



## Jacob Theodore Hoover Jr.

April 3, 2019

Jacob T. Hoover, Jr., 79 of Lancaster, PA passed away peacefully on April 3, 2019 at Hospice & Community Care in Mount Joy.

He and his childhood sweetheart, Sandra Lee (Dittenhafer) Hoover were married for over 58 years.

Born in York PA, he was the son of the late Jacob T. Hoover, Sr. and Louise Robinson Hoover. Jake retired after 39 years as a high school social studies teacher for Manheim Township School District where he coached basketball and golf and advised the Key Club.

Jake loved spending time with his grandchildren, travelling, jazz music, drumming and sports, especially golf and F&M basketball. Jake graduated from West York Area High School in 1957 where he was an All-Conference football player and Student Body President. He graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in 1961 and immediately entered the teaching profession at Manheim Township where he taught until 2000. Jake also taught as an adjunct professor at F&M for two years. He later volunteered as part of the Guild at the Fulton Theatre. He was active at the Woodcrest Villas community participating in the Theatre, Life Story Writers, Trivia Contests and dances.

In addition to his wife, Sandra, Jake is survived by his two sons, Jeffrey

Hoover of Fogelsville and Christopher Hoover (wife Sarah) of Camp Hill, his brother, Dr. Terrence Hoover of Tall Timbers, MD along with five grandchildren: Jacob 2d, Benjamin, Emma, Sophia and Isabella Hoover.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday May 5, 2019 in the Gamber Auditorium at Woodcrest Villas, 2001 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA. Friends are welcome to greet the family beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Woodcrest until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Mennonite Home, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 or the Manheim Township Educational Foundation, 450A Candlewyck Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Woodcrest Villa  
Viva Center  
2001 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17603

## Memorial Service

MAY 5. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Jacob Theodore Hoover Jr.*



**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - April 25, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ *Jacob Theodore Hoover Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Christie Hoover lit a candle in memory of Jacob Theodore Hoover Jr.*



**Christie Hoover** - November 15, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ *Mr Hoover was one of the best teachers I know. I graduated in 1979 and still remember him like yesterday. My prayers are with his family.*

**Kim Sultzaberger** - July 23, 2019 at 06:42 AM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 25, 2019 at 04:53 PM



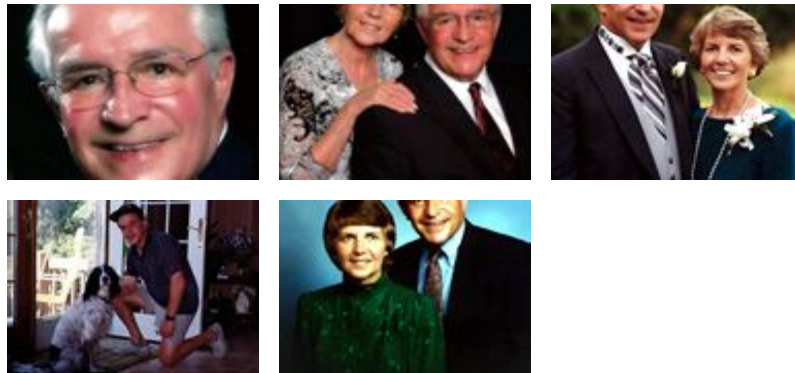
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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 25, 2019 at 02:53 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 24, 2019 at 03:54 PM



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - April 24, 2019 at 09:30 AM

BW

“ *Jake was one of my favorite residents here at Woodcrest Villa. He was smart, funny, engaging and a fabulous dancer. Sandy, I wish you and your boys, and extended family, wonderful and warm memories of Jake. May he rest in peace.*

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**Becky Wise** - April 08, 2019 at 11:44 AM

CS

“ *I remember Jake from when I was a little girl. My grandmother lived just 2 doors away from his family on White St. in York. He was also in my brother's (Duane) wedding. My condolences to his family.*  
*With sympathy,*  
*Carol Stauffer*



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**Carol Stauffer** - April 08, 2019 at 10:52 AM

BH

“ Went to F&M with Jake and played some baseball with him there...he was one of the real good guys in our class and always had a cheery "hello" for everyone....my sympathies to the family

*Bill Hobbs  
Pinehurst , NC*

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**Bill Hobbs** - April 07, 2019 at 10:17 AM

JS

*We so enjoyed Jake in the water classes. He had a great smile and sense of humor. God bless your family.*

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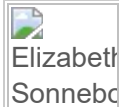
**Jackie Sandblade** - April 08, 2019 at 02:02 PM

LW

*I had Mr. Hoover as a student-teacher in 1960-61. I came back to MTHS as a teacher in 1967 and got to know Jake in a totally different light. He was an amazing teacher as well as friend. My sumpathies to your family.*

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**Larry Woods** - April 08, 2019 at 02:19 PM

 Elizabeth  
Sonneborn

*I attended Manheim Township high school when Mr. Hoover began his teaching career. He was a dedicated teacher and a mentor to many students. I must admit that every female student feel in love with his smile. My condelences to your family.*

*Elizabeth Giroud Sonneborn*

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**Elizabeth Sonneborn** - April 08, 2019 at 05:36 PM

MM

*My condolences to the family of Mr. Hoover. I loved having him as a teacher of History/World Cultures as a high school Freshman. My memory of him is that he embodied all the good qualities a teacher can exemplify. Not long ago I came across the Heraldry project that I made for his class...and I'm sure most of my classmates think of Mr. Hoover whenever the concept of a Catapult is mentioned!*

*Marcia Hook Meikrantz, MTHS'78*

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**Marcia Meikrantz** - April 09, 2019 at 05:59 PM

MS

*Mr. Hoover was my Senior year homeroom teacher and World Studies teacher. I was in the class of '67 and he told me he felt very close to our class. He attended several of our class reunions, including our 50th in 2017. I have a picture of him and my best friend Rich Weaver that I will forever cherish. He never forgot our homeroom gift to him on our last day of the school year - a six pack of beer, wrapped in tin foil, that he hid in his lower left desk drawer until the end of the school day. On my infrequent trips to Lancaster, I would stop by the high school and visit him. In his ever present gracious way he would welcome me and show me how the building had been modified to meet current needs, feeling very proud of the changes and improvements. Teachers don't normally feel close to their students for long, but Mr. Hoover (it took me a while to be comfortable calling him Jake) always made me feel like a close friend, even after only spending a year with him. It is only now that I realize how close in age we are. Jake, please know that you were a positive influence on me, as an example of how to be an adult. The picture of you in our yearbook reading to your son was a positive role model for me. Thank you, Jake, for presenting an example of how to be an good person to us males. I will miss you. I have a picture of you and Sweaty Eddie sitting in the stands at a football game, with your sunglasses on, that I wanted to send to you. But now I will keep it as a keepsake. God bless you, you wonderful man. God bless Sandy for sharing your with us.*

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**Mike Sultzbach** - April 10, 2019 at 01:33 AM

NW

*Our sympathies to the family of Mr. Hoover. He was my history teacher in 9th grade, one of the few teachers I have fond memories of. Mr. Hoover excelled at his job, he treated students respectfully, made history interesting, and didn't think I was stupid. He even remembered both my husband and I almost 30 years later! He was definitely the gold standard.*

*Nancy Weichel Perlis '78*

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**Nancy Weichel** - April 20, 2019 at 01:57 AM