



## Homer "Red" S. Dietz

October 3, 1937 - February 7, 2026

On February 7, 2026, Homer "Red" S. Dietz, passed away peacefully at his home in Columbia, PA. He was 88 years old. Homer leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, community involvement, and hard-working ethics.

Born on October 3, 1937 in Columbia, PA, he was one of three children born to Clinton and Lois (Newcomer) Dietz. In 1955, Homer graduated from Kutztown Area High School, and later attended Stevens Technical School for Masonry Construction, graduating in 1958. Soon after, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and proudly served from 1959-1962. Following his service, Homer worked part time doing Masonry Construction for 20 years and full time for Lancaster School District for 34 years as a custodian, retiring in 2007.

Homer married MaryAnn Musselman on October 1, 1966. As a man of great faith, Homer was a longtime member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. He loved singing in the church choir, but was often heard singing and humming outside of church, too. Homer was very involved with the Meals on Wheels program at church, and devoted many years helping those in need.

Homer loved spending time on his back patio feeding and watching the neighborhood birds. He had a lifelong love of gardening, growing tomatoes, peppers, yams, snap peas, eggplant and red beets. He was especially known for making "the BEST" sauerkraut.

Homer was a loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox, Celtics and Bruins, and was often heard giving the players advice from his recliner at home. Together, Homer and MaryAnn supported their children and grandchildren's sporting endeavors by attending countless soccer, softball, football and baseball games in rain or shine. One of his favorite family activities was playing a strategic game of Yahtzee.

Homer is survived by his beloved spouse of 59 years, MaryAnn, and their 2 children: Jodi L. Johnson (Eric) of East Berlin, PA, and Carl "Duffy" Dietz (Brandy) of Colorado Springs, CO. His family brought him immeasurable happiness and he found great joy in being a grandparent to: Megan Peachey (Brandon), Samuel Johnson, Brianna Dietz, Madison Dietz, and Colton Dietz, as well as his two great-grandchildren: Eloise and Beckett Peachey. Homer also leaves behind his sister, Shirley Shimmel. He was preceded in death by his sister Audrey Sellers, and his brother Bruce Dietz.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Homer's life at a memorial service being held on February 20, 2026, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - 616 Locust St., Columbia, PA. Service is at 11 am. All are invited to a reception following the service. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, and to honor his spirit of service and love, Homer and his family have requested that all memorial contributions and donations be made to the Meals on Wheels program at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 391, Columbia, PA 17512.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church-Columbia  
616 Locust Street  
Columbia, PA

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Homer most of my life, we worked together at McCaskey from the time I was 19 years old until I transferred to a position with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. My condolences to his family and blessings.

*Thomas Hauck*

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**Thomas Hauck** - February 24 at 11:17 AM

JD

“ Heartfelt condolences to MaryAnn, Jodi, and Duffy, and Homer's entire family. I am one of Bruce's sons. I met my Uncle Homer when I was a young boy, and then my family and I dropped in on him and his family on a visit to Lancaster with only a few days notice a few years ago just to meet them and say hi, and they could not have been more gracious. He was a sweet man, and I wish I could have known him better and longer.

*Sincerely,*

*Jeffrey Dietz*

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**Jeffrey Dietz** - February 16 at 08:26 PM

JB

“ I am sorry for Homers family loss he was a good man. I worked with him at McCaskey East and knew I could always depend on him if I needed help. I will always remember him. May he rest in Peace and our loss is Heavens gain. Until we meet again my friend see you in Heaven. Semper fi,  
*Jon Bruce*



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**Jon Bruce** - February 15 at 07:42 AM

CB

*My heart is sad, Homer was a one in a million employee. His kindness and work ethic was exceptional. He will be truly missed by all. Prayers for his family during this tough time. Rest ashore, Homer is definitely with the Lord. God Bless. Cathy Blantz*

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**Catherine Blantz** - February 17 at 08:12 PM

DK

*Homer's wife Mary Ann was a good friend of mine long ago. I was in their wedding. May she find comfort in JESUS!!!*

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**Doris Sourbeer Kemp** - February 20 at 11:14 AM