



## Richard Lawrence Bard

March 3, 2017

Richard Lawrence Bard, 65, of New Holland, PA, passed away on Friday, March 3, 2017 at the VA hospital in Lebanon, PA. Richard was born on September 16, 1951 in New Holland, PA to the late J. Richard Bard and the late Arlene B. Conner (Murphy). He was the husband of Lourdes B. (Grau) Bard, with whom he celebrated 35 years of marriage on December 28, 2016.

In addition to his wife, Richard is survived by his son, Joshua Lawrence Bard with whom he had a great relationship; 3 siblings, Michael C. Bard, husband of Valerie of New Holland, PA, Kathleen (Bard) Merchlinski, wife of John R Merchlinski of Narvon, PA, Sally Bard from MD; 1 brother-in-law, Felix Grau from Honeybrook, PA; 2 sisters-in-laws, Iris M. Grau from San Juan, Puerto Rico and Shelia (Grau) Lopez, wife of Jose L. Lopez, San Antonio, TX; 2 cousins, 7 nieces and nephews and 3 grand nieces.

He enjoyed hiking, going for walks, reading, listening to music, going to concerts, traveling and spending time with his family. He loved family time.

Before going to college, Richard served in the US Navy from 1969 to 1972. He was a Corpsman in Norfolk, VA and was proud to serve in the US Navy. After the Navy he worked at Sears until 1977 when he decided to go to college. Richard earned a BA in Biology from Virginia Intermont College in 1981 and an MS in Biology from Millersville University 1985. He taught at

Penn State Berks Campus and Lincoln University in Oxford, PA. After 7 years of teaching college level he returned to Millersville University where he earned his teacher certification. He felt he could make a difference with the students before they left high school. For the last 20 years he taught at North East HS and Perryville HS, Cecil County, MD where he was a Biology teacher. He loved teaching and was well liked by his students and peers.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 10-11:00AM at The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services, 528 W. Orange St., (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.), Lancaster PA. We will leave at 11:00AM for Longeneckers Reformed Mennonite Cemetery where a Graveside Service with military honors will take place.

Donations in Richard's name can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

# Previous Events

## Remembrance Gathering

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
528 W Orange St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-5300  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Lawrence Bard*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *You will be missed my friend. Many years have passed since I met you and Lourdes when we all worked at the Exton Mall. You two changed my life forever. You were a wonderful father to Joshua, and husband to Lourdes. A kind and honest man and lover of all animals and nature. You were taken too soon from this world. Godspeed my friend.*

**Cindy Freeland** - March 10, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ *Gina and John Bahr purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Lawrence Bard.*



**Gina and John Bahr** - March 10, 2017 at 11:01 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Richard*



**LBard** - March 08, 2017 at 09:30 AM

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“ *Familia Lopez Grau. San Antonio, TX purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Richard Lawrence Bard.*



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**Familia Lopez Grau. San Antonio, TX** - March 07, 2017 at 10:39 PM

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“ *I still remember the first time I saw Richard back home in Puerto Rico. He was tall, funny and very handsome. Me with my broken English and him trying to say some words in Spanish. Good times. I'm going to miss you, but you are in a much better place. Your favorite sister-in-law.*

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**Sheila Grau-Lopez** - March 07, 2017 at 09:49 PM

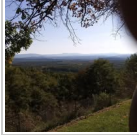


“ *He had always been one of my favorite teachers.before and after class or we would talk about music sometimes and he was always so nice and took pride in being our teacher. he worked with me when other teachers gave up. he will be missed*



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**Jessica Lynn** - March 07, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ *A teacher who shared his life with us ranging from the time he served the Navy to the times he mentioned to the college he attended. At the time I'm writing this I start to think on how someone should live their life. And Mr. Bards life is the example of it. My family share their condolences.*

*Patrick Privett*

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**Linda Jianniney Privett** - March 06, 2017 at 01:15 PM

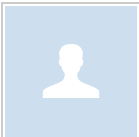


“ *My sincere sympathies to you Kathy and John and your whole family.*

*Phyllis Deibert Crockett*

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**Phyllis Crockett** - March 05, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Lawrence Bard.*



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March 05, 2017 at 12:02 PM