



## Frederick H. Grun

March 31, 1923 - February 16, 2017

Frederick H. Grun, age 93, beloved husband and father, died Thursday, February 16 at the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home.

Born in Philadelphia on March 31, 1923, he was the youngest son of Frederick C. L. Grun and Florence Gigon Grun. A graduate of Frankford High School, Philadelphia, he received his industrial engineering degree from Penn State University in 1947, where he was a member of Theta Chi, Omega chapter. During WWII he interrupted his education to enter the U.S. Navy, receiving his commission from Officer Training School at the age of 21. He served in the Philippines, received his discharge as a Lieutenant Junior Grade, and returned to college.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Janet Hartman Ganter Grun, his two daughters, Ellen Hunter of Dallas, PA, Emily Grun and husband John Nasta of Hershey, their mother, Donna Kaplan, step-children Roberta and husband Ed Hoffer of Annville, Allan and wife Sue Ganter of Lebanon, Fred and wife Dawn Ganter of Tampa, a brother Bill Grun of Doylestown, ten grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and many special nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brother Bob Grun, sister Bettie Roth, and first wife Mary Louise Wollerton.

He began his career at Bethlehem Steel and retired as a Supervisor of

Technical services after 35 years. After retirement he and Janet operated The New Rail Fence in Cleona, he worked for Light Heigel Assoc in Palmyra, and also served as a Retail Merchandiser for several companies, retiring from SPAR Marketing in December 2016.

A 50+ year member of St. Andrews Presbyterian church, he served in many leadership roles there and enjoyed singing in the choir. Over the years he was involved in many Lebanon County organizations including Industrial Management Club, Cancer Society, Boy Scout Troop 21, PSU alumni club, and the Naval Reserve Officers' Group. He served as Auditor of North Annville Township and was a Board member of the Annville Free Library.

Fred loved life and always had a positive outlook. His property in Annville was a source of great joy as were his many friends and activities. He was an avid reader and Bridge player. He had a wonderful memory, was willing to help everyone, and could develop a 'solution' for any problem. He was a real pleasure to be around.

After moving to LVBH, Fred embraced many activities there including the Wood Shop, the Annual Sale, the Welcome Committee, and he was a champion Wii bowler.

Fred was a life-long fan of Penn State football and enjoyed many games at Beaver Stadium – never leaving a game early, despite the weather or the score.

Fred left us with many great memories, and he will really be missed.

Fred's ashes will be interred at Ft. Indiantown Gap with full military honors on February 20, at 2:00 p.m.

A Memorial service in Fred's honor will be held on March 4 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, PA.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Lebanon County Unit, 855 Tuck Street, Suite 2, Lebanon, PA 17042 in his memory.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
600 S. 12th St.  
Lebanon, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Grun Family - Although I have had only met Emily, her empathy, friendship and kindness have shown me she comes from a WONDERFUL family. Please hug your Daddy's memories for me, and thank you for being such good friends for my sister, Emily. Sincerely, Leigh (Parker) Butterbrodt Kenosha, WI

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March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ As friends of Emily and John Nasta and Margaret Grun Kibben, we are honored to read of the life of this fine man. His love of life obviously reached out to embrace his entire family, and it was a life of service, as Jesus has challenged us to do. Please accept our sympathies in your loss of Mr. Grun. Although Surely heaven's gain. Anne and Ted Parker

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**Anne and Ted Parker** - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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**Anne and Ted Parker** - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Grun, Ellen, Emily & Family. I first met Fred in 1976(?) He was my 1st. customer as a very young car salesman. Little did I know he would become a friend for life. I truly enjoyed our many talks, his easy going nature and fun personality. Thank you for sharing your husband and father.

Tom Risser - February 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ We have so many happy memories of our time with Fred and Janet. Our most sincere condolences to Janet and his family.

Kevin - February 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Fred's humor was a joy. He played tennis for years in our so called BSCO Tennis league. As far as he was concerned, he never lost a match no matter what the final score indicated.

Bob Granger - February 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Janet and the family. We have loved Fred, his unique spirit and positive outlook. He will be missed terribly but joyful memories of Fred are with us always.

Perry Latshaw - February 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM