



Harvey Gilbert Texter

May 10, 1936 - April 21, 2020

Harvey Gilbert Texter, just shy of 84 years young, of Cranberry Township, formerly of Boyers, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, April 21st. Harvey was born on May 10, 1936 in Venango County, the son of the late Harvey Franklin Texter and Zethina Rose Wilson Texter.

Harvey was honored to have achieved the 32nd Degree of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite of New Castle and was a member of the Freemasons of the Grove City Masonic Lodge No. 603. He was a lifetime member of the Marion Township Volunteer Fire Department and the president of the organization when they added emergency medical services in the 1970s. Harvey was also an active member of St. Alphonsus and Epiphany Catholic Churches in Boyers, PA. Quite the athlete in his day, Harvey loved spending his time on the baseball diamond, even winning the 1955 Butler County Junior League Championship, one of his proudest moments. Most of all, Harvey loved watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in sports, dance and cheerleading. There wasn't an athletic field that Harvey didn't love to be at and there wasn't anyone cheering louder for the players than him!

Surviving are his loving daughter, Judith (Alex) Zedreck-Gonzalez of Allison Park; two grandchildren, Courtney (Eric) Proie of Mars and Colin (Erin) Zedreck of New Castle; two great-grandchildren, Eric and Alexandra Proie;

three great-grand dogs, Mia and Milo Zedreck and Bruno Proie, along with his numerous furry friends at Berkley Creek Labradors; his sisters, Patsy (Mike) Greenert and Elaine (Dave) Shook, both of Eau Claire, PA; and numerous loving nieces and nephews. He was especially grateful for the messages and calls from his niece Priscilla Simmons and nephews/godsons, Greg (Michelle) Fitzingo and Kirby (Courtney Burgoon) Fitzingo.

Harvey was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Mary Frances (Tootsie) Fitzingo Texter, his sister Roseanna Karenbauer and his brother, Eugene Texter. Harvey's family knows he was also met by showers of wet kisses from his many loyal dogs, led by his favorites- Fox Dog: King, Doberman: Apache, and Shih Tzu: Louie.

Harvey's fun-loving and generous character is evident by the numerous lifelong friends and dear neighbors that he gathered throughout his years.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial celebration of life will take place during the summer. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Marion Township Volunteer Fire Company at P.O. Box 136, Boyers, PA 16020.

Tribute Wall

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“ Harvey and I worked for Herndon and DeMarsh coal company together a long time ago. He had a way about him that just made your day brighter. He had a great sense of humor and was just a big old friendly bear. I've thought of him often with appreciation for having been blessed just for knowing him. I like to think he is walking with Jesus now. I hope everyone can feel God's peace by knowing that fact.

God's love Tom Hilliard

Tom Hilliard - April 28, 2020 at 12:13 PM

JZ

Thank you. Tom we remember you ! We appreciate that you remembered dad with such kind words. Thank you

judith zedreck - May 23, 2020 at 03:22 PM

VW

“ I am Harvey's cousin Gail Kohnen Wolfe. I have always wondered where he was and Elaine too. I remember food times at his dad's farm. We used to go to the corn and Weiner roasts there that his mom and dad would have. Some of my best childhood memories. Harvey was always making you laugh. He was a very jolly and happy person and fun to be around. His mother made the best homemade butter. I loved playing with Elaine. Rest in peace Harvey. May God comfort your family and Bless them. Sorry our paths didn't cross in adulthood. See you up there someday.

V Gail Kohnen Wolfe - April 24, 2020 at 05:39 PM

JM

“ I remember Harvey from our high school days. At Concord High, we played basket ball and baseball together. Catching his fast ball was a real thrill. He was a steady friendly guy who friendship I treasured. Although our paths did not cross after high school, I remember and treasure our friendship. My deepest sympathy in your loss but know that God has him in His loving arms. May God extend that love and grace and comfort to all of his family.
Sincerely, Ed McGee

Janet McGee - April 24, 2020 at 09:02 AM

JU

thank you for such great memories. He loved talking about his days at hooker and sports .. it would mean a lot to him that you took time to write .. thank you again

judith - April 24, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ The Lighthouse that was shining for us every time we drove home, waiting, shining, and welcoming us back from wherever our travels brought us. Sometimes God saves the best for last as He did for us giving us Harvey in our later years of life. So many things learned from him as to how to stay calm in troubled times, how to get up and move no matter how hard it was, always a smile, a wave, given freely from the heart. His love for his family was so bountiful he glowed with pride everytime he mentioned them or their accomplishments, no matter how small they were. A wonderful dad, grandpa, and papa and a wonderful friend. Sincerely, Jim and Carole

Carole Rotuna Smith - April 24, 2020 at 08:25 AM

JU

We are waiting to see you and Jim .. such loving friends and Neighbors.. are a blessing we will always cherish

judith - April 24, 2020 at 01:25 PM

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“ I will never forget the times I visited him, Aunt Tootsie, Aunt Blondie with Gram and Grandpa. He was a sweet, kind man just like Grandpa. Always made me laugh when I visited in earlier years. I know he is happy to be with Aunt Tootsie again..I will never forget either one of them. Prayers and Love to all. Debbie and family

Debra Micco (Simmons) - April 23, 2020 at 09:53 PM

JU

They lived their family .. thank you for sharing memories

judith - April 24, 2020 at 01:26 PM