



## THEODORE "TED" GERHART

December 5, 2011

Theodore "Ted" Gerhart, 58, of Lancaster, died Friday, December 2, 2011 at Lancaster Regional Medical Center. Born in Reading, PA he was the son of the late Bernard M. and M. Jane Kramer Gerhart.

He graduated from Warwick High School in Lititz, and received a BA in Art from Millersville University and a MA in American Studies Material Cultures from Penn State.

Ted was a sculptor, artist, and sign carver who worked out of his shop on Pine Street for 30 years. In the late 70's he had a dream that he was carving wood to find what was inside. From that point, he was carving and was self taught. He had the ability to read the grain of wood and would find that art inside. His carved signs were sent throughout the United States including Hawaii, Alaska and various churches in Washington, DC. Some local signs he hand-carved are Belvedere, Carrs and Kegels restaurants, Segros, Hagelgans & Veronis and various other businesses and projects in Lancaster. In the past, he opened his studio for Lancaster Fest West for a poetry slam. An accomplished sailor, he and his parents loved spending time on the Chesapeake Bay.

Ted is survived by his son, Alex Gerhart, of Lancaster, PA, a stepson, David Milito (Mariel) of Denver, CO, a step granddaughter, Emma Milito and his former wife, Carter Bixler, of 20 years.

A Memorial Gathering in Celebration of Ted's life will be held on his birthday, Friday, December 16, 2011 at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (corner of Orange and Pine Streets), Lancaster, PA from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Private family interment.

# Tribute Wall



“ *THEODORE "TED" GERHART*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *My condolences to Ted's family. Although I knew Ted only briefly, he made a wonderful impact on me. Smart, intelligent, articulate, stubborn, devoted, funny...a person worth getting to know. He was a great fine craftsman with an eye for detail and he was determined that people should appreciate his work. I, for one, did. Maggie*

**Maggie Savory-Posselius** - January 04, 2012 at 01:04 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Ted's family. I lived beside his shop for 14 years but recently moved last year. My kids and I often walked by and looked in his window to see what he was creating next. He was a great artist and will be missed. May he rest in peace.*

**Diahann Beattie** - December 07, 2011 at 05:39 AM



“ *Rest in peace, Ted.  
My sincere condolences to Ted's family. Ted was a wonderfully creative and intelligent person, a "fixture" of the local arts community. We will miss him.*

**Elizabeth Todd Lambert** - December 06, 2011 at 11:19 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Ted's family. Ted was a year ahead of me in high school but I knew him well. Everytime I look at the signs around town, I will remember Ted and his wonderful artistry. I pray that the Peace that surpasses all understanding will comfort you during this most difficult time. Lifting y'all up in prayer. ~Debi Miller Lefever~*

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**Debi Miller Lefever** - December 06, 2011 at 09:01 PM