



John L. Musser

April 24, 2026

John L. Musser, 78, of Lititz, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 24, 2026. Born in Lancaster, PA, he was the son of the late Wilbur and Lillian Clark Musser.

He was a graduate of Penn Manor High School and Millersville University, where he earned his BA in foreign languages in 1969. He later attended Schiller College in Germany, earning his masters degree in German Language and Literature in 1975, and further pursued graduate language studies in Florence and Rome, Italy.

John dedicated more than 30 years of service to the United States Departments of Defense and State, as well as NATO. He worked in both military and civilian capacities as an instructor, liaison officer and investigator. Throughout his civilian career, John completed numerous enhanced courses and training programs toward his qualification in the field of counterintelligence. Stationed in Germany for the majority of his service, John's duties largely involved the handling of sensitive materials and correspondences. He was highly regarded by his peers and supervisors as an excellent writer with superb interpersonal skills.

He had a passion for travel, enjoyed fine dining and dearly loved his two cats, Gray and Blue. John is survived by his brother, Ronald E. Musser, sister,

Mildred M. Wimer, and cousin, Susan R. Mellinger, wife of Allen; as well as additional cousins and nieces.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his brother, Clark Musser, sister, Barbara Good, and nephew, Christopher Musser.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers consider making a memorial contribution in John's name to the ASPCA of Lancaster, <https://www.pspca.org/tribute-memorial-gifts>

Tribute Wall

WB

“ I first met John at Reynold’s Junior High School a long time ago and we were school mates for a while. Then we each went our separate ways but met up again at Penn Manor when my family moved to Manor Township and we graduate the same year, 1965. Our paths forward through life to different pathways and while John went to college, my path was the Air Force where I became involved with technological intelligence gathering. When John retired to Lititz, he joined Facebook and we reconnected again through that media. I will be coming to PA for the summer and was so looking forward to meeting up with John to share our “war stories”. I guess I will have to wait some more before that can happen! Please accept my condolences for his passing.

William Bloom - June 02 at 07:22 AM

MP

“ John was my friend for over 50 years. Our life-long group first met in the 1970s in Heidelberg, Germany when John was working for, and several of us were working at, or attending, Schiller College. I wish we could live those wondrous years again! However, we were all fortunate to re-connect a few years back when we all began regular Zoom calls on a monthly basis. We picked up right where we left off! It was like we had never been apart! For over 50 years, we all have been family. Even as I type this way down here in San Antonio, I can still hear John’s voice in my head. I am sure all the other “Schilleroos” are thinking the same thing. So go reserve us a “Stammtisch” John - we will all see you again when it’s our time. I’m sure I speak for all of us when I say we love and miss you!

Mary Ellen Pratt - June 01 at 08:59 PM



Concur with all MEPP wrote. What fun we had in 2019, when MEPP arranged to visit John in Lititz, and Linda and I walked out from hiding after he greeted her!! We will continue our monthly Zoom meetings, but there will definitely be a "Lücke" in the group.

Sara Roth - June 03 at 07:02 PM

DP

So glad you are continuing the tradition of the Zoom, I know he looked forward to it every month. And the joy he had when you all showed up at his door in Lititz. John and I have been friends all our lives.....I just wish his life had been even longer. He adored you all!

Dee Paradis - June 04 at 07:21 AM

DP

“ There are so many memories of John, I could write an entire book just of our escapades over the years. He was such a part of my life and my husband's life that we don't know where to start. We will miss him, leaving a void in our lives. John, you were such a great friend and partner in crime!!!

Dee Paradis - June 01 at 04:21 PM

WB

*“ John , you were such a knowledgeable man. I really enjoyed our conversations over our love of wine. You will be missed.
Wally
Weaver's*

wally Barton - June 01 at 11:47 AM