



## Walter H. Haber

June 19, 1928 - January 21, 2026

Walter H. Haber, 97, a former public library director and an avid bicyclist, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, at the Cornwall Manor retirement community in Cornwall, Pa.

He was the devoted husband of Barbara J. (Angle) Haber, who passed away in 2017.

Walter Haber was born in Woodhaven, Queens, N.Y., on June 19, 1928, to the late Frederick and Emma (Korn) Haber. He was a 1946 graduate of Woodrow Wilson Vocational High School in Queens, a 1952 graduate of New York University's business school, and a 1964 graduate of the Pratt Institute of Technology, where he earned a master's degree in library science.

Haber enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1946 and served as an electronics technician. He went on to become a field service engineer at Avien Inc. for 10 years beginning in 1953. In a career change after receiving his master's, he took a position as a reference librarian at Great Neck Library in Great Neck, N.Y., then became the director of the New Milford Public Library in New Milford, N.J., from 1965 to 1970 and the director of the Baldwin Public Library in Baldwin, N.Y., from 1970 to 1986.

Upon retiring in 1986, he and Barbara moved to her parents' home in Mount

Gretna, Pa., and he became one of the few people to experience more years of retirement than work. He was an active member of the Lebanon Valley Bicycle Club, Cornwall Iron Furnace Association and the Swatara Watershed Association.

Along with his beloved wife, he enjoyed sailing, bicycle touring — including a cross-country trip — traveling abroad, attending the theater, roller skating at the Mount Gretna rink, skiing on the rail trail, seeing movies and swing dancing.

A resident of Cornwall Manor since 2015, Haber's later years were largely spent reading, keeping up with the news, attending exercise classes and lectures, visiting regional attractions, and rooting for Caitlin Clark and the Indiana Fever basketball team.

Surviving are his two daughters, Jill M. Coffey (husband Thomas) of New York, N.Y., and Holly A. Haber of Dallas, and two grandchildren, Dashiell Pashley of Dallas and Skyler Coffey of New York.

A graveside service will take place at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026, at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. A procession will form at 12:30 p.m. at Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., 618 E. Main St., Annville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Haber's memory to your local public library.

# Previous Events

## Procession Line Up

JAN 29. 12:30 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
618 E. Main Street  
Annville, PA 17003  
(717) 867-4811

## Graveside Service

JAN 29. 1:30 PM (ET)

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery  
Indiantown Gap Road  
Annville, PA 17003

# Tribute Wall

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“ We met Walt (and Barb) bicycling many decades ago. Walt was a unique biker:  
Never fast, just consistent.  
Never fancy, no spandex or wild colors  
No technology, no carbon fiber, no expensive head units. We're not sure if he ever got a smartphone or used email. We don't remember how long we knew him before we realized he actually owned a motor vehicle.  
But, always polite.  
Always pleasant.  
Always willing to lend a hand for a good cause.  
He modeled how we all should treat others.  
When he moved to Cornwall. We would see him when we attended LVC Art Gallery openings. We soon realized we were going to the openings more to see Walt than the art.  
If the world were filled with Walt (and Barb) Habers, it would be a far, far better place.

*Fred & Tanya Richter*

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**Tanya & Fred Richter** - January 27 at 09:45 AM

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“ *Barb and Walt entered our lives forty years ago and they never left. We were fortunate to live within biking distance for close to ten years, followed by thirty years of phone calls, Advent calendars and trips to Kansas or Pennsylvania. When they came to Kansas it was always a short and sweet overnight visit. The kids and I would line up with our treasures to share. We dragged them to track meets and cross country meets, we made the very best dinners, we hauled Walt to the basement to show him our newest used bike... Anything to keep them coming back.*

*During the years since Barb's death, I have come to enjoy Walt's friendship at a deeper level. He was always interested in EVERYTHING. Often, a follow-up article would arrive in the mail adding to our conversation.*

*Peter, Joe and Gary all referred to the terrible winter storm when Gary drove up to Mount Gretna to check on the Habers. When Gary got there, he discovered Barb leaning out of a window with a rope tied to her waist. On the other end of the rope was Walt, shoveling snow off the roof. I had been worried about the state of their electricity, food and the like. Turns out there were bigger worries for me to consider.*

*We will forever treasure Walt's friendship and his love for our family. We do have one immense dictionary to remind us of him.  
Love, Sara and Gary Del Nero*

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