



J. Bashore "J.B." Yorty

January 29, 1935 - June 10, 2022

J. Bashore "J.B." Yorty, 87, of Cornwall died Friday, June 10, 2022, at Cornwall Manor.

Born in Harpers, PA on January 29, 1935, he was the son of the late J. Myles and Margaret (Bashore) Yorty. J.B. graduated from Northern Lebanon High School, Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelor's degree in Music Education, and Penn State University with a Master's degree. He was a member of Palm Lutheran Church in Palmyra, and taught Music at Palmyra Area Schools for 39 years. J.B. was well-known in Lebanon County for playing organ and piano in numerous local churches, including 41 years as the organist and music director at Covenant United Methodist Church in Lebanon. He was a member of the Zembo Shriners, the Lebanon County Educational Honor Society, the Mt. Gretna Area Historical Society, the Scottish Rite Consistory, Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 226, and Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees. J.B. was also a member of the Harmonia Music Club, where he was honored as an Outstanding Musician in the Lebanon Area. He was on the Board of the Lebanon County Community Concerts for 41 years, played in Big Band Nostalgia for 10 years, and was the head usher for summer programs of Music in Gretna. He received the Musicians Hall of Fame Award.

J.B. will be dearly missed by many cousins, and many treasured friends.

A public visitation will be held from 10:00AM-11:00AM on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at Palm Lutheran Church, 11 W. Cherry St. Palmyra, PA 17078. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00AM on Saturday at the church.

Inurnment will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the charity of your choice in J.B.'s memory. The family would like to thank Cornwall Manor and Hospice for All Seasons for their excellent care of J.B. Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Annville is overseeing arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Palm Lutheran Church
11 W. Cherry Street
Palmyra, PA 17078

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ *What a gem! Learned how to sing from “JB” at Covenant. I also learned how to look like a gentleman from him. Great memories of him!*

Rick Brouse - June 18, 2022 at 06:10 PM

MY

“ *Mr Yorty was the best music director Covenant United Methodist Church ever had. He performed and directed with such enthusiasm in God's House. Many many memories of him. Condolences to his family and those who knew him.*

Mary Ann Young - June 15, 2022 at 05:07 AM

TB

“ *As a former student, I wanted to extend my deepest condolences. Mr Yorty was a fun and wonderful music teacher. 🎵*

Tracey Bender - June 14, 2022 at 11:19 PM

RD

“ *All my children had Mr. Yordy as their music teacher. I worked with him at Forge Road Elementary School. He was a great person and teacher.*

Rosemary deMackiewicz - June 14, 2022 at 07:23 PM

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Rosemary deMackiewicz - June 14, 2022 at 07:24 PM

BM

“ I remember mr. Yorty well..I was at forge Rd elementary in 3rd grade in 1964..I loved his pitch harmonic..my favorite song was Michael row the boat a shore..many wonderful memories..he will be missed bye so many and he was loved bye many...enjoy your heavenly home...🙏🙏❤️

Brenda madera - June 14, 2022 at 02:27 PM

AK

“ Mr. Yorty nurtured my love of music in elementary school.

Aice Kreider - June 14, 2022 at 12:42 PM

RN

“ I worked with J.B. for many years on the staff of Palmyra Area Schools. He was such a fun and dapper individual. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Rachel Noll - June 14, 2022 at 12:32 PM