



Terry Louise Field

January 8, 2023

Long-term Lancaster resident Terry Louise Field (née Vance) passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at her home at Willow Valley at the age of 83. Born on St. Patrick's Day in 1939, she was the eldest of three children of the late Donald and June Vance of Riverside, California.

After graduating high school, she worked as a secretary for a year before attending the University of California, Berkeley where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Religion. While a student at Cal she met her future husband Robert Field of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After university, Terry worked as a legal secretary in New York City and then in Washington, DC. In 1968, she moved with her husband and two small children from Philadelphia to Lancaster where their third child was born in 1970.

For much of the 1970s she was a member of the PTO, taught Sunday school at the Lancaster Unitarian-Universalist Church and served both as a Cub Scout den mother and a Brownie troop leader. A talented classical pianist she was a mainstay of the Lancaster Opera Workshop throughout the 1980s where she volunteered both as a rehearsal pianist and a piano accompanist.

Later in life, she served on the board of the Pennsylvania Academy of Music. A voracious reader and avid gardener she also enjoyed horseback riding, tennis, jigsaw puzzles, stamp collecting, cross stitching and doing the New York Times crossword puzzle. Blessed with a curious mind, a keen intellect, a generous spirit, and a wonderful sense of humor she was a devoted wife, mother, aunt, grandmother and friend who will be sorely missed.

In addition to her former husband, she is survived by her sister, Lani Blanchard of Newton, Massachusetts, her three children, Richard Field of Budapest, Hungary, Jennifer Hart of Lancaster, PA, and Bruce Field of Baltimore, MD, seven grandchildren, nine nieces and nephews, and at last count some 20 grandnieces and grandnephews.

A celebration of her life is planned for May.

Tribute Wall



“ Terry Louise Field

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Terry's life and mine crossed several time over the years. Originally, her children and ours studied piano with the Jamanis's, and we all attended yearly recitals. Later Terry and I were part of the Lancaster Opera Company for quite a few years where I got to know her better. I remember her as an excellent rehearsal pianist and was impressed with her talent. She was a generous person and gladly provided 3 part music she had for a trio of 3 sopranos from the Opera Company. Three and 1/2 years ago, we moved to Manor North at Willow Valley and were delighted to discover Terry also lived there. We met for dinner a number of times, and it was always a a joy to hear the fascinating stories she shared. She was a great conversationalist with many interests, always enthusiastic and optimistic. Her death was a surprise to us because although she was in The Glen, she never indicated she had any acute medical problems and was in fact looking forward to going to Meadow Ridge. We will surely miss Terry and our dinners together. We send our sympathy to all the family.

Please let us know when you hold the celebration of her life in May.

Carol and Lynn Dolan

Carol Dolan - February 05, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ I just wanted to say I was the house keeper for Terry at her home in Willow Valley Communities. She was always such a pleasure to see and talk with. You could talk about anything and everything with her for hours. She always had so much to share and made you feel so heard. It was an extra pleasure the days she would play piano while I was in her apartment. You're family was oh so blessed to have her around and she will be greatly missed.

Amanda Heisey - January 17, 2023 at 07:08 PM



*Oh, my girl... What wonderful time you go to spend with one of my very favorite people in the world.
Thank you for appreciating her!*

Heather Honekamp - February 18, 2023 at 12:29 AM

AH

“ I was with Terry in London in January 1985 or 1986. We had a really great time together. Plus I knew her from Lancaster Opera Company. Ann Humer (Conroy)

Ann Humer - January 13, 2023 at 06:15 AM

AH

“ Amy High lit a candle in memory of Terry Louise Field



Amy High - January 12, 2023 at 03:20 PM

TK

“ Jennifer, I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a gracious and beautiful lady . She will be sadly missed by all who knew her .

Theresa Kontra

Theresa Kontra - January 12, 2023 at 09:48 AM

EI

“ I am so sorry for your loss! I always really liked her and thought she was a very caring, loving and open hearted woman. She welcomed me into her family like all of you did so wonderfully and I will always be grateful and so very thankful for that!

Eilika - January 12, 2023 at 03:25 AM

JR

“ Jennifer, Ann and I are so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. It was lovely getting to know her over the years. May her memory be a blessing. Sending peace and strength to all your family. Joanne and Ann

Joanne Rafferty - January 11, 2023 at 08:43 AM

JC

Sorry to hear of your Mom's passing, she was a wonderful person who I was blessed to know and enjoyed my year working for her and your family. Praying for all of you in this difficult time. Judy and Marv Caskey

Judy Caskey - January 12, 2023 at 08:52 AM

PH

Terry and I were friends while we lived close by in California. She always had a smile and a funny story to tell. She and her brother Don and I had fun cooking together. Such treasured memories. I now live at woodcrest villa near park city. My thoughts are with all the family. Phyllis Moberg-Hohman

Phyllis Hohman - May 14, 2023 at 01:15 PM