



Walter L. Bates

January 31, 2020

Walter L. Bates, 86, of Lancaster, passed away on Friday, January 31, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer.

He honorably served in the United States Navy on the USS Wisconsin during the Korean War. He was employed at Wholesome Bakery, Consumer's, and the Manheim Auto Auction.

He treasured spending time with his family and friends and had a true passion for cooking, especially his rice pudding.

He was an active member of Erb Mennonite Church.

He is survived by two sons, Stephen Carl, husband of Stacy L. Bates and Thomas Lee, husband of Jennifer L. Bates, and his companion, Marian Hammond, all of Lititz, PA. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean M. Bates, and a son, Jeffrey Allen.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Walter's Life Celebration Funeral Service at Erb Mennonite Church, 567 W. Lexington Road, Lititz, PA 17543 on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. with The Rev. Lou Wagner officiating. Interment at Laurel Hill Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends at Erb Mennonite Church on Friday from 9:00 A.M. until the time of service.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Erb Mennonite Church
567 West Lexington Road
Lititz, PA 17543

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter L. Bates*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Steve, Tom and family you all are in my thoughts and prayers. He is an awesome person and Uncle. Hugs and prayers to you all. Love Gene and Tracy Berlin*



Gene and Tracy Berlin - February 07, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ *His Sister Mary and Husband Joe Styer- Bedford, PA purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Walter L. Bates.*



His Sister Mary and Husband Joe Styer- Bedford, PA -
February 05, 2020 at 11:32 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers 🙏 are with the long time companion Marion Hammond, family and friends at this time. Walter, Marion and the two of us Pat and John settle met at the manheim auto auction over 15 years and have been best of friends ever since. We Played games and went out to eat almost weekly. As it turned out Walter and I were fostered out at the same aid society in Philadelphia. Walter bates will be greatly missed by one and all.



John and Patricia Settle - February 03, 2020 at 04:43 PM

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“ Walter was always upbeat and so friendly to work with. He will be very much missed.
Terry Eby

Terry Eby - February 03, 2020 at 06:48 AM