



Donald Ray Piefer

May 25, 2026

Donald Ray Piefer, 79, of East Petersburg, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. A lifelong resident of East Petersburg, Don retired as a sixth-grade teacher at Fulton Elementary School in the School District of Lancaster.

Don earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Millersville University. He was an avid model train collector and a longtime member of the Train Collectors Association. Dedicated to his community, he volunteered with the Boy Scouts, umpired girls' softball, and coached youth soccer. Known for his quick wit, sense of humor—especially his Dad jokes—and generosity, Don was a faithful member of Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Don is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Susan Piefer; his sons, Andrew, Tadd, and Zachary; daughters-in-law, Robin and Jolene; and five grandchildren, Avery, Hudson, Kara, Rachel, and Tyeler. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Logan Ray Piefer.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Don's memory to Hospice & Community Care.