



Thomas Gordon Wolfgang

April 2, 2022

Thomas Gordon Wolfgang, Lititz, passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Moravian Manor, after a brief illness. He was born in Reading, PA on September 6, 1933, to the late Arthur M. and Ruth C. (Gordon) Wolfgang. He was a graduate of Muhlenberg Township High School and a 1955 graduate of Lebanon Valley College, where he majored in music education.

Tom began his teaching career at Donegal High School, then taught for many years at Manheim Township where he conducted the high school chorus as well as several madrigal groups and directed many high school plays and musicals. In his early years, he was active with several local theater groups, including the Elizabethtown Little Theater, Mount Joy Lions Club, and the Lancaster Kiwanis Club, and was one of the founding members of the Lancaster Actors' Company, with whom he performed several times on the Fulton stage.

At Lebanon Valley College, Tom met Bettyjane (BJ) Swisher. They were married on June 5, 1954 and celebrated 67 wonderful years together this past June. Tom and BJ had a summer home outside of Kensington on Prince Edward Island for over 30 years, where they were active in their church and community. They traveled the world during retirement, visiting the entire United States as well as nearly 50 countries. They loved traveling and learning about other cultures and were always thinking about where to go

next.

Tom was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church for over 50 years, where he sang in the choir for most of that time. During retirement, he was an active volunteer for the Lancaster County Council of Churches, Love INC, LUMINA, Landis Homes, and Covenant's homework program for students at Fulton School. He also taught the 55-Alive driving course for AAA for many years.

Along with his wife, Tom is survived by his daughters Kim, wife of Ivan Wittel (Lancaster), and Heidi, wife of Steven Limbert (Lititz), as well as his son, Toby (Lititz). He is also survived by three granddaughters, Della Carr (Michael) of Lancaster, Carrie Olena (Bradley) of Lebanon, and Ivy Limbert of Kandern, Germany, one step-granddaughter Jaclyn Sultzbach (Bill), three step great-grandsons, and a sister, Marsha Noecker of Reading. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a daughter-in-law, Susan Mann Wolfgang. The family would like to express their deep gratitude to the nurses and staff of Moravian Manor who have cared for him during the last year. Their compassion and care were a blessing to him, and to all of us.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service for Tom on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at Covenant United Methodist Church, 110 North Mulberry Street, Lancaster. Visitation will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by the service at 2:30 p.m. Interment will be private, at the convenience of the family.

A live stream will be available at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday for the Memorial Service. Please click on the link to watch live. <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/1436626581>

Contributions in Tom's memory can be made to the Dolly Kepner Music Fund, Covenant United Methodist Church, 110 N. Mulberry Street, Lancaster PA

17603.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Covenant United Methodist Church
110 N. Mulberry Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Memorial Service

APR 27. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Gordon Wolfgang*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 20, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Thomas Gordon Wolfgang*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *God Bless...Cousin Steve Wolfgang purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Thomas Gordon Wolfgang.*



God Bless...Cousin Steve Wolfgang - April 26, 2022 at 06:38 PM



“ 90 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 20, 2022 at 11:18 AM

CH

“ *Dear Family of Mr. Wolfgang,
Mr. Wolfgang was my high school choir director, music teacher, and Candlelight Singers director at Manheim Township. I loved to sing when I was young and enjoyed being in his choir and music groups. The music groups were the favorite part of my day at school.*

I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort through memories and stories that family, friends, and students share.

With sympathy,

Carol Kettering Hoke, 1972

Carol Kettering Hoke - April 11, 2022 at 04:43 PM

HE

Thank you Carol! I am so glad he passed on his love for music to us AND others!

Heidi - April 13, 2022 at 12:03 PM

JS

“ Kim, Heidi, Toby and BJ, you were such wonderful friends and neighbors, long before fences were built at the bottom of the hill putting an end to neighborhood sledding events in our yards! I feel lucky to have been in one of your father's classes on fine arts that was a pleasure to take. Your family's interest in music influenced many, and made the world a better place.

Judy Simon - April 06, 2022 at 06:00 PM

HE

Thanks Judy! What a good time we all had - and who knew my dad could not only teach, sing, & sled - but also play fireman:)

Heidi - April 07, 2022 at 11:00 AM

KI

Thank you, Judy. Such wonderful memories of that time! We were blessed to have the neighborhood we did, weren't we? Your words are so appreciated - we will miss him so very much.

Kim - April 07, 2022 at 07:45 PM

CL

I am so sorry for your loss! BJ, I always enjoyed visiting with you and Tom when you came to the Doctor-you always had interesting stories to share! Will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers!

Cindy Leed - April 07, 2022 at 09:51 PM

AE

“ Dear Kim and family, Your father was a very talented man who blessed his students at Township with the ability of expressing music...thank you for sharing him with us! I send my condolences and our Blessed Assurance that "We Will Meet Again" on the Other Side...



Amelia Eshelman - April 06, 2022 at 02:48 PM

KI

Thank you so much, Mimi, for your words of comfort. We will miss him so very much, but we know he is now in the arms of Jesus. I have been so blessed by the comments and support we've received here, and on Facebook.

Kim - April 07, 2022 at 10:19 AM

KH

“ Dear B.J., Kim, Heidi, Toby, and Family--
Please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, teacher, and mentor. As young and aspiring music teachers in the mid 70's, we were privileged to meet and become friends and colleagues with Tom, B.J., and "the kids". It was truly fun and rewarding to be a music teacher working with the family, and to witness the genuine passion and love that they had for music, and especially each other! God Bless! Sincerely, Ken & Linda Husler

Ken & Linda Husler - April 06, 2022 at 11:39 AM

HE

Thank You Ken & Linda! You certainly knew my dad in his many different rolls and responsibilities. How thankful we are for His many years - so glad you could share in it!

Heidi - April 07, 2022 at 10:56 AM

KI

Thank you, Ken and Linda, for your kind words. We have so many wonderful memories of the music department - faculty, performances, and friends. We will miss him so very much, and were blessed to have him with us for 88 years!

Kim - April 08, 2022 at 10:38 AM

JN

“ *May you feel the comfort of the love of friends and family and many musical memories of your loved one. To Heidi, from a former Lititz Band member. Joan Fyock Norris*

Joan Fyock Norris - April 06, 2022 at 11:37 AM

HE

Thank you Joan!

Heidi - April 07, 2022 at 10:47 AM

LI

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Lisa - April 04, 2022 at 02:49 PM