



William C. Piper

July 17, 2026

William C. Piper, 93, son of Dick and Marie Piper, threw his last flag on earth Friday, July 17, 2026. He called himself the Luckiest Guy alive. Was married to Helen Shields Piper April 11, 1954. She passed Aug 1, 2015. He was the middle son and was predeceased by brothers, Dick and Bobby. Survived by son Kirk, husband of Kim, daughter, Jolene Goldman and two grandchildren, Kyle and Korinne.

Pops was special! He had a love of life, church and community. Graduated Lock Haven in 1956 after 3 years in the Marines during Korea conflict. He received a Masters' degree in Recreation from Temple University. Spent the majority of his career as a Phys. Ed. teacher at McCaskey HS. He officiated football, wrestling and soccer for over 30 years.

He did it his way! He did it with great strength, courage and class and it came with a smile. How that smile and shenanigans will be missed! He mentored and helped shape the future of so many. Always helping others, he did not ask in return.

Pops spent the last 7.5 years at Landis Homes. We must thank so many there. Everyone knew him. I cannot possibly list names as there are too many, but you know. Thanks to all. Yo nurse! Of course!

Please omit flowers. If inclined, consider donation to Lancaster Lebanon Officials Assoc or McCaskey HS Alumni.

Friends and family are respectfully invited to Bill's Funeral Service to be held at Landis Homes in West Bethany Chapel, 1001 E. Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543 on Saturday August 15, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. The family is accepting guests an hour prior to service at 12:00 noon. Burial will follow in Landisville Mennonite Cemetery with reception after. All are welcome!

At the family's request, the service will be live streamed via Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/@landishomes/streams>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

West Bethany Chapel at Landis Homes
1001 E.Oregon Road
Lititz, PA 17543

Funeral Service

AUG **15.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside

AUG **15.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Landisville Mennonite Cemetery
Landisville, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of William C. Piper*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 05 at 12:36 PM

KP

“ *Thank you to those that shared your memories of my Pops. He and his generation are quite the example of how to respect and treat others. I am blessed with his smile, strength and courage. I have work to do to reach his class. He impacted so many lives and saved others! I was his three foot tall sidekick the first 10 years of my life. The last 10 years I tried to carry him a bit. That my friends is a win!*

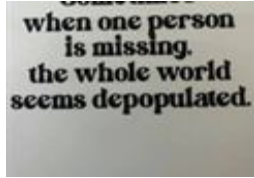
Respectfully,

Kirk Piper

kirk piper - August 16 at 08:03 AM



“ 90 files added to the album LifeTributes



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 05 at 12:16 PM

MK

“ Kirk,

I am thinking of you and your family. I met your Dad when I was working in PC at Landis Homes. He always had a good sense of humor, and I enjoyed talking to both of you throughout the years! I knew he was a great person, but he is also fortunate to have such a good son in you!

*All my best,
Melissa Kalicicki Rojas*

Melissa K - August 04 at 10:03 AM

ML

“ *Peace and Love to Mr. Piper's Family and friends. Rest well in Heaven in the Lord's warm and safe embrace. A fine Gentleman, Marine and one of JPM High's outstanding teachers. The students loved him because he set an example for us to be respectable, productive and healthy adults. Thank-you for your unselfish service to humanity. Peace and Love,
Martin Lafferty and Family*

Martin Lafferty - July 29 at 03:51 PM

JG

“ *Mr. Piper was part of my fondest memories at McCaskey.*

Sincerely, Joe Gargano, Class of 73'

Joseph Gargano - July 27 at 03:07 PM

KE

“ *Piper Family:*

I had Mr Piper as a Phys Ed teacher at McCaskey in 10th grade.

We had a few rowdy boys in our class. I think it was the first day of class, he let us know how it was going to be in his class- end of discussion! He was tough, but a good, fair teacher. I'm sure you'll all miss him. RIP Mr Piper

Ken - July 27 at 02:45 PM

MW

“ *Dear Bill, I will miss seeing you at the dining table every day. Not having many men in Oregon House, you were one of my favorite people and my heart was touched, seeing your difficulties and how you still smiled all the time. I miss not being able to talk to you about Philadelphia sports. You are a blessing to me. The world isn't the same without your presence. Go Phillies and Eagle's. Merv*

Mervin Wenger - July 27 at 10:53 AM

RG

“ I only met Bill after we both lived at Landis Homes. I spent many hours playing bridge with him and several others in the Personal Care area and other places. He was an excellent player and I often got good suggestions of how to improve my playing. Kirk, thanks for spending all the time you did pushing your dad around campus in a wheelchair. I looked forward to passing you in a hallway. You were always pleasant to chat with.

From Rose Gerlach. (who drove the pink golf cart)

Rose Gerlach - July 27 at 09:39 AM

MT

“ This great man William Piper is responsible for saving my life in 1960 I was about 12 yrs. Old playing a pickup baseball game and was hit in the face by a bat and knocked unconscious and bleeding profusely. The children I was playing with left me for dead laying in my own blood.this happened at wickersham elementary and mccaskey was adjacent to the elementary. Mr. Piper had to be walking by close to the tennis courts at mccaskey high and found me laying on the ground. He then tended to me and called the ambulance. My face was a horrible mess and my parents didn't recognize me at the hospital. I regained consciousness just as they were sewing my lacerations up. I spent a week in the hospital with a serious concussion and missing teeth plus swelling.i just wanted to let all Mr. pipers loved ones know that I wouldn't be typing this now if it wasn't for his care. A few years later,I attended mccaskey high and Mr. Piper was my physical ed teacher. RIP Mr. Piper and thank you very much . Michael D Trees mdtrees@comcast.net

michael trees - July 27 at 08:33 AM

HS

“ Howard L Sheppard lit a candle in memory of William C. Piper



Howard L Sheppard - July 26 at 12:16 PM

HS

Mr Piper was my gym teacher back in 67, 68 at McMcaskey. Everyone knew when you took his class you had better be on your best behavior. I appreciated him more and more as I grew older. I feel fortunate to have spoken to him about 15 years ago and thanked him for contributing to making me a better man.

Howard L Sheppard - July 26 at 12:21 PM

BC

He was my swim teacher, and I often think of his lessons while swimming daily 55 years later.

Bill Cooper - July 26 at 07:29 PM

RF

William C. Piper was part of the "Greatest Generation". His walk of life was truly honorable. Bill knew how to challenge a person to do his best. As a wrestling coach when you won or lost, he had that little smile that showed you that he cared.

Richard Frantz - July 30 at 11:20 AM

BS

Mr. Piper was my swimming instructor at JP McCaskey. He actually let me help train some of the guys who couldn't swim, cause I could.
Great guy whom I respected dearly.

Rest in peace Sir.

Sincerely, Brad Schmitt class of 1975

Brad Schmitt - August 01 at 04:42 AM