

Obituary for Richard Milton Harris Sr.



Richard Milton Harris, Sr., 93, of Annville passed away on Tuesday, December 23rd, 2025, at Lebanon Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Louise “Sukey” (Meyer) Harris. Dick and Sukey met in the Penn State Concert Blue Band. He was the timpanist, and she was the 1st flutist.

Born in Johnstown, PA on May 11th, 1932, he was the son of the late Donald Roswell and Leora Ann (Long) Harris. Dick volunteered in the Army as a Surveyor in the Philippines, Formosa, and the West Coast of the United States – 29th Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He took his family, including his grandparents, on six week camping trips across the entire country – twice – before the internet. He was an instrument rated pilot, and with Sukey as wingman, they journeyed the sky, and later, using his flight simulator, he continued his travels. Additionally, Dick was lead tip drummer and manager of The Quittapahilla Highlanders.

Dick worked in the rod and wire mill at the Gautier Works in Johnstown, then as Technical Assistant in the metallurgical lab at the Lebanon plant. Through the years, he was promoted to General Manager of the Lebanon plant, and finally Division General Manager of Bethlehem Operations in Lebanon, Chicago, Birmingham, AL, and Seattle.

Dick was a member of many technical committees and boards including the American Society for Metals, American Society for Quality Control, American Petroleum Institute, Research Council for Riveted and Bolted Structural Joints, American National Standards Institute, American Society for Testing and Materials, Annville-Cleona School Board, Lebanon County Area Vocational Technical School Operation Committee, Annville Township Authority, Annville-Cleona Joint School Authority. Dick was also the Construction Chairman of the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary Street Fair, past President of the Annville Rotary Club, and the Founding Assistant and member of the PA Guild of Papercutters.

Surviving are four children, Richard M. Harris, Jr., husband of Dr. Elizabeth Weiss Harris of Annville, Elizabeth L. Harris of N. Scituate, Rhode Island, Jennifer A. Harris of Annville, Rebecca J. DeMarchis, wife of Raymond of Enola, seven grandchildren, and one step grandchild. In addition to his wife, Dick was preceded in death by his brother, Dr. Donald Roswell Harris, Jr.

A graveside service will be held at Mt. Annville Cemetery on Friday, December 26th, 2025, at 1:00PM. The family would like to thank Columbia Cottage and Lebanon Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their exceptional care. Dear friends of Dick and Sukey Harris, they are together again.