



## John Wyatt Samson

April 23, 1964 - November 14, 2022

John Wyatt Samson, 58, of Elizabethtown, passed away on Monday, November 14, 2022 at home. Born in Cheyenne, WY, he was the son of Geraldine (Flora) Gontz of Lancaster and the late John Wyatt Samson Sr. He was the stepson of the late George Gontz. John was the husband of Beth (Kauffman) Samson with whom he celebrated 20 years of marriage this past June 1st.

John was a graduate of Hempfield High School class of 1982. He received his associate degree from Antonelli Institute in photography. He was pursuing his teaching degree from Pennsylvania State University. John retired from the Lancaster County Career & Technology- Brownstown Campus where he taught digital imaging. John was a dedicated teacher who impacted the lives of his students. His passion for teaching others was evident in the way he brought out the best in his students. John loved to tell stories of his many adventures, including his part in the movie Witness. He knew how to turn every opportunity into an adventure.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Beth and mother, Geraldine, are two stepchildren, Nicholas DiCostanzo of Philadelphia and Kelly DiCostanzo of Elizabethtown; a half-brother, Todd Gontz, husband of Karen of Lancaster; and his mother in law, Sally Kauffman of Lancaster.

A memorial service honoring John's life will be held at Hempfield United Methodist Church, 3050 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 12 noon. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 10 AM to 12 noon. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the John W. Samson Memorial Scholarship Fund For Visual Communication, Lancaster County Career & Technology Fund, 432 Old Market Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hempfield United Methodist Church  
3050 Marietta Avenue  
Lancaster , PA 17601

## Memorial Service

DEC 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of John Wyatt Samson*



Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc - November 30, 2022 at 09:03 AM

CP

“ *I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I worked with John at the Brownstown CTC. My best memory of John and Beth was the time we were chaperones for his class to NYC. We had so much fun! What a caring, humorous person .*

Connie Phillips - December 18, 2022 at 07:28 AM

JG

“ *We are saddened by John's passing.  
May his memory be eternal.*

*Joe & Melanie Gargano*

Joseph Gargano - November 28, 2022 at 08:55 AM

TT

“ *Beth and family, I am sorry for your loss. John and I were classmates and good friends at Hempfield. We shared so many laughs! He was truly a bundle of fun. I vividly remember sharing with him that my stepdad was an extra in Witness - John loved that!! He said “You’re lying!” Although it’s been many years, I will truly miss him and his infectious smile. May God comfort you.*

Tom Tyson - November 27, 2022 at 07:01 PM

CT

“ *Beth and Family. I'm so Sorry to hear of John's passing but I know he is in a better place. I regret to say that I won't be able to attend Johns Service but will keep you and John in my Prayers! Peace be with You and All of your Family!  
Craig Turnbaugh Hvy Equip (LCCTC)*

Craig Alan Turnbaugh - November 24, 2022 at 10:31 PM