



## George M. Rosenstein Jr.

July 21, 2021

George M. Rosenstein, Jr., 84, born in Philadelphia, PA and a resident of Homestead Village, Lancaster, passed away on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, from complications resulting from a brain injury. He was the son of George and Mildred (Meyer) Rosenstein, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Harriet, his daughter Beth (Brian) Cole, his grandson Graham Cole, his sister Ann (Robert) Neuman, sister-in-law Jean (Robert) Phay, and his nieces and nephews John Phay, Rob Phay, Marni Pearce, and Cheryl Meltzer, as well as many cousins and a multitude of friends.

George graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia and Oberlin College. He earned a master's and PhD in mathematics from Duke University. He taught at Western Reserve University before moving to Franklin and Marshall College in the fall of 1967, where he taught until his retirement in 2002. During his time at F&M he served several times as the chair of the mathematics department, chaired and served on many committees, and served as interim dean of the college. He was beloved by many students and received the Linback Distinguished Teaching Award in 1993.

George enjoyed sabbaticals at the University of Pittsburgh, the Smithsonian Institution, the United States Military Academy, and Cambridge University. His research on the history of the teaching of calculus led him to co-author a textbook, "Discovering Calculus," an attempt to spur reform in the teaching of

calculus. He was very active in the Advanced Placement program, starting as a reader for calculus exams and eventually serving as Chief Reader.

An active volunteer in Lancaster, George served on the city planning commission and volunteered with Planned Parenthood and the Literacy Council. He was a member of the Shaarai Shomayim congregation, where he participated in the Torah study group and served on the endowment committee.

George and Harriet loved to travel and visited all but one continent, many several times. He enjoyed spirited intellectual discussions and never met a party he didn't like. He was a life-long Phillies fan. One of his most recent pleasures was vicariously following his grandson Graham's college search, pointing out who he knew at each college under consideration.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at The Bachman Center at Homestead Village, 633 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603. Friends are welcome to visit with the family after the service at 3:00 p.m. Burial will be private. Please use the following Tribucast link to view the service. <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/8300763877>

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Franklin and Marshall College or Congregation Shaarai Shomayim.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Bachman Center (on the Homestead Village Campus)  
633 Community Way  
Lancaster, PA 17603

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *George M. Rosenstein Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Harriet,  
We were deeply saddened by George's passing and send you heartfelt condolences. We got to know your dear husband while serving on the Board of Planned Parenthood of Lancaster County. While finances were being discussed at one Board meeting, he calmly walked to the board and wrote out an excellent summary of the issues, bringing clarity to confusion. PP was very lucky to have him! Of course, then came Stefanie's years at F&M, where he was a beloved fixture. We count ourselves very lucky to have known him.  
Warmly,  
Stefanie Valar and Ed Hauck*

Stefanie Valar - August 16, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Wade & Wanda Austin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George M. Rosenstein Jr..*



Wade & Wanda Austin - August 12, 2021 at 10:56 PM

DK

“ I am sad to hear of George's passing, but I am so grateful for having known him over the years, most memorably through our years together grading AP Calculus papers. George was a great friend to me, and we shared many good laughs around his comedic performances as Rosensnac the Magnificent. Later I had the privilege of working with his daughter, Beth, as a teaching colleague at Baylor School. I'll attach two memorable photos from the AP readings: one with me and Dick Prosl, featuring George's famous smile under pressure, and one with a rare collection of AP chief readers and development committee chairs (Don Kreider, Pat Henry, John Kenelly, John Neff, Dick Prosl, Dan Kennedy, George, and Ray Cannon).



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**Dan Kennedy** - August 10, 2021 at 12:09 PM

BD

“ Dear Harriet,

*I am so sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere sympathy. You are*

*in my thoughts and prayers. Your former Mary Kay Consultant.*

*Warm regards,  
Barbara Dimeler-Spotts*

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**Barbara Dimeler-Spotts** - August 01, 2021 at 10:29 PM

EB

“ I remember our warm exchanges as George and Harriett volunteered at the food bank at UUCL. It was always a pleasure to see this delightful couple and to catch up on things each week. I am saddened to learn of this loss and I send my condolences to Harriett and family.

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**Emma Bramble** - August 01, 2021 at 05:20 PM

PW

“ To Harriet and family, George was a friend in the community and a colleague from days at Franklin & Marshall. I cannot think of how many years Judy and I have known George and you. He was so loyal in supporting his charities. We are sad to hear of his passing. Our thoughts are with you and the family. Paul and Judy Ware

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**Paul & Judy Ware** - July 25, 2021 at 08:38 PM

PW

“ George and Harriet were wonderful neighbors of my family's for years, and fellow residents of Homestead Village with my parents. I also was fortunate to have George as a professor at F&M in the early 1980s. I was very sorry to read in Sunday's paper that he passed away, just a month after my own father died. Beth and her family have my sincerest condolences, and are in my prayers.

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**Paula Wolf** - July 25, 2021 at 01:10 PM