



John David Shenk

January 13, 2014

John David Shenk, 58, died unexpectedly of natural causes at his home in Lancaster. Born in Philadelphia, PA he was the son of Willis W. Shenk and the late Elsie Shearer Shenk who died in 2010.

David attended Lancaster Country Day School and graduated from Wilbraham Monson Academy, Massachusetts and later became a trustee of Wilbraham and was proud to present a diploma to his son David, Jr. at his graduation. He grew up in Lancaster, lived with his family until 2000, and then moved to Vermont, Delaware and Asheville, NC before returning to Lancaster last year.

A lover of the outdoors, David first worked with Erb Brothers Landscapers and then began his own business, Herr and Shenk Landscaping. He had an eye for beauty and design in his work and an artistic view of life. He currently was serving as President of the Willis and Elsie Shenk Foundation. His passion for music and playing drums was a favorite pastime.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his daughter, Hannah, wife of Brett Koch of Asheville, NC and his newly married son, John David Shenk, Jr. and Brandy of Asheville, NC. David loved being a grandfather spending time with his granddaughter Ella Grace Koch.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend David's Celebration of

Life Memorial Service on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 3131 Columbia Avenue, Lancaster with The Reverend Clifton D. Eshbach officiating. The family will greet friends at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. A private family interment will take place in the church Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions in David's name may be made to The Lancaster County Conservancy, 117 S. West End Avenue #11, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Tribute Wall



“ *John David Shenk*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

DY

“ Willis, John, Hanna, and Mary Louise,

I met David when I was 15 years old at Wilbraham Academy. I was fairly shy and unsure of myself and I met David, big as life and FULL of adventure. He showed what it was like to take life head on and to have fun. He was always ready to go and would often grab me and say "C'mon were hitch hiking to Boston" or where ever and it would always be an adventure. He was always there to ask me if I had ever heard of this band or that band and I always appreciated his passion for music.

Our life's would separate and we would get together on occasion throughout our early adulthood.

We became very connected again when he moved the family to Vermont and I was living on the Cape. We spent many times together at each others location for over 10 years. Skiing in Vermont and fishing on the Cape.

David was a visionary, with an eye for interior and exterior design and life in general.

I will miss him and I just picture him and Frank up there having a beer together and a good laugh.

My thoughts are with you all,

David Young

David Young - January 24, 2014 at 08:33 PM

LC

“ To The Shenk Family- Most completely shocked to hear of the news. So sad for the loss of someone with the most warmest of hearts. Dave was such a genuine and kindhearted man you could not help grow fond of, always had a smile on his face and wanted everyone to be happy. A wonderful person you were glad to know. So sorry to hear of the loss for your family, and for all who have had the pleasure of knowing him.

I met Dave while working in an art gallery 4 years ago, and had the pleasure of meeting his lovely family.

We will miss you Dave and your wonderful way of being just "you". No pomp and circumstance, nor worries to impress anyone.

May Dave rest in peace and know that he has touched many lives. We will never forget him.

May Ella Grace grow up learning how generous and kind her grandfather was. How fortunate he was able to meet her before this tragedy.

Peace, love, and blessings to you all.

Laura Cousins

Laura Cousins - January 24, 2014 at 12:20 PM

KC

“ I was a classmate of David's at Wilbraham Monson. I attended as a boarder and therefore spent lots of time with David and his friend Bob, and other. I remember David as a quiet and adventurous soul, a loyal friend, independent minded, with a good-heart. I remember he invited a group of us to spend a weekend at his home in Lancaster. When we graduated, I lost touch with David and Bob. We all went our separate ways as we experienced our passage from "young adult into mature adulthood". I am sad to hear that David did not make it. He had so much potential and so much to give. I am writing this because I want you to know, he is not forgotten. He is loved as a friend, a son, a father, and a man with dreams. I will always celebrate his contribution as a good friend.

Kathleen Cosgrove - January 23, 2014 at 10:22 PM

BJ

“ Willis, John, Hanna, Mary-Louise.... I'm speechless and shocked. Out of nowhere this afternoon I had an urge to look David up and see if I could find him. I haven't spoken to him in 20 years!

I was David's roommate at Wilbraham & Monson Academy for two years. You can't get much closer to a friend. Dave had a love and passion for life and I'll always have really good fond memories of him. I'm sorry for your loss; all of our loss! David is with God and resting at peace. RIP my old friend... Bob Jenkins

Bob Jenkins - January 23, 2014 at 06:55 PM

BK

“ Willis,
We are so sorry to learn of the loss of your son, David. Although we never met, we truly feel that we knew him from your wonderful stories and his many acts of kindness toward your family, our Dad and many others. Please be comforted in the knowledge that he is now in a special place with God and that he is at peace. Our sincere sympathies toward you and your family.

Bob & Kathy Krantz - January 16, 2014 at 09:11 PM

JS

“ Willow Valley Communities offers its deepest condolences to the Shenk family. You are in our prayers.

John G. Swanson - January 16, 2014 at 12:04 PM