



Robert J. "Bob" Hershock

August 13, 2020

Robert J. Hershock, 86, a resident of Willow Valley, passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2020. He was born in Lancaster, the son of Lester and Bertha (Schmid) Hershock. Bob was a loving husband to his High School sweetheart, Patricia (Groff) Hershock, for 64 years. He was a real swell guy who always made Patsy laugh.

Bob attended Bucknell University with Pat. He received excellent grades throughout his education, but only if the chart was read upside-down.

Bob had a prestigious 38 year long career with the 3M Company, where he worked his way up from sales to Corporate Vice President of Marketing. He particularly enjoyed his role as Managing Director of 3M Switzerland, where he, Pat and Steve lived for several years.

He cherished family trips to the shore, gatherings with friends at Mount Gretna, and his time spent hosting family on their historic farm he and Pat purchased in retirement. His final years were spent enjoying their home in Palm Coast, FL, where he spent most of his time skinny-dipping in the lanai pool. Bob spent his last days on the porch of his Mount Gretna home, surrounded by his wife and 3 children.

In addition to his wife Pat, Bob is survived by his children, Kimberly Eddy of

Boynton Beach, FL, Lynn Thompson of Mount Joy, PA, and Steven Hershock of Jackson, WY; his grandchildren, Henry, Sean, Shea, Allison, Andrew, Taryn, and Justin; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Bob Hershock, Jr.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment will be held at St. Stephen's Reformed Church Cemetery, New Holland, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Robert's name can be made to Lancaster Farmland Trust, 125 Lancaster Avenue, Strasburg, PA 17579. Cards may be sent to 396 Farmview Lane, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. "Bob" Hershock*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

JP

“ I met Bob on a chilly afternoon in late December, probably 1996 or 97, when I was just 12 or 13 years old. I rode my bicycle up the long driveway at the house in Mount Joy and asked if I could meet the horses. He invited me in to his carriage house office for hot chocolate, and we chatted like old friends. For the next several years, my siblings and I were regular fixtures around the house, riding the horses through the surrounding corn fields, working odd jobs around the farm and property, even serving food at a dinner he and Pat were hosting. Sometimes Bob would call me on a Friday night to invite me along on a trail ride in Mount Gretna or Mount Hope the next day. It was a dream, a fantasy that I still can't believe was real. Of course, life catches up, and as I got more involved in high school, I had fewer hours to go around to the Hershocks' horse farm. I left for college in 2002, and my family moved away in 2003. I wrote occasionally, but eventually lost contact with Bob. But I never forgot him. I have lived my life in complete awe that this kind gentleman opened his home to me, and let my horse-crazy heart roam free. I had and have sincere affection for Bob, and am grateful beyond words for the generosity and warmth he showed me as a precocious little kid from around the way.

I learned of Bob's death from a random google search this morning and am deeply saddened to learn of his passing. To the entire Hershock family, please accept the sincerest condolences from me and the entire Pressimone family. Pat, I am so grateful to you and Bob for giving me a bastion of happiness and adventure during my early teen years. My prayers and best wishes for comfort and healing are with you all.

*With deep affection,
Joanna Pressimone*

Joanna Pressimone - August 25, 2020 at 11:13 AM

JF

“ Our condolences to the Hershock family. Nancy and I first met Bob and Pat at a golf event in Hammock Beach, over the short few years we knew Bob, he made a memorable impact on our lives. In particular his sense of humor was infectious to around him as well as his love of Pat, life, golf and cards. We will miss him.

Jim and Nancy Fitzgibbons

James M Fitzgibbons - August 21, 2020 at 09:21 AM

BM

“ We met Bob in Palm Coast and belonged To the same Club . We were very fortunate To know him an he will be greatly missed . We also spent many summers at his summer Home and enjoyed his favorite past time “ good food “ love and prayers to Pat and family.

Bob and Margherite McDermott - August 20, 2020 at 02:18 PM



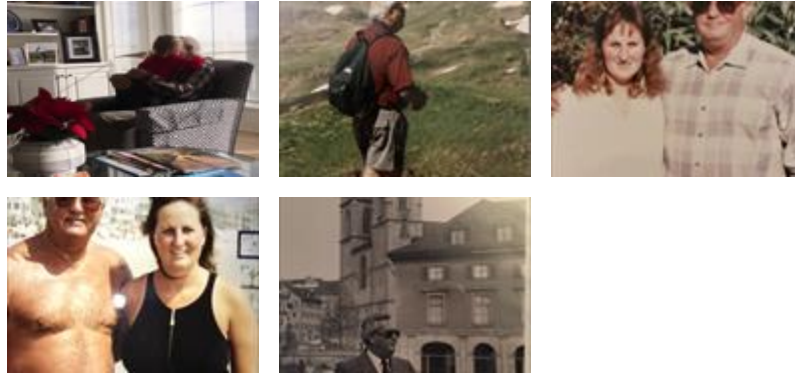
“ Eternal Love was purchased for the family of Robert J. "Bob" Hershock.



August 19, 2020 at 10:50 AM

TT

“ 14 files added to the album Photo Memories



Taryn Tiedge - August 17, 2020 at 12:29 PM

GD

“ We have enjoyed playing golf with Bob and Pat at Lebanon Country Club over many years and visiting with them in Florida and Mt. Gretna. We laughed when Bob called to let us know we were scheduled to be neighbors in The Vistas at Willow Valley; neither of us realizing the other was planning to move. We will miss Bob's great smile.

Gloria Degler - August 17, 2020 at 09:06 AM

SW

“ Neighbors in Mount Gretna! Dave and I enjoyed visiting them on their porch. I played golf with Pat, and we visited them in Palm Coast where we golfed too. Loved having Bob read putts. You could tell he was an athlete. The laugh...huh huh huh. He was always so jovial when we walked in with our dog for a visit.

Susan and David Wood

Susan Wood - August 16, 2020 at 03:42 PM

CM

“ Our memories of Bob are associated with the Groff Family Reunions at Mount Gretna. Bob and Pat's friendly hospitality was a feature of the gatherings. We will miss him.
Charlie and Lyndall Miller

charles d miller - August 16, 2020 at 12:53 PM

MK

“ We learned to know Bob and Pat when they bought the farm across the road from us. They were wonderful neighbors. We are so sorry for your loss. *Larry and Marilyn Kennel*

Marilyn and Larry Kennel - August 16, 2020 at 07:32 AM