



## Philip R. Metzler Sr.

November 13, 2025

Philip R. Metzler, Sr., 88, passed away on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Lancaster, PA, Philip was the son of Harry R. and Miriam Mann Metzler and the husband of the late Suzanne Trout Metzler, who died on April 12, 2020. He was the companion of Millie Brubaker until his passing.

Phil graduated from Hempfield High School and the Pennsylvania Military College (now Widener University), where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Business and a commission as a second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He later received a Master's Degree in Human Resources Management from George Washington University.

He served in the U.S. Army from the time of his graduation from PMC in 1958 until March of 1963, serving in California and Berlin, Germany, achieving the rank of Captain. He spent an additional five years in the Maryland National Guard as Company Commander.

Phil spent 34 years in Human Resources Management, the last sixteen years as H.R. Director for Kiwi Brands prior to his retirement in 1997. Following retirement, he and Sue split their time between Pleasure Shores and Tilghman, MD, and Key Largo, FL. They returned to their roots in Lancaster County in 2015 and continued their extensive worldwide travels.

Phil enjoyed swimming, boating, tennis, bocce, playing cards and eating crabs with his friends and family. His favorite teams were the Baltimore Colts, Ravens, and Orioles.

Philip is survived by his dear daughter, Margie Kosmerl, his four sons: Philip R. Metzler, Jr., (Hedda), Lancaster, PA, Brian R. Metzler (Jana), Mount Joy, PA, Michael S. Metzler, Lancaster, PA and Steven T. Metzler (Anne), Dublin, OH, and seven grandchildren, Jennifer, Sarah, Lizzie, Heather, Jonathan, Kelsi, and Ellie; his great-granddaughter, Isabella.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Suzanne, his son-in-law, Wayne Kosmerl, and his grandson, Danny.

Relatives & friends are invited to attend Philip's Memorial Service at Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601, on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Please omit flowers; memorial donations in Philip's name can be made to Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or Tandem Living Benevolent Fund, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Woodcrest Villa  
Viva Center  
2001 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17603

## Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Lance H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip R. Metzler Sr..

Lance H. - November 23, 2025 at 03:31 PM

TS

“ The Well + Hon's Honey Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Philip R. Metzler Sr..



The Well + Hon's Honey Staff - November 21, 2025 at 01:17 PM

LG

“ Love, Dublin Running Group purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Philip R. Metzler Sr..



Love, Dublin Running Group - November 21, 2025 at 12:35 AM

ST

“ Suzanne, Brian, and your MFS team purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Philip R. Metzler Sr..



Suzanne, Brian, and your MFS team - November 20, 2025 at 09:55 AM

SM

“ *What a fantastic father. Thank you for everything, Daddio! I will miss you dearly.*



Steve Metzler - November 19, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip R. Metzler Sr..*



November 18, 2025 at 04:38 PM

KH

“ *Ken and Lois Heater planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip R. Metzler Sr..*

Ken and Lois Heater - November 18, 2025 at 04:38 PM

BH

“ *Brandy H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip R. Metzler Sr..*

Brandy H. - November 17, 2025 at 06:20 PM