



Sean Kenneth Maritch

October 16, 2025

Sean Kenneth Maritch, 27, of Whitehall, took his love, laughter, and music to Heaven on Thursday, October 16, 2025. Born April 25, 1998, in Allentown, he was the son of Kenneth and Marie E. (Lichty) Maritch. Sean was a 2016 graduate of Parkland High School and attended Lehigh Carbon Community College. He was a member of Faith Church for the past five years. In keeping with his giving spirit, Sean was an organ donor who provided the gift of life to others.

Sean was a dispatcher for EF Laudenslager in Orefield, PA, where, according to his supervisor, he “was the best employee we ever had in that position.” Before that, Sean worked for local roofing contractors and Morgan’s Family Restaurant, and while in high school, he worked at SaladWorks and Pizza Hut.

Sean had a special love for sports, animals, and music. He played soccer for TriBoro Youth Soccer and basketball for Parkland Youth Center (PYC). His basketball team played together for four seasons, and his teammates were like brothers to him. Sean was also an assistant coach for the PYC Introduction to Basketball program.

His kindness to animals was innate, encouraged by his older sister Megan, and evident in his care for family pets ranging from turtles and hamsters to bunnies and cats. In turn, animals loved Sean because he was gentle and

attentive. Sean was most proud of his kitten, Minze, whom he adopted in August 2025.

Above all, Sean loved music. The Parkland School District provided Sean's only formal music training. His first performance was a recorder duet with his twin sister, Erin, at Kratzer Elementary School. He also earned a spot in the district orchestra, where he played trombone. Once bitten by the music bug, Sean taught himself how to play the drums, guitar, bass, keyboards, banjo, and mandolin.

Sean's musical influences include local musicians Dr. Jude Sandt, "Uncle Billy" Trexler, Kevin Lang, and Tim Mengel; and American bands Sublime, The Growlers, Slightly Stoopid, and Rebelution. In 2021, Sean co-founded The Higher Notion with Jake Correll and James Herman, who are still in the current lineup, along with Patrick Day. The band has performed throughout the Lehigh Valley area for the past four years.

Survivors: Parents, sisters Megan (Zack Anewalt) of Charleston, SC, and Erin (Jack Reilly) of Scottsdale, AZ, paternal grandfather Ron Maritch (Linda Cronce) of Beverly Hills, FL, and maternal grandfather, Donald Lichty of Allentown, PA. Aunts Lynn Haines, Michelle Perl, Lori Maritch, and Sue Trexler Hope; uncles Rick Haines, Tyke Perl, Mark Maritch, Mike Lichty, Matt Lichty, and Marty Lichty; cousins Tyler Haines, Alex Haines (Laura), Robbie Perl (Helen), Ryan Perl (Rachel), Tommy Gubish (Jacqueline), Nick Maritch (Kailie), and Luke Maritch (Kate). Sean was predeceased by his grandmothers MaryAnn Maritch, Mary Maritch, and Ellen Lichty; great-aunt Marie Edelman; and his uncle Mark Lichty.

Sean's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. at Faith Church, 6528 Hamilton Blvd. Allentown, PA 18106. The calling hour will be on Saturday, from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Church. Sean's arrangements are lovingly provided by the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home,

Allentown.

Instead of flowers, contributions may be made in Sean's memory, c/o Ken and Marie Maritch, and given to J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home 1601 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18102, to be donated to music programs in the Lehigh Valley area.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Faith Church
6528 Hamilton Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18106
<http://faithchurchpa.com>

Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Allentown, PA 18106
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Tribute Wall



“ Jim & Janice Miller purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Sean Kenneth Maritch.



Jim & Janice Miller - November 07, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ William Stettler purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sean Kenneth Maritch.



William Stettler - November 06, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ William Stettler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sean Kenneth Maritch.

William Stettler - November 06, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sean Kenneth Maritch.



November 06, 2025 at 09:39 AM

JH

“ Jacqueline H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sean Kenneth Maritch.

Jacqueline H. - November 06, 2025 at 08:31 AM

LR

“ Lynn and Rick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sean Kenneth Maritch.



Lynn and Rick - November 05, 2025 at 12:01 PM

DO

“ Many memories of being with the Maritch family, Ken, Marie, Megan, Erin and Sean! So many birthday parties and Iron Pigs events and family pool parties that ended with awesome fireworks! We loved being included and being with you all. It will forever never be the same without you Sean.
Love always, The Rantz's

DOREEN - November 04, 2025 at 01:05 PM

SH

“ My favorite memory of Sean is the first time I saw him playing with The Higher Notion Band. Billy and I met Ken & Marie out for his gig. His musical talent and stage presence truly touched me. You could see and feel the passion and joy in his creativity. Ever so humble and gracious - Sean made it a point to talk to and thank everyone who came out to see him. Sean was totally in his element.

We will still hear your songs in the wind - "Sailing West" and "Deus Vobiscum" by Sean Maritch.

Rest in peace sweet Sean.

Susan Trexler Hope - October 28, 2025 at 09:52 PM

KM

“ Kenny and Mary Miller purchased the Garden Accent - "If Tears Could Build..." for the family of Sean Kenneth Maritch.



Kenny and Mary Miller - October 28, 2025 at 04:14 PM

KM

“ Kenny and Mary Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sean Kenneth Maritch.

Kenny and Mary Miller - October 28, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sean Kenneth Maritch.*



October 27, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ *It's been quite some time since this moment, but Sean's trombone lesson group at OMS when I had the privilege of teaching him was one of my all time favorites. We had a lot of fun at those lessons and it was ALWAYS a pleasure to work with Sean as he continued to have fun, work and improve. He constantly brought a smile to my face and I was thrilled to hear he continued performing music long after he graduated school. He emailed me a few months ago to tell me about his musical career and just like way back when, it made me smile.*

The news of his passing has hit hard, but the memory of that lesson group and the joy of teaching Sean always will be a bright spot. It takes a special person to bring light into a room simply by walking in, and Sean had that quality even as a young musician. His dedication, his spirit, and the beautiful music he created will continue to bring joy to those who remember him. I will hold his memory dear and am so glad I had the chance to be a small part of his journey.

Until we meet again,

Jude Sandt

Jude Sandt - October 27, 2025 at 01:25 PM

MB

“ May Jesus Christ pour His infinite mercy upon your soul. It was a privilege to know you. You are forever missed. Your friend, Mark Bobbin

Mark Bobbin - October 27, 2025 at 09:42 AM

BT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Billy Trexler - October 25, 2025 at 03:32 PM

TM

“ Favorite memories that I have of Sean are his giving spirit, his sense of humor and his creativity in *The Higher Notion*. One specific memory that stands out is a piece of advice he once gave me that said: “Before you speak or act in any situation, always assume that there’s something that you don’t know.” Wise words that have served me well.

Tim Mengel - October 25, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sean Kenneth Maritch.



October 24, 2025 at 08:14 PM

JA

“ Jason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sean Kenneth Maritch.

Jason - October 24, 2025 at 08:14 PM

LD

“ Although I worked with Sean for a very brief period, he was always a delight to be around. Kind, thoughtful and always genuinely wanting to help others.
My condolences to his family, friends, and community.

LORRAINE DERHAMMER - October 24, 2025 at 02:10 PM

JN

“ James, Jake and Pat from The Higher Noti purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sean Kenneth Maritch.



James, Jake and Pat from The Higher Noti - October 24, 2025 at 11:21 AM

JN

“ James, Jake and Pat from The Higher Noti planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sean Kenneth Maritch.

James, Jake and Pat from The Higher Noti - October 24, 2025 at 11:21 AM

SK

“ It is with a wounded heart that I write this. Every time I think of you Sean I smile and laugh, the memories flood in. Always an Eagle fan and made everyone around you one too, except against the Dolphins, you always gave your Mom and myself a pass on that one.

Our Florida trips were special and FILLED with fun memories with your Smile and humor. I loved showing you the Florida ways and introducing you to your first REAL coconut. AWWWE the sweet memories will last forever.

Till we meet again.....Sing for the Angels!!!! Love always, Dede and Scott

Scott and Dede Kinderman - October 24, 2025 at 10:42 AM

JC

“ Sean was such a gentle soul and joy to be around. Loved him like a son. Always had a smile and willingness to help. I enjoyed just chatting with him. Loved watching him play with The Higher Notion. He was such a huge leader in the band. We will miss him everyday. Fly High sweet boy. I know you are playing and singing with the angels. Condolences to Sean's Family.

Jeanine, Jan, Matthew and Jacob Correll



Jeanine Correll - October 24, 2025 at 10:12 AM