



Richard "Dick" W. Hafer

December 15, 1943 - December 28, 2020

Richard "Dick" W. Hafer, 77, of Hughesville, passed away on Monday, December 28, 2020.

Richard was born December 15, 1943 in Sunbury and was the son of the late Joseph M. Hafer and Dorothy E. Renn. He married Rose Marie Shafer on August 18, 1973 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Williamsport. His wife of 46 years preceded him in death on March 24, 2020. They raised two sons, Richie, and Nathan.

Richard was a teacher in the East Lycoming School District retiring in 2003 after teaching for 38 years. He taught mathematics and computers at Hughesville High School. Dick was a graduate of the former Sunbury High School, Class of 1961, and earned his bachelor's degree from Susquehanna University in 1965.

Dick was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Antique Automobile Club of America, and the North Central Corvette Club of PA. He was an avid collector of license plates and antiques and thoroughly enjoyed antique automobiles and cooking for others. He especially enjoyed making peanut brittle for friends and family during the holiday season.

He is survived by his two sons, Richard J. Hafer, of Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Nathan B. Hafer, of Hughesville; and a sister, Janet M. (David) Moyer, of Sunbury.

Due to the COVID-19 virus a private family viewing will be held on Saturday, January 2nd. A graveside funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 2, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, 695 Cemetery Drive, Hughesville, with David Moyer officiating. A celebration of Richard's life will be planned for a later date.

If you should be so inclined to make a contribution in his name the family suggests one of the following organizations: Meagan's Box, P.O. Box 294, Hughesville, PA 17737; or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements have been entrusted to McCarty-Thomas Funeral Home, Hughesville.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.mccartythomas.com.

Cemetery

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Hughesville, PA, 17737

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



McCarty-Thomas Funeral Home - December 31, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ My favorite memories of Mr Hafer were not from his classroom but from sitting in the French class across the hall from his. Mrs DeSanto would be earnestly explaining the "je ne sais quo" of the French, when behind her, in the diamond-shaped window of the door, Mr Hafer's beaming countenance would rise like Ziggy, peering intently at us all. He would always disappear just when Mrs D was about to whip around and catch him. What a delightful sense of mischief he had!

Michael Vedder - January 09 at 10:53 PM



“ Prayers are with you Richie and Nate! You have many great memories to keep over the years. It was great living next to them for many years!

Shirley Crawley and Bob Franklin - January 05 at 08:56 PM



“ I'm very sorry for your recent loss of your father and earlier in 2020 of your mother. We were neighbors on third street for a long time until my mother passed (1990) and my father moved to LAM development. May God comfort you and give you peace.

Patricia (Haynes)Herr

Patricia Herr - January 05 at 03:30 PM



“ I had Mr Hafer for Algebra II in the late 80's. During that time, I was in the middle of a few rough years in my life. One day when walking to school, Mr Hafer gave me a ride in his magnificent, vintage, red Corvette. Unbeknownst to him, I always loved Corvettes and was thrilled to get to ride in such a beautiful car, even for just a few blocks. Though it wasn't a huge thing, it made my world better for a few minutes, and I have never forgotten it.

My heart goes out to his sons. Your dad and mom both influenced many of us in so many positive ways.

Karen Wall Childress

Tulsa, OK

Karen Wall Childress - January 04 at 12:28 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" W. Hafer.



January 01 at 12:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" W. Hafer.



December 31, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ I worked with “Hafe”, as I called him, for several years before his retirement. He had a great respect for his profession and peers and is part of that “old guard” of teaching that I still (after 30 years) aspire to live up to.

He was missed when he retired and he will be missed even more now.

Karen Stannert - December 31, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" W. Hafer.



December 30, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ My sincere sympathies to the family of Dick Hafer. I got to know Dick from when I started teaching at HHS in 1968. He was a mentor for me; giving me tips on how things really worked (and didn't work) at our school. He had a rather interesting sense of humor and kept the faculty room a lively place to be when he was there. He was liked and respected by the students and teachers.

Chuck Ranck - December 30, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" W. Hafer.



December 30, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ Richie, Nate & families--Please accept our deepest condolences on your Dad's passing! Anything we can do for you, just let us know. God Bless! Tom & Judy Marquette

Tom Marquette - December 30, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ Richie and Nathan,
My first day of teaching at Hughesville, Dick was the first teacher to walk up, introduce himself, and offer help. He would also stop by my room to see if I needed anything and to let me know about the politics of how to get things done in my new job. He was the best I ever saw at being able to see a situation and a way forward. I really appreciated him. I wish the two of you the best at carrying his legacy forward.
Bill Frazier

Bill Frazier - December 30, 2020 at 07:49 AM



“ Sarah Lu lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" W. Hafer



Sarah Lu - December 30, 2020 at 05:20 AM



“ Sarah Lu purchased the Purity and Peace Casket Spray for the family of Richard "Dick" W. Hafer.



Sarah Lu - December 30, 2020 at 05:14 AM



“ Our hearts ache, again, so sorry to learn of Richard's death. His suffering is over. Sending prayers and hugs to Richie and Nate. Always loved the visits the family made to MA to visit us. When we come home to Mom's Rose Marie and Richard always had us over for supper (more like a feast)-great times were had-memories made forever. RIP Richard.

Peggy Ott Mason - December 29, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ To "Hafer's" family: I am soo sorry for your loss. I hope your memories of him are embedded in your hearts!

I had Mr Hafer for Algebra I and II back in the late 70's and early 80's. The thing I remember most about him was when he would give us problems to work out in class, he would amble up and down each aisle, jangling coins in his pocket. Those jangling coins would always let me know just where he was in the room. He didn't just limit the jangling to the classroom, he also jangled while on duty in the cafeteria. I would really like it if someone would place some coins in his pocket as he is laid to rest!

Thank you Mr Hafer for your contribution to the HHS memories in my mind!

Keren Vedder Stepp



Keren Vedder Stepp - December 29, 2020 at 11:04 PM