



John Richard Dyer

January 23, 2017

John Richard Dyer, 81, of Lancaster, went home to the Lord on Monday, January 23, 2017 at Manor Care of Lancaster. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Walter W. and Grace S. Dyer. He was married to the late Lucille Hagy Dyer who died in 2011.

Dick lived in Landisville and graduated from Hempfield High School. In 1958 he was drafted to the US Army. He was a cook all of his life and received his training at the Cook and Baker School in Fort Knox, Kentucky. When he returned home, he worked for the Hotel Brunswick from 1960 until 1964. Following that he worked for 50 years at the Hamilton Club in Lancaster.

He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Landisville, a 50 year member of Free and Accepted Mason Ashara and Casiphia Lodge 551 in Mount Joy, and American Legion Post 34.

Dick is survived by a daughter and his other children, Jeff (Kim) Pierce, Bruce (Chris) Pierce, Bonnie (Eddie) Ritzman and Barb (Brian) Camp.

A Memorial Service will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. with The Reverend Janice Marie E. Lowden officiating. A private interment will take place in Salunga Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in Dick's name to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 85 Brandt Blvd., Landisville, PA 17538 or Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Lancaster, PA 17603
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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Dick was our neighbor for many years, and we will miss seeing him & chatting as we went about our day. My condolences to his family.
Jackie Weaver



Jackie Weaver - January 29, 2017 at 07:39 PM

MF

“ We will miss seeing you at McDonald's Richard. You were always nice to us. Glad you can now be with your loved ones that have passed. Rest in Peace. Love, The French Family

Maggie French - January 27, 2017 at 06:08 PM

KA

“Richard, I will miss you!”

Dick Dyer was my full-time Banquet Chef for many years till he retired to care for his wife, Lucy in her final years. Dick was the hardest worker; “old school” as he would say. After Lucy passed on, he worked part time again and it was so good to have him back. He was employed at the Hamilton Club for over 50 years. Since 1993, we had many conversations: family, politics, people, cars, gardening, world, national & local events, and of course, food and the Club. Richard would always reminisce about how things used to be, “the good old days” as he would say. He always “told it like it is,” and will be missed for his candor and comments. Loved you, Richard, for who you were and your dedication to the Hamilton Club and me.

*As always,
Your friend, colleague and Chef,
Kevin W. Anderson*

Kevin W. Anderson - January 25, 2017 at 12:11 PM

GC

“Dick, I'm sorry we can't be at your Memorial Service on February 1st. I'll be headed for surgery in Philly at Penn Medicine. Dick, you were the best and I enjoyed working with you and all the staff. -
Gene Cummings

Gene Cummings - January 25, 2017 at 09:24 AM

ME

“Pop Pop- Thank you for being such an amazing husband to our beloved Nana... you treated her like a princess and we are forever grateful for that. I could see the love you two shared all throughout my life growing up. We are very lucky to be able to call you our Pop Pop and will miss you dearly.

XoXo <3
Melanie

Melanie - January 25, 2017 at 07:27 AM

DT

“What a character.. Always had a joke to tell me. My deepest condolences to your family.. Rest easy Dick..

Darlene Thomas - January 24, 2017 at 08:42 PM

EM

“Richard I enjoyed the years of working with you at the H.C. Also the time spent together after the club. Rest in peace my friend. Your friend till we meet again. Earl Morrison.

Earl Morrison - January 24, 2017 at 04:41 PM

AR

“My thoughts and prayers to the loved ones of Dick Dyer. I was a young man, recent father, and newly wed when I began working with Dick at the HC. Throughout the 10+ years I worked with him, in his own direct, funny, and sometimes vulgar way, he taught me about life, love, cooking, and showed me views of the world that I didn't have as a kid growing up in NYC. I think about Richard all the time and I will miss him dearly. I know he is with the Lord and is happy to be in Gods kingdom with his love, Lucy. RIP Dick.

Alexis Rivera - January 24, 2017 at 09:55 AM

AN

“ *Its ashame my father never bothered with me. I am his 1 and only child. I cant believe whoever was taking care of him didn't bother to look for me. I was hopeing one day things would have turned around for us but I see its to late.*

Anissa DYER DeJesus

Anissa - January 24, 2017 at 06:12 AM

GV

“ *My deepest sympathies to all the family. Dick was such a great guy. I worked with him at the club for 20 yrs. my second time around at the club. First meet him in 1972 when my dad Bud Walls was the executive chef there. Dick was the lunch chef and I worked the pantry side. He was a worker and loved his job. He would always talk about my dad to me and of course Lucy, who was the love of his life. My heart was broken when I heard the news. He will be greatly missed by me as well as the rest of us. He was dedicated to his job and to his beloved Lucy. They are once again reunited, and I know the heavens are rejoicing to receive such a great man. Fly high Dickey Dyer. Love you my friend.*

Gail Walls Vazquez - January 24, 2017 at 06:07 AM

EM

Thanks for the kind words Gail. Earl

Earl Morrison - January 24, 2017 at 04:43 PM

WM

I will miss you boss it has been a pleasure all these years helping you and miss Lucy. You and miss Lucy are reunited you missed her so much. I will miss our daily chats and helping you around the house. Lov ya boss. Wendy McCullough

wendy mccullough - January 24, 2017 at 06:34 PM

KS

Dicky D...hard to believe a personality as big as yours is no longer with us! I have missed you since I left the H.C....we had so many good times while we were working to make things perfect. Know you will enjoy sitting down to a Heavenly banquet that you did not have to prepare. BUT, if there are Chefs in heaven, I know your tall golden pleated hat will look great on you!! Rest in peace friend...

Kathi Scott - January 31, 2017 at 11:20 AM