



Terry R. Schaffner

December 28, 1949 - January 24, 2026

On Saturday, January 24, 2026, Terry R. Schaffner of Dalmatia, entered the heavenly band. Terry was born in Sunbury, the son of the late Robert T. and Sarah J. (Rupp) Schaffner.

Terry was a graduate of Shikellamy High School. On his 18th birthday he left for basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia and from there he went on to graduate from the Armed Forces School of Music. He served with the 327th band at Edgewood, Md. and finished his service with the 101st Airborne in Viet Nam. Shortly after his return home, he met his future wife, Betty. They shared 54 years of marriage and were blessed with their daughter, Wendy.

Terry wanted to share his love of music with others and planned to get his teaching degree. But he quickly learned that he didn't have the patience to deal with those who were not as dedicated to the arts.

Terry worked at Plaza Shopping Center, was a salesman for Hoover, owned his own home appliance store and repaired home appliances for Sears. But his love was still music. For many years he taught sax, clarinet and flute privately. He also played with the following; Mal Arter's Band, Sunbury City Band, Charlie Varanco's Band, After Hours Big Band and his small group Swing and a Miss. He also played in the pit for many school musicals and community musical productions.

Terry enjoyed hunting, going upstate to spend time in the woods and playing golf. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion, and lifetime member of Hickory Corners Fire Company.

Terry is survived by his wife, Betty (Dreibelbis), his daughter, Wendy McClure (Darren) and grandson, Kyle McClure (fiancée, Hanna Scanlon) and sister L. Sue Ammon. He was preceded by his parents, brother, Robert Schaffner, Jr., and sister, Patti Kline. We are grateful for the many other friends and family who have been a special part in his life.

Celebration of Life will be held at Hickory Corners Fire Hall (1124 Hickory Rd; Dalmatia 17017) February 7, 2026. The visitation at 10 AM followed by service at 11 AM.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Pennian Bank 24021 RT 333
Thompsontown PA 17094 Terry Schaffner Memorial Fund to support local schools musical needs.

Cemetery Details

Stone Valley Cemetery

Dalmatia, PA 17017

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hickory Corners Fire House
1124 Hickory Rd
Dalmatia, PA 17017

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Dalmatia, PA 17017

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Terry R. Schaffner.



February 04 at 04:37 AM



“ *After Hours Big Band* purchased the *Sweet Since* rity for the family of Terry R. Schaffner.



After Hours Big Band - February 02 at 10:34 AM



“ *Sad to hear the passing of Terry. My heartfelt sympathies to his family. He was the best saxophone teacher, and made me fall in love with playing the sax. What a talented musician and teacher.*



Sherri (Hoch) Maher - January 31 at 11:31 PM

MD

“ Wendy and family,

As I read the words of comfort being shared about your father, I couldn't help but see you in every description. The kindness, the steadiness, the quiet strength, the way he made people feel seen and valued those same gifts live so clearly in you, Wendy.

What a legacy he leaves behind, not only in memories but in the character and compassion he passed on to you and Kyle. I hope that brings you a measure of comfort in these tender days. May you feel surrounded by love, upheld by faith, and carried gently through each moment of grief and remembrance.

Holding all of you close in thought and prayer as you honor a good man and the beautiful family he shaped.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Monique*

Monique Anne Derfler - January 30 at 06:08 PM

DL

“ *So sorry for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. I did not know Terry personally, but I always enjoyed hearing him play the saxophone at the Arts Council events. He was a very talented musician.*

Deb Leitzel - January 30 at 04:04 PM

TC

We are so sorry for your loss. Terry's love of music touched many lives including our daughter's. He was so special. I missed seeing him in the pit at the musicals and loved hearing him play his saxophone. When he played at Teri Lee's service it was so difficult for him to do. He had tears whenever we would see each other. Our prayers for you and your family!

Terry and Barb Carl - January 30 at 05:33 PM

TU

Terry was a great friend. I have so much I could say and so many memories I could share but time and space won't allow. We share three common bonds, the love of music, our military experiences and of course, Scotch! We share all three often. Love you my friend and R.I.P. Betty, you're in our thoughts and prayers. Tim & Kaye Uhler

Tim & Kaye Uhler - January 30 at 10:34 PM

SH

I accidentally came across this obituary today while searching for other information. Please accept my sincere sympathy Betty and Wendy. Even though I no longer live in the Dalmatia area, I do remember your family. Thinking of you, Sandy Herb

Sandy Herb - February 07 at 04:07 PM