



## Richard W. Keck

August 4, 2020

Richard W. Keck, 75, of Whitehall, passed away after lengthy illness at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. Rick worked at PPL, Allentown until retirement, after which he transitioned to become a Certified Recovery Specialist.

Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Coleman G. and Kathyne E . (Bolestridge) Keck. He was a graduate of William Allen High School, Northampton Community College, and a Peacetime Air Force Veteran. For many years he served as a wrestling coach with Hokey AA and Whitehall High School as well as a softball coach with Fullerton AA. Rick was a Mason at Porter Lodge #284, Catasauqua, and a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon Bethlehem Forest #61.

Survivors: Daughters: Chrisa Keck of Jenkintown, PA, Tara Aleski and Ammie Middleton of Allentown, Brothers: Coleman (Bud) Keck, Jr. and his partner Judith Cieslikowski of Palm Desert, CA and Gary Keck and his wife Carolyn of Hillsborough, NJ, Sister: Kathyne Keck-Harris wife of Steven Harris of Macungie, Grandchildren: PJ and Gabriel Middleton, Tricia and Stevie Aleski, and Matthew Bant, 6 Great-Grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Also remaining is Antoinette Horn, his companion, of Allentown. He was preceded in death by a Brother: Alan Keck and a Sister: Judith Rutz.

Services will be private, at the convenience of the family.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 3551 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19140.

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Dear Tara, Ammie and Chrisa, I was sorry to hear of the illness and passing of your dad. (My sister Tara and I spent time playing together with you while our parents hung out together when we were young). I have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. -Kerri Lynn Hilbert

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**Kerri Lynn Hilbert** - August 08, 2020 at 05:13 PM

BH

“ Chrisa, Tara and Ammie. We are so sorry for your loss. Your dad was one of the most kind, gentle and supporting man we will ever know. He would do anything for you guys or anyone else, as we all know. One of the best friends anyone could have, always ready to have a good time or help out when needed. We will dearly miss him and all the great times we had together. He will always be with us. God bless and stay safe, Bob and Roseanna Hartman

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**Bob and Roseanna Hartman** - August 07, 2020 at 11:52 AM

SG

“ So, so, sorry to learn of the passing of a good friend and caring person. Rick was an individual who not only cared about others but was always willing to help people in need! He will be sorely missed. We have lost a truly good soul! We will always remember him in the good times. Karen and Steve Gober.

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**Steve Gober** - August 06, 2020 at 01:09 PM

NB

“ Ah Kecky, so many memories, you were a loving and a dear friend to me. You were always there for me in so many ways, when Nick died you were with me for days, my parents deaths you were there for me. My Mom and Dad loved you like a son. Good times we had buddy, and I mean good times. We saw our children grow up and grandchildren, and you had great grandchildren, how blessed we were. I loved when you got your motorcycle, you enjoyed that so much. I was the first person that saw it, you came up to the house and you were so proud of it. I could go on and on. You will be missed by many, many people. I will always love and miss you. You are in a wonderful place, no more suffering. To your girls, I love all three of you. God bless and farewell to my best friend. Nancy Fragnito Betz and William Betz

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**Nancy Louise Betz** - August 06, 2020 at 12:57 PM

CG

“ Buddy, Very sorry to read about your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Chuck and Liz Gergits

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**chuck gergits** - August 06, 2020 at 11:02 AM

CL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Richards passing. I only met him when I was in high school but I remember what a kind & handsome man he was. Wish I could have seen him again... Cindy (Keck) Lakin, daughter of Alan Keck

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**cindy Beal Lakin** - August 06, 2020 at 09:59 AM