



## John D. DeKnikker

August 30, 2025

John D. DeKnikker, 69, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, passed away on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at Elizabethtown Nursing and Rehab. Born in Goshan, Indiana, to the late Arthur and Donna Belle (Bickle) DeKnikker. He was the loving husband of Kathleen R. DeKnikker, with whom he celebrated 41 years of marriage this past July.

For many years, John worked as a maintenance mechanic at Treehouse Foods, formerly known as Anderson Bakery. Until his retirement in 2020, he worked in the parks and recreation department for Manheim Township.

In his free time, he loved visiting his cabin in Millerstown, where in solitude, he spent most of his time hunting and fishing. John was an exceptional and proud grandfather; he cherished the moments he had with his family, and together they were the NFL Dallas Cowboys Fans. Later, he became a “woodler.” he would create small wood figurines, which he shared with his family

He is survived by his wife Kathleen R. DeKnikker, his three daughters, Beth Hartung, Melissa Myers, Dana (Richard) Myford, his son, Lawrence Myers Jr., eight grandchildren, Alexander, Megan, Rayanne, Duncan, Dylan, Rebekah, Rachel, and Madison, seven great-grandchildren, two brothers, Lewis DeKnikker and Bert DeKnikker, and a sister, Carol Pollard.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two grandchildren: Chandler Myers Rittenhouse and Robert Hutchinson, one brother, Harold DeKnikker, and many pets.

Services will be at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of the Manheim Township Board of Commissioners and employees, please accept our deepest sympathies.

Susan Schaeffer - September 10, 2025 at 07:44 AM

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“ Prayers and condolences to the family. R I P John.



Barb and Frank Scheaffer - September 04, 2025 at 11:35 AM

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Family and I thank you ❤️

Kathy DeKnikker - September 04, 2025 at 02:58 PM

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“ Glen and Phuong Shenk purchased the Pretty Pleasure for the family of John D. DeKnikker.



Glen and Phuong Shenk - September 03, 2025 at 05:20 PM

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“ I remember John fondly from my many visits to your home and family events. When I briefly lived on New St., John helped me fix things in my apartment!

He changed out a very high light for me, fixed the shower knob, and repaired/replaced the rod in my closet when it collapsed. I offered to pay him each time, and he always told me no. On one occasion he was my knight in shining armor and sprayed a wasp nest on my porch because I was allergic to stings! He joked that Dana would kill him if he didn't help me!!



I know how very much he loved each of you and how intensely proud he was of his family. Knowing that John found great peace in the quiet and beauty of nature, I thought the most appropriate way of honoring his life was to give back to nature by planting a small grove of trees. There are 5 trees. One for Kathy, Beth, Missy, Dana, and Larry...his family, the loves of his life! Please know you are all in my prayers and that I cherish all of you!

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**Lisa Greaves-Krueger** - September 03, 2025 at 03:42 AM



Thank you Lisa!!!!

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**Dana Myford** - September 03, 2025 at 10:02 PM

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Thank you Lisa ❤️

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**Kathy DeKnikker** - September 03, 2025 at 11:01 PM

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“ Lisa G. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. DeKnikker.

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**Lisa G.** - September 03, 2025 at 03:26 AM