



## David W. Bennett

March 20, 1987 - March 22, 2020

David W. Bennett, 33, of Lititz died unexpectedly Sunday, March 22, 2020 at Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center, Reading. He was the devoted husband and best friend of Sarah Centini Bennett with whom he would have celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary this May 5th.

Born in Harrisburg on March 20, 1987, he was the loving son of Donald W., Jr. and Rose Anne Dankanich Bennett. He was employed as a Financial Advisor for Equitable, Lancaster.

Dave was a 2005 graduate of Hershey High School where he played football, baseball, and volleyball. He attended Shippensburg University and graduated from Penn State University.

Dave loved all Pittsburgh sports but was a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He was an Eagle Scout, enjoyed fishing, watching sports - especially Penn State and Steelers football, spending time with his friends throwing darts and playing pool and trying new foods as much as the tried-and-true recipes like his mother's Thanksgiving dinner.

Surviving in addition to his wife and parents are his in-laws Randy and Beverly Centini of Annville, Chad and Maureen Umberger of Wiconisco, a sister Amanda Bennett of Middletown,, 6 brother and sister-in-laws and their spouses Aaron, Adam and Andrea, Alita and Drew, Christian, James, and Nathan and Jill, 4 nephews and 4 nieces Aubrey, Gavin, Isabella, Kaleb, Katelynn, Logan, Nathanael, and Raelyn, as well as a nephew he was very close with, Anthony, and lastly his pup and fellow Steelers fan, Hines.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Cards of sympathy are appreciated however the family requests that you refrain from sending flowers, instead contributions may be made to the Hershey Youth Football Program, a 501 (c)(3), 1191 Stonegate Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036. Dave spoke often of how much Hershey's football program shaped his character and it's where he enjoyed volunteering after high school. Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Annville is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



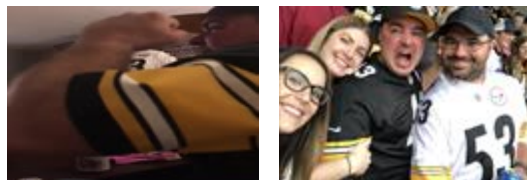
“ Sarah, we are all so saddened at this very unexpected loss. Please know that your Eastern PCM family is keeping you and Dave's family in our thoughts an prayers.

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**Allison Morgan** - April 02, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ Dave was truly one of a kind. His incredible love for his wife was followed closely behind by his love for Steelers football. He and Sarah came to Pittsburgh last October to come to a game with us. We drank too much, yelled too loud, and laughed a lot. Afterward, we went back to our house where Dave entertained our toddler for hours waving the terrible towel and showing his muscles. After they left, every time Jackson would “talk on his cell phone” we would ask him who he was talking to and he would say “Dave”. He knew how to make a big impression in even a short period of time. I feel very thankful that he was a part of our life, though his time was far too short. You will be missed my friend. Love, Tom, Steph, and Jackson Miller



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**Stephanie Miller** - March 28, 2020 at 10:29 AM

DP

“ Sarah no words can express our sorrow for you.  
Len and I only met Dave a few times but knew he was a great guy  
and he loved you so much.  
We love you like family at 501.  
Love, Len and Debbie

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**Debbie Pesotini** - March 27, 2020 at 10:12 AM

SW

“ Sending my deepest condolences to every one of Dave's family and friends. It was an honor to be a part of Sarah and Dave's wedding in May of 2018 and cherish that my dear friend, Sarah, felt his love and care during their time together. Watching Sarah light up talking about Dave was truly something, as a friend, I always wanted for her and I know that even though short, the time he spent with her will never be lost. I will always remember how much he loved my Mom's chicken salad during Penn State Football Tailgates. She refers to it as "Dave's Chicken Salad" and was always happy to make a few extra helpings for the walk to the stadium. Even though he loved some chicken salad, nothing would ever top his love for Sarah, something I was always so thankful for especially as a friend who was no longer just down the hall at a Penn State dormitory.

To Sarah- my friend, my deepest sympathies as you mourn the loss of your best friend. My heart goes out to you in your time of grief.

Stacey Weismiller

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**Stacey Weismiller** - March 25, 2020 at 07:53 PM

CD

“ David Bennett was a kind and gentle soul. He had a smile that could light up a room and he lit up Sarah's life. I feel grateful for the short time that I knew him. One of my favorite memories of Dave was a year or so ago when David texted me he was coming to Philly for a work party. He wanted to know if I could come to meet him and surprise Sarah. It was one of the best text's I've ever gotten.

Sarah and the whole Bennett family my heart goes out to you. I wish you all my heart and condolences in this time of grief.

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**CAITLIN DALEY** - March 25, 2020 at 07:14 PM

CK

“ I would like to send my sincerest condolences to Sarah and also her family as well as Dave's family and friends!! When I got to meet them all at their wedding I know how loved he was. I hope you remember the good times with him and know we will support you in this difficult time. I'm sorry we can't get together now but I hope we can raise a toast to him together soon! He had a bright spirit and loved my friend Sarah so much. Rest in peace Dave.

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**Candice Knight** - March 25, 2020 at 04:25 PM

KM

I am stunned by this news and my heart aches for you Sarah. While I really didn't know David I caught a vivid glimpse of the great guy he was as you were always talking about him; he was obviously the love of your life. And my condolences to the entire Bennett family as they helped shaped him into the gentleman he was. Yvonne and I were happy to share with you our May 5 anniversary. We both grieve with you my friend. Peace be with you. -Ken Martin

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**Ken Martin** - March 26, 2020 at 07:52 PM

MO

“ I am so very saddened to hear of David’s passing. I was one of his high school teachers Please accept my deepest condolences and sympathies. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



Michelle O’Brien - March 25, 2020 at 04:14 PM

PG

“ Our hearts are breaking for you Sarah. The joy that David brought into your life was beautiful to witness. His life was over way too quickly. May you find comfort and strength in the days to come and feel God's presence surrounding you. Lifting you and your family in prayer. Sending virtual hugs and love. Patty Gerber and family.

Patty Gerber - March 25, 2020 at 11:44 AM

TC

“ Dave  
I am saddened to hear that you have passed on, I will never forget the years of football we played together when we were kids. You always had a great work ethic and worked hard. I will keep you and your family in my prayers  
God bless  
Tyler Caruso

Tyler Caruso - March 25, 2020 at 11:19 AM

SV

“ My sincere condolence Sarah. Sharing in your sorrow with love and friendship.



Sandra Valdez - March 25, 2020 at 09:55 AM

JW

“ I will always remember his work ethic and dedication to what he was doing. One of the finest athletes I have coached.

*John Walzier*

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**John Walizer** - March 25, 2020 at 09:25 AM

RM

“ Dave was a honest person. A very good football player who went on to college to play wide receiver. Quiet with a lot of heart. I remember in high school when someone stole his baseball hat. He didn't want to get in trouble for fighting him for the hat, but he wanted the hat back. The principle told us, sometimes it was worth the trouble. Dave got his hat back.

*Dave was one of those kids, you never forget. May God be with his family.*

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**Robert Bruce May** - March 25, 2020 at 09:02 AM

LD

“ Louise DiDonato lit a candle in memory of David W. Bennett



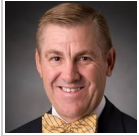
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**Louise DiDonato** - March 25, 2020 at 08:58 AM

KP

“ I met Dave when I was working downtown with Sarah. He was one of the nicest guys. Always happy, friendly, and willing to help out. You can't say that about everyone you meet. Even though we all went separate ways, Sarah and I have crossed again in our new careers and it didn't take more than a second to remember Dave when she said they were dating...then engaged...then wed. They are both wonderful people, and I pray for Sarah and her family during this truly difficult time.

Kimber Pierich - March 25, 2020 at 08:30 AM



“ I had the pleasure to coach David as a youth and Lori had him with Cub Scouts. Wow, what a great kid and natural athlete! Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this time of grief.  
Phil & Lori Boyer

Philip Boyer - March 25, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ When I first met David was Holiday at my brothers. He was so quiet till you got to know him...Didn't get to see Sarah and David much except for Holiday Dinners and picnics at my brother Chad's yah know everyone is busy with they're lives. If you were ever around the two of them you knew they were in love and were meant to be together. David you will be greatly missed by many. RIP fly with the Angels.



Donette Reedy - March 25, 2020 at 04:25 AM

AC

“ I knew Dave had to be extraordinary from the time Sarah first spoke about him to me. See I've known Sarah since she's been 9 years old and getting married was never in her radar. That was until she met Dave. The 1st time she told me about him she said she was going to marry this guy. The 1st time I met him I was being a dd to a concert for Sarah myself and her friends cuz I was 8 months pregnant. The next day I told my husband Adam (her brother) they'll be married in no time. I'm so blessed that I got to watch them fall in love with each other. Adam and I were ecstatic for them. I really feel like I lost a true brother. We're heartbroken

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**Andrea Centini** - March 24, 2020 at 10:19 PM

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“ May these 2 keep our family connected



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**Andrea Centini** - March 24, 2020 at 10:10 PM