



John W. Harnish

March 24, 1941 - March 9, 2022

John W. Harnish, 80, of Mount Joy, went to be with the Lord on March 9, 2022 . Born March 24, 1941 in Soudersburg, he was the son of the late Samuel and Mary Jane Harnish.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, LaVon (Manning) of Mount Joy; a daughter, Sarah, wife of John Hinkle III of Fenwick, DE; two grandchildren, Benjamin Hinkle, husband of Samantha of Lancaster and Madelyn Underwood, wife of Benjamin of Manheim; a brother, James Harnish of Mount Joy; two sisters, Catherine Glattacker of Royersford, PA and Martha, wife of Jim Drager of Mount Joy; and additional family members, Mark, Nicole, Megan, and Kristen Bradson of Media, PA. He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Harnish and a brother, Samuel.

John was a member of of the Church of God of Landisville where he was active in his earlier years. He was a graduate of Donegal High School class of 1959, West Chester University in Health and Physical Education in 1963, and Millersville University Elementary Education Masters Program in 1975.

John taught his first two years in Oxford, PA, then Donegal School District and finishing his teaching career at Hempfield School District. He coached soccer at all three schools along with baseball at Donegal. He was the first girls soccer coach at Hempfield High School. John retired from teaching in 1997. He was a life member of NEA, member of PSEA, and PSAHPERD.

John and LaVon were organizers of The Compassionate Friends Walk and had been leaders of the Lancaster Chapter for many years after their son

died.

John was interested in all sports, playing and spectating. He experienced tremendous joy with his grandchildren.

A memorial service honoring John's life will be held at Church of God of Landisville, 171 Church Street, Landisville, PA 17538 on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 3 PM. There is no formal greeting before or after the service. The family requests masks be worn for the service. Interment will be private at Mount Joy Cemetery. Services will be recorded and available on John's obituary page on the funeral home website on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Church of God of Landisville (address above) or Mental Health of America, Lancaster Chapter, 245 Butler Ave. #245, Lancaster, PA. 17601.

To watch John's Service click here <https://vimeo.com/698729013>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **10**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Landisville Church of God
171 Church Street
Landisville, PA 17538

Tribute Wall



“ *Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of John W. Harnish*



Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc - April 11, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Mr. Harnish was my elementary school gym teacher (back in the good ol' 90's) and always cultivated an atmosphere of fun and creativity. I was doing some work-related research and came across his obituary. I let out an audible "awe" and recalled some of my fondest childhood memories in the East Pete elementary school gym. Sending my very belated condolences to his family and I hope these words and knowing that he had an impact on so many young people help to bring you all peace and comfort in his absence.*

- Jessika (Mancino) Warnick

Jessika Warnick - April 13, 2023 at 11:47 AM

JM

“ *LaVon and family*

With our deepest sympathies

John and Laverne

John and Laverne Martin - March 20, 2022 at 09:10 AM

KA

“ *Sincere condolences to the family from Kathleen Goodall Assar.*

Kathleen Assar - March 18, 2022 at 03:11 PM

GK

“ *We wish to express our sympathy to he family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Gene & Sara Kutz*

Gene & Sara kutz - March 16, 2022 at 10:42 AM

CW

“ *So very sorry to hear of Mr. Garnish’s passing. He was my elementary school gym teacher and I have many fond memories from my time there taking his classes... parachute ball, track and field, dodgeball and more. He was one of my favorite teachers at East Petersburg and I was glad to have been his student. Sincerest condolences to his family and friends. A truly nice and caring man. - Chris Wagner*

Chris Wagner - March 16, 2022 at 08:16 AM

GG

“ *LaVon, Sarah, and family,*

*In deepest sympathy, We had so many great times together. .
George*

George Glattacker - March 14, 2022 at 04:29 PM

AS

“ Alan Secrest sent a virtual gift in memory of John W. Harnish



Alan Secrest - March 14, 2022 at 11:09 AM

AS

“ Alan Secrest lit a candle in memory of John W. Harnish



Alan Secrest - March 14, 2022 at 11:08 AM

AS

“ Mr. Garnish was a great teacher, coach, manager, and caring man. I went on to mirror my life and the way he lived, caring for others first, be helpful and kind. I graduated from Millersville with Education degree, taught for 30 years, coached HS soccer, started the first girls HS soccer team in Huntingdon, PA, and worked in helping those with mental health issues in Harrisburg, Lebanon, and central PA. Thank you, you were a beacon of light, carry on, we love you.

Alan Secrest - March 14, 2022 at 11:06 AM

PM

“ John was a great guy and will be missed by all. Our condolences to the entire family.
Cindy and Phillipp Muth

Phillipp Muth - March 13, 2022 at 01:14 PM

WW

“ *The Wests send their condolences to the family. We are new residents here in Mt Joy. When we arrived in 2020 John was one of the first to welcome us with open arms. He would walk by the house and wave all the time. He is walking around Heaven now. He will be missed.*



Wink and Ann

Wink West - March 12, 2022 at 05:57 PM

JB

“ *LaVon: My sincere condolences to you and your family. I have so many wonderful memories of growing up with John. We played many hours of basketball in John's family barn. We played sports together at Donegal, and we especially enjoyed our time together on the 1958 Championship baseball team. John was a true friend. May he rest in peace.*

Jim Bennett

Jim Bennett - March 12, 2022 at 02:03 PM

JH

“ *We send our deepest condolences to the Harnish family for the passing of our cousin John. We have fond memories growing up with the Harnish kids, the many picnics with Aunt Mabel, the celebration of good times we spent together, and the sharing of the loss of love ones. We will always hold John in our hearts.*

Janet and Hal

Janet and Hal - March 12, 2022 at 11:41 AM

JE

“ *John defined decency, goodness, and giving of oneself. Oh, that we all might emulate him.*

My condolences to LaVon and family.

Jerry S.

Jerry - March 11, 2022 at 12:05 PM

BS

John and Lavon were wonderful neighbors. My love and prayers to the family.

Beverly Shank - March 12, 2022 at 11:26 AM

SH

Denise and I were so sad to hear of John's passing. In his early days he was a gymnastics judge and officiated at my high school meets. We served together on church council and accomplished much in those four years. John was a kind and considerate man. May God bring comfort to his family.

Steve Haun

Steven Haun - April 06, 2022 at 02:26 PM

IB

*May he rest in peace! Our son Karl thought he was the greatest !
Y*

The Breneisen Family

Isa Breneisen - April 10, 2022 at 01:18 PM

SH

LaVon and Sarah

My heart goes out to you with the loss of a wonderful husband father and friend. I have so many memories of times we spent together and doing softball games and your help as I thought Jennifer home from the hospital. You are a godsend! It all my memories we all look so much Younger and energetic, because we were. I'm sure it's a comfort to know that John and Mark are together again. God rest his soul. Love and prayers. Sallie

Sallie Gibble Baker Hoppert - April 10, 2022 at 01:55 PM