



Larry William Woods

March 28, 2025

Larry William Woods passed away on March 28, 2025, after a brief battle with cancer at the age of 80, surrounded by his family. He was born on September 9, 1944, to the late Paul H. and Dorothea E. (nee Cochran) Woods in Lancaster, PA.

Larry graduated from Manheim Township High School in 1962. After graduating from Millersville State Teacher's College in 1967, Larry began his teaching career at his alma mater, MTHS. Through the years, Larry taught Woodshop, Graphic Arts, and Photography. He was the Yearbook Advisor for 30 years, the Sports Equipment Manager, the coach of the State Championship Rifle Team (1972), and a beloved teacher whose fun-filled classes were enjoyed by many, including his children.

In 1966, Larry and Carol Baker were introduced by their parents. They were married on June 17, 1967, and were a wonderful example of unconditional love to their children and grandchildren for 57 years.

After 33 years of teaching, Larry "retired." He continued to be the district's in-house printer and the Middle School yearbook advisor for many years. Larry enjoyed working for a former student at Grebinger Gallery, writing a daily blog, driving his Corvette, mastering stained glass art, playing pool, and always having a camera in his hands.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Carol, son, Derek C., and wife Barbara, daughter, Brynn A., and husband, David Mencarini, son Paul Thadeus (Tad), three grandchildren, Courtney Anne, Camille Grace, and Caden Charles. Additionally, he is survived by brother, Stephen, and wife Kathy, niece Kelly, and husband Shawn Martin and their children, Megan, Jack, and Allison, nephew, Matthew and his wife Katie and their children, John and Luke, as well as his beloved cats, The Gray Lady and Snickerdoodle.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Gamber Hall at Woodcrest Villa, Lancaster, PA, on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. The family will receive guests from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Gamber foyer. To honor a few of Larry's favorite things, we encourage you to wear a Hawaiian shirt, bright colors, or Phillies gear.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) in honor of his granddaughter, Courtney.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Woodcrest Villa - Gamber Hall
2001 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster , PA 17601

Celebration of Life

APR 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ Carol ... please know we're thinking of you! Larry was such a fun and talented man and will be missed every day. The memories are so numerous and lasting and will keep our hearts warm forever. Our love to you and your family. Susan and Roy Thompson

Susan & Roy Thompson - April 07, 2025 at 12:25 PM

KS

“ Mr. Woods left a big mark on my education at MTHS. I took all the classes he was teaching; photography, graphics I, & graphics II. His classroom was my happy place and where I found my greatest HS achievements. He was a kind person and a passionate teacher who shaped my future. Mr. Woods has always been fondly remembered! Thank you to his family for sharing him with countless students over the years. Sending peace , strength and grace to navigate this loss.
Kathryn Shertzer (MT '88)

Kathryn Shertzer - April 06, 2025 at 02:23 PM

KH

“ Our condolences to you, Carol. Tom and I were lucky to work with you and Larry for Town Fair, preparing the roast beef dinners! (Remember when Larry decided to take a nap and slept under one of the long prep tables in the kitchen at St. James!) He will be missed. Sincerely, Tom and Kathy Heckles

Kathy Heckles - April 05, 2025 at 02:35 PM

JW

“ *Mr. Woods was a favorite of mine to see almost daily at Woodcrest Villa, when he would come in to play billiards. I received a lovely stained glass Christmas tree ornament that he made, and I very much appreciated that he (and Carol) thought of me. My condolences to the family.*

Jennifer Wilson - April 04, 2025 at 08:26 AM

NL

“ *One of greatest teachers of Manheim Township he will truly missed*

Norris Lively - April 03, 2025 at 12:01 PM

BG

“ *Our condolences to the family. We shared a long and enjoyable business relationshi. Larry will be missed by many*

Bob and Gay - April 03, 2025 at 09:15 AM

GS

“ *Larry was my Photography and Graphics Arts Teacher and friend. A kind and gentle man that taught me so much, one of my favorite teachers. His mother was a personal friend of my mother. I meet with Larry a few years ago at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania during my volunteer time. We had a wonderful visit catching up on life's events, the fist time seeing Larry since graduating from MT class of 1970. Larry was a big positive influence in my life and my career.*



George Swartz MT Class 1970

George Swartz - April 03, 2025 at 08:46 AM

AC

“ *Mr. Woods was an incredible teacher and a patient, kind human. I was in his class for graphics and photography. One of the few teachers whose approach to students stayed with me when I entered the teaching profession. Wishing peace and comfort to the family.*

-Anne Kinderwater Carrol (MT '88)

Anne Kinderwater Carroll - April 02, 2025 at 09:15 PM

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Kathryn Shertzer (MT '88)

Kathryn Shertzer - April 02, 2025 at 09:49 PM

SB

“ *Condolences to Carol and Family. I was the team manager for the rifle team 70-71 and 71-72. 1972 being the year that the rifle team went undefeated to the State Championship. R.I.P. Larry {{{HUGS}}}*
For A Cure to Cancer.

Scott D Bennett - April 02, 2025 at 12:49 PM