RK

“ *Friend, mentor, racing sponsor, and a great man. His dry sense of humor, and no nonsense way of expressing himself made any time spent with him interesting and engaging. I will miss our lunches, and phone calls, the times he spent with the race team at our shop we’re always fun. Mostly I will miss his advice. Prayers for the entire family, and Godspeed Dave!*

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**randy kaylor** - April 10, 2021 at 07:08 PM