



## Keith L. Deaven

December 15, 2015 - December 15, 2015

After 8 years of battling ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), Keith L. Deaven, 75, of Jonestown, surrounded by his loving family, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Born in Hershey on December 10, 1940, he was the son of the late Richard T. and Marian Lehman Deaven. Keith served in the U.S. Air Force from 1959-1962. After 39 years, Keith retired from Hershey Foods Corp., where he was the supervisor for the Butter Processing Operations for 28 years. From 1967- 2007 he also helped with the family greenhouse business. He was indefatigable, an incomparable provider, obstinate and humble. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and a member of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and Cape May Bird Observatory. He enjoyed golfing, birding, reading and crossword puzzles. Keith was a travel buff. He and his wife visited all 50 states and over 40 countries on six continents. Some of his favorite places were Australia, Prague, Vienna and Hawaii. Despite ALS Keith maintained a positive attitude and could always be seen with a smile on his face. Surviving are his loving and devoted wife of 47 years, Mary A. Darkes Deaven; daughter, Alysia Deaven, VMD and SO Eddie Justiniano and a menagerie of grandfurkids; siblings: Kenneth W. and (Cheryl) Deaven, Linda and (Denny) Best and Loreen and (Dale) Seitz. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, December 21, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 2 North 8th St., Lebanon. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to

one of Keith's favorite charities: The ALS Association's Greater Philadelphia Chapter at [www.alsphiladelphia.org](http://www.alsphiladelphia.org) or American Bird Conservancy at [abcbirds.org](http://abcbirds.org).