



Joel Peter Behrens

June 17, 2025

Joel P. Behrens, 80, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. Born in Queens, NY, as the son of the late Charles and Grace E. (Lyons) Behrens. Loving husband of Lana Jean Behrens for 31 years.

Growing up, Joel and his family attended the Bahai, House of Worship and later, with his wife, they were part of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Joel was a flute professor at Millersville University for forty years. At some point in his career, he was asked to direct the flute ensemble at the National Flute Association to be judged on the newly published music community.

He and his wife enjoyed traveling together; one of their most memorable trips was on their honeymoon, when they visited Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia, Canada. He also enjoyed camping, walking, and their four dogs.

In addition to his wife, Lana, Joel is survived by his two sons, John (Kim) Behrens, Mark Behrens, four grandchildren, Nathan, Keegan, Jaydan, and Sidney, and his sister, Paula (Kenny) Jackson.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Tribute Wall

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“ I’m saddened to hear of Joel’s passing. During the four years we were colleagues, I witnessed the dedication and passion he poured into his teaching. He built a vibrant and thriving studio, and it was clear how deeply he was loved and respected by his students. His impact on the community and those he mentored will be felt for years to come. My heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and students.

Jennifer Jester - July 03, 2025 at 10:50 AM

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“ Joel was a wonderful musician, respectful colleague, and a noble and kind person. I am very saddened by this. God Bless Lana and the family.

Vera Volchansky - July 03, 2025 at 10:42 AM

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“ So sad to hear of Joels passing. I remember him well as my flute teacher and professor when I attended MU. My thoughts and prayers are with Lana in this difficult time.



Aubrey Rowe (Waple) - July 01, 2025 at 11:39 AM

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“ Joel was a great man, teacher and performer. As a flute, music ed major, he taught me so many things, introduced me to great music and great musicians. Lana, I am so sorry for your loss. I know I haven't seen you lately but the time we shared at MU will always be remembered as some of the greatest times in my life. You remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Ben F Messinger - June 24, 2025 at 10:04 AM