



John H. Saeger

January 22, 2026

JOHN H. SAEGER, of Lititz, PA, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at the age of 87.

John devoted 35 years of his professional life to PPL Corporation, retiring in 1994 as Vice President of the Lancaster Division. His career reflected both technical excellence and thoughtful leadership. He began as a transmission line designer and research engineer and went on to serve in managerial and executive roles in high-voltage engineering, community relations, marketing, customer service, and general management. John earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Lafayette College and later his Professional Engineer license, completed graduate studies at Union College, and was a graduate of the Penn State Executive Development Program.

A man of deep faith, John was a lifelong Lutheran, most recently as a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lititz. His service to the church was extensive. He served as chair of the Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Endowment Fund; as director and chair of the Board of Directors of Luthercare; president and director of the Parish Resource Center of Lancaster; and as president of congregational councils for Lutheran churches in Emmaus, Williamsport, and Lancaster (all in PA). He served several years with the development arm of the ELCA's Funds for Leaders program that supports those studying for pastoral ministry. He also

served on numerous synodical and congregational committees, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and occasionally served as organist.

John believed strongly in service to both faith and community. From 1983 to 1990, while Vice President of PPL's Susquehanna Division in Williamsport, PA. he served as board chair of the Williamsport–Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, director of Divine Providence Hospital, trustee of Lycoming College, and a member of the Williamsport Rotary Club.

Upon relocating to Lancaster in 1991, John served as board chair of Leadership Lancaster, helping to develop volunteer leaders, and as a director of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry. His civic involvement also included leadership roles with the Lancaster Alliance, the Economic Development Company of Lancaster County, the Pennsylvania Dutch Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Rotary Club of Lancaster.

Following early retirement in 1994, John continued giving back, serving as a trustee of the Lancaster Farmland Trust, an organization dedicated to preserving some of the finest farmland in the world, and as chair of the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster YWCA. He also supported the United Way in a variety of roles. He and his wife began travelling extensively to both domestic and international locations, drove to Sanibel Island each winter, and spent as much time as possible in the quiet of Saegerheim, their Pocono retreat.

Music was one of John's greatest joys and his truest passion. A disciplined and gifted musician, he played the pipe organ and piano without flaw. Beginning at the age of 11, he shared his gift fearlessly, playing in churches throughout the region and during his travels, and was dedicated to offering music as an expression of faith whenever the opportunity arose.

John also enjoyed attending concerts and plays, reading, and above all, being

with his family. Known for his sharp mind, wry sense of humor, strong opinions, and impeccable appearance, John was deeply respected, and unwavering in his values. Devoted to improving the lives of others, he gave generously of his time, talent, and treasure, and lived a life of purpose, gratitude, and quiet confidence.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Joyce M. (Erdman) Saeger; their children, Joy Grace, Jeffrey Saeger, and Jill Wingard (Daniel); brother Dr. Richard T. Saeger (Debi); nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend John's Visitation on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lititz beginning at 9:45 a.m., immediately followed by his Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14.** 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
200 West Orange Street
Lititz, PA 17543

Memorial Service

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“ Dear Saeger Family, It's been over 60 years ago that I used to go to Pine Flats with my grandmother, Bernice Amy, who owned Working Man's Rest, for the weekends. I always loved going to Sunday services where John would play the piano. He was the kindest and nicest man. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Lynette Tucker Ott

Lynette Ott - February 13 at 08:05 PM

WS

“ Dear Saeger Family, Many years have passed, but I still remember John's kindness to my late mother Jane Strasbaugh during her widowhood in Emmaus and Philadelphia. May you find comfort in knowing that the memories of his good deeds remain with many people. Please accept my condolences. Wayne R Strasbaugh

Wayne R Strasbaugh - February 09 at 11:48 AM

RB

“ We were boyhood friends in Bethlehem Pennsylvania with a friendship that has lasted through the years. I remember as a child going up to his attic and playing with his electric toy trains. It was always an adventure getting up there. May JOHN rest of peace.

Richard Beidleman

Richard Beileman - February 06 at 03:47 PM

MS

“ Joyce I'm sending you my deepest condolences to you and the family for i have known you and John for many years I think when I was 14

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Malia Schrom - February 04 at 04:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John H. Saeger.



February 03 at 09:02 PM

PW

“ *Dear Joyce and family, please accept my condolences for the passing of John. He was such an asset to Lancaster in his various roles. I enjoyed being with him on those occasions. Paul Ware*

Paul Ware - February 01 at 03:29 PM

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“ *Dear Joyce. I was so grateful for John's amazing leadership in Leadership Lancaster. He was a very special person. We are away this month so won't be able to attend the service but sending my love and prayers for you and the your children.*

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