



Barry L. Shirk

February 16, 1943 - November 17, 2025

Barry L. Shirk, 82, of Washington Boro, passed away on Monday, November 17, 2025 at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Harold and Madeline (Retzer) Shirk. Barry was the husband of Carol (Oatman) Shirk with whom he celebrated 63 years of marriage this past October 5th.

Barry was a graduate of Solanco High School class of 1960 and Thaddeus Stevens College in 1962. He had a very satisfying career as an Electrical Engineer retiring from APTUS Control Systems. He also provided software support for CEF of Lancaster. Barry played the sousaphone in various bands and was a member of the Do-Pas-O square dancing club. He enjoyed woodworking, building furniture for his home and family.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Carol, are two sons, Douglas Shirk, husband of Alicia of Elizabethtown and Timothy Shirk, husband of Rhonda of Covington, KY; a son in law, Terry Frey, husband of Tammie of Washington Boro; four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Cynthia "Cindy" Frey.

A memorial service honoring Barry's life will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received after the service at the funeral home. Interment will be private at Washington Boro Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Child Evangelism Fellowship, 5307 Main St, East Petersburg, PA 17520

www.ceflancaser.org

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home
16 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA

Visitation

NOV 22. 11:45 AM (ET)

Wallick O'Connor House (Sheetz Community Center)
4 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Tribute Wall

RC

“ *He was always so kind to us ladies in the copy room. Always had a big smile. Very gentle man. My thoughts go out to your family*
Rita Connor

Rita T Connor - November 21, 2025 at 05:41 PM

SF

“ *Carol and family:*
Sorry to hear the passing of Barry. Like many others, I worked with Barry at REWAI. He was frequent lunchtime buddy. We also shared the same birthday and made a point to see who would contact the other first with birthday wishes each year. Rest in peace my dear friend.
Steve Fulton

Steve Fulton - November 21, 2025 at 03:44 PM

CS

Oh Steve, he enjoyed your friendship so much! Thank you for remembering him. Carol

Carol. Shirk - November 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM

SM

“ *Cool and family,*

I too am saddened to hear of Barry's passing. I worked with Barry at R. E. Wright and was also on that square dance trip to Dry Run that Heidi Brown mentioned. I often traveled overnight with Barry on our remedial system design projects. He was wonderful company and always a joy to work with.

Please accept my prayers and condolences for your loss.

Steve Morse

Steve Morse - November 21, 2025 at 03:26 PM

CS

Thank you, Steve!

Carol. Shirk - November 24, 2025 at 10:01 AM

HB

“ Carol & family

I had the pleasure to work with Barry during my time at R.E. Wright Assoc. He was such a gracious & kind man. I am saddened to hear of his passing.

Along with you and Barry, my husband and I were part of the group that traveled to Vince Gettel's dance barn in the Dry Run, PA, area. We all thoroughly enjoyed it! It's so nice to see that you and Barry remained involved in square dancing over the years.

We will continue to lift you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeff & Heidi Brown

Heidi Brown - November 21, 2025 at 09:44 AM

CS

Thank you!

Carol. Shirk - November 24, 2025 at 10:04 AM

FS

“ Dear Carol and family,

Words cannot express how sad I feel about Barry's passing. He was truly a wonderful person. My prayers go out to you and your family. All I can sincerely say is that I am extremely sorry for your loss.

Fran Lombardo Spangler

Fran Lombardo Spangler - November 19, 2025 at 05:34 PM

SD

Dear Carol and family,

David and I are sorry to hear of Barry's passing. We always enjoyed dancing with both of you and remember the joy of your 50th anniversary celebration. He was such a kind and friendly man. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Susan Dewey - November 21, 2025 at 05:14 PM

CS

Thank you!

Carol. Shirk - November 24, 2025 at 10:01 AM

CS

Thank you, Fran. So sorry we lost touch over the years.

Carol. Shirk - November 24, 2025 at 10:02 AM