Rev. Joseph Lawrence Holman

December 26, 1931 - February 22, 2026

The Rev. Joseph Lawrence “Larry” Holman, 94, passed away on February 22 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Formerly of Towanda, Larry and his wife, Sharon, moved to Cornwall, Pennsylvania in July 2022.

Larry was born on December 26, 1931 in Moberly Missouri, the son of Judge Lawrence and Amy Ogle Holman. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering, and a Master of Science from the University of Illinois. Following college ROTC he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged from the Reserves with the rank of Captain. He then went to work for DuPont until retiring in 1984 as the Towanda Plant Technical Superintendent.

After retiring from DuPont, he contracted with them to teach courses around the world. In May 1989 he was ordained as a Deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church. He served in three of the five Episcopal churches in Bradford County: briefly at St. Paul’s Troy, 16 years at Church of the Redeemer, Sayre, and another 16 years at Christ Church, Towanda. He also volunteered with Futures Community Support Services. Larry served on many diocesan ministries and was known for his dry sense of humor.

Larry and Sharon traveled extensively. After he retired, they especially enjoyed spending winter months in Puerto Rico where he held Morning Prayer services each Sunday.

Larry was an excellent golfer and had a tremendous love of the game. He was a member of the Towanda Country Club for many years.

Larry is survived by his wife, Sharon Davis Holman, with whom he has been married 68 years and 8 months to the day; his sons, William (Cheryl) Holman of West Chester, PA and Rob (Mindy) Holman of Shartlesville, PA; grandchildren Cara Holman, Will (Stephanie) Holman, Christopher (Tiana) Holman, Kelly (Dan) Andrus, Jonathan (Meghan) Holman, Robin (Chris) Plascencia, and Jenna (Rob) Heinke; and ten, soon to be twelve, great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister and brother-in-law Libby and James Leutjen.
The memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday April 11, 2026, at Christ Church, Main St., Towanda.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: Christ Church, Towanda, Church of the Redeemer, Sayre, or the Towanda Public Library. Memories and condolences may be expressed visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Service

APR **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church
One Main Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall

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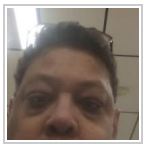
James larry Luetjen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Joseph Lawrence Holman.

James larry Luetjen - April 08 at 05:52 PM



I was adopted to Towanda at three and a half and when I started going to Christ church Larry and Sharon Holman we two of the kindest people I grew up knowing I always loved how Larry would help anyone who needed, there both exceptional people I was at a total loss for words seeing this morning while reading the paper my prayers go out to the entire family even to Sharon who while loving here let me call her gramma I will never forget Larry and I will always remember his kindness pop

Michelle Bull - March 13 at 02:42 PM