



William R. Waters

November 11, 2025

William R. Waters, 89, of Lancaster, PA, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at Hamilton Arms in Lancaster. He was the son of the late Peter R. Waters Sr. and Blanche C. (Miller) Waters.

While in school, Bill played both football and basketball. He graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School with the Class of 1955 and soon after joined the workforce, dedicating his career to Lancaster General Hospital as a sterile processor until his retirement in 2002.

Bill was a former member of Bethel AME Church, where he was baptized as a child and sang in the youth choir during his early years. He loved riding the Red Rose Transit, visiting Central Market, and socializing with friends downtown and at Park City Mall.

He is survived by a host of nieces and nephews and a special friend, Edith Wentzel. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his sisters, Elva, Helen, Dorothy, Blanche, Ella, Gladys, and Loretta; his brothers, Bob, Peter, and Paul; and his nephews, Calvin Johnson and William G. Wells.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the staff of Hamilton Arms Center for their compassionate care, and to his nephew, Marty Dennison, for the dedicated support he provided over the last several years.

Family and friends are invited to a viewing on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA. A brief service will follow with Pastor Rick Rutter officiating. The interment will follow at Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in William's memory may be made to Bethel AME Church Senior Center, East Strawberry Street Lancaster, PA 17602

Cemetery Details

Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery

Lincoln Hwy East
Greenfield Road
Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Barbara Hargrove Whitfield lit a candle in memory of William R. Waters*



Barbara Hargrove Whitfield - November 23, 2025 at 10:18 AM

BW

I grew up knowing Mr. Bill and family from childhood to grown up. I remember the special treats that he used to buy us when we were growing up! He was very caring and had a very kind heart! He will be missed by not only me but by those that grew up with me locust Street which I remember he lived on Christian Street right around the corner from us. Extending our condolences from my family to your family. God bless! Mr. Bill was a very extraordinary man ☐■

Barbara Hargrove Whitfield - November 23, 2025 at 10:21 AM

RO

“ *Please accept my warmest condolences. I'm truly sorry for the loss of Bill. He was a wonderful man, hard worker, part of the LGH family. Rest in peace Bill, you earned it. 🌹*

Rose Ortiz - November 18, 2025 at 06:43 PM

DW

“ *You will be missed Uncle Bill so many memories❤️ Uncle Bill and Uncle Bob were my favorites! They always made sure my brother sister and I were taken care of ❤️*



Danielle Waters - November 17, 2025 at 09:20 PM

VG

“ I worked with Bill at LGH for many years. Such a wonderful man and a hard worker. Never said no if I asked him to help me take care of a patient even though his job was in sterile processing. I often saw him after he retired and he always stopped to talk and ask how my family was doing. We lost a good one but Heaven gained an angel. RIP Bill!!!!

Vicki Geib - November 17, 2025 at 02:48 PM

JM

Bill was really a pleasure to work with. Vicki your absolutely right! An angel.

Julia A. McMichael - November 18, 2025 at 03:39 PM

RA

I had the pleasure and privilege of knowing Bill and working with him in the OR for many years. A hard worker and true gentleman.

Robert Falk , retired anesthesiologist - November 19, 2025 at 02:09 PM

VP

“ Sleep in heavenly peace Uncle Bill. We will miss you.
Dean and Vanessa Preston/Family

Vanessa Preston - November 16, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ My husband shared a room with "Uncle"Bill at Hamilton Arms and they shared many stories and laughs together. He loved his sweets and shared many with his roommates there. He will be missed by Henry and so many at the "Home."

MaryAnn Taylor - November 14, 2025 at 05:57 PM

EG

“ *Uncle Bill was a sweet uncle with a great sense of humor. He played a major role in my Dad, William Wells' life. I'll miss visiting him when we come to Lancaster. We are grateful for the long years God gave him. God bless you!* ”

Erica (Wells) Graves - November 14, 2025 at 03:02 PM