



## Robert Curtis Welk

February 25, 2018

Robert Curtis Welk, 59, died unexpectedly on Sunday, February 25, 2018. Born in Lancaster, he is the son of the late Robert H. and Vera June Yarnell Welk and the husband of Mary Louise Heckel Welk with whom he celebrated 25 years of marriage.

He was a 1976 graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School and went on to Penn State University graduating in 1981 with a Bachelors degree in business and marketing. He was president of Fastening Products of Lancaster and was the 2nd generation to own and operate the business.

Curt attended LCBC and was a member of the Penn State Alumni Association, part of Penn State Club and an avid Penn State Football fan. He served as a Boy Scout leader and coached little league soccer, baseball, lacrosse and football. One of Curt's passions included a love for antique Austin Healeys. He enjoyed traveling out west, camping and fishing, spending time with family and friends and his children.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Molly Lynn Robin Welk, his sons: Adam Curtis and Zachery Garber Welk, all of Lititz and a sister, Barbara of Lancaster. He was preceded in death by a sister, Robin Welk Mayo and a brother, Randal Welk.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Curt's Celebration of Life Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) Lancaster on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. A viewing will take place from 9:30 a.m. until time of service. Interment will be in Witness Park Cemetery, Lititz, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Curt's memory may be made to Thon c/o Penn State, 227D Hetzel Union Bldg., University Park, PA 16802 or National Alliance on Mental Illness, P.O. Box 103, Conestoga, PA 17516.

# Tribute Wall

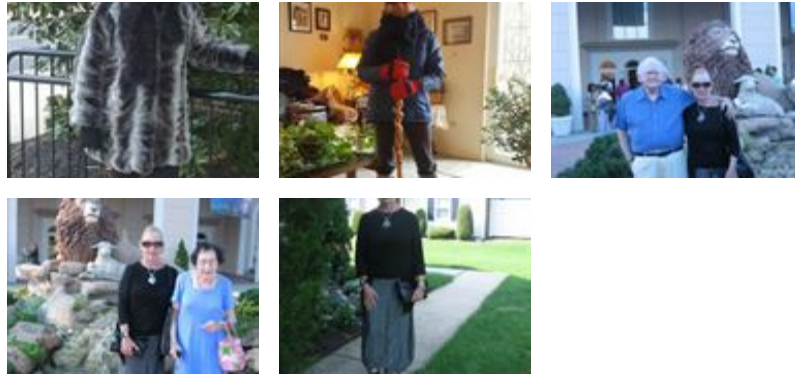


“ *Robert Curtis Welk*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - March 23, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *Mary, Molly, Adam and Zach,*

*We are so sorry. Curt was such a pleasant person to talk with. Had many great conversations during LAX games. We know that Steven thought so highly of Curt and enjoyed spending time with him and your family. Please know we are praying for each of you.*

*Darryl, Michele, Deanna and Daniel Preziosi*

**Darryl Preziosi** - March 05, 2018 at 12:28 PM



“ I knew Curt, when he worked at Coast on Greenfield Rd. he was great person to be around, my husband also knew him, when he worked at Fastening, then became manager of the Highland Car wash next door. So sorry you had to leave us too soon  
Pete & Mary Jane Martin

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**Mary Groff Martin** - March 03, 2018 at 11:42 AM

BL

“ Deepest sympathies to your family.

*I served on the board of directors for the Lancaster Penn State Alumni Chapter with Curt for many years. Curt was a lot of fun to be around and always willing to help with our many events.*

*I will always remember Curt hauling gas grills up to Penn State to grill hot dogs, hamburgers and steaks for our chapter tailgates.*

*When we started our Penn State Creamery ice cream sale at the Lititz Rotary Craft Show, Curt stepped in to haul the ice cream from Penn State packed in dry ice to make it all possible. Like I said, Curt was always willing to step in and help.*

*I had not seen Curt for a number of years, but we met a few months ago and got a chance to catch up. I'm glad we did.*

*Rest in peace, Curt*

*Bill Lines  
Lancaster, PA*

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**Bill Lines** - March 03, 2018 at 09:21 AM

JW

“ *Mary, Molly, Adam, Zach and Barbara:*  
*My heartfelt sympathies to all of you during this sad time. My memories of Curt go back further than most....59 years.. I held him as an infant, saw him take his first steps and enter into school for the first time. As a little boy he was respectful, shy, intelligent and liked to dance. I am heartened that the blooming of that sweet little boy was realized in the wonderful man Curt grew to be. He had so much worth and it is clear that he loved all of you very much.*  
*Love from Cousin Jackie*  
*Phoenix, Arizona*

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**Jacqueline Weatherby** - March 02, 2018 at 09:46 PM

JM

“ *Mary - My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Curt was definitely one of the good guys. He always had time to talk and listen. I will remember our talks fondly. He was taken from this earth way too soon. He will surely be missed. May your memories help comfort you during your grief.*

*Janice Meiler*

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**Janice Meiler** - March 02, 2018 at 09:32 PM

CG

“ *Deepest Sympathy from your neighbors*  
*Randy and Cindy Gilbert.*



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**Cindy Gilbert** - March 02, 2018 at 07:06 PM

LB

“ Mary, Mollie, Adam and Zach,  
I am grateful that I had the opportunity to work with Curt and get to know him better. He truly was one of the nicest people I have known. I will always remember the way he enjoyed and spoke about Penn State, football, and your family. Mollie, Adam and Zach meant the world to him. He loved celebrating birthdays and holidays. At work, we have our own special day as well as our Holiday Celebration at the end of the year. Curt always had the time to listen to us, he always made time for us. I will always remember the pig roast of 2017! I'm pretty sure he came up with the idea for the pig roast when we were discussing menu options. It was fun to see your family pitching in right along side the employees. It was a long day, but at the end of the day there were many satisfied customers. The Penn State Creamery Ice Cream was and always will be a big hit for all. I hope you continue to hold onto your own memories of Curt; remembering all the smiles, laughter and good times. Lynn Benusa

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**Lynn Benusa** - March 02, 2018 at 06:05 PM

BP

“ To Curt's Family,

*I sadly learned of Curt's passing from a local friend and my brother. I can't stop thinking about how he touched my life. We were classmates throughout school, including PSU, and members of Trinity Lutheran Church's confirmation class when we were in 8th grade. I located my class photo and there was Curt standing right in front of me! I've lived in northwest NJ since graduating from college so mostly got to reconnect with Curt at our HS reunions; unfortunately, I didn't make it to the 40th due to an illness in my family. Curt was always ready with a friendly smile and an encouraging word, but what I mostly remember was his warm sense of humor. He was one of the good guys!*

*My sincere condolences go out to all of you.*

*Barbara Rhoads Petrakis*

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**Barbara Petrakis** - March 02, 2018 at 08:23 AM

LJ

“ *May you know and through knowing this, may it bring you comfort that Curt was a person that did not gauge you through the lense that others unfortunately use to decide if your worth is of importance to them, no Curt looked upon you as a person of individuality, who's value in this world contributes to the greater good of mankind.*

*I found Curt to be one of the most genuine people I have had the pleasure to meet. When we spoke it was often concerning very little business but was focused rather more on the things we were both dealing with in life.*

*I will miss those conversations and more importantly will miss someone who truly contributed to the betterment of the community. Mary, you know best what others may attempt to say in words- may that be a special comfort to you as you go through this difficult time. May God's hand hold yours as you navigate through this brief season of sorrow.*

*Lee Johnson, Jr.*

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lee johnson - March 01, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Curtis Welk.*



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March 01, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Curtis Welk.*



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February 28, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ *Mary, Mollie, Adam and Zach:*

*My condolences to you and my prayers for Curt and all of you. For more than 40 years, since Curt and I were roommates and best friends in college, I have been lucky to have such a great friend. As a shy freshman at school, Curt helped me, supported me and made my life better. When I think about the three years we were roommates, I can think of the best of times and the best of friends. Since moving to California, Curt has always made the effort to stay in touch and never forgot my birthday every year for 40 years! We talked or texted often and we shared our thoughts, feelings and good times and bad. We could speak freely to each other without judgement, just compassion and support. Last year, I told Curt that he was my "brother from another mother", and that I loved him like a brother. Of course, when I told him that, he asked me how many bong hits I just had. We both laughed but those were and are, my true feeling for this incredible man. I will miss him everyday for the rest of my life. God bless him and all of you.*

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**Rob Edelstein** - February 28, 2018 at 08:18 PM

AZ

“ My very sincere condolences to Curt's wife and children , Barbie and other family members and many friends. This is so incredibly sad. Our dad's were best friends growing up and Curt and I grew up together, we were like siblings. I miss those times...pulling each other in the wagon, building snow forts, puppet shows for Randy, Trolls, trying to stay up to watch The Outer Limits..... I will hold on to those memories I had with Curt and his family.

*Adrienne Zuercher*

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**Adrienne Zuercher** - February 28, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ Deepest condolences to family and friends who had the honor of knowing this wonderful man and now feeling such loss. I met Curt, my cousin, for the first time when I was 12. I actually met the whole Welk family - on my fathers side. Being from RI, we didn't get much time traveling to PA, so this first opportunity was exciting for me. I loved them all instantly, and eventually moved to Lancaster area just to be near them. I have so many memories that I will hold dear for the rest of my life and consider myself honored to have been in their lives and they in mine.

*Mary, and kids, stay strong and know he loved you very much and was so proud of you.*

*Barbara, my heart is with you. I wish I could be there but fell and broke my shoulder so am unable to travel.*

*Friends and family, my sympathies, and wish that we carry best memories of this wonderful person we were lucky to know on this planet.*

*Regards, Di Hopkins*

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**Di Hopkins** - February 28, 2018 at 02:08 PM

RF

“ Hugs to Curt's Family and extended friends that he treated like family. We feel blessed to have gone to school with Curt and able to plan our reunions together. Always smiling, always caring, always a gentleman ..... he will leave a void today and forever. Until we meet again Curt, RIP and sending comfort to your family to know they were so blessed to have you close as husband and father. He always spoke about his family with love. Words don't seem like enough for your loss, please know our class is here for you, don't hesitate to reach out when needed.

*Valerie and Randy Friedel  
McCaskey Class of 76*

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**Randy and Valerie Friedel** - February 28, 2018 at 12:38 PM

TW

“ Mary, Mollie, Adam and Zach,

*Curt was truly the definition of a friend. I love Kurt like a brother and although I didn't stay in touch as often as I should have I am so grateful we had the opportunity to spend some time together at Raystown. That gave us a chance to have some pretty serious and deep conversations about life. Kurt was a true Christian man and has accepted Christ as his savior so undoubtedly, Curt name is written in the Book of Life and will reside in heaven waiting on the rest of his family.*

*Please accept my deepest condolences and if there is anything that I or Roxane can do for you or the family I'm just a phone call away.*

*Tom and Roxane Wren*

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**Tom Wren** - February 28, 2018 at 11:42 AM

CE

“ *Having had the wonderful opportunity to be a customer of Fastening Products, stopping by and seeing Curt's smiling face. My heart is heavy learning of his passing. My prayers and thoughts for this family during this time of grief. God just got another angel in his midst.*

*Cynthia Eshleman*

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**Cynthia Eshleman** - February 28, 2018 at 07:42 AM

TM

“ *Dear Mary and Family, please accept our most sincere Condolences. Although Curt was a customer, he was the nicest person you ever want to meet. A true Gentleman and a very caring person. He always had time to chat with you. He will be missed!!!*

*Toni Militello Santa-Maria  
JFD Industries*

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**Toni Militello Santa Maria** - February 27, 2018 at 04:19 PM