



CHRISTIAN R. HERR,

December 18, 2011

Christian R. Herr, Jr. of Millersville, died Sunday morning December 18, 2011 at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of Nancy Erb Herr of Lancaster and the late Christian R. Herr, Sr. and Louise S. Herr. He and his wife Beth Clayton Herr celebrated their 26th Anniversary last July. Chris graduated from William & Mary College in 1962, while there he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and an All American swimmer who still holds a pool record there. He served in the US Army in the Medical Service Corp, Ft. Ord Presidio, Monterey Bay, CA. Upon his return from the Army he worked for Herr & Co. and began his company CR Herr, Jr. Associates where he consulted for Anderson Co, Dodge Cork Co. and Posey Ironworks. Chris was an old time country publisher. For over thirty years he wrote about, photographed and instructed visitors about 'us' in the Intercourse News. "Us" ... That's what Chris chronicled. He cared that we wore our well-brushed suits and skirts, beamed 'Sunday Go To Meeting Smiles' so that everyone knew we were caring and loving and ... his idea of ... ideal of ... his understanding of Lancaster County. Why? Because Chris was a Herr. Because this Veteran Army Officer understood this is where his family lived before there was a United States. Because he was proud this place and all of us. And what we stand for ... Believe in.

He was a 42 year member of the Rotary Club of Lancaster where he had perfect attendance and is the Membership Chair, Lancaster Country Club where he was a Court Jester for over 40 years and The Lucky Seven Hunting

Camp in Potter County. Chris was a charter member of Boy Scout Troop 316 and a founder of Homefields, Inc. which he also served as President and Treasurer.

In addition to his wife and mother, Chris is survived by his sons Christian R. (Amy) Herr, III of Vienna, VA, David D. (Lori) Longenecker of Lancaster, daughter Amy (Kevin) Muhlendorf of Arlington, VA , sister Crit Herr (Robert) Charlton of Camp Hill, PA and numerous nieces and nephews. He was "Gumpy" to his five grandchildren : Andrew J. and Claire Longenecker, Benjamin S. Muhlendorf, Zachery and Oliver Christian Herr.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to Chris's Celebration of Life Service which will be held on his Birthday Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (at the corner of Orange & Pine Sts), Lancaster with The Rev. Dr. Randolph T. Riggs officiating. The Family will receive friends at the Groffs from 1:30 until the time of the Service. Private Interment will be in Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Chris' memory to The Rotary Club of Lancaster, PO Box 1387, Lancaster, PA 17608-1387 or Homefields, Inc., 150 Letort Road, PO Box 41, Millersville, PA 17551.

Tribute Wall



“ CHRISTIAN R. HERR,

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ I just wanted to express condolences to Chris's family. He was a gentleman indeed. I enjoyed his words of wisdom & the "feel good" vibe he imparted as he went about his Intercourse News deliveries. He will be missed.

J. Snyder

J. Snyder - January 10, 2012 at 12:17 AM



“ We were very sorry to read about Chris. We always enjoyed his visits in our office. We know that it has been a long time since he was here, but we always enjoyed his visits and his conversations with us. We know how much his family and friends will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers and with his family.
The Staff of West Lancaster Animal Hospital

The Staff of West Lancaster Animal Hospital - December 28, 2011 at 06:46 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Chris' passing. Although I only met him briefly in the ER, I could tell by the way you spoke of him that he was an amazing father, husband and friend to many. I am so sorry for your loss and pray for peace for your family, Robin

Robin Commero - December 22, 2011 at 06:21 PM

GH

“ Dear Beth and Family, We were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Chris.
I thought when Pete Honaman passed (I was his secretary for over 25 years) that the last of the true gentlemen were gone....until I met Chris Herr. He was a true gentleman and I always enjoyed talking with him. He loved his family and especially loved Lancaster County. I was fortunate enough to meet him through my daughter, Allison, and her association with Chris and Homefields. I entertained the members of the Homefields Strategic Planning Committee in my home and, when Chris was present, I paid great attention to his "tea". As a tea drinker, I understand how important it is to get it "just right". We are going to miss him, but we are grateful for having known him. Now he and Pete Honaman are together in "gentlemen's heaven." Bless you, Ron and Gail Hawthorne

Gail and Ron Hawthorne - December 22, 2011 at 02:09 AM

RH

“ Dear Beth and Family:

So sorry to hear about Chris's passing. We are all so fortunate to have known him. He will always be remebered as a generous and caring public citizen of this special place.

May God take great care of his kind spirit.

Warm regards,

Randy, Martha & Kathryn Harris - December 21, 2011 at 07:08 AM

RA

“ *Beth and Dave:*

My sincere condolences to both of you on the loss of Chris. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ray Antonelli - December 21, 2011 at 04:20 AM

JG

“ There are only a handful of people that you meet in your life that will have a profound effect on the way you look at things. Chris was one of those people. Whether you agreed or disagreed with him, it didn't matter because he gave you a new perspective on how to see the world they way he saw it and for that I will be forever grateful. His passing was a shock to me and terrible loss for not only his family but for "his" Lancaster County.

Recently, I had the pleasure of riding with Chris and we spoke about our families and what was happening in our lives and Chris beamed when he spoke of Beth, the kids and grandkids. He was truly one of a kind and though he walks in the true beauty of light and peace, those he left behind in his shadow are a little better off for just knowing him.

As a founder and past President of Homefields, he believed in establishing a secure peaceful home for those with who needed extra care. To live free and to enjoy life to its fullest. Now he, too, is in a secure, peaceful home. Living free and enjoying eternal life to its fullest.

"Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Jay Groff
President of the Board
Homefields Inc

Jay Groff - December 20, 2011 at 10:16 PM

TS

“ *Very sad to hear about Chris' passing. He was a wonderful human being, always helpful and quick to lend some good advice along with a special dose of humor that was his alone. Lancaster lost a good person ... one that will be truly missed by many.*

T. Smedick - December 20, 2011 at 09:43 AM

DE

“ *Dear Beth, Nan and Crit,*

So very sorry about Chris' death. Haven't seen Chris in many years, but I remember him from high school days. He was always kind, thoughtful and fun to be with. I remember Crit from camping days--a very long time ago. Nan, I remember from First Presbyterian Church. Beth, to you and your children and other family members, I send my most sincere sympathy.

Debbie Benson Everett, Class of 1957

Debbie Everett - December 20, 2011 at 05:50 AM

JC

“ *I was in utter disbelief when I saw Chris' obituary. Chris was a good, kind man with a wonderful sense of humor and smile to go with it. Always enjoyed his "lectures" on history and politics as I cut his hair and learned something new at the same time. In all of our "hair sessions" the very true things I learned about Chris was his excitement about trips to the hunting camp, his newspaper, and time spent with his family. My heart goes out to his family as I am sure this is such a difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with them all, especially his wife Beth who I have known for several years now.*

*My love and condolences,
Jen Charles*

Jen Charles - December 20, 2011 at 12:22 AM

SB

“ It was our pleasure and honor to meet and work with Chris through his support of Homefields, Inc -- especially the golf outing that was a main source of support for Homefields' mission. All who knew Chris enjoyed his good humor, laid-back nature, and dedication to what he did. We were no exceptions in that regard. We welcomed his company and were inspired by his dedication to family and all those he cared about. Chris was fine gentleman whose memory will live on in the "heaven" that is the thoughts and regard we all feel for him even after his passing. All are saddened by what we lost. All are grateful for having the chance to get to know this fine person along the paths of our lives.

*With sympathy and hope,
Susan and Terry Blue*

Susan and Terry Blue - December 19, 2011 at 10:08 PM

RL

“ Very sorry to read the news in Monday's paper. Chris loved Lancaster City & County, it's people, food, history & culture. We are better for his contributions to our community and his efforts to help "get the word out."

It was fun to have played classic games of Trivial Pursuit with him..."Nixon, Belgium!" We laughed and debated with him on a variety of topics over the decades. He will be missed.

*Robert E. LeMin, Robert Jr. Lancaster, PA
Jessica LeMin, Philadelphia, Pa.*

Robert LeMin - December 19, 2011 at 08:41 PM