



Michael G. Hall

June 27, 2025

Michael G. Hall, 76, of Millersville, passed away on Friday, June 27, 2025, at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Sheldon H. and Jane P. Hall.

A lifelong Lancaster area resident, Michael was a graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School (1966) and Millersville University (1970-1972).

He served as a primary teacher in the School District of Lancaster from 1970 until his retirement in 2001. He then became the first director of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Lancaster. Subsequent to his retirement from the center in 2011, he facilitated transitions in leadership in dyslexia centers in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, and Rhode Island. He was a Certified Dyslexia Therapist and an Instructor of Certified Academic Languages Practitioners. A dedicated theater enthusiast, he was often seen on regional stages from 1970 through 2000. He frequently appeared at the Independent Eye, Theater of the Seventh Sister, Fulton Theatre, Belmont Theatre, and Performing Arts Workshop.

For several years, he served as a volunteer for Hospice of Lancaster County.

Surviving him is a brother, Laurence S. (Sandra) Hall, of Lancaster, and several nieces and nephews.

At Michael's request, there will be no service.

In Michael's memory, please consider making donations to the Children's
Dyslexia Center of Lancaster, 213 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Tribute Wall

TP

“ Mike and I were friends for almost 40 years - we met in late 1986 when I was in my first year as Artistic Director of the York Little Theatre in Pennsylvania. He auditioned for my production of *AMADEUS* and I was immediately struck by his wonderful, smart instincts, and innate talent as an actor. He was cast in the title role of Mozart in that production, and that was the beginning of many shows together in which he acted under my direction: *THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG*, *BEYOND THERAPY*, *THE FOREIGNER*, *SWEENEY TODD*, *NOISES OFF*, *SOCIAL SECURITY, 1776*, *BAREFOOT IN THE PARK*, *THE COCKTAIL HOUR*, *LEND ME A TENOR*, *THE DINING ROOM*, *A FEW GOOD MEN*, and others. He was always a real pro - learned his lines early and word perfect, was always prepared, great to work with, a fine, kind if reserved person. We started traveling together to NYC often to see shows together on and off-Broadway, a habit we continued throughout my 7.5 years in PA. When I moved to New York in 1994, to try to "make it" in the big time, Mike was there to offer moral support, to schlep boxes/furniture on my many moves in the early years, and to see every one of my 20+ Broadway shows. He was truly a great person, one of my dearest friends, and I think of him every day. Rest in peace, dear Michael.

Tripp Phillips - January 31 at 03:29 PM

CC

“ I shared the stage with Michael on several occasions first in the mid 80’s in *Play it Again Sam* and at the newly renovated *Fulton Opera House* in *Hello Dolly*. He was a pro, a gentleman and scholar. I really enjoyed being onstage with him but what I most cherished were our conversations at this annual picnic we both attended for old guard of *Theater of the Seventh Sister*! Such a good listener, intelligent and we had a similar sense of humor- I made him laugh. I regret that I missed that picnic the last few years...my deepest condolences to his family. Our times together I will hold dear!
Cynthia Charles

Cynthia Charles - July 17, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ Mike trained me way back in 2007 and supported me as I became the new center director at the *Dyslexia Center*. He was extremely knowledgeable and passionate about teaching our students who struggled to read. He pushed me to be my best and was always on a quest for knowledge. It was a privilege to have him as a mentor, and for his continued support and friendship over the years. Though he's no longer with us, the knowledge he gave to so many educators will live on. His legacy will continue through the *Children's Dyslexia Center of Lancaster* and he will not be forgotten. He was truly one of a kind.

Heather Brown - July 15, 2025 at 11:23 AM

SP

“ Mike was an amazing teacher. I tutored at the *Children's Dyslexia Center* under his directorship; he was masterful at breaking down the essence of the program we used. He was effective as a teacher, administrator, and advocate for the center. The consummate educator. My prayers for his family and friends.

Susan Petty - July 14, 2025 at 02:57 PM

JY

“ I worked at the Children's Dyslexia Center with Mike and enjoyed every minute. I saw an ad in a local paper about tutoring so called Mike but he had enough volunteers for the year and said that he'd call back in a year. And that's exactly what he did. I submitted paperwork on my degrees and teaching experience but what caught his eye was that I volunteered with a therapeutic horseback riding group working with children and adults with educational, physical and mental problems. And that made all the difference. He was a great caring guy and I know now in heaven lending his varied expertise. Know you have a new guardian angel watching over you. In sympathy, Joanne Yeager

Joanne Yeager - July 10, 2025 at 01:53 PM

SG

“ Thank you for being a kind soul to my sister and her family. You will be missed, Uncle Mike! -Sophia Gutierrez

Sophia Gutierrez - July 09, 2025 at 08:39 AM

KB

“ Michael, you will be so missed. I will think about you every day. Please watch over us here on Earth. Love, Kristy

Kristy Bangoura - July 08, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ I am so very, very sorry to learn of Michael's passing! I was a secretary/receptionist at the Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mount Joy for many years and I just loved when Michael was volunteering. He was such a NICE man and so interesting. I so appreciated him and his work at Hospice. This world has lost such a good man. My sympathies to his family.

Kathy Trowbridge - July 08, 2025 at 08:45 AM

CI

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mike's family and close friends.*

Mike was a wonderful colleague. Mike shared his wonderful sense of humor and caring nature with his coworkers, the tutors he trained, and the children he supported.

I have fond memories of Mike at directors' conferences and working with to guide and support new center directors.

I will miss his smile and the twinkle in his eyes.



Carin Illig - July 07, 2025 at 08:36 AM

JN

“ *Mike Hall... son, brother, uncle, teacher, actor, friend. Mike was my friend for 45 years. He was a kind, generous, upstanding, gentle man. I miss him.*

To Larry and Sandy and the family I offer my prayers and deepest condolences for your loss.

A "Milderdism" seems appropriate. Life without Mike will be "ain't like we're usedt". We will all have to "wonder as ya's do". With gratitude to Mike for sharing these "Milderdisms" with us and making us laugh...still.

*Jean Nikolaus
Poultney VT.*

Jean Nikolaus - July 06, 2025 at 02:25 PM