



## Frederick M. Renner Jr.

January 21, 2021

Frederick M. Renner, Jr. (80) of Landenberg, PA passed away suddenly on January 20, 2021.

Born to Frederick M. Renner and Wilma E. Renner. He attended Penns Grove Schools and graduated from Penns Grove High School in 1958. He achieved the highest math grades (4 years) and highest Latin grades (2 years) in his class. He attended Rutgers University for his freshman year of college and completed the remainder of his education at Washington College in Chestertown, MD. He graduated in 1963 with a B.A. in Mathematics and a minor in Education. He achieved the highest math grades of his class for all (4) years.

He briefly taught math for (3) years at West Deptford High School. During his years there he also coached football, basketball, and baseball. He then returned to Penns Grove High School to teach Math for (30) years. He coached Freshmen football (5) years, JV wrestling (4) years and Varsity wrestling (24) years, compiling a Varsity record of 241-192-4. His teams won (4) Tri-County Championships, (4) District 31 Championships and (1) South Jersey Group II Championship and (1) Edgewood Christmas Tournament Championship (36) Edgewood Christmas Tournament Individual champs, with (6) named "outstanding wrestler" (37) District 31- 1st Place wrestlers, (9) Region 8- 1st Placers, and (2) New Jersey State Champs.

In 1990, he was named District 31 and Region B Coach of the Year. In 1995, he was inducted into South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame, in 1998 the South Jersey Coaches of Boys Sports Hall of Fame, in 2004, Penns Grove High School Sports Hall of Fame and in 2016 the Salem County Sports Hall of Fame.

He finished his teaching career at Kennett High School in Kennett Square, PA where he was closer to “Ranch Renner” the residence where his nine grandchildren would spend the Summer. The Kennett Senior Class of 2008 dedicated their Yearbook to “Renner” and he then retired in 2012. His teaching career spanned 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, daughter, Christine, brother, William and nine grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 from 11:00 am – 12 noon at the Ashcraft Funeral Home in Pennsville, NJ. Burial will be private.

Ashcraft Funeral Home  
740 S. Broadway  
Pennsville, NJ 08070  
[www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com)

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial contribution to the American Heart Association.

# Previous Events

## Walk-through Visitation

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ashcraft Funeral Home (PV)

740 S. Broadway

Pennsville, NJ 08070

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# Tribute Wall

AC

“ Just reminiscing today about Mr.Renner, we adored him at KHS. He was substitute during my senior year in 2003. Made such an impact, so much so, I included him in my senior quote. Thank you Renner  
❤️

Anita C. - April 01, 2023 at 10:44 AM

AC

Sorry for the grammatical errors, he wasn't my language teacher 😊

Anita C. - April 01, 2023 at 10:45 AM

RP

“ Fred Renner was my Algebra 1 teacher in 9th grade and also my Freshman Football Coach in 1963 /1964 at West Deptford High School. I remember him to always be a sharp dresser.

Roger Phillips - September 21, 2022 at 06:36 PM

LA

“ Mr. Renner ~ You were an unforgettable influence for so many students. Memories of you will live on. Rest peacefully.

Lauren - March 07, 2021 at 03:54 PM

GW

“ My sincere condolences to the Renner family, May he rest in peace. He was a great guy, he always had a smile and a good word for everyone. I was so glad I got a chance to talk to him at my 50th Reunion (class OF 1969), in 2019. I remember the Rennner family well, I grew up right around the corner from them.

Gail Sparks Weisgerber - February 18, 2021 at 11:35 PM

BK

“ *Linda and family,  
Being in Florida for part of the winter, it is sometimes difficult to keep up with the news. Just became aware of Fred's passing. Many, many, fond memories of high school years and beyond. We have lost a good friend.  
Margaret and Bob Kille*

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**Bob Kille** - February 13, 2021 at 08:33 PM

DS

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Mr. Renner's passing. Hands down, he was my favorite and best teacher I ever had. If merit pay really existed for school teachers, no Board of Education could have afforded to pay him what he was worth. He instilled lessons in his students they could carry through life that extended far beyond a math classroom or a wrestling mat. He was well known and well liked by three generations of my family, my grandmother, my parents and myself. Anyone who had the privilege to know him was all the richer for it. RIP, Mr. Renner*

*Dean Sparks, PGHS Class of 1982*

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**Dean Sparks** - January 29, 2021 at 08:14 PM

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“ *Mr. Renner was a local legend, a wrestling icon, an incredible math teacher and an outstanding example of human kindness, focus, dedication and discipline! He inspired his students to be the best they could be at whatever they chose to do, to win with honor, lose with integrity and treat others with respect. He led by example and taught from experience. His example will live on in his students, their children and their children's children. I know he's got that Fred Renner smile looking down over us all. Rest in peace Mr. Renner...your spirit lives on in all those you touched.*

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**Dan Franceschini PGHS 1989** - January 29, 2021 at 05:54 PM

JD

“ *Just found out about Fred's passing from a friend. What a wonderful man. Met Fred at the Acme in Hockessin. After I retired I worked part time at the ACME in Rehoboth . That's where I again ran into Fred and his wife again. Fred was such a kind compassionate man. RIP my friend God Bless you . .*



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**John Donahue** - January 28, 2021 at 10:37 PM

B(

“ *Chrissy, your dad was a wonderful man. Thinking of you and your family*



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**Beth Gartenmayer (Lawless)** - January 27, 2021 at 08:36 PM

JB

“ *Condolences to the family of Mr. Fred Renner. I was on his Freshman football team at PGHS in 1967. The very first meeting he had with the team that year he talked to us about being dedicated. Apparently that was something he advocated his entire coaching career which I’m sure was a main contributing factor to his own and his players success. I remember one night near the end of football practice when we were doing wind sprints Fred shouted out “you guys are getting a lackadaisical attitude.” I immediately learned a new word from the appropriate context in which Mr. Renner used it! He had no qualms about calling it as he saw it. Our team that year was undefeated. He worked his team into champions , and there was a lot of fun along the way. Mr. Fred Renner was a spirited and enthusiastic individual who was passionate about what he did. He was always quick to offer a warm smile.*

*Jon Biehl - PGHS Class of 1971*

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**Jon Biehl** - January 27, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Linda Gerace** - January 27, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick M. Renner Jr..*



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January 27, 2021 at 05:06 AM

MP

“ Ditto Sister... working with Mr. Renner was an honor and a pleasure. He made me laugh every day.. we had many inside jokes! And his lovely wife Linda became our dear friend. Mr. Renner.. we love you and we will miss you. Milly Piperis..aka Sister # 1

Milly Piperis - January 26, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ What an amazing man! I remember study halls with Mr. Renner so fondly, his welcoming smile and demeanor were so memorable and left an impression on every student in our high school. Thankful for having met him.

Kate Timmins - January 26, 2021 at 07:58 PM

AH

“ Mr. Renner was the best substitute teacher at kennett high. It was great walking in to a class and seeing him there. He will be greatly missed.

Anita Hersh - January 26, 2021 at 04:08 PM

SD

“ Such a sweet and loving man, full of exuberance, affection, complements, warmth, wonderful stories, wisdom, advice, and a joy to be around.  
It has been a number of years since I have seen Linda and Fred and I am sorry for that, for their company I cherished.  
Peace🕊️ Love❤️ & Most Positive of Strength during this time 🙏.

Sheryle Frieze DiPinto - January 26, 2021 at 01:47 PM

WM

“ Fred greeted me every day with a big smile. How many of us could command a room of 150 students who loved him dearly? Fred was everywhere: school plays, all sporting events, and yes, study hall. A true dynamo who made Kennett High School a better place. Miss you my friend. Wes McDowell

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**Wes McDowell** - January 26, 2021 at 07:55 AM

RJ

“ Mr Renner was always my favorite substitute teacher (class of 05). It was going to be a good day when he was the head of class.



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**Rainey Winters Jr** - January 25, 2021 at 10:20 PM

PC

“ Mr. Renner was a great teacher, great coach and a great person. He was someone you looked up to and respected. Always had a kind word and was always there when you needed support. I was very proud and honored having Mr. Renner as my wrestling coach, many great memories. You will truly be missed.

*May you rest in peace.*

*Paul Chiarelli*

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**Paul Chiarelli** - January 25, 2021 at 08:33 PM

DS

*I had the honor to work along side Mr. Renner in study hall at KHS. My sister and I enjoyed every minute of our time together with our good friend. He was kind and caring and always put the students first. He always made time to tutor any student who needed help with math. We were fortunate to befriend his lovely wife Linda and get to know two of his Granddaughters. Thank you for all the good memories and laughs we shared over the years! Love, Dianne Smith  
AKA Sister #2*

**Dianne Smith** - January 26, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Frederick M. Renner Jr..*



January 25, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frederick M. Renner Jr..*



January 25, 2021 at 03:59 PM

CH

“ *Mr. Renner was the kindest man! I always enjoyed talking to him about life during study hall! You will be greatly missed Mr. Renner*  
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**Christina** - January 25, 2021 at 01:04 PM

AU

“ Mr. Renner knew the name of every single student at Kennett High School. All 1,500 students every year. Each year he'd learn 300 new names to replace the ones who graduated. I can't imagine the memory and dedication it took. Mr. Renner appeared to have a sixth sense when it came to people. He knew you just by a few conversations. He remembered you and was an excellent judge of character. He will truly be missed.

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**Annie Uhle** - January 25, 2021 at 12:28 PM

MK

“ A nicer man you will never meet. Thank you Fred for all you did for all the students and staff at KHS and making the Kennett community a better place. We will miss you.

*Mike King*

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**Michael King** - January 25, 2021 at 11:49 AM

TS

“ Worked with Fred at Kennett High School! Always a smile and a positive attitude, we were lucky to have him. ❤️

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**Tim Skiles** - January 25, 2021 at 11:47 AM

SC

“ Mr. Renner was one of my favorite substitute teachers at KHS. I remember his stories and kindness very vividly 15 years later - including his love of palindromes! He will certainly be missed.

*- Suma Chandrasekaran  
KHS class of 2005*

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**Suma Chandrasekaran** - January 25, 2021 at 09:03 AM

DS

*A man, a plan, a canal, Panama and Able was I ere I saw Elba were his two favorites.*

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**Dean Sparks** - January 29, 2021 at 08:36 PM

CH

“ We were so saddened to learn of Fred's passing last Wednesday. He certainly fought hard against all the health challenges he faced. It was quite by chance that my sister, June, and I met Fred and Linda at Lewes Beach several years ago. We continued to sit together many spring, summer, and fall weekends at Lewes Beach 2. We laughed and loved to hear his stories of his teaching and coaching days, his daughter, Chrissy, his grandchildren, and his life with Linda. We continued to stay in touch throughout the winter months through phone calls and cards. Not one time did he or Linda or my sister and I end a phone call or a note in a card without saying we love you two. Our thoughts and prayers to the entire Renner family, and his previous students and athletes, that have continued to remain friends, after all these years. Lewes Beach has lost the best "Cabana Boy" ever. We will miss you!

*Charlene Hubert and June Jones, Millsboro, DE*

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**Charlene Hubert** - January 25, 2021 at 07:08 AM

KJ

“ Mr Renner was such a wonderful man. He was the teacher in charge of study halls at KHS and he would regale us of stories about teaching Bruce Willis and so many other life lessons. What an incredible man and life so well lived. We will miss you Mr Renner!!

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**Kate Johnson** - January 24, 2021 at 10:30 PM

KR

“ Sending deepest condolences from our family to yours. My brother and I both had the honor of knowing Mr. Renner from KHS in our days there and have only the fondest memories of him. To this day, I still share the story of how he “ditched” his 50th high school reunion to be in attendance at my class’ graduation. I was so blown away by his generosity I actually wrote to the paper back then and though I might share: [https://www.southernchestercountyweeklies.com/news/teacher-is-a-hero-to-kennett-senior/article\\_b55aaf55-70c3-583e-9668-cd2ef6da1efb.html](https://www.southernchestercountyweeklies.com/news/teacher-is-a-hero-to-kennett-senior/article_b55aaf55-70c3-583e-9668-cd2ef6da1efb.html) His kindness and selflessness to this day still leaves me in awe. The man will be missed and we pray for your family in this time of sadness.

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**katherine reavey** - January 24, 2021 at 09:17 PM

SA

“ To the family of Mr Renner my deepest sympathies and prayers. I knew Mr Renner as a teacher and football coach at Penn's Grove High School in the late 60's . Double sessions were always a little more survivable when he was in the field during those dog days of late summer. Later in life though another student from that era, Lee Murphy, I had occasion to be with Mr Renner occassionally. As I knew him from many years before he remained the energetic, full of life, exuberant person who could regale you with stories of Penn's Grove's glory years. Fred, as I got to call him, will miss you. You are a true American hero.

*Scott Adams, PGHS Class of 1970*

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**Scott Adams** - January 24, 2021 at 08:46 PM

LM

“ I am so sad to see this💔Mr Renner was my FAVORITE substitute/teacher at Kennett High School!!! He always went out of his way to say hello and would tell everyone that I was the best softball player. He cheered everyone on and always had a smile on his face. Prayers to the entire Renner family, he was a very special man and I know he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Leslie McDonald - January 24, 2021 at 07:55 PM

TR

“ To the family of Fred, I send my deepest condolences. Fred was a remarkable man. He always put his students first and made time to tutor each of them when asked. He always had a smile and was so kind to everyone. He will be missed by so many. God bless all of you during this time of sorrow. R.I.P Fred



Theresa Roberts - January 24, 2021 at 07:29 PM

DT

“ Mr. Renner will always be remembered as a model human being. I was lucky enough to have him in school and service his vehicles at our family shop years later. When Mr. Renner showed up it was wrenches down and everyone would come say hello. I never met someone who could brighten up a room with a smile like him. Even when he would tell me how tired he might be or his back was bothering him he always kept himself in high spirits. Thoughts & prayers to his family, i hope it brings them peace to know that he touched so many lives and will live forever through his community. RIP Mr. Renner you will be missed.

-Drew Thomas (KHS '07)

Drew Thomas - January 24, 2021 at 06:29 PM

LR

“ I can remember this guy coming to the Middle School when I was in 7th grade, he said my name is coach Renner They had us meet in cafeteria after school he said I'm here to talk to you about wrestling we have a program starting this summer for 2 weeks. He was with the assistant coach Odell Cleveland I had no idea what HS school wrestling was all about however I signed up and talk some of my friends into signing up. In my 8th great year he started a team called the junior Grapplers My life had changed that day. Because of Coach Renner because of that day I'm still involved in wrestling after some 50 years. Graduated high school and went on to have a solid career as a union carpenter it not necessary what I learned in school but what I learned in that practice room that made me a better man. Thanks coach till we meet again..Love Ya

Larry Rebyak - January 24, 2021 at 10:39 AM

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“ Mr. Renner was my Algebra I and II teacher in high school. He is the reason I went on to study Math in college, and use it in my job today. He even helped me work out a solution to get through another class in which I was struggling -- using Math, of course! :-)  
A class act!

David Ashley ('90) - January 24, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick M. Renner Jr..



January 24, 2021 at 08:53 AM

JH

“ *Mr. Renner. I will always Remember what a wonderful man you were, and coaching us the many valuable life lessons that you did. and letting us know, that you have to be a Dedicated Wrestler 12 months a year. and for that I am Thankful. May You " Rest in Peace "* *Jerry Hall Class of 81 Red Devils*



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**Jerry Hall** - January 23, 2021 at 11:00 PM

CL

“ *I so admired my brother in law Fred, the relationships and friendships that he built with his students were so impressive to me. He was always invited to weddings, christening, parties and Linda could not have been happier for him. This is how much he touched and enriched the lives of his students. A gifted teacher, coach and let's not forgot he could build buildings as well. A man of many talents, those who had the pleasure of his company were never disappointed. Devoted husband to Linda, perfect gentleman, he was always attentive to Linda's needs. He was Pop to 9 grandchildren, shouting from the roof tops all their accomplishments. Each and every one of them held a special place in his heart. Bruce and I will miss his infectious smile, and Fred will always hold a place in our*

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**catherine larner** - January 23, 2021 at 07:14 PM

LW

“ *Without wrestling and his committee to making me a better wrestler made me a better student and I graduated*

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**Larry wright** - January 23, 2021 at 06:07 PM

RS

“ *Mr. Renner coached my father in wrestling and spoke at my Dads induction into Penns Grove’s Hall of Fame. My most memorable opportunities is when I got to hear his awesome stories about the history of Penns Grove Wrestling. Rest easy Mr. Renner until we meet again!*

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**Rick Sassi** - January 23, 2021 at 05:39 PM

SB

“ *We will miss you very much Uncle Fred. Every time I saw you, you always had a story to tell and wisdom to share. You were one of a kind and loved by so many! Rest in peace. ❤️*

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**Shannon Brainard** - January 23, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *A legend who has deeply influenced so many young men and women through his teaching, coaching, mentoring, and example for so many years has left us with a sadness that is extremely difficult to put into words. Coach Renner has been a friend of our family since before I was born. He convinced me to be the first female scorekeeper for the PGHS wrestling team. For four seasons, he instructed and expected a detailed regiment for keeping the record book. Because of his standards, I was able to secure a part time job as a stringer for the local newspaper covering matches across the state of NJ. What he taught me is immeasurable. His dedication to the sport of NJSIAA wrestling will forever be remembered. Thank you, Coach, for being a part of my life. RIP!*

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**Linda Gerace** - January 23, 2021 at 04:00 PM

CL

*I so admired my brother in law Fred, the relationships, friendships that he built with his students were so impressive to me. He was always taking a Linda to a wedding, christening and yes funerals , that is how much he touched and enriched the lives of his students. Gifted coach, gifted story teller, those who had the pleasure of his company were never disappointed. Devoted husband to Linda, perfect gentleman, he always put Linda's needs before his. He was Pop to his 9 grandchildren, shouting from the roof tops all their accomplishments, each and every one held a special place in his heart. Bruce and I will miss your infectious smile , you will always hold a place in our hearts*



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**catherine larner** - January 23, 2021 at 06:13 PM

SL

“ *Fred Renner was my uncle and I will always remember him as a great teacher, coach and even better human being. Loved him so much me and my family will truly miss him. Scott Larner*

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**Scott larner** - January 23, 2021 at 03:14 PM

JR

“ *Awesome Man now an Awesome Angel!*



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**JoAnne Harvey Rankin** - January 23, 2021 at 01:42 PM

AL

“ *To fighter that he was until the very end may he Rest In Peace knowing he made a difference in so many lives.*

*Adam Lawler*

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**adam lawler** - January 23, 2021 at 11:30 AM

VC

“ I called him Mr. Renner, out of respect, but he was my friend. We shared an interest in vintage TV shows and spent many hours discussing and sharing our favorites. I was always glad to see and talk with him. He was one of the friendliest and most considerate people I have ever known. I will miss him and always remember him with fondness.

*Vincent Civiletti*

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**Vincent R. Civiletti** - January 23, 2021 at 11:29 AM

GM

“ My condolences to Fred’s family. He was a special man, who never forgot your name when he saw you, and always remembered his connection to you.

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**Gloria Morris** - January 22, 2021 at 08:49 PM

GJ

“ My deepest condolences to the Renner family. He was a coach, a friend and a mentor. My life was enriched by knowing him and by all the things that he taught me on and off the mat.

*Glenn Jones*

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**Glenn Jones** - January 22, 2021 at 08:34 PM