



## George Alan Sternbergh

January 7, 1928 - May 16, 2017

G. (George) Alan Sternbergh, 89, passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. He was born on January 7, 1928 the son of the late Henry and Lina (Voltz) Sternbergh of Westward, NJ. He was a 1946 graduate of Westwood H.S. where he was active in both sports and music. After graduating, Mr. Sternbergh attended the Juilliard School of Music and later distinguished himself with his own big band. He was a 1951 honors graduate of Westminster College, later receiving his masters in education and counseling from Penn State University in 1954. For many years, he was a member of the town of New Wilmington, where he mentored and counseled many young people. During his undergraduate years, Mr. Sternbergh was a baseball player for the legendary coach Charles "Buzz" Ridl. Mr. Sternbergh's first job was Director of Sales and Training for General Fireproofing in Youngstown, Ohio, for 15 years. In 1969, Mr. Sternbergh returned to his Alma Mater, Westminster College, where he was one of the first small college Directors of Career Planning and Placement, a job he would hold for 20 years. During his final years at Westminster he worked in the college Development Office retiring in 1993. He also was a lifetime member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, for many years serving as the faculty advisor. During his years as a resident of New Wilmington, Mr. Sternbergh was a Deacon and an Elder of the Neshannock Presbyterian Church, a lifelong member of the Kiwanis Club, coached Little League, girls softball and was responsible for creating one of the first church softball teams in the local area. He loved history and helped

co-write several books: When the Titans Truly Were, History of Neshannock Presbyterian Church 1903–2003, and the History of New Wilmington Pennsylvania. Mr. Sternbergh was honored with the New Wilmington Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year in 2002 and the Westminster College Board of Trustees with the Outstanding Lifetime Service Award in 2004. His wife of 62 years, Margaret (Elliott) Sternbergh survives him, along with four children, Karen Gerstner of Houston TX, Cynthia Travers of Phoenix AZ, Gail Durrett of Austin, TX, Elliott Sternbergh of Carlisle and six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Neshannock Presbyterian Church, 330 W Neshannock Ave, New Wilmington, PA 16142 or the Sternbergh Scholarship Fund of Westminster College, Office of Development, Old Main Room 106, New Wilmington, PA 16172. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017 at the William F. Sellers Funeral Home with Rev. Scott Bowerman officiating. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.sellersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sellersfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Mr Sternbergh as it turns out was one of those people that I consider pivotal in my career and life. Besides helping me maneuver through my conflicted thoughts about my career direction, he helped me attain an internship that introduced me to insurance which has turned out to be my life’s career.*

*Mr Sternbergh also was a key contributor to my senior Honors Program project and always had time to coach me as I needed advice.*

*Some 43 years later I value his advice more today than ever. I am thankful for his help, advice and friendship. To his family, please accept my condolences.*

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**Craig Bedell** - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *With heartfelt condolences to the entire family and especially for my dear friend Karen, who was recently there for me in my time of great grief. Am praying for peace and comfort to you all.*

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**Jan Kelly** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Dear past Sternbergh neighbors of New Wilmington  
Thinking of you as you celebrate the life a wonderful father and man.*

*I think of those New Wilmington years and all of you. Sorry for your loss.*

*Best regards,  
Kathy McConnell (Kate)*

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**Kathy (Kate) McConnell** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I have fond memories of Mr. Sternbergh as graduate of Westminster College in the mid-70s. He had a wealth of knowledge to share as well as a kind and gentle spirit. May your memories sustain you as you grieve and until you are reunited for eternity.

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**Diana Bartley DeToma** - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ So sorry to learn of Al's passing. I got to know him as an undergrad and later as a colleague at Westminster. We quite regularly had tremendous conversations about Titan sports, history, and the whole gamut of music when he was employed here. He was such a marvelous, upbeat man! Please accept my deepest condolences, and know my entire family is praying for you during this difficult time.

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**Gary Swanson** - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ As you celebrate a life well lived may the God of all comfort also grant you peace and hope. "There is going to be a resurrection" (Acts 24:15).

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**c. collier** - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ This condolence message is for Karen. I knew you when we were kids in New Wilmington. You were a good friend. I'm so sorry about you dad. I do remember him as being very nice.

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**Heather Pratt Antonucci** - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I will miss you forever, PopPop.

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**Jessica** - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM