



Dr. John Lancas

June 24, 1949 - January 7, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. John Lancas

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CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Dr. John Lancas, age 76, of Carbondale, formerly of Pennsylvania, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

He was born on June 24, 1949 to John G. and Angela (Gallo) Lancas in Charleroi, Pennsylvania. On March 8, 1995, he married Nancy Johnson and they have been together for over 30 years.

John graduated with a degree in Physics from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA and received his MD from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, WI. John had worked at Torrance State Medical Center and later came to Choate Mental Health in Anna where he worked for 10 years as a Psychiatrist and Medical Director. John was a lover of astronomy along with computers and collecting clocks. John was a Spiritualist in belief.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy; sister, Theresa (John) Balistiere; brother-in-law, Bill Johnson; sister-in-law, Linda Johnson (Ramon Salgado); and niece, Erika Salgado.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Mark Lancas.

No services will be held at this time.

The family requests memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

The cremation of Dr. John Lancas will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Dr. Lancas while I was still in medical school. He was brilliant, eccentric, and personable. I will always appreciate the help he gave me at that time and am glad that I had the opportunity to get to know him. I know he helped many people during his years of service and the world was better for him being in it.

Keith Cochran - January 08 at 09:23 PM

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“ Dr. Lancas was a funny and genuine man. He always made my day with a little conversation filled with laughter.

"Some people are cracked, others are scrambled."



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