



Philip G. Morgan

October 7, 1939 - December 26, 2024

Philip G. Morgan, 85, of Annville passed away Thursday, December 26, 2024 at the WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital. He was the husband of Susan (Gathman) Morgan to whom he was married 62 years.

Born in Mulberry, Kansas, he was the son of the late John and Anita (Marchetti) Morgan. Philip graduated from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS with his master's degree in music education and retired from Lebanon Valley College after 34 years as a voice and music professor. He taught private lessons at LVC following his retirement as well as at his home for many students. Philip enjoyed singing, listening to classical music as well as jazz, attending operas and concerts, and being a vocal coach to hundreds of students over the years.

During his time at LVC, he also spent several summers as a vocal coach at Hersheypark for their seasonal productions working with many young singers who eventually made it to Broadway and TV. Philip was a member of NATS, National Association of Teachers of Singing, and a member of the Voices of Palmyra Choral Group. He gained a passion for good food, wine, and travel with his wife, Susan, while living in Germany and France in the early years of his career and their marriage.

In addition to his wife Susan, he is survived by two children Mireille, wife of Mike Cottle, and Anthony Morgan; one grandson, Tyler Cottle and wife Chantel.

Honoring Philip's wishes, there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Voices of Palmyra, P.O. Box 462, Palmyra, PA 17078 in his memory.

Tribute Wall

FG

“*Mr. Morgan was my voice teacher at LVC when I was a student there in the late 70’s and the first half of 1980. As an instrumental music ed major, I had to pass a voice jury at the end of freshman year. I passed, on the condition that I take a semester of voice lessons. I took lessons with Mr. Morgan for the next two years, and I sang in LVC’s chapel choir, which he directed. He was always kind and encouraging. I’m a brass player, and the majority of my current musical activities involve instruments, but I’m also in a madrigal group and a chamber choir. I think Mr. Morgan would have been happy to know that. Rest In Peace, Mr. Morgan. You won’t be forgotten.*

Frank Gerace - January 07, 2025 at 01:12 AM

RS

“*Mr. Morgan was a lifelong mentor. I continued to receive his sage and practical advice even after college. I consulted with him throughout grad school and my doctoral program and essentially over the full length of my career until now. In many ways he was my role model, and I am who I am— someone with deep lived and professional international experience who is an avid and educated fan of jazz and classical music, a passionate and committed mentor of college students, and a sustaining member of my local NPR station, among other things— because of him. Thank you, Mr. Morgan! Mr. Morgan’s mentoring, however, didn’t stop with me. He and Mrs. Morgan also poured their seemingly endless love and encouragement into my wife Mayumi and our daughter Sarah, too. My sincerest condolences to the entire Morgan family and to the many fellow LVC alums who are also mourning the loss of Mr. Morgan.*

Robert Schalkoff ‘88

Robert Schalkoff - January 01, 2025 at 07:34 PM

CH

“ I knew Philip as a professor at LVC in addition to being Toeny’s father. It was always a treat to talk about old times in Annville, as well as music in general. I will miss his energy and his great stories. He was a taste of home for me that will be truly missed.

chris hynum - December 30, 2024 at 11:30 PM

VK

“ I was privileged to hear a lot of Phil's beautiful voice as my mother, Nevelyn Knisley, was his primary accompanist for his vocal concerts. Phil would come to our home, where Mother would patiently guide Phil through a new piece, with the end result being truly magical. My favorites were when Phil sang negro spirituals. I'll never forget his rendition of "I Got Plenty o' Nothin'." The Choir of Angels just acquired a talented baritone.

We are also so grateful that Phil, being the outgoing type that he was, mentioned to my now-husband-of-15-years, Jean-Marc, that he should call his "tax lady" and ask her out since she "spoke fondly of him." I had mentioned to Phil and Susan at their 2008 tax preparation appointment in my office that I thought it would be fun to listen to Dr. Braem's beautiful French accent over dinner. Well, that turned on the matchmaker switch in Phil. Since Jean-Marc was also a professor at LVC, the stage was set for Phil's task. Once JM was emboldened with Phil's encouragement, we had our first date in July of 2008 and were shopping for engagement rings by the end of the next month. The rest is history. Phil, you must have known what you were doing!

Susan, Anthony, and Mireille, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Valerie & Jean-Marc

Valerie Knisley - December 30, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ Mark and I are saddened for the entire Morgan family and will miss seeing Phil at the Black Gryphon. He was always quick to say hello, share a story and/or a song, and always so proud of Toeny's meals! Seeing him and Susan, listening to their stories of travels and family, made us feel like part of the extended family. Godspeed Phil. The choir of angels is fuller with your beautiful voice!

Sandra Bruce - December 30, 2024 at 12:02 PM

DW

“ I started LVC in 1983 as a percussion major and decided to re-audition as a voice major/piano minor. Mr. Morgan was incredibly supportive. He was a caring and experienced teacher who believed in his student's abilities and help them grow. He has left an amazing musical and personal legacy. While I moved from music to administration, I still use many of the "life lessons" Phil taught me all those years ago. My sincerest condolences to his family.

Sincerely,

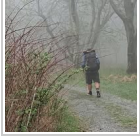
Dr. Le Roy Whitehead
Class of 87

Dr. Le Roy Whitehead - December 29, 2024 at 04:32 PM

PD

“ Fond memories of Phil and having lunch on Thursdays at the CoEd Luncheonette with the Music Department and the Education Department.

Phylis C Dryden - December 29, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ I'm a remember of the class of '89 at LVC. I remember having Dr. Morgan for music 100. He knew we were there because we just had a fulfill a GE requirement, so his tests were very easy, especially with the listening of the different tracks of Music. Yes they were on vinyl! We loved Dr. Morgan because he was so gregarious and easy to talk to! Heaven just gained an amazing angel! Rest in peace Dr. Morgan, we will see you on the other side!

Patrick M. Haley - December 27, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ Growing up, I lived on College Ave. He knew my parents and I knew of his son Anthony. My first car was a Mazda Rx7, 1976. He would ALWAYS stop and talk to me when he saw me, and BS about Rx7's and what not. As a 17 year old, this made a big impact on me. He was such a kind and thoughtful person. It was usually at the end of the day when I'm sure he wanted to get home. It's the little things you do in life that make the biggest impact. He didn't know it, but whenever I think of that, car I think of him and smile. Sorry for the loss.



Brian Witmer - December 27, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ So very sorry to hear this. He was a beautiful soul with a gorgeous voice.

Heather Gahres - December 27, 2024 at 08:54 PM

LS

“ Dear Toeny and Family,
Dave and I are saddened to hear about the passing of your father. We feel honored to have been given the opportunity on many occasions to speak with him at the BG. Keeping all of you in our close thoughts as you navigate through the loss & heartbreak. Your family is very loved in our community.

Lu Smith - December 27, 2024 at 08:39 PM

LK

“ Mr. Morgan was my private voice teacher at LVC from 1970-1974. He was the best and so dear to me. We kept in touch through the years with phone calls, cards, lunches and dined at his son's restaurant together. I never called him Phil! He was my mentor and I respected him in every way. This news has broken my heart. Prayers to his precious family. Lucinda “Cindy” Burger Knauer

lucinda Burger Knauer - December 27, 2024 at 08:24 PM

MC

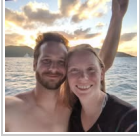
“ I loved my lessons with Mr Morgan from 94-98 at LVC. He was always encouraging and would make me laugh during our lessons. I still revisit many of our exercises and songs to teach others.

Melissa Crotty - December 27, 2024 at 07:33 PM

PV

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Morgan at LVC back in the mid 1990s. He was one of the kindest and gentlest souls. Always took time to talk and seemed to know every student, whether they studied with him or not.

Paul Vollberg - December 27, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ *When Jackie and I first started coming to BG, Phillip would take time to come over and chat with us. He used to love to serenade us with his wonderful voice, and tell great stories of his time traveling. A wonderful man, he will be missed.*

Daniel Fenton - December 27, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *Professor Morgan was a wonderful voice teacher and an grand Friend. I will always remember his love of music, especially opera. His love of educating students, young and older, was always present. I will also remember his love for Susan. Professor Morgan was a man of character and joy. I thank God that I had The privilege of being a student and a friend.
J Walter.*

Jim Walter - December 27, 2024 at 04:57 PM



Sincere sympathy to Susan, Mireilla, and Anthony. So many memories of good times. Love from Dave , Millie and the Rogers family

Millie Rogers - January 05, 2025 at 09:23 AM