



Harry "Hank" B. Rath, Jr.

November 29, 2022

Harry "Hank" B Rath Jr. passed away on November 29, 2022, after an 11 month battle with Cholangiocarcinoma.

Hank was born in Philadelphia on June 30, 1950. Upon graduating from William Allen High School in 1968, he attended Lehigh University where he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in electrical engineering in 1972 and 1974. He worked in various capacities as an electrical engineer and IT specialist including owning his own business involved with early robotic design. Prior to his retirement in 2013, he worked in computer services at the Lehigh County Government Center for 13 years.

As Hank's professional life reflected service, so did his personal journey. He was involved in various leadership and service roles throughout the Lehigh Valley. His spirit was to serve others. Hank's kindness showcased God's impact in his life, which was seen by others. Along with his passion for helping, he had a lifelong love of dogs, camping, being outside, working on projects and spending time with family. Hank's fun-loving sense of humor was a hit with the grandkids and adults alike! He could always find a solution to every problem whether it required one or not. The impact he had on others was more significant than he ever realized.

Hank would have celebrated his 45th wedding anniversary with his wife Joanne on December 3rd. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother, Emma Rath of Orefield; sister, Kathy Spencer and her husband Lou of Orefield; son, Adam Rath and his wife Rebecca of Upper Macungie; daughter, Katie Slozer and her husband Joe of Emmaus; grandchildren, Hailey Snyder, Ezekiel Snyder, Julia Rath and Tessa Rath; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a special daughter who chose to be a part of the family, Michelle Mitchell and her husband Wayne and their children Joshua and Caleb of Allentown. He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Rath Sr., in 1983.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at 11:00 AM with a calling hour from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, at Trinity Wesleyan Church, 6735 Cetronia Road,

Allentown, PA 18106. Hank wanted this to be a celebration, and since he loved all things to be bright and colorful, please feel free to wear comfortable and colorful clothing.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Last Chance Ranch at <http://www.lastchanceranch.org/donate/> or the CholangioCarcinoma Foundation at <https://cholangiocarcinoma.org>.

Previous Events

Calling

DEC **10**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Wesleyan Church
6735 Cetronia Road
Allentown, PA 18106

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ *God be with you, Uncle Hank :(*

christine - February 27, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Harry "Hank" B. Rath, Jr..*



December 09, 2022 at 08:51 AM

EN

“ *Dear Joanne and the Rath Family,
Our prayers are out for you to give you strength to endure this loss of Hank. He was the rock of your amazing family and truly Joanne's soulmate. It was a wonderful time spent with your family teaching Sunday school at First Pres. Hank's strong faith was passed on to many young children that lives on now in their lives as a tribute to his efforts. Godspeed to Hank who is now up in heaven fixing things for our Lord!
Peace and blessings from all the Nogas.*

Ed Noga - December 06, 2022 at 08:16 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harry "Hank" B. Rath, Jr..*



December 04, 2022 at 09:47 PM

JL

“ *Joanne My condolences for your loss. Harry is at peace and with the lord.
Jerry from bible study*

Jerry Longenbach - December 03, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry "Hank" B. Rath, Jr..*



December 03, 2022 at 08:58 AM

PW

“ *I remember the many good times my daughter and I spent with Hank and Katie on the YMCA Indian Princess program. Hank's passing is a loss, but the world is richer for his life with us.*

Phil Weber - December 02, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Harry "Hank" B. Rath, Jr..*



December 02, 2022 at 10:44 AM

JD

“ *Hank will be missed by LVCB members, whom he happily served refreshments at meetings. Hank was eager to do anything he could for anyone! Blessings and peace to all his family.*

Jeanette and Dick - December 01, 2022 at 11:12 PM

LT

“ *I will always remember the Thanksgivings we spent in Philadelphia sitting around Nana's dining room table (Bob, JoAn, Bruce, Lisa, Uncle Harry, Aunt Emma, Hank, and Kathy). Good memories.*

Lisa Toliva - December 01, 2022 at 06:26 PM