



Cary W. Ahl

December 15, 2019

Cary W. Ahl, 87, of Lancaster passed away at home on Friday, December 13, 2019. Born in Far Rockaway Beach, NY, he was the son of the late George W. and Gladys Purdy Ahl. He and his wife, Nellie Larson Ahl were married in 1954.

After graduating from Carlisle High School, Cary went on to Lafayette College, where he played basketball under coach Butch van Breda Kolff, ran track and field, and was president of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. His basketball team reached a Top 20 ranking in the country and played in the N.I.T. Tournament at Madison Square Garden. Basketball was a passion throughout his life. After college, he played for the United States Marines Corps and hosted spirited 3 on 3 pick-up games at home for decades.

After finishing his service in the United States Marines Corps, Cary founded Narvon Mining Co. which was sold in 1977 to Combustion Engineering Inc. Cary then started Eastern Minerals and Chemicals Company, which he ran until retirement.

He attended First Presbyterian Church, where he was a Deacon and an Elder. He was a member of both the Lancaster Country Club and the Hamilton Club. Cary was involved with the youth basketball programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lancaster.

Cary was an avid sportsman. He loved the game of golf, shooting his age at 77. He loved to take his 1928 Model A Ford pick-up truck filled with children and grandchildren for rides across Lancaster's countryside.

In addition to his wife Nellie, he is survived by his children: Virginia A. Leachman, wife to Thomas of Chevy Chase, MD; Cary W. Ahl, Jr. of Bryn Mawr, PA; Signe A. McCullough, wife to Geoff of Hingham, MA; Alison A. Carabasi of Doe Run, PA and John P. Ahl, husband to Ann of Kennett Square, PA. His fun-loving spirit is clearly present in each of his grandchildren: Elizabeth, Thomas, Larson, Sophia, Cary III, Geoff Jr., Nellie, Louisa, Henry, Sara, Will, Cary, Peter, and Bentley. His great-grandchildren are Addison, Rawlings, Lillian, Caroline, Sophia, and Jack. He is survived by his brother, George Ahl of Connecticut and was preceded in death by his sisters, Virginia and Nancy.

Relatives and friends are invited to Cary's Funeral Service to be held Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church located at 140 E. Orange Street, Lancaster with Rev. Dan Snyder officiating. The family will hold a visitation from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. The family will hold a private interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Newville, PA, on Friday, December 20, 2019.

Please consider a memorial contribution made in Cary's name to the Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster, 116 S. Water St., P.O. Box 104, Lancaster, PA 17608.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
140 East Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cary W. Ahl*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Great times in High School and College visiting with Mr and Mrs Ahl...will always remember the hardcore BB games on court by the barn...to all the family but especially my old friend Signe, my condolences...your Dad definitely lived a long and fulfilling life Kevin Corcoran*

Kevin Corcoran - December 17, 2019 at 09:32 PM

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Kevin! Thank you for your note. He sure did live a full life, his joie de vivre rubbed off on all of us, and you were around during the glory days. Deb parties, fires in the den, and basketball. Come visit anytime! The hoop is still there.

Signe McCullough - February 14, 2020 at 12:32 PM

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“ *Dear Nellie and Family:*

I played basketball with Cary in the Lancaster Rec League many years ago and we also talked business relating to what he did with minerals, ores, stone, etc. and how they would be considered alternative investments as our firm developed financial plans and investment strategies for our clients. He was a very gracious and knowledgeable man and a good team player. I visited your home once when we were in your neighborhood and he was outside working.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

A Friend from the past,

Alan Loss

Alan Loss - December 17, 2019 at 02:22 PM