



Gerald V. "Dunk" Dunkle

January 21, 2022

Gerald V. Dunkle (Dunk), age 87 of Strasburg, Pa passed unexpectedly on Friday, January 21, 2022 after a long, fulfilling, and loving life with his wife, Doris (Buffenmyer), of 65 years. He was the son of the late Gerald Victor Dunkle, Sr. and Lottie Mae Dunkle (Ressler). He was born in Lancaster and raised in Holtwood, PA.

He was a 1953 graduate of Penn Manor High School, a 1957 graduate of Millersville University, and received a Master's degree in Education from University of Delaware. Dunk began his career in education as a teacher at Penn Manor before becoming an assistant principal at McCaskey High School. He later served as principal of Lincoln Jr. High until his retirement.

Dunk was a gregarious socializer; he found himself a welcomed member of many social clubs including the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge, the Tucquan Club, Pirates, Amvets, Sportmans, VFWs, and every other club in both Lancaster and Cumberland County. One of his many dear friends noted that, "Dunk was the epitome of how to grow old gracefully."

Beyond his family and his clubs, the Susquehanna River was his solace, but to all who knew him, he was much more than this.

He is survived by three beautiful daughters: Vicki, wife of Dan Edwards, Vonni,

wife of Jesse Edwards, and Valeri Shaver. He is also survived by his five granddaughters: Chelsi, wife of Ryan Proffitt, Kristi, wife of Matthew Herbener, Mckenna, partner of Wyatt Fabian, Morgan, partner of Quinn Peterson, and Kayli Shaver. Additionally, he is survived by two brothers, Stanley Dunkle of Florida, Brian Dunkle, husband of Jackie Trimble of Lancaster and two nephews, Brent and Devin. Dunk is preceded in death by his sisters, Jeanne and Yvonne Dunkle.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Dunk's life on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. with Groundhog Defender of the Faith, Stu Mylin, officiating at the Mc Kendree United Methodist Church in Airville, PA. Family will receive guests beginning at 1:30 p.m. until the time of service. Following a reception will be held by the family at the Tucquan club in Airville, PA. Historically the address for the clubhouse has been 1045 Furnace Road. That is actually the address of the caretaker's house. Because of the confusion that could be created in the event of an emergency, we have obtained the correct address for the clubhouse, so the new and correct address is:

1054 Furnace Road
Airville PA 17302

The family strongly requests that no flowers be sent, but rather a donation be made to your favorite charity in Gerald V. Dunkle's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Mc Kendree United Methodist Church
3708 Delta Rd
Airville , PA 17302

Celebration of Life

MAY 28. 2:30 PM (ET)

Mc Kendree United Methodist Church
3708 Delta Rd
Airville , PA 17302

Reception

MAY 28. 3:10 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Tucquan Club
1045 Furnace Road
Airville, PA 17302

Tribute Wall



“ Gerald V. "Dunk" Dunkle

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Dear Doris and Dunkle family.
Dunk was such a good friend of my parents. His support of my dad as he became more frail was a special gift and spoke loudly about the kind of man he was. He is with mom and dad now. He and dad are probably enjoying a snort and swapping swapping jabs at each other. Mom loved you so and is smiling down on you. ❤️🌸

Victoria Mowrer - February 10, 2022 at 09:54 AM

BS

“ Apparently he made a big impression on members of the JPM Class of '70 of which I was a member. He was a great teacher with a quirky sense of humor. We were in class and suddenly an arrow came through the window from a girls' archery class out in the field. His face was priceless, and he just casually walked over, picked it up, and shook his head. After the shock wore off we all laughed about it. He was the epitome of what a teacher should be. RIP Mr. Dunkle.

Bernita (Wardrop) Stadler, JPM Class of '70

bernita stadler - January 29, 2022 at 08:59 PM

AE

“ Dear Dunkle Family,

So sorry to hear about Mr. Dunkle's passing. It was just a few years ago that we saw him at dad's funeral. We all have many memories of coming to your house with mom and dad and playing with your daughters. One of my favorite was eating your chicken and waffles, yum!! Sending healing prayers. With Deepest Sympathy,

The Filling Family (Ann Marie, Vicki, Krissy and Missy)

Ann Engle - January 28, 2022 at 01:14 PM

BR

“ Dear Dunkle Family,

Please accept my condolences on the passing of Jerry. We worked together in the SDL. His quiet yet humorous manner and carefully measured words were appreciated. What he did not say was as important as what he said. May his memory be a blessing.

Bob Ruder

Bob Ruder - January 27, 2022 at 01:11 PM

CO

“ *Doris and family. We we're so shocked to hear of Jerry's passing. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead. Remembering Holtwood days and Timberline with him what a great man. Love and prayers. Dick and Connie Campbell*

Connie.Campbell - January 27, 2022 at 08:24 AM

MR

“ *Doris And Family. So sorry to hear of Dunks passing.
You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Mary Ross and Family* ”

Mary Ross - January 27, 2022 at 06:17 AM

CP

“ *When I read this in the paper this morning, it brought back a memory I have had since he was my history teacher at McCaskey (class of 70). I guess I was rather talkative in class and I distinctly remember him throwing a chalkboard eraser at me once. It got my attention and I guess I shut up for the time being. It's such a vivid memory and it makes me laugh every time I think of it. I can only imagine how frustrated he must have been with my "socializing". In reading his obituary, I realize what a great person he was. We all wish at times that we could go back to our high school days knowing what we have learned over the years. I think that I would now realize what a great influence he had on me. Pretty sure we were learning about the Teapot Dome Scandal when I was "encouraged" to pay attention. I'm sure he will be missed by many. RIP Mr. Dunkle.* ”

Carol Preston Paulsen, JPM Class of 1970

Carol Preston Paulsen - January 25, 2022 at 08:13 PM

SM

“ My husband and I were walking last Friday listening to 60s music when the song “Abigail Beecher” by Freddy Cannon began playing. If you don’t know the song, Abigail was a history teacher and quite the looker. My husband said to me, “Did you ever have a crush on one of your teachers?” and I said, “Not a crush but I have an especially fond memory of a teacher that was so very kind to me”. That teacher was Mr. Dunkle. I was in one of his history classes in the mid 60s and there was an incident where Mr. Dunkle had collected our homework assignment. The next day, he called me up to his desk and said he didn’t have my homework paper. I was shocked because I knew I had passed it up the row to the front of the room. He had me look through the pile and I found it. But another student had erased my name and put her name at the top. I showed him the paper and explained to him what I thought had happened. He took me aside and said he believed me and would deal with the situation. It meant so much to me that he took the time to investigate this somewhat insignificant matter and not just give me an incomplete grade. So much, that I remember it all these years later. And when I went on to become a teacher, I remembered not to make hasty decisions and give students the benefit of the doubt. He was a wonderful teacher, he made his class interesting and he cared about his students. I will always remember him.

Coincidentally, last Friday was the day he passed away. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. It sounds like he had many.

Shirley Rineer Miller, Class of ‘67

Shirley Millet - January 25, 2022 at 05:16 PM

DB

“ Mr Dunkle was a great guy & teacher. I was in his POD & ECONOMICS Class (1970) About six or seven other classmates decided one day to knock off school. My class was split over lunch so I didn't go to his class at all but didn't realize that we were all planning this, he was walking right behind us in the hall hearing everything! The next day, when I returned to his class, I forged Mr Bear's signature so I could enter the class and he knew exactly what I did. I was not a very good liar and when he asked me where I was, I started to laugh. I was sent to the office but only got 1 day suspension. I really liked Mr Dunkle! RIP!

Diane (Squillante) Brown - January 25, 2022 at 11:33 AM

DM

“ Doris M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Gerald V. "Dunk" Dunkle.



Doris M. - January 25, 2022 at 10:28 AM