



James R. Whitehead

February 24, 2024

James “Jim” R. Whitehead, 86, of Lititz, PA, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Reading, PA, he was the son of the late Ralph S. and Mary M. (Witman) Whitehead. He was the husband of Marlene M. Whitehead with whom he enjoyed 42 years of marriage.

Jim was employed as a plant manager at Packaging Corporation of America in Lancaster for 25 years. Later he was employed by Southern Container for 23 years. Jim was the president of the Lititz Jaycees and the Lititz Lions Club. He was a volunteer at the Senior Center in Millersville and Luther Acres in Lititz. During his free time, Jim led the exercise class at St. Paul’s Church. He was an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster.

Jim is survived by his wife, and his three children, Richard Whitehead, Bonnie Whitehead-Stewart (Dan), and Dwayne Whitehead (Kim); his two stepchildren, Kathy Ellavsky (partner Mark), and Daniel Reichard (partner Greg); his six grandchildren, Shawn, Todd, Tiffany, Lyndsey, James, and Stacy; his six great-grandchildren; and his two brothers, Richard Whitman and Terry Whitehead and his sister, Mary Ellen Gible. He was preceded in death by his sister, Kathleen White.

The immediate family will have a private memorial service and interment at

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602, or Luther Acres Caring Fund, 600 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, PA 17543.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I just learned of Jim’s passing. He was a dear friend of mine at both PCA and Southern. My deepest condolences to Marlene and the rest of his family. I will remember him as a good friend and an advocate of mine. Marlene, he just adored you!

Marilyn Wood - August 06, 2025 at 11:37 AM

MS

“ Dear Rick and family, I’m so sorry to learn of your loss. I hope you find comfort in happy memories of your dad. Sincerely, Matt Shannon

matthew shannon - March 03, 2024 at 11:08 PM

KJ

“ Marlene, I was so saddened to learn of Jim's passing. I'm so sorry. Sending virtual hugs to you my friend. Love, Kathy Johnson

Kathy Johnson - March 03, 2024 at 10:43 AM

YB

“ Dear Marlene , I am so saddened to read your husband’s obituary in the morning paper! I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family. It is four years since I lost my dear Carl and have been dealing with some medical issues! So sorry I was unable to accept your kind invitation to visit with you at Luther Acres!

yvonne beck - March 03, 2024 at 10:27 AM

GA

*We first met Jim and family when my husband was transferred to work in the Lancaster part of Packaging Corp.in 1969.
We knew no one and were so happy when Jim and family made us feel very welcome to the area.*

Darrell and Jim worked together for a long time.

Rick, Bonnie, and Dwayne and your families, please know I am thinking of you and sending my sympathy.

Gloria Anderson

Gloria Anderson - March 07, 2024 at 11:23 AM