



RAYMOND E. SHIRK

March 28, 2012

Raymond E. Shirk, 61, founder and CEO of the Securus Group died Tuesday evening, March 27, 2012 at Hospice of Lancaster County, Mt. Joy facility after a two year courageous battle with metastatic melanoma. Ray faced his illness as he faced his life with courage, dignity and positive attitude in the midst of the most difficult of challenges.

Born December 26, 1950 in Lewistown, PA he was the son of Betty Shirk of Mifflintown, PA and the late Louis Shirk who passed away in 2010.

Ray was a successful businessman, entrepreneur and visionary but his greatest source of fulfillment came from spending time with his family and friends. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Lisa. He was Pop to his sons, Eric, Ben and Adam and daughter in laws Julia and Imelda. He was Poppy to his grandchildren, Benny, Bo, Emma and Ethan who he adored.

A 1972 graduate of Penn State University his Insurance career began that same year with The Kemper Group. He later joined CCAB Insurance in Lancaster and was named managing general partner of that firm. He held that position until he established the Securus Group in 1992. Since then Securus developed under his leadership into a multi-faceted firm and earned the honor of Best Places to Work in PA in 2008 and 2011. Ray's ability to lead is evident in the Company he grew and in the many relationships he's built with his friends and clients who view him as a trusted advisor and mentor. Ray

attended LCBC Church in Manheim and was a member of a Life Group and Men's Fraternity.

He served from 1997-2009 as an active board member of the Insurance Alliance of Central Pennsylvania. He was a strong advocate for giving back to the community overseeing contributions to various local sponsorships and fundraisers and was very involved with the Lancaster Science Factory from its inception.

In addition to spending time with his family and friends he enjoyed quiet weekends at the family cabin in Juniata County. When his health allowed, time on the golf course with his buddies was a Saturday morning ritual which he looked forward to. He also enjoyed shooting sporting clays.

In addition to his wife, mother, sons, daughter in laws and grandchildren he is survived by a brother Chris Shirk and a sister Suzanne Rutledge both of Mifflintown and several nieces, nephews, and his Securus staff that was an extension to his family. In addition to his father he was preceded in death by his daughter Heather Lynn Shirk.

Services and Visitation will be held at LCBC Church, 2392 Mount Joy Road, Manheim, PA with Pastor Keith A. Walker officiating. Friends may call at the church on Friday, March 30, 2012 from 1:00p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the West Wing Auditorium. The Funeral Service will be on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 10:00a.m. There will be no viewing or family receiving at the church on Saturday prior to Ray's Service. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family. Contributions may be made to any one of the following organizations that were special to Ray: Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or www.hospiceoflancaster.org, The Prader-Willi Syndrome Association, 8588 Potter Park Drive, Suite 500, Sarasota, FL 34238 or www.pwsausa.org, Susquehanna Foundation for the Blind, 244

North Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 and The Lancaster Science
Factory, 454 New Holland Avenue, #100, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Tribute Wall



“ *RAYMOND E. SHIRK*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Ray's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends as well as his devoted co-workers at Securus. All were blessed to know him.*

Shauna Kring

Travelers

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Shauna Kring - April 05, 2012 at 10:34 PM



“ *To the family of Raymond Shirk, we were sorry to hear about your loss. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy, our prayers are with you.*

Bill & Wendy Ruf (fry's)

Bill & Wendy Ruf - March 31, 2012 at 07:18 AM

BG

“ To Lisa: we are thankful to have known Ray. It was not very long at all before we knew that he was a wonderful person and that we had been blessed to be a part of the community he built. The difference to us was being appreciated and respected. Thank you Ray for being a good and kind and decent human being. Very rare. We are blessed to have known him, even though the time was short.. Lisa please know that we will never forget his and your kindness. God bless you and your family with comfort and love. Please call on us for anything at all we can do to help in any way. With love. Claire And Bill Giblin

Bill and Claire Giblin - March 31, 2012 at 05:44 AM

PS

“ We are deeply saddened by the death of our neighbor, Ray Shirk. Always pleasant and upbeat, we shared the same enthusiasm for our neighborhood. Our sympathies and prayers to Lisa and his whole family. We are close by if you need us. Phyllis and John Sauder Lancaster, PA

Phyllis Sauder - March 30, 2012 at 03:17 AM

CH

“ To the family of Rick Shirk: I am deeply saddened to hear of Rick's death. He and I were best friends in high school and college, and spent a lot of time together. We last talked at the funeral of his dad and he told me of his illness. My condolences to all of you knowing that he was truly one of the "good guys"! My thoughts and prayers are with you. Curtis L. Houtz Mifflintown, PA

Curtis L. Houtz - March 30, 2012 at 02:47 AM

SM

“ Hello. I was the pharmacist at TLC Mifflintown, as well as a Beward Pharmacy after they moved in with Dr Taylor's office. I want to express my condolences to Betty Shirk- whom I remember the most. I am certain I know more of the family... But my memory is poor. Sounds like Ray was a super guy.
...Sam

Sam Marasco - March 29, 2012 at 11:05 PM