



## Lance William Haus

November 6, 1947 - February 20, 2019

Lance William Haus passed away peacefully on February 20, 2019 in Loudoun County, Virginia. He was born on November 6, 1947 in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania to the late William L. and Phyllis A. Turner Haus. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Maureen O'Donnell Haus, his daughter Lora Kite (Gary), granddaughter Ashleigh Kite, brother-in-law Joseph O'Donnell, sister-in-law Linda Konetski (Edmund), cousins, and several nieces and nephews.

Lance grew up in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and graduated Valedictorian from Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, PA in 1965. He attended Cornell University in Ithaca, New York where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with distinction in all subjects in 1969. After graduation, he moved back to Pennsylvania to work as a teacher of adult education for the Wilkes-Barre School District. He later returned to Cornell University to complete his PhD graduate work and served as Director of Transportation at Cornell for several years. In 1976, Lance moved his family to Reston, Virginia to begin a 30-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency. He served in many management positions across the organization, rising to the rank of the Senior Intelligence Service. He served on the Board of the Northwest Federal Credit Union and was a member of the American Economic Association. After retirement, he spent nine years living in New Oxford, Pennsylvania with his wife while enjoying a slower pace of life. They returned to Virginia in 2011 to be closer to their daughter and granddaughter, where Lance resided until his passing.

When not spending time with his family, Lance loved to be on the golf course. He was an avid reader and loved animals, especially his corgis and cat Middy.

Interment will be private. The family asks that you share any memories through the Loudoun Funeral Chapel website – <http://www.loudounfuneralchapel.com>. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Heart Association or the local Animal shelter or SPCA.

# Comments

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“ I was just made aware of Lance’s passing—thus my tardy remembrance. Lance was my last supervisor at the Agency. He was one of the best managers I ever encountered. He was fair, candid, and encouraging. And equally important he was funny and quick to laugh; I will always remember that grin. Most important he was a first class human being with a rare gift for making one feel important and part of the team. In short, he was one of the best.

Walt Voskian  
Bremen, Maine

walter voskian - March 06 at 03:14 PM

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“ During the famous (Infamous?) Partnership effort, I was Lance's partner. Not only did we actually have successful efforts in Partnership, such as one technical support team for both our LANs, but the two of us tag-teamed in endless Working Capital Fund meetings suggesting to central computing that keeping the systems of our two directorates, which did the mainline business, might be slightly more important to keep on-line during emergencies than systems managing inventories etc. Not all customers were created equal. Even after retirement, we, with our old bosses John and Gene, had Partnership lunches when Lance would return to the area. The lunches slowly stopped with Gene became ill and then died and John moved away. From that point on there was just the occasional e-mail. But I have never had a more intelligent, more dedicated, more delightful colleague than Lance. I miss him very much.

Alison Fields - March 22, 2019 at 07:39 AM

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“ When Lance became my boss I can remember wondering (arrogantly) what I could possibly learn from this disheveled looking guy. On day one it became clear I could not only learn from him, but I could learn on a daily basis. His wit, knowledge, background, and self deprecating manner combined to make him a formidable role model. He was down to earth, and our whole team laughed with him A LOT! Please know he was appreciated and his influence is long lasting!

Andrea Hattler Bramson

Andrea M. Hattler Bramson - March 20, 2019 at 09:49 PM

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“ Maureen,

I was so sorry to hear of your (and our) loss. Lance likely would never have remembered this but I was one of the lucky ones who got to interview him when he applied to CIA. I don't remember the details of the exchange, but I do remember having this feeling of being in the presence of a serious intellect. He was largely responsible for many of my memorable moments during my career and for instilling in me pride for having served in an elite government organization. He could speak truth to power in a breezy way that impressed executives at all levels and across all lines. And yet, he was always approachable—and funny—for those of us who could only aspire to move in the circles that Lance could. I especially appreciate the opportunity to have known both Lance and you. My sympathies to you and your family.

Woody Silfies

Woody Silfies - March 20, 2019 at 04:41 PM

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“ Lance was my boss in the early 1990s. What a fabulous, super-smart, funny person to work for! He was great for building my confidence, because he encouraged outspokenness--relished a spirited back-and-forth. He hated a closed office door--he always wanted to know what was going on. One day a colleague and I were working together on a component's budget. Lance kept coming by and sticking his head in my office door to ask how it was going. At one point my colleague and I turned and in unison said, "Lance! Bug off!!" On another occasion my immediate supervisor, trying to have a private conversation with someone in her office, put a sign on her door: "Keep Out. This means you Lance." All said with great affection!! My memories of Lance are among the happiest of my career. Maureen--my very deepest sympathies to you and to the family.

Marjorie Halpern - March 20, 2019 at 06:47 AM

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“ I first started working for Lance back in 1993 and because I enjoyed it so much I followed him to his next assignment. There were definitely times when work was hectic and tense but because of Lance's great sense of humor, he always managed to make us laugh which definitely lightened up the mood. I use to always say to him....Lance-a-lot do you dance-a lot and his response would always be "unfortunately no". To this day that phrase always brings a smile to my face. There was this one incident when a senior manager yelled at me for no apparent reason which of course made me cry, and when Lance found out about it he was very sympathetic and offered to take me to file a complaint. He always had his employee's back and for that I am truly grateful. Lance was a great man and wonderful boss and he will sorely be missed.

**Barbara Joyal** - March 11, 2019 at 11:12 AM

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“ Lance was a classmate at Wyoming Seminary. A calm, intelligent and simply a really decent individual. He certainly continued with a outstanding education and career. May his memories live on as will his legacy with those who he touched. God Bless

**ron rittenmeyer** - March 10, 2019 at 10:05 AM

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“ Dear Maureen.  
I was very sorry to hear of Lance's death. I enjoyed talking with him at one of our reunions and am grateful to him for his service to our country.  
Peace.  
David Konschnik

**David Konschnik** - March 08, 2019 at 11:41 AM

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“ Dear Maureen,

In our junior or senior year, I remember you and I riding with Lance in his VW Beetle, zipping back and forth across the Market Street Bridge - probably heading to Carroll's on Wyoming Avenue. I remember your brother, Jack, driving me to Ithaca where we attended your wedding ceremony. And I remember the small apartment in an old building where you started your married life together. But most of all, I remember Lance as a very smart, kind and witty man who was head over heels over you.

I hope that your wonderful memories of Lance and the love of your beautiful family will help to ease the pain of his loss.

As ever,  
Diane Dal Santo Dreier

**Diane Dal Santo Dreier** - March 08, 2019 at 07:11 AM

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“ Lance was a year ahead of me at Wyoming Seminary and light years ahead in terms of academic achievement. Still, I was surprised to read about his career and many other accomplishments. What I'll remember best is his pleasant nature, affability, and concern for those less gifted. Thank you Lance and God speed! Rob Burnside

**Rob Burnside** - March 07, 2019 at 03:15 PM

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“ There are some people who leave an impression. Lance was one of them. Walked home from State Street School with Lance. Probably first grade. Very nice boy at the time Intelligent then. His career attests to that. Lost touch after that. Please accept my condolences. RIP Lance

Cas Kosko

**Cas Kotsko** - March 07, 2019 at 09:28 AM