



William C. Laing

June 26, 2016

William C. Laing, 74, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Monday, June 26, 2016 at the Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Pottsville, PA, he was the son of the late Herman C. and Catherine Ehrharts Laing.

Bill was a graduate of Manheim Central High School, he had worked for a time with the Hamilton Watch Co. and then with Armstrong World Industries for 29 years until he retired in 1995. He was of the Catholic Faith and had been vice president of Grave Concerns, the Lancaster County Historical Society and the Preservation Trust. Bill loved historical research and was a Civil War buff.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to a funeral service to be held at The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc., 528 W. Orange at Pine Sts., Lancaster, PA on Friday, July 8, 2016 at 11:30 am. Interment will be held at the Lancaster Cemetery. Friends will be received on Friday from 10:30 am until the time of service.

Please omit flowers, memorials may be sent in Bill's memory to Lancaster History.org, 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603, memo Thaddeus Stevens Project.

Cemetery Details

Lancaster Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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“Willie and I had been friends ever since he was in seventh grade and I was in eighth grade. We remained friends and kept in touch throughout all these years since. In 1975 I moved to Austin, Texas and almost every year since then I got up home to Manheim at least once a year, and would always go in to Lancaster to visit Willie, as I called him, at least once in each of my trips home. There was much humor in the unlikeliness of our unique friendship over all these years, but we both would get a good laugh about it.

It was quite a long time after his death before I found out about it through a phone message kindly left by his loyal friend, Roger, and because I had recently had knee replacement surgery and was in a rehab facility at the time, I was unable to respond to the news then. I apologize for the lateness of this message, placed on November 02, 2016.

*Dorothy M. Ruhl
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Dorothy M. Ruhl - November 02, 2016 at 06:08 PM

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“God speed, Bill Laing. Your passion for our history is rarely equalled and your knowledge superb. For many years I have told people we couldn't have made the effort to preserve the Stevens Smith site without your knowledge and commitment. And you made us aware of many other sites and stories that also should not be forgotten.

May God bless and hold dear your kind soul.

We'll miss you.

Randy Harris - July 06, 2016 at 10:30 AM