



Melvyn Paul Rozelle

December 17, 2020

Melvyn “Mel” Paul Rozelle, 86, passed away peacefully at his Lancaster home, surrounded by his family, Thursday morning, December 17th due to COVID 19.

Mel was born in Scranton, PA to the late Joseph Charles and Blanch (Kornesky) Rozelle. He was married to his wife Shirley J. (Bath) Rozelle for nearly 60 years.

Mel served his country proudly as a member of the U.S. Army. After his service, he moved to Northern New Jersey, a region he was proud to live most of his adult life. It was at a nightclub in Wildwood, NJ that he met the love of his life and the mother of his children, Shirley.

Mel had a dynamic and successful professional career. He served as President of GenCorp in NYC, Vice President of International Telephone and Telegraph and the National Corrosion Engineer for Sherwin Williams N.A. Mel was also awarded the Dale Carnegie Highest Achievement Certification and Leadership Award. He is well known and respected by all clients, restauranters, and hotel managers from New York to Lancaster. He was a member of the elite Sherwin Williams President’s Club, the Atlantic City Casino Association and New York City Craftsman Association. He and Shirley retired to Lancaster to be closer to family and he worked with his son-in law at Paul Davis and served on Lancaster County Safety Council. He had a pure joy and love for business and enjoyed providing counsel and mentorship over a glass of Merlot or a cup of coffee. Mel’s quote to succeed by was “never refuse the coffee”.

Mel was a voracious reader, who loved all sports and was a fan of the Yankees and NY Football Giants. He and Shirley enjoyed an active and fun social life with friends and family. His excitement when his children and grandchildren came to town was evident in showing them a great time as a New York City tour guide and later, the beauty of Lancaster.

In addition to his wife, Mel is survived by his three daughters, Melissa B. Rotay (Steve) of

Lancaster, Traci B. Frederick (Kent) of Chester Springs, PA and Allyson A. Grecco (Jason) of Oceanview, NJ. He adored his grandchildren: Taylor, Samantha, Blair, Haydn, Nicolette and Joseph.

A Celebration of Mel's Life will take place in the future to allow the family to do it with the style that Mel deserved. He will be interred at the family plot in Whiting Memorial Park and Mausoleum, located in Whiting, NJ.

Memorial contributions in Mel's name are appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvyn Paul Rozelle*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Those at MDC fortunate enough to work alongside Mel were saddened by the loss but take comfort in the joyous memories of their time spent with him.*

He will be missed and remembered by all.

Your friends at MDC

Gary Rothschild - December 30, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Mel taught me and others the ropes at Gencorp. I would keep in touch with Mel thru the years and always looked forward to seeing him at the Painting and Decorating Assoc. luncheon. He was the best guy ever. So much fun, so kind, so smart and so cool. He knew everyone and everything. May Mel rest in peace. My condolences go out to his entire family. Mel was a true legend.*

Bella Vara

Bella Vara - December 29, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ *Mel, was the most genuine person that I have ever met. Mel was a friend, mentor and companion. I worked with Mel and became a customer of Mel's at Duron. We spent a lot of time together through the years.*

I am so sorry to here of his passing and my condolences goes out to his family. He is truly someone who I loved being around as he was always positive and supportive.

A great, great man who lived a great life.

You will always remain in my thoughts.

Perry Bellino

Perry Bellino - December 29, 2020 at 05:12 PM

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“ Mel was a wonderful man, and his legacy will live on through his children and grandchildren. It was always nice to see him at the annual Night in Venice, in Ocean City, NJ, and have a conversation with him. He always had an interesting story to tell, and would joke around, sometimes not knowing if he was serious or not! He had a very playful spirit, and a youth about him that I admired! I was so impressed that the man worked, and never retired really. He was such a people person, and I believe this is what kept him so young! He will be missed for sure, but he will never be forgotten! RIP Mel 😊

Toni Michielli - December 21, 2020 at 04:53 AM

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“ My condolences to the family and Steve Rotay.
I enjoyed talking with Mel over the phone or when he stopped by my office at the Lancaster City Housing Authority, SQC.
It was a pleasure knowing him. He will definitely be missed.

My sincere condolences,

Jay Ortiz
Maintenance Supervisor
Lancaster City Housing Authority
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Jay Ortiz - December 20, 2020 at 03:44 PM

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Mel was one of a kind Bill Otott

Bill Otott - December 30, 2020 at 01:39 PM

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*I was fortunate to work with Mel for many years, he along with many others allowed us to build a terrific business and we had fun going to work every day .
Mel was a mentor to so many people ,he was kind,humble and a great family man.
He will be missed and I feel fortunate to have known him..my condolences to his family,you are in my thoughts and prayers !*

bob parisi - December 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM

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Mel was a fellow salesman with me for many years with Duron and Sherwin Williams Paint Corps. I enjoyed his regular trips to atlantic city,nj to spend time in the field with me and learn the ropes so well taught by the master himself. His once said of all the reps he has worked with over the years , he was most fond of me and the way we both went to market/business. I will miss him and may he always be in my heart

louis j frankel - March 26, 2021 at 10:54 PM