



George S. Speece

February 22, 1938 - December 18, 2024

George S. Speece, 86, of Lebanon, passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon.

Born in Lebanon on February 22, 1938, he was the son of the late Sylvester J. and Lois M. Reichard Speece. Following high school, he served in the U.S. Air Force. George had worked for the Lebanon Daily News and then worked in maintenance and as a truck driver for Fort Indiantown Gap. George enjoyed watching and feeding the birds, baking, walking, fishing, and he loved attending his granddaughters' sporting events.

He is survived by his children Scott Speece of Lebanon, Todd Speece of Lebanon, Deidre Mertz of Green Point and LeeAnn Speece of Lebanon; brother Harry Speece of Lebanon; sister Patricia Fisher of Lebanon; grandchildren Jocelyn Mertz, Derek, Josh and Matthew Speece; great grandchildren Liam, Nolan, Cora and Annie; his longtime companion Susan M. Plasterer of Lebanon and her daughter Amy wife of Eric McCorkel of Benton and their children Luke, Nolan and Olivia. He was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Sandra Dove Speece and his sister Susie Snyder.

Inurnment with military honors will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ George made my Mom happy.

I'll admit that when I was a teenager and George came into my life I was not happy at all about it! His appearance into my life was a wrecking ball to my world up to that point. I couldn't understand a lot of what was going on, beyond my teenage and yes even into my early 20 something self. But, I'm 52 years old now and over the 36 years that I have known George, I learned a lot about life, love, forgiveness and understanding.

Some people may choose to hold onto the hurt, anger, or disappointment you feel when you finally realize that your parents are human and don't have all the answers or make decisions that you don't feel are in your best interest at the time. I just Thank God that I came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior in my late 20s and knew that the first thing that I needed to do was to let go of my old grudges and forgive those that I felt hurt me. Part of this was looking at the relationship that my Mom and George had together. I saw how happy he made my Mom. So, I started to include him in my world too. I left him spend time with my children. I spent time with George and my Mom. My own father had decided that he didn't want to participate in my life or my children's lives and as painful as that was for me, George always let me know that he wanted to be part of my life and my children's lives. He never stopped trying. He would go out of his way to get to know me, send me a card, or do something nice. Because of George my Children never felt like they didn't have a Grandpa! I think the ultimate realization that George loved me and my family was when we moved 2 hours away and I was worried about how I would find someone to help with the before and after school care of my kids. The area that we moved to was very remote and I knew nobody. I shared my worry with my Mom and George, and so, they had decided to move with me! They got a house just down the country road from mine! I can not tell you how comforting that was for me and especially to Olivia and Nolan. To have their Grandparents (YES! I knew in that moment that George WAS their Grandpa) close! To spend holidays with them, to see them off to school in the morning! To take them to their sport practice after school. To show up to their football games, softball

games, band and chorus concerts, and plays! To make them chocolate chip pancakes every morning before school, or take them fishing or for walks! He came to their Graduations! This is all stuff that my Dad was invited to do, but never made the time. Throughout the years George stepped into that empty space for me too! He was so happy to see me and always made me feel special! He was a fantastic Step Dad and Grandpa! I hope he knew how much he was loved and appreciated!

I treated him terrible in the beginning and he could have chosen to not want to make the effort to know me or be part of my life, but instead...he never gave up! He had so much love to give and I feel so lucky that my family and I were on the receiving end of that Love. He will be forever missed here on earth and I will be forever grateful for his presence in my life. He was not my blood, but he loved me just the same. I know you are with our father in Heaven George and that someday, we will see each other again, when my time here is done. Until then I will do my best to live my life here on earth in a way that would make you proud. Love you Always. Amy



Amy McCorkel - December 26, 2024 at 07:43 AM

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*Oh Amy !!!!
What beautiful sentiment. You both won. What a wonderful family.....sometimes family isn't by blood or marriage.....it's who shows up and wants to be part of your tribe. Sending love, hugs and prayers your way as I cry with you. 💕💕💕*

Glenda Stroud - December 28, 2024 at 07:11 PM

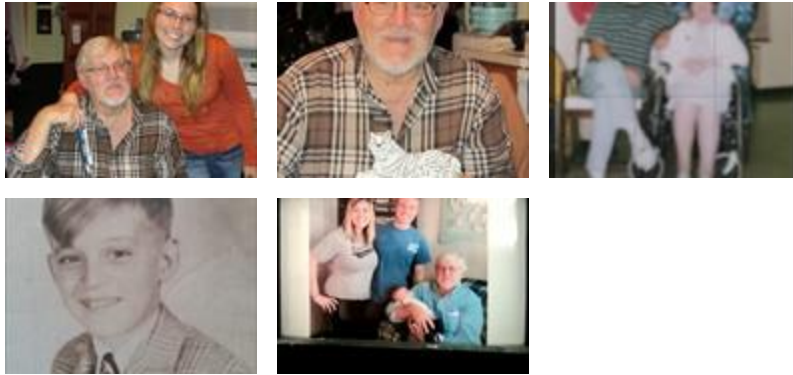
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I was So Sorry to hear of your loss 😞 We Will hold All our Loved ones again one day ❤️🙏 Hugs for you my Dear Friend ❤️🙏 Love you , Linda upde

linda upegraff - December 30, 2024 at 11:04 AM

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Susan Plasterer - December 24, 2024 at 01:19 PM

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Picture of papa George, & grandsons, him with granddaughter, him & sister Susie, then with daughter & granddaughter.

Susan Plasterer - December 24, 2024 at 01:23 PM

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Amy McCorkel - December 21, 2024 at 06:16 AM