



Laurence Edward Carroll

February 11, 2021

Our lives changed direction on January 18, 2021, when Laurence “Larry” Edward Carroll had a fall at home. In suffering a traumatic brain injury, Larry received care at Lancaster General Hospital before returning home under hospice care. Larry passed peacefully on February 11th surrounded by the love of his family.

Larry could talk to any person about any topic and he rejoiced in the discovery of new understandings. The exploration of concepts and connection of associations defined the constant focus of his discussions.

Husband, Dad, Grandpop: He celebrated over 50 years of marriage with the love of his life, Janet Taylor Carroll, through discussions on long walks and over New York Times word puzzles. They enabled each other’s professional successes as together they founded what is now Hypertension and Kidney Specialists and he supported Janet in her work with Hospice of Lancaster County (now Hospice and Community Care), together brainstorming and serving as sounding boards. Most recently, Larry embraced the role of volunteer to support Janet’s election to the Manheim Township School Board. They nurtured and supported the dreams of their children; Andrew, Bryan, and Sara. They delighted in the activities and achievements of their four granddaughters, Helena & Evelyn - daughters of Andrew and Anne Kinderwater Carroll, and Amelia & Elizabeth - daughters of Bryan and Gina

Veloso. Grandpop especially would want to engage in discussions over homework or share advice from a book or an online article. As a family, we were touched by the many comments on our CaringBridge page about the frequent articles, words of advice, and encouragement that friends and colleagues would receive from him.

Friend: Larry loved to share stories, often repeatedly. His best friend from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, Larry Bernberg, pulled Larry C from the water off Corson's Inlet, with many retellings since that sunfish sailboat accident in the early 80s. His best friend from his training days at Duke University, Don Greeley, was running the Chicago marathon in the early 2000s and serendipitously passed Larry on the street in the often-cited explanation of how small the world is. Incidents that stand as examples of the magic of enduring friendships in which conversations can be restarted as if no time has passed. The "Lost Tribe", which began as a fellowship of young families at the First Presbyterian Church, has been both the source and the audience for 40 years of adventurous tales. Larry cherished the many friendships established during early morning exercise classes at the YMCA before starting his workday. In recent years, Larry recounted his stories with the Eagle Camp (Vermont) Writing Group and captured sunsets on the water in his words.

Physician: In Larry's role as a physician, he considered the art of taking medical histories as a means of listening to the life stories of his patients beyond their medical condition. And though he retired from private practice in 2011, he never truly retired. After retirement from his practice, he frequently discussed his continued medical education efforts with his son Bryan and colleagues. As a lieutenant commander in the US Navy in the mid-70s, he delivered care for two years at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. As a nephrologist in Lancaster County, Larry had ample opportunities during dialysis rounds to collect advice from local farmers. As a West Philly

transplant, the only child of Edna Holt and John (Jack) Lawrence Carroll, he relished the gardening wisdom from his patients, and the planting of his seeds and harvests were nurtured by years of recommendations. An avid collector of jokes from his patients, he was sometimes less attentive to remembering the punchlines. For those who were fortunate to be his patients, Larry could quickly recall the details of their care and would inquire about their health and their families.

Scholar: Larry viewed scholarly activities as an ongoing discussion with the historical leaders of medical sciences. He continued to engage medical colleagues after retirement through emails and phone calls. On the day of his fall, he had registered for additional medical coursework. He was committed to supporting the education of health care providers in Lancaster, giving numerous lectures, and contributing to local medical journals. Prior to his retirement, he derived great pleasure from his mentoring of medical students at the University of Pennsylvania, participating in small group discussions on doctoring. Most recently, he was collaborating with Janet and his son Bryan on a study of shared decision-making and palliative care in the setting of aggressive cutaneous carcinoma. Reading, writing, and discussing medicine was his salve for the constant itch that is the mystery of human health and wellness.

Leader: Through leadership roles in multiple organizations, Larry was the change that he wanted to see in the world. He dedicated decades of service on the Ethics Committees of Lancaster General Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital. He has also served many roles within the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster. His injury interrupted his terms as the Vice President of the Lancaster Medical History Museum, Board service for the Kidney Foundation of Central PA, and the Chair of the newly created Manheim Township Senior Advisory Committee. Our community will miss Larry's voice

in numerous important debates and decisions.

Volunteer and Philanthropist: Larry fully embraced a life of service beyond his medical profession through charity and volunteering. He contributed to dozens and dozens of different charities throughout the years. He volunteered to maintain the Mount Moriah Cemetery in Philadelphia. He served as a reading tutor for second-grade students at Buchanan Elementary School for over 10 years. He participated in many community events, including charity bike rides and walks, as well as social justice activities.

Musician, Singer, and Writer: Music was always an integral part of Larry's life. He would share past singing performances dating back to his childhood as a boy soprano in his church choir (dripping candle wax on the hymnal on Christmas Eve) and the Philadelphia Boys Choir at the Academy of Music. During his time with the University of Pennsylvania Glee Club, he was a member of the famed Penn Pipers, which Janet admits is one of the reasons she agreed to their first coffee date. He sang in medical school with the Dorsal Root and Dermatomes. In Lancaster, he sang with the UUCL choir and for the past seven years with Janet and the Music For Everyone (MFE) Community Chorus. When sharing MFE recordings, Larry would point out that the director, Jonathan, as well as his predecessor, AJ, had perfect pitch and say, "imagine how great that would be." On February 6th, we were blessed by a driveway/garage, a socially distant performance from the MFE Community Chorus that provided solace to Larry and his family for his final days. We played those recordings for him repeatedly.

Gardener, Natural Historian: As a family, we will continue our conversations with Larry outdoors where we will see him everywhere. Snow currently blankets the first shoots of asparagus that Larry tended for decades. His raised beds are calling for lettuce, cucumbers, and beets. Goldfinches are dancing around the feeders that he maintained. The red-tailed hawks of

Lancaster have been holding vigils from the electric towers and light posts. The ghost crabs and skimmers of the New Jersey shore will miss Larry's annual count. We will continue to collect nature facts and understanding of our natural world through the Cape May Birding tours and the Ocean City Nature Beach Walks. Most importantly, we will continue Larry's summer assessment of the corn crop, acknowledging the planting, temperatures, and rain, while looking forward to a prosperous harvest in August for local farms.

Invitation: In lieu of flowers, if so moved, please consider supporting one of the numerous causes close to Larry's heart: The Janet T. Carroll Staff Excellence Endowment Fund at Hospice & Community Care (<https://www.hospiceandcommunitycare.org/hospice-care/endowment-funds/janet-t-carroll-staff-excellence-endowment-fund/>)

The Lancaster Medical Heritage Museum (<https://lancastermedicalheritagemuseum.org/support-us/>)

The MFE Community Chorus (<https://musicforeveryone.org/donate/>)

The Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania
(<https://www.kfcp.org/donate/>)

A celebration of life is being planned in a virtual format.

Tribute Wall



“ *Laurence Edward Carroll*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *A *Wonderful Teacher*, fondly recalled from my residency days at LGH 1980-83. Yours, Mark M. Nunlist, MD, MS*

Mark Nunlist - March 01, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Janet,
I am so sorry for you and your family. I have thought of you often during the past weeks, and I hope for peace and healing for your family.*

*Yours fondly, Jessica Butz
(First yoga mat on the left)*

Jessica L Butz - March 01, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Dear Janet,
We would like to offer you and your family our most sincere condolences. It was truly a pleasure to have gotten to know Larry. He was always so kind and easy to talk to. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

The Duncheskie Family

Emily Duncheskie - February 28, 2021 at 04:29 PM

SJ

“ Dear Mrs Carroll and family,
I express my deepest sympathy for your loss. I am a nurse practitioner with General Int Medicine and had been blessed to work with Dr Carroll as a RN at the old St Joes and then as a NP at LGH. He was respected by all for his wealth of knowledge and kindness to staff and patients. He was never too busy to share his knowledge or just to take time to chat. He will truly be missed. God Bless you all and may your beautiful memories keep him alive in your hearts forever.
Sincerely, Sue Juliano

sue juliano - February 25, 2021 at 09:09 PM

HC

“ Shocked and saddened to read of Larry's death.
I have pleasant memories of my many contacts with him during my years working as a pharmaceutical sales representative in Lancaster..
May he rest in peace.
Hubert Curristin

hubert curristin - February 24, 2021 at 04:39 PM

MD

“ Dear Mrs. Carroll and family,
It was with great sadness that I learned of Dr. Carroll's fall and passing. I worked with him for many years at LGH. He was a tremendous nursing advocate and was always willing to teach us. His patients were always treated with utmost respect and dignity. Lancaster has lost a wonderful man and physician. He will be greatly missed.
Melissa Droege Deascenti

Melissa Droege Deascenti - February 22, 2021 at 05:56 PM

MB

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Carroll in dialysis for many years. He was always the teacher and patient advocate and he has left that legacy to carry on for many years in the organizations he supported. My condolences to Mrs. Carroll and his family but you can all take comfort in knowing he was and will continue to be a blessing to many!

Mary Brown - February 22, 2021 at 06:48 PM

EJ

“*Dear Janet & Family, We were so sorry to here of Larry's passing. The Lancaster community has lost a caring and dedicated person. The obituary was beautifully written and a wonderful tribute to him. Your loyalty and support of the Township soccer program was much appreciated. Especially those years 1988 -1991 when Andy & Bryan played varsity. They were a credit to Manheim Township on and off the field. We will miss seeing him in the stands following volleyball when things get back to normal. May great memories be a comfort in this time of loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

Ed & Ginny Journey

Ed & Ginny Journey - February 22, 2021 at 10:47 AM

JD

“*My sincere condolences to the family. I worked with Dr. Carroll in Dialysis at LGH in the 80's. He was a great doctor and always willing to teach me things. He will be missed by many. RIP.*

Janet Duda

Janet Duda - February 22, 2021 at 10:35 AM

DM

“ I offer the family my sincere condolences for this sudden shock. In the 1980's I took my young son, Noah, to the YMCA 3X a week at 7 am to jog around the track. Larry was very supportive of Noah coming with his Dad so faithfully. Every morning he had something encouraging to say to Noah. When Noah entered the Lanc. to River run, he came in second with the under 13's, but Noah was only 11. He later became a celebrity in San Francisco consistently winning the Golden Gate Half Marathon. Being frequently recognized walking down the street took something to get used to as Noah became a quiet computer engineer. Larry helped make this all possible.

David R. Morrison, Esq.

Dave Morrison - February 22, 2021 at 10:24 AM

EW

“ So sorry for your loss. Dr Carroll was my doctor back in 1980. He was a very good doctor and had gotten me some good early treatment. He always took good care of me even when I was done with the treatment. Now he has earned his wings. Thank you Dr Carroll for everything. Rest now on a job well done. 🙏🙏🙏

Eli S Williams - February 21, 2021 at 03:13 PM

DH

“ Janet- so sorry to read about your husband's passing. I did not know him like I do you- but he sounded so remarkable! My heart goes out to you and your family. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. His obituary was so beautiful and lovingly done. Dee Humpton

Dolores Humpton - February 21, 2021 at 01:16 PM

CT

“ Dear Janet and family, Sending sincere condolences regarding Larry's death. He was a wonderful man to have known through my Hospice employment! Every encounter with him was enjoyable as he made me feel heard and appreciated! I understand your obituary statement about "lives changed" on the day of his accident since we want and love keeping our intimate family members close and secure for always! May memories bring comfort to all family members in the days ahead! Tina Texter

Christine Texter - February 21, 2021 at 11:02 AM

PC

“ Dear Janet & Family...my sincere condolences to you. Larry was not only a gifted clinician but truly a man for others. The love & support you showed nurturing each other's careers was a beautiful witness. May you find peace in the coming days. Blessings, Pam Currie

Pam currie - February 21, 2021 at 07:40 AM

NZ

“ Dear Family, I just can't over the fact that Larry is gone. His memory will be forever etched in my being. He was a true servant leader in so many areas of his life, starting with his family, devoted to his profession, a caring physician and an educator, constantly learning, and giving back to his community. We thank you for sharing him with us. Nik Zervanos

Nikitas J Zervanos - February 21, 2021 at 07:39 AM

RR

“ Janet please accept my condolences in Larry's passing. Phil Scalamagna called me today as I am in Florida. He was a great physician and a lovely man. He will be missed. Roseann Romito.

Romito Roseann - February 20, 2021 at 07:44 PM

RF

“ As my nephrologist for over 30 years, Dr. Carroll became not only a trusted physician but also a family friend. As one of the first patients at Hypertension and Kidney, I had the opportunity to watch the practice grow over the years. I was lucky enough to have Dr. Carroll treat not only me but also my daughter Tina. It was a great comfort to know that Dr. Carroll would be there for our family as we learned what living with kidney disease could be like. He was a caring physician who always took time to listen to his patients. He also became a friend and support as I grew my own small business, coming in to talk or share a story. Physicians and friends of the caliber of Laurence Carroll are hard to come by and he will be truly missed.

Ronald H Finch - February 20, 2021 at 01:57 PM

CC

“ To the family of Dr Carroll, it was a pleasure to have worked with this great human being at HKS for many years. He truly was a caring and compassionate person. My condolences to all of you. He will be missed. R.I.P. Dr L.C.

Carmen Carmenatty - February 20, 2021 at 12:55 PM

 Paul D.
Gordon

“ To the family and friends of Dr. Carroll. Thank you for sharing this amazing man with us in the Chronic Kidney Disease community. Lord knows he gave so much of his time and talent. I had the pleasure of working with Larry while serving for the ESRD Network. A consummate gentleman, he was an endearing, kind, funny, giving, gentle genius. We too will miss this wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Paul Gordon

Paul D. Gordon - February 20, 2021 at 12:25 PM

BS

“ Janet and family,

My condolences to all of you. A great man and father. I will remember all the great conversations we had on Wythe Circle and the years after that. He was a true gentleman and I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Barry Solodky

Barry Solodky - February 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM

DL

“ We want to express our condolences to Janet and the Carroll family. I've known Larry since my premedical days working at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. He always showed kindness to all, patients and staff. My wife worked as RN in many different clinical settings. She finished her career at Hospice of Lancaster County and worked under the direction of Janet. Our hearts are saddened by the tragic loss of this kind and caring man.

David & Kathy Loss

David Loss - February 20, 2021 at 10:48 AM

SS

“ Janet, we are so sorry for your loss. We enjoyed our talks with you and Larry when you'd come to deliver political signs, and when we'd see you both at the polls. You and your family are in our thoughts.
Sue Sensenig, Buch Avenue

sue sensenig - February 20, 2021 at 07:17 AM

MB

“ Mrs Carroll and family- I was so saddened to learn of Dr Carroll's fall and passing. I have so many memories of him from all the high school games he attended and cheered us on. I will remember him very fondly. Know that your family is in my thoughts daily.

Megan Brown - February 19, 2021 at 10:23 PM

RG

“ This makes me very sad to read. I have many wonderful memories of working with Dr. Carroll. From the time I started as a new Nephrology Nurse at Community Hospital, to working with him as my Medical director while managing the Etown unit and then beyond. He always had time to take a moment and share some knowledge or tell a corny joke. I learned an incredible amount from him, that I remember to this day. My career in Nephrology has taken me in many direction in different areas of the country. I always say he was one of the best Nephrologist I've ever had the pleasure of working with. He will definitely be missed. I pray for blessings and comfort for you and your family.

Robin Gibson - February 19, 2021 at 09:31 PM

TL

“ I am incredibly saddened reading this, for his family, friends and Dialysis community.
I was honored to get introduced to him when volunteering with Lancaster Area Kidney Association.
He was always kind, giving, innovative and extremely memorable.
I was amazed how he was able to connect resources in the community to better the lives of our patients.
Forever our community will be much better because of him.
You will be sincerely missed but never forgotten.
Tiffany, John and Emma Linderman

Tiffany Linderman - February 19, 2021 at 08:12 PM

LP

“ My heart hurts today! Dr. Carroll introduced this nurse to Nephrology. It became my career caring for real patients. He truly was one of the most caring physicians! He would call me at the office and tell to pull a patients chart because he was worried about them and then call them before going home. He was so very thoughtful to me as a boss for 18 years... came to my mothers funeral, would write me notes of appreciation. I am the nurse I am because of him. He taught me so much! I will be forever grateful to him and will miss the squeaky giggle he did when he would make fun of me and then call me "Leonora" which he knew I hated! You were the "King of Nephrology " and I am proud to say I had 18 years working and learning with you! RIP Dr. C..

Leonora "Lee" Prange - February 19, 2021 at 05:45 PM

DM

“ Michele and BOB Matlin want to express our deepest condolences to Janet and your family. He was always an esteemed colleague and friend to me. Very much admired as a wonderful human being and physician. He will be a great loss to the community.
Dr Bob and Michele Matlin

Dr Bob Matlin and Michele Matlin - February 19, 2021 at 04:37 PM

JG

“ Mrs Carroll and family;relatives, friends etc:
My condolences on Dr Carroll's passing. He was truly one of a kind. Thank you for sharing him with us. He knew my mother, E Jean Griest, was an LGH OB nurse and allowed her to help care for my father, Melvin T Griest. Dr Carroll was my father's physician for several years and actually spoke at my father's funeral. Everyone will be in my thoughts and prayers.



Jacqueline Griest
Quarryville/Saxton PA

Jacqueline Griest - February 19, 2021 at 03:29 PM

TM

“ Larry and I came to LGH around the same time. I was a resident, though, and he was brilliant attending with an encyclopedic fund of knowledge that was intimidating. But Larry was always warm and personable, helping Jill and me when her father became ill and needed hospice care when it was not widely accepted in the medical community. He also helped me get rabies vaccine after I had been bitten by a suspicious dog in Africa. He freely shared all of his abilities with all of us, and we are better for being in his orbit. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Janet and family.
Tom and Jill Miller

Tom and Jill Miller - February 19, 2021 at 03:04 PM

BG

“ I will never forget the impression that Dr. Carroll left on me as a brand new nurse manager of a dialysis unit at LGH. I will cherish the times that we planned events for the community through the years. He was a caring and compassionate physician leader for our dialysis community. He will be greatly missed.

Brandy Grant - February 19, 2021 at 02:58 PM

JB

“ Dear Janet,
You may have forgotten that I volunteered with Hospice for 13 years while you were on staff there. But I remember you very well, especially your capable, compassionate leadership that I admired so much. I am so sorry that you are having to walk the Pathway to Grief and Loss" in the sudden and tragic death of your husband. Knowing all of the "ins and outs" of loss of your loved one may be helpful. But I am sure that it is still a devastating and heartbreaking experience for you and your family. I know that many other people are joining me in asking God to give you peace, comfort, strength and hope.
Sincerely,
Joyce Bohn

Joyce Bohn - February 19, 2021 at 02:06 PM

MD

“ What a shame. I always enjoyed working with him on cases and he taught me much more than I knew regarding renal physiology. May your grief turn soon to happy memories. Marv Daley

marvin daley - February 19, 2021 at 12:11 PM

WB

“ Larry has left a lasting mark on our community. From the patients that he cared for with compassion and expertise, to the physicians that he trained and worked with over the years, his example and kindness will not be forgotten. Words cannot express the deep loss that we all are feeling. He was all that a physician and human should strive to be.

WILLIAM BAKKEN - February 19, 2021 at 11:41 AM

ST

“ So sad, Lancaster has lost an outstanding Doctor and a wonderful human being. I loved making rounds with him. He treated the nurses with respect sharing his knowledge and caring for his patients with dignity. He will be very much missed

Sheila. Thomas - February 19, 2021 at 10:57 AM

ML

“ Sending love, hugs and peace during this difficult time. I worked with Dr C. Since 1989. He was a great teacher along with nephrologist. His love and caring for his patients was larger than life!! I'm so grateful for all his lessons throughout my career as a dialysis nurse. Michelle Lengle

michelle lengle - February 19, 2021 at 10:27 AM

PB

“ My many memories of Dr. Carroll were when I worked with him at LGH dialysis unit. A fine diagnostic physician. Caring, funny, but always had a soft compassionate side for his patients. The medical care he gave each patient was beyond reproach. We at times did not see eye to eye. My heart goes out to you Janet & your family. Sending love, hugs and prayers. Forever grateful for you Dr. Carroll. Dialysis nurse 1980-2000 Peg Beiler

Peg Beiler - February 19, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ I knew Larry primarily as a fellow physician. He was a most important & supportive educator and mentor for our Family Medicine residency training program at LGH. (and for years after). When we were just starting out as young doctors (1977-1980) and needed guidance on the Ward medicine rotation, he stepped up and took the time and effort to help us along. He was an upstanding man.
Bill Parke

Bill Parke - February 19, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ I will always remember the nice conversations we had as he walked past my first home in the 400 block of north Cherry st.back in the 70's. And he always had time to talk thru out my career at LGH..Such a wonderful gentleman...He was loved and will be missed. J.J.

John k. Johnson - February 19, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ I'm so sorry to read of your loss, Janet. When he would come in our business with you he was very quiet & seemed so dignified but engaging in conversation with him was a delight. My thought & prayers are with you & your family during this very difficult time. May your wonderful memories sustain you.
Sincerely, Shirley Landis

Shirley Landis - February 19, 2021 at 07:33 AM

AB

“ Janet you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I never had the opportunity to meet your beloved husband, however reading his obituary, he sounds like a wonderful man. May God Bless you in the days, weeks and months ahead with wonderful memories and the comfort of know you will be reunited with him someday.

Amie Barone - February 19, 2021 at 07:12 AM

CM

Larry had a great sense of humor, always cheerful ready to have a laugh.

C.Binning MD - March 15, 2021 at 02:25 PM