



Jay Merle McGallicher

October 24, 2014

Jay Merle McGallicher, 66, of Lancaster, PA, died unexpectedly at Hospice and Community Care, Mt. Joy on Thursday, October 23, 2014. Born in Manheim, PA, he was the son of Raymond and Amelia Shearer McGallicher and was married to the late Carol A. Harnish who died in July 2013 with whom he was married for 46 years.

He was a graduate of Manheim Central High School. He began his career at Howmet, which became Alcoa in 1966, until his retirement in 2009. He worked in the paint line department as a foreman. After his retirement, he worked at Student Transportation of America driving bus #64. He also worked part-time at Brubaker, Inc. as a groundskeeper.

Merle was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing especially at the family cabin in McConnellsburg. He also loved going to his grandson's sporting events.

He is survived by his son, Eric McGallicher and his wife Mary of Manheim, PA; his daughter, Katrena, wife of Craig Irwin of Lancaster, PA; two brothers: Marvin S. McGallicher and his wife, Edna, of Carmichaels; Dale McGallicher and his wife, Sara, of New Holland, PA; and a sister, Ethel Gochnauer of Columbia, PA; and five grandchildren: Riley, Landon and Logan McGallicher, and Chad and Jake Irwin.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Merle's Celebration of Life Funeral Service on Sunday October 26, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family & funeral Cremation Services, Inc. 528 W. Orange Street (corner and Orange & Pine Sts.) Lancaster with Reverend Linford King officiating. The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service. Private interment.

Kindly omit flowers. Memorial contributions in Merle's name may be made to the American Heart Association, 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Tribute Wall



“ Jay Merle McGallicher

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Katrena and Eric your Dad was a kind-hearted soul with a big heart! He always had a huge smile on his face every time I saw him. Remember all the good times time with him and always hold him close in your hearts. You have made memories that will be cherished forever. You are both in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Deb Fausey - October 26, 2014 at 08:00 PM



“ To the family of Merle.....I've known Merle ever since we attended grade school, Jr. High and were members of the Manheim Central HS class of '66. Merle was always a friend even when we competed at the same weight class in the wrestling room at MC High School. We also shared lots of good hunting stories through the years. My condolences to the family members on your loss. Lots of wonderful memories will remain. Sincerely, Larry Shelley

Larry Shelley - October 26, 2014 at 11:52 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I have worked closely with Merle for 40 years and have been a good friend of his for 45 years. A very dedicated man and a hard worker and great friend who loved his family you will be missed by all. I will remember you always old buddy.....

Ron Jones - October 26, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LR

“ Our condolences to Merle's family. He was a long time friend and customer. He talked football with my late husband and was always so kind and friendly to all of us. He will be sorely missed. With deepest sympathy and prayers, Your Friends from Ruffino's Pizza.

Linda Ruffino - October 25, 2014 at 08:52 PM

LH

“ Dear Eric & Katrena: my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your father was a good person.

Linda C Hessinger - October 25, 2014 at 04:02 PM

CZ

“ My condolences to the family. I am glad to have known Merle as a fellow employee at Howmet/Alumax/Alcoa. My prayers for the family members.
Chuck Zuck

Chuck Zuck - October 25, 2014 at 09:32 AM

EW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I have known Merle (BIG DADDY) my whole life. He was the most kind hearted person I know. I will miss him very much. I will always remember him standing over in his driveway yelling BIG DADDY to him his arm up in the air giving the thumbs up !! I will never forget and miss you BIG DADDY Hang Yea!!! Erik Weiss

Erik Weiss - October 24, 2014 at 09:41 PM