



Robert F. Rhine

July 27, 1938 - June 23, 2019

Robert F. Rhine, 80, of Lebanon, died Sunday, June 23, 2019 in WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital. He was the husband of Barbara Ann Smith Rhine with whom he would have celebrated 56 years of marriage on July 20. Born in Lebanon on July 27, 1938, he was the son of the late Jay Carlin and Mary E. Hamilton Rhine.

Following graduation in 1956 from Annville-Cleona High School, he joined the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Puerto Rico. Graduating from Lebanon Valley College in 1964, he began his teaching career with the Atlantic City (New Jersey) School District as the High School Concert and Marching Band Director.

Returning to Lebanon in 1968, Bob joined the faculty of the newly formed Cornwall-Lebanon School District, as the Cedar Crest High School Concert and Marching Band Director. He ended his 44 year teaching career as the CC Middle School Band Director. During his public school years, Rhine served as the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, District 7, Secretary-Treasurer.

He coached the Cedar Crest High School track team, taking them to win the PA State Track Championship; he was a licensed PIAA Basketball, Track and Cross Country Official, retiring last year after 50 years of officiating.

Bob was an active member of the Palmyra Church of the Brethren, teaching, youth and adult Sunday School classes; and served as Board Chair and Church Moderator.

In addition to his wife Barbara, surviving is a son, John T. Rhine of Lebanon, a daughter, Amy Jo Rhine-Roosa, wife of Gregory Roosa of Los Angeles, CA., four grandchildren Devon, Morgan, Norton, and Sutton, and a brother, C. Richard Rhine and wife, Jean of Elizabethtown. Preceded in death by one grandson, Eliot Roosa.

A Memorial "Celebration of Music" Service will be held on Saturday, August 17, at 11:00 AM at the Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 N. Chestnut Street, Palmyra. A time of sharing will follow the service at the church. There will be an organist and brass recital to begin at 10:30 AM at the church. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Bob's memory to the Caring Cupboard, 131 N. Railroad Street, Palmyra, PA 17078.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Palmyra Church of the Brethren
45 N. Chestnut Street
Palmyra, PA 17078

Tribute Wall



“ I have great memories of Bandfront with him and then also being in the first show choir at Cedar Crest. He always made us laugh, and always had a smile on his face. Im very sorry for your loss, Stephanie Urso



Stephanie Urso - July 17, 2019 at 05:22 AM

LW

“ I was fortunate enough to be in the first Show Choir at Cedar Crest. He was so passionate and inspiring. He always encouraged me to keep singing and stay involved in music. My condolences to the family. He will be greatly missed.

Lori Walkowiak - July 14, 2019 at 02:38 PM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss. I have so many good memories of Mr. Rhine. He was a wonderful band director and someone who helped a lot of young people stay on the right path in life. I've thought of him often and wanted to send my heartfelt condolences. Dawn Kline Stuyvesant

Dawn Kline Stuyvesant - July 14, 2019 at 02:27 PM

LF

“ Being a member of the band front for 4 years at CCHS I will always remember all the parade ,band competition, trip to Atlantic city, and all the band camps and practice we all shared with this wonderful man but most of all its been a pleasure being a neighbor! Prayers go out to Mrs Rhine and family. Linda Schriver Field

Linda field - July 13, 2019 at 11:57 AM

AF

“ I met Mr. Rhine as a student in the CCHS band (81-85). Like others, it wasn't until I was an adult that I had an appreciation for his devotion to the band and to us as students. I remember going to his house to participate in a mock try-out for district band. I was admittedly nowhere close to being ready for it. He patiently and respectfully gave me hell. :). Amy and John participated in band with me. Their talent and his dedication to them was evident. I can still remember John walking on the field with his tuba. He was the spitting image of Mr. Rhine.

Amy Leigh Franklin-Craft - July 13, 2019 at 10:02 AM

MB

“ Participating in the band from '67-'71 was one of the best experiences of my high school activities. Mr. Rhine was a great teacher. I enjoyed everything! The parades, football half time shows, musicals and concerts. You will be missed Bob! Thank you for your dedication and passion for music!

michelle Barondick Brunner - July 13, 2019 at 09:10 AM

KF

“ Being a member of the CCHS Band for 4 years, I remember the many practices, parades, competitions, football games that we performed at. Now as an adult, I realize the sacrifices that you made for us kids at school. May you rest in Peace, prayers go out to you and your family.

Kathymarie Snyder Frederick - July 12, 2019 at 03:19 PM