



Robert H. Welk

July 22, 2013

Robert H. Welk, 89, of Lancaster, died Thursday, July 18, 2013. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Enos H. and Lillie Snyder Welk. He was married to V. June Welk; they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on July 9th.

A lifelong resident of Lancaster, Bob graduated in 1951 with an Engineering degree from Carnegie Mellon University. A retired Major, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served during WWII. He served 4 years of active duty and 26 years in the Reserves. He worked 20 years at Hamilton Watch as an engineer and in 1974, he founded Fastening Products of Lancaster, where he was president and owner.

He was a member of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity and the following organizations: Masonic Lodge 43, Sigma Nu Fraternity, Elks Club, Military Officers of America Association, and a former member of Kilti Band in York, Sertoma and Charter Elk Sertoma.

In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by his daughter, Barbara Layne, wife of Charlie A. Beard of Lancaster; two sons: Robert Curtis Welk, husband of Mary Welk, of Lititz, PA and Randal Scot Welk of Lancaster, PA; and five grandchildren: Collin, Molly, Adam, Austin and Zachary. He was predeceased by his daughter Robin, who died in 1991.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Bob's Celebration of Life Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Services, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster (corner of West Orange and Pine) on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. with Deacon Augustus Mauro officiating. The family will receive friends at The Groffs Family Funeral Services from 12:00 Noon until the time of service.

Memorials in Bob's name may be made to American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603 or to Masonic Lodge No. 43 F. & A.M., 213 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Interment will be in Paradise Mennonite Cemetery, Paradise, PA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert H. Welk*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Welk family
David Haver*

David P Haver - July 28, 2013 at 10:21 AM



“ *My only contact with Bob was through Fastening Products where I was called upon by the Government to inspect some of the material the government was buying. Very early in this relationship I realized that Bob was a special kind of contractor. Along with his outgoing personality came a vast knowledge of the product he was selling. When you put these two things with a feeling that this contractor really wants to do it correctly for the troops in the field, it makes them very special. Thank you Bob for making my job at Fastening Products a pleasure to go to.*

My prayers and my thoughts go out to the Welk family at this very difficult time

Rest in Peace Bob

John Smith

John Smith - July 23, 2013 at 01:54 AM

JW

“ Robert Welk is my uncle and certainly the most interesting character of my childhood. I thought he could do anything and he had a wide range of interests including jazz, playing the bagpipes, building all sorts of things, photography, fishing, hunting, growing vegetables and he was a great dancer. He was the first person I knew to put music on reel to reel "tape", use a movie camera and play Christmas music outside when the Christmas lights went on. This was in the 1950's. As a kid I thought my handsome Uncle Bob with twinkling sky blue eyes was magical and now I think he probably was because he would get me to do things like help him wax the car and it made me feel like it was a privilege and it was fun. (I loved that butter yellow convertible) He taught me to dance and those early jazz recordings introduced me to a life long love of the music. And, I'm still dancing. You just never know what will stick with a kid. Anyway, this talented guy was a pilot, an engineer and an entrepreneur, but most of all I think of him as a family man who loved his family with all of his heart. We had a little private joke when he used to call me his "favorite niece" which was easy because I was the only niece; but he was my favorite uncle...and I had choices.

My heart and mind goes out to all of the Welk family at this most difficult time. Rest in the fact that he leaves behind many happy memories and was a great role model for a niece who could see through him that life could be really fun and multi-faceted.

Love,
Jackie

Jackie Weatherby - July 22, 2013 at 12:53 PM