



J. Marvin Lahr

September 15, 2014

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J. Marvin Lahr, 91, formerly of Lancaster, died on Sunday, September 14 at Moravian Manor, Lititz. He was predeceased by his wife, Irene M. Lahr, with whom he shared a marriage of more than 65 years.

The son of John G. Lahr and Bertha Harnish Lahr, Marvin was born in the Smoketown/Strasburg area on June 26, 1923 and attended East Lampeter High School.

For several years he worked in the family's wholesale greenhouse business located in Smoketown and later for his father-in-law, Willis E. Minney, Lampeter, as a plumber. In 1956 he joined New Holland Machine Co. (later Sperry New Holland) as a production welder at the company's Mountville plant. After 28 years of service he retired in 1984. In the same year he began a second career as a crossing guard for Manheim Township School District. To drivers on the Lititz Pike, Marvin was well-known for many years as "The Man with the Mitts" as he facilitated school buses and traffic from his post at the end of School Drive in Neffsville. He retired from crossing guard duty in 2008 at age 84.

Marvin's surviving family includes a daughter, Norene K. Lahr, Lancaster, nieces and nephews. Minnie, his much-loved Boston Terrier will also be missing her "dad." He was preceded in death by his sister Marie, wife of F. Mervin Buch, Ephrata.

A man of many interests, Marvin's varied hobbies included photographing Pennsylvania's covered bridges, bicycling, cross-country camping vacations, canoeing and sailing. For many years he also enjoyed roller skating with Irene as part of the Fountainblu Old Timers Skating group, New Cumberland, Pa.

Family and friends are invited to share conversation and memories of Marvin during an informal gathering that will take place on Sunday, September 21 during 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Community Room at The Groffs Family Funeral Services, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA. Interment will be private.

Contributions in Marvin's memory can be made to Lancaster Public Library, 125 N. Duke Street, Lancaster PA 17602 or to Hospice and Community Care, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Tribute Wall



“ *J. Marvin Lahr*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I'm not that much of a online reader to be honest but your sites really nice, keep it up! I'll go ahead and bookmark your website to come back later on. All the best*

Nida - December 22, 2015 at 12:15 AM



“ *Dear Noreen:
Please accept my sympathies on your loss. You Dad was a dear, sweet man who helped make my stay at Moravian Manor more pleasant. He always had a cheery smile and something funny to say, whenever I saw him. He brightened my day each time I saw him.
I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kathy Gray - September 16, 2014 at 10:09 PM

RP

“ Dear Noreen,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. You have had a lot to deal with in the past few years and I am sure it was much appreciated by both of your parents and gave you all some quality time together. They were lucky to have you there to care for them.

Now, they are smiling down on you as their love and life lessons will guide you the rest of your life.

Rose

Rose Poole - September 16, 2014 at 07:10 PM

VH

“ Dear Noreen.

I am sorry to read of your Dad's passing. I remember him as always smiling and friendly when he would visit you on Fulton St. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Vicki Harsh

Vicki Harsh - September 16, 2014 at 12:35 PM