



## **JEFFREY W. PETERS**

January 11, 2012

Jeffrey W. Peters 64, of Lancaster, died surrounded by friends on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at Hospice of Lancaster County. He was the son of the late James D. and Marcella Fink Peters. He and his wife Lynn Witmer Peters were married for 13 years.

He graduated from Elizabethtown High school and received a marketing certificate from F&M College. Jeff worked in Supply Sales for Ramclif Supply Co. and RJW Industrial.

Jeff was a member of Hempfield Church of the Brethren. He was also a member of Free & Accepted Masonic Lodge 682 in Elizabethtown, Harrisburg Consistency Zembo Shrine, Lancaster Country Club, past President for 26 years of the Lancaster Tennis & Yacht Club. He volunteered at the Milagro House, S. June Smith Center, and American Cancer Society. He enjoyed tennis, golf, paddle, fishing and reading.

Big Jeff had a large heart and gave so much to so many. For forty-four years Jeff was Santa Claus for many friends and customers. Jeff was also the resident D.J. at the Tennis and Yacht Club and made many events special for so many people.

In addition to his wife, Jeff is survived by a brother; Randy Peters of

Elizabethtown and a sister; Maxine Etter (Larry) of Middletown, PA,  
Goddaughters Lauren and Erin Reitz of Lancaster.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to Jeff's Celebration of Life Memorial Service at the Lancaster Country Club, 1466 New Holland Pike, Lancaster on Monday, January 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. John Layman officiating. The family will greet friends following the service. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers Memorials may be made in Jeff's name to: ALS Association, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, 321 Norristown Road, Suite 260, Ambler, PA 19002 or Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603 or [www.hospiceoflancaster.org](http://www.hospiceoflancaster.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *JEFFREY W. PETERS*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Lynn,  
I just heard and I am deeply sadden by your loss.  
I was honor to have known him.  
Jeff was bigger than life and will be missed.*

**Luisa Hogan** - January 31, 2012 at 02:22 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear about Jeff's passing. He was a one of a kind person. His infectious personality made it very easy for people to enjoy being around him. I will truly miss him and of course his bag of candy that he so graciously offered everyone. I will be praying for his family and friends. It has been my privilege to know such a great man.*

*Kathy Johnson*

**Kathy Johnson** - January 19, 2012 at 09:22 PM



“ *Lynn, I was sorry to hear of your loss. I am praying for you that God will comfort you and that you'll know that you're not alone.*

**Millie Hertzler** - January 18, 2012 at 07:40 AM

SW

“ I am so sorry for your loss Lynn. I didn't know Jeff long, however, the times Abigail and I came over he welcomed us with open arms. Thank you so much for allowing us to be part of his world. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Shirley

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**Shirley Weakland** - January 18, 2012 at 04:04 AM

CW

“ Lynn,  
We are so sorry to hear about Jeff. He was a big man with a bigger heart.  
I will always remember the smiles on my kids faces when Santa and Elfie showed up at their door.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Cliff and Jennifer Winters

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**Cliff Winters** - January 18, 2012 at 03:12 AM

LB

“ We are so sorry for loss to the family, and friends of this remarkable person. Jeff was a past Chairman of the Lancaster Chapter of The Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He instantly became a friend, and mentor to each incoming Chair. It took us way too long to acknowledge his long lasting service and friendship. He was missed immediately at our last annual picnic, by just about everyone, including the cook. I'm honored that our paths crossed, I will miss him, he will be remembered.

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**Lewis Baum** - January 16, 2012 at 11:04 PM

PG

“ We have known Jeff for many years and he will be missed. His big smile, his love of life, his pocket full of sweets and his big kind heart. When Jeff entered a room so did a joyfulness. It is sad to think we will not share in those moments again but he will remain in our hearts. His family is in our prayers. I would like to send a special thought to his nephew Matt, he loved you and always kept me updated on how you were doing. Thanks for the memories Jeff.  
From Pam Geiger, and Winston & Elsie Heisey.

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**Pam Geiger** - January 16, 2012 at 09:43 PM

CS

“ Dear Lynn,

*Without question, the happiest years of Jeff's life were those which he shared with you. I am one of countless people whose life was enriched and made better because of his friendship. Jeff's optimism, big heart, and perpetual smile were gifts to all of us. He was a true friend who I will dearly miss and never forget.*

*Deepest sympathies,  
Charlie Stevens*

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**Charlie Stevens** - January 16, 2012 at 12:44 AM

DP

“ To Lynn and the family of Jeff,  
*We were very sorry to learn of Jeff's passing. He was a vibrant and full of life soul who touched the lives of all who knew him. Jeff always had a smile for you and made you smile whenever and wherever we saw him. We will miss seeing Jeff but will always remember his wonderful demeanor and smile. Lynn and family, you and Jeff are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Dr. John and Karen Palumbo** - January 15, 2012 at 05:19 AM

DN

“ Dear Family of "Big Jeff",

*That includes everyone at the Lancaster Tennis & Yacht Club that had the pleasure of experiencing Jeff's smile and warm nature. We send our heart felt condolences to all of you with "Big Jeff's passing.*

*We are sure he has an even bigger grin up there among the stars.*

*We have enjoyed the club for at least 5 years enjoying Jeff's smile and friendly nature every time he came into the club when we were teaching dance. He always said hello and waved with that big grin of his. He was and is a wonderful person to so many and will remain in our hearts with that memory forever.*

*God bless you all and thank you for every joy we have that came from "Big Jeff".*

*David and Kiki Nye  
717-560-1659*

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**Dave and Kiki Nye** - January 15, 2012 at 01:24 AM

TD

“ Lynn:

*Very sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. My prayers are with you.*

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**Tierney Zecher Dietrich** - January 14, 2012 at 12:29 AM

MS

“ Lynn,

*Jeff lived his life by the "Golden Rule" and was a true inspiration for me. I truly enjoyed working with him and am so glad to have shared time both on the road and at the dinner table. Jeff will be in my thoughts and prayers. I know that he will be missed by all those who he has touched throughout his lifetime of generosity.*

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**Michael Scott** - January 13, 2012 at 11:52 PM

AD

“ Lynn,

*I will always remember Jeff's big smile, his huge hugs and his deep compassion for all others. Jeff shared stories from his incredible life with such fondness that you almost felt like you were right there, living the actual moment with him. He had a rare gift for making others feel valued and special. The truth is that Jeff himself was just that -- valued and very special! Jeff will be missed and remembered fondly by those of us lucky enough to have known him. Lynn, you and your parents are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Amy*

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**Amy Davis** - January 13, 2012 at 08:04 PM

CC

“ Lynn

*Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jeff was a wonderful, caring and giving person.  
He will be greatly missed, but his memory will live on in our hearts.  
We feel honored to have known him.  
Sending peace and love your way.....  
Catherine and Max Cross*

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**catherine and max cross** - January 13, 2012 at 11:52 AM

PK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. I knew Jeff for many years, for he called upon the company that I worked for. Jeff had a big heart, and I always enjoyed talking to him and looking at the pictures he would share of his beloved dog. Jeff would always give me candy and cd's that he would put together. I love listening to the music he shared and I will always remember him. One year he and his wife played Santa and helper for my granddaughters, and it was such a wonderful experience that my family and I will never forget. Jeff will be missed by everyone who knew him. What a great guy ! My thoughts and prayers go out to Lynn.

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**Pam Koller** - January 13, 2012 at 10:45 AM

TC

“ I got to know Jeff when he would show up at Thomson 60 case where I worked.  
Jeff was always upbeat and had a smile on his face.  
I would run into him at the store and he always had time to say hi and ask how I was doing.  
I'm so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers.  
If we all could live and treat other people the way Jeff did, this world would be such a better place.  
Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.

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**Thomas Casey** - January 13, 2012 at 07:21 AM

MB

“ Dear Lynn, Judy and Bill: Thought about the three of you off and on today and wanted you to know how much we enjoyed chatting and spending time with Jeff when we went on our weekly "errand runs" around town. He and Russ had some good conversations on politics (think Bill O'Reilly), football and finances. We will miss our "Thursdays with Jeff," his upbeat attitude and outlook when we were in his company. In retrospect, I don't ever remember Jeff speaking negatively about anyone or the illness that drained his good health. Quite a guy, I'd say. Blessings to all of you.  
Love.....Russ and Marian

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**Marian & Russ Bubernak** - January 13, 2012 at 07:01 AM

SS

“ Lynn,  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. May the memories you cherish of your life with Jeff be the source of strength in the days and weeks to come.  
Love,  
Sue

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**Sue Senter** - January 13, 2012 at 05:02 AM

TK

“ Lynn,  
I was very sorry to hear about the loss of your husband! Find comfort in the happy memories you shared with him and find peace in knowing that in Heaven everyone is renewed! You are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

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**Tera Koehler** - January 13, 2012 at 04:38 AM

MC

“ So sorry to learn of Jeff's passing. I knew Jeff as a customer from the Ramclif Supply days and you would not find a more positive and upbeat person. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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**Mike Cooper** - January 13, 2012 at 04:09 AM

RM

“ Lynn:

*I was deeply saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. I was a classmate of Jeff's and a teammate on the basketball team. While we were not particularly successful as a team, to this day I tell people about Jeff's courage, how hard he played every game, and how much he put his heart into everything that he did. Jeff will always hold a special place in my heart. God bless you and your family.*

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**Ron Martz** - January 13, 2012 at 03:50 AM

LS

“ Lynn,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please let me know if there is anything you need.  
Lisa

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**Lisa Stetler** - January 13, 2012 at 01:52 AM

DS

“ A joy in the day when Jeff walked through the door of S & B. Helpful in business.....and fun to share stories of our dogs.

*Life leaves us wonderful memories.*

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**Diane Sutton** - January 13, 2012 at 01:49 AM

AR

“ Lynn, It's difficult to put into writing all of my thoughts over the last 24 hours, but here goes.....from the minute Jeff asked you to dance at the ACS Benefit, I just knew that he would be such a special part of your life. The love you had for one another was evident and a wonderful example for all the special young people in your life, including our Meg, Scott and Katie. Jeff was blessed by your love, energy, enthusiam and unending support. I admired the care that you lovingly provided to him over the last years, more than I can say. I'll always remember Jeff as a kind, compassionate and feircely patriotic man. I'll miss his friendship, big hugs, generous gifts of music, funny phone messages and genuine love of the USA. May your many, many happy memories sustain you at this sad time. With all my love, Ann

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**Ann Reid** - January 13, 2012 at 12:53 AM

JJ

“ I found a new hero when I met Jeff. Never have I seen an individual face adversary with such honor and nobility. Over the years Jeff became a role model for me. He was and will continue to be someone I attempt to emulate. The world is not the same without Jeff. I have only know Jeff for 6 years and the void I am currently feeling is indescribable. For those of you that have known Jeff for decades, or your entire life, I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Jeff was a special individual that I will miss dearly. Thank-you Jeff, for being my friend.

*Jim*

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**James J. Koontz Jr.** - January 13, 2012 at 12:33 AM

TR

“ Dearest Lynn & Family, We are sorry to hear about Jeff. What a wonderful guy, we have wonderful pictures of Jeff and his awesome helper playing Santa for our grandchildren. You have our deepest sympathy for your loss. Love, Tom and Betty

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**Tom & Betty Reppert** - January 12, 2012 at 10:52 PM

MH

“ Lynn - I was so saddened to hear of your loss, but take comfort in knowing he is in peace. I will always remember the look on my boys faces when he showed up at our house as Santa with you by his side. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jen and Mark Hessinger

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**Mark and Jen Hessinger** - January 12, 2012 at 09:47 PM

KL

“ Lynn,

*I am so sorry for your sudden loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care of yourself and sweet Molly.*

*God Bless,  
Kristin Lentz*

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**Kristin Lentz** - January 12, 2012 at 09:40 PM

DK

“ Our prayers are with Lynn Peters who supported her husband in the good times and bad times. Do know we are thinking of you and hoping you will be lifted by our prayers during this difficult life change. Much love, Dr. Dan and Regina Kegel

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**Dan and Regina Kegel** - January 12, 2012 at 09:28 PM

SF

“ We will never forget those twinkling eyes beaming from your Santa beard! Thank you for supplying us with a terrific CD collection. Above all, thank you for being such a fine role model to us all. Your zest of life will continue to inspire us. In loving memory, Doug, Susanne, Annie, Sophie, JP, Alec, Marcus & William

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**Shand Family** - January 12, 2012 at 09:27 PM

EP

“ Lynn and Family  
We were saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. We was a great guy and friend to many. Our children will always remember Santa and we have so many great memories that will keep Jeff in our hearts forever.

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**Eric and Sandy Penell** - January 12, 2012 at 08:43 PM

JC

“ We are so sad to hear about Big Jeff. He was an amazing person with a big heart and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Jen and Shane Cranford** - January 12, 2012 at 08:40 PM

DT

“ We will miss you Big Jeff...Jeff made a difference in so many lives...a wonderful legacy...our thoughts are with you Lynn...Dick & Ceil

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**Dick & Ceil Treiss** - January 12, 2012 at 08:52 AM