



Robert Frank Mowrer

March 6, 2025

Robert “Bob” Frank Mowrer, 83, of Mount Joy, passed away at Moravian Manor on Thursday, March 6, 2025, after a short but courageous battle with ALS. Born in Quarryville, PA, he was the son of the late Sarah E. (Irwin) Mowrer and Norman D. Mowrer.

Bob was a proud graduate and class leader of the Solanco High School class of 1959. He graduated from Millersville University in 1963 and received his Master’s degree in Education from Temple University. He spent many memorable years as a playground supervisor for the Lancaster Recreation Commission. Bob was a passionate and well-loved teacher of Social Studies for 35 years at Wheatland Junior High School (formerly Lancaster Township) in the School District of Lancaster. He was also a respected and successful basketball coach for both boys and girls during his time at Wheatland. His legacy was evident by the outpouring of love from former students and players who communicated and visited him in his last months.

Bob was a kind, generous, and caring soul. In addition to his love for his family, cultivating relationships with friends was a large part of his life, whether travelling with them, having breakfast, making phone calls, or emailing. He was a faithful friend and cherished the love and support he received from his friends, especially in the last few months.

He is survived by his four children, Andrew Mowrer, Alissa Bradfield (Robert), Lisa Dalansky, Steven Ziegler (Lydia Brubaker); his ten grandchildren, Matthew, Mason, Anna, Ben, Alice, Ava, Frankie, Rory, Marshall, and Ryder; and three great-grandchildren. He will also be dearly missed by his loving dog Charlee. In addition to his family, Bob is survived by many close friends and classmates that were like family to him. He was comforted by the support of these friends right up to the very end of his life.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Linda L. Mowrer, and his son, Michael Hartranft.

A Funeral Service will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17603, on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The viewing will begin at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will immediately follow at East Petersburg Mennonite Church.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-5300
admin@thegroffs.com
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Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Graveside

MAR 13. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

East Petersburg Mennonite Cemetery
6279 Main Street
East Petersburg, PA 17520

Tribute Wall

LH

“ I will never forget Mr. Mowrer. He was my homeroom teacher and history teacher at Wheatland Junior High from 1972-1975. He was by far my most favorite teacher. I did not have an interest in history, especially world history, but he made it interesting. I struggled, and he helped me. He was the best! I ran into him years later in 1999 when he was working for Way Messenger and we had a great conversation and enjoyed getting caught up. Gone but not forgotten. Rest in peace, Mr. Mowrer. You certainly earned your wings!
Sincerely,
Lori Young Hogarth

Lori Hogarth - August 13, 2025 at 12:54 PM

CM

“ Bob Mowrer was the first person to motivate and mold me to who I would be later in life. He had such a direct influence on many. It is not hard to believe that his influence spread far and wide while in Lancaster County. He was such a dedicated role model for many students at Lancaster Township. I loved having him as a coach. It is very sad to hear of his passing

Chris McDonald - March 16, 2025 at 04:03 PM

RJ

“ Bob, was a member of the Quarryville gang. Bob, Judy, Bobby Hess, Alan, Barb, Bob and Betty Herr, Marlin Hershey Sharon Hampton and more. Bob lived a half block from the school (Seven Sisters). He was a prince of a guy. Loved by us all. We spent many days on the basketball court or at the swimming pool. His life was a success and he made many of his students successful. God Bless you Bob. Dick and Jane Albright

Richard H Albright Jr - March 15, 2025 at 02:01 PM

TR

“ I have very fond memories of Mr. Mowrer. I had him for homeroom and History 1976-1978. He seemed to always be laughing and have a smile on his face. Rest well and peacefully Mr. Mowrer.
Tracey Metze Rupp

Tracey Metze Rupp - March 13, 2025 at 10:53 AM

DH

“ We send our condolences to the entire family. Your heartbreaking loss is on our minds and hearts. I met Bob at the start of my second year of teaching when I was transferred to Wheatland Junior High School. He would become an important influence on my professional career and my personal life as well, as we shared so many excellent adventures over the years. Field trips to Cape Henlopen with the students, camping at Mad Dog, and travels to Phillie games at the Vet, to name just a few. I will always remember those good times and the ever-present smile on Bob's face. My years at Wheatland were the best of my career, and Bob had a lot to do with that. Be at peace, my friend.

David & Susan Harnish



David E Harnish - March 13, 2025 at 02:29 AM

EL

“ Ed and Linda purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Frank Mowrer.



Ed and Linda - March 12, 2025 at 11:08 AM

LP

“ We send our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Your loss is our loss also, for Bob was such an outstanding man, a great neighbor, and a dear friend. We'll cherish memories of shared meals, good conversations, picking Maryland blue crabs, and many peaceful moments by the fountain. - Ed and Linda

Linda Piper - March 12, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Robert Frank Mowrer.



March 12, 2025 at 07:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Frank Mowrer.

March 12, 2025 at 07:39 AM



“ 98 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - March 11, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert Frank Mowrer.



March 11, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *Tom, Lori, Kyle, and Kolin Hite* purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Robert Frank Mowrer.



Tom, Lori, Kyle, and Kolin Hite - March 10, 2025 at 01:33 PM

ME

“ *Mr. Mowrer was my 7th grade geography & 8th grade civics teacher at Wheatland. He helped guide us through the History Day competition. He was a wonderful teacher but an even better person. Mr. Mowrer, you left the world a kinder place. ~M. Crognale*

Melissa - March 10, 2025 at 11:12 AM

KH

“ *Mr. Mowrer was my teacher at Wheatland Middle School. He was such a great teacher, and he always made his class fun and interesting. I am glad I had the opportunity to know him. Rest easy Mr. Mowrer and thanks for being a great teacher. ~Kelli*

Kelli Harlan - March 10, 2025 at 07:12 AM

CA

“ *Coach Mowrer was my coach at Wheatland JHS 75'-77'. Will always be grateful for him entering my life! Coach was caring and genuine! They say you might not always remember what great teachers/coaches fought you, but you will almost certainly always remember how they made you feel! You did good Coach!!! RIP...may peace be with you and your family 🙏❤️ Craig Albright*

Craig Albright - March 09, 2025 at 04:36 PM

CP

“ *Mr. Mowrer was a great teacher. Such a nice man. My condolences to the family. You are in my prayers. I'm so sorry for your loss. Cyndi Pickell*

cynthia pickell - March 09, 2025 at 03:49 PM

BT

“ I remember Bob, the supervisor at South End playground from back in the 60's. I'm thinking he drove to work in a VW bug. We all loved him and never forgot about him. He made each kid feel special. RIP Bob.

Bev Weaver Thomas - March 09, 2025 at 10:47 AM

KB

“ Kristin B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Frank Mowrer.

Kristin B. - March 09, 2025 at 09:39 AM

VG

“ Mr. Mowrer was my 7th grade history teacher. I loved his class. He always made the class interesting and I loved listening to his deep voice!! My thoughts to his family. RIP.

Vicki L Geib - March 09, 2025 at 09:27 AM

RO

“ Thanks to a real nice man and a great coach. Thanks for getting me involved in basketball which in turn kept me busy and out of trouble. RIP coach. Ron Odell

ronald - March 09, 2025 at 07:23 AM