



Richard Jay Spangler

November 22, 1935 - May 23, 2021

Richard J. “Dick” Spangler, 85, of Cornwall formerly of Strasburg, Lancaster County died Sunday, May 23, 2021 at Cornwall Manor. He was the husband of Dawn M. Eberly Spangler with whom he celebrated 60 years of marriage. A native of Campbelltown, he was born on November 22, 1935, the son of the late Abner C. and Beulah M. Jones Spangler. He worked for 24 years as vice president and trust officer for Fulton Financial Corporation. During his tenure he led personal trusts and estates, employee benefits, and endowment and foundation areas of the trust department. He was a trusted advisor and steward to many business leaders across the central Pennsylvania region. Dick started his career as a CPA and partner with Simon Lever and Company and continued to manage his own tax practice for colleagues, neighbors, friends, and family for over 50 years. His expertise spanned from emerging entrepreneurs to manufacturing concerns, and guidance regarding the unique and complex risks faced by family farms. Dick was also an active owner in many entrepreneurial endeavors, including a longstanding partnership in the Strasburg Pallet Company. Richard was a 1953 graduate of Hershey High School, served in the US Army and received his B.S. in Accounting from Elizabethtown College in 1961. He was a former member of West Willow United Methodist Church for 45 years, where he held lay leadership positions and served as a regular delegate to the Annual Conference of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. With his wife, he established the church’s youth ministry, cooked for banquets and receptions, and taught Sunday School continuously for over 30 years. Many family dinners, banquets, and young couple’s wedding receptions, small and large, were prepared by Richard in the basement kitchen at West Willow.

Dick had a lifelong passion for softball both as a catcher and coach. He coached competitive fastpitch softball at West Willow for nearly two decades and his teams were perennial champions in league and tournament play. At present, he was an active member of the Cornwall United Methodist Church. Like his parents, Dick was an avid gardener and maintained a large vegetable garden for many years that provided fresh produce to Strasburg neighbors. Dick was a Melvin Jones Fellow, Past President, and 50-year member of the Willow Street Lions Club. He hosted summertime Club picnics and was known for cooking the Club’s famous chicken corn soup. Richard was a 33rd Degree

Mason and Past Master of Charles Howe Lodge #496 F.&A.M., Millersville. He was a member of Harrisburg Consistory, Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies. Dick served as Chair of the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, instituted the county's first recycling program, and oversaw construction of the waste to energy recovery facility. He also was a board member of the Lancaster Children's Dyslexia Center, Boy Scouts of America District Commissioner and Treasurer of the Strasburg-Heisler Library.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Elizabeth A. wife of George McKee of Marysville and a son, Michael S. husband of Caryn Spangler of Bexley, Ohio, six grandchildren, Gregory and Amanda McKee, and Emma, Bethany, Gillian, and Maribel Spangler, and many loving nieces and nephews. Like their father, both Beth and Mike are graduates of Elizabethtown College. He was preceded in death by a brother Earl Spangler, and three sisters, Dorothy Dissinger, Pauline Fox, and Joann Liggett. Services will be held at the convenience of the family with interment in Gravel Hill Cemetery. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lancaster Children's Dyslexia Center or the Cornwall Manor Society, Special Gifts and Memorial Fund in his memory. Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Annville will be handling the arrangements.

Comments



“ It is sad to learn of Dick Spangler's death. He was a special guy(officer) at Fulton Bank. He was a friend to everyone and treated us all with respect and concern mixed in with his humor...a welcomed visitor to any department. He was also known as the "mayor of Strasburg" and enjoyed that unofficial title. Dick leaves behind many happy memories for of us who knew him at Fulton Bank. Thank You, Dick. Enjoy your new home! Fran K.

Fran K. - May 31 at 09:51 AM



“ Dick and I lived on the same street in Campbelltown. We were in the same class 1st through 8th grade. We played together and spent plenty of time at each others home. After high school I went into the navy and he into the army. You have my deepest sympathy for your loss. I also new Dawn Eberly and her family.

Martin (Sonny) Kulp

Martin W. Kulp - May 29 at 09:15 AM



“ To the family of Dick Spangler, we extend our deepest sympathies to all of you. Dick was a friend and did our taxes for many years, before retiring from that part of his life. We loved listening to his many stories and experiences thru the years. He was a true man of God and a gentleman. May Dick rest in peace and you, his beloved family, know that you were always first in his mind. You were his treasure. Prayers for you all as you grieve.

Sincerely, Harry and Eileen Flick

Eileen Flick - May 28 at 04:15 PM



“ Sending my prayers to the family. I remember Dick very well, he was a very nice and caring man. I have fond memories of him and my Dad, Frank Dulio, working in the kitchen together making the chicken corn soup for the Willow street Lions festivals. He was a good friend to my father and mother and I will always be grateful for his kindness.

Sincerely,
Melissa Dulio Foltz

Melissa Dulio Foltz - May 28 at 01:57 PM



“ We will never forget Dick as a friend and as a person that would do anything for You. He did a lot for the Dyslexia Center in Lancaster to enhance the children's education .Praise God for this Wonderful man ,we were glad to know him as a friend and be a part of his live .Sympathy goes out to Dawn and his Family. Bill & Rosetta Hackman

Rosetta Hackman - May 28 at 01:11 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I always enjoyed talking about Scouting with him when we were together at Shrine events. Please accept my prayers and condolences.

Edward Carvell - May 26 at 11:10 PM



“ Dawn and family,
I worked with Dick at Fulton Bank for many years. He was always a very fun and kind person. If I had a question he always had the answer.Sorry for your lose. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Anita Brooks

Anita Brooks - May 26 at 10:20 AM



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Dawn, Elizabeth & Michael,

So saddened to see Dick's passing. Sending our deepest Sympathy to you Dawn, and your families Elizabeth & Michael. We have known Dick for years. He still did our taxes up until 4 yrs ago. But we knew him through my husbands and Dick's affiliation with the Masonic Lodge. Dick was always so pleasant and easy going and smiling. We especially appreciated Dick's help after my husband passed in May 2009.

May memories that you made together bring you comfort and peace. And may God look upon Dick and give him eternal peace and rest.

Dorothy Evans (Stan) & Daughter Dianne
Millsboro DE
Formerly from Lancaster Co. PA

Dorothy Evans and Dianne Evans - May 26 at 08:25 AM