



Harry Chester Bard

January 24, 1946 - December 17, 2020

Mr. Harry C. Bard, 74, of St. Thomas, went to be with his Lord and Savior early Thursday afternoon, December 17, 2020, at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital. He was the loving husband of Mrs. Doris Ann Forsythe Bard, his wife of 51 years.

Born January 24, 1946, at the Chambersburg Hospital, he was a son of the late Andrew Ross and Pauline Katherine Fittery Bard. He graduated from St. Thomas High School in 1964; and was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force.

Mr. Bard retired from Letterkenny Munitions Center with 37 years of dedicated service.

He was previously an active member of The Open Door Church, Chambersburg, where he taught Sunday School. More recently he attended Shennandoah Bible Baptist Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia, where he assisted with Sunday School attendance records.

Harry was very much a conversationalist and known for his sense of humor. He felt family was very important, enjoying family gatherings and the company of his grandchildren.

He was also a great sportsman. Not only did he enjoy hunting, but enjoyed playing soccer and baseball, and more recently golfing. He had served as President of St. Thomas Baseball League for many years; and was honored for his devoted service to the league by having a baseball field named for him at St. Thomas Ball fields. Additionally, he had been active with Boy Scouts of America.

Besides his wife, Harry is survived by his children, Jennifer L. Bard and friend Angel J. Martez Rivera of Chambersburg, Jason M. Bard and wife Andrea of Martinsburg, West Virginia; and Jessica R. Blacker and husband Timothy, Jr., of Chambersburg; by grandchildren, Gabriel, Cara, Catelyn, Abram, Auna, Kinsley, Avin and Ava; by siblings Jean Lake of St. Thomas, and twins, Marlene Rubeck, and Arlene Ryder and husband Don all of Greencastle; brother-in-law William Forsythe and wife Pam as well as by twenty-six nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded by his sons, Michael, age 5, and Matthew, age 2 ½, who died tragically in an accident; by his son-in-law William Quivers, II; as well by siblings, twin brother Larry, Marvin Ray Bard, and Robert Bard, Sr.

The William F. Sellers Funeral Home, Chambersburg, is assisting with family with arrangements. There will not be visiting at the funeral home. A funeral service will be held graveside Wednesday, December 23, 2:00 PM, at Parklawns Memorial Gardens, 3218 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg. Pastors, Rev. Dr. Corey R. Bane and Rev. Carl G. McKee, will officiate. Family and friends wishing to attend should gather inside the main gates of the cemetery for a procession to the gravesite just prior to the graveside service.

Cemetery Details

Parklawns Memorial Gardens & Mausoleum

3218 Philadelphia Ave
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ Sorry to hear of Harry passing. Harry was just 4 days older than me, went to school together at St, Thomas High School. We had many good talks at the Barber Shop as I cut his hair Many times. He is now with his Lord and Savior. See you in Heaven Harry.

Karen (Reamer) Stroock - December 21, 2021 at 11:52 AM

Mindy Johnson

“ Jen, Jess,Doris guys I'm so sorry. I remember your dad always smiling and laughing and he was just so happy to be around, such a sweetheart, it was a blessing to know him!! Love you guys!

Mindy Johnson - December 22, 2020 at 08:45 PM

SB

“ Doris, Jen, Jason, Jess, and families. We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Harry was one of a kind and will be missed by many. I pray that his Lord, who welcomed Harry home, will comfort you and give you peace during this most difficult time. God Bless, Rick and Susie Brown

Susan Brown - December 22, 2020 at 07:55 PM

HE

“ After many years of working around Harry at LEMC he retired and I stayed a little longer till I retired then we got together and formed a golf team where each week we went to the courses along with two other guys who retired we played a game not long before he went to the hospital and went to be with his maker I am sure he was very well welcomed by his Lord, the guys and I will miss you this year on the courses. Your golfer buddy, Harold Etter

Harold Etter - December 21, 2020 at 07:36 PM

KB

“ *Uncle Harry was an inspiration to me since I was knee high to a grasshopper. My twin uncles were so much fun to be around. I consider Harry and Larry to be two of the greatest men I ever knew. Not only was Uncle Harry a great uncle, but a terrific neighbor for three years, an amazing co-ed volleyball team mate for many years. And, of course, being involved with Little League teams and helping Uncle Harry with the concession stand for many years. You would never know my aunt and uncle had so much heartache and tragedies in their lives, yet they still remained strong in their faith and positive in life. We will always treasure all the sweet memories and sadly miss Uncle Harry!*

Kim & Barry Byers - December 21, 2020 at 04:18 PM

RW

“ Truly one of the best men I've ever met and one of the most influential to me personally. Harry did this life right. Married the beautiful Doris and raised some outstanding children. He gave back to his community through his Church and his volunteer work with the Little League and Scouts.

I always marveled at his energy. I worked with him at Letterkenny. A very hard worker, but he always had that wonderful sense of humor. He would somehow make working those long hours fun. I remember helping him put in dugouts at one of his little league fields. John High was the talent. Harry and I had to do the grunt work of bringing John the cinder blocks and mixing the mortar. It was a physically challenging day, but Harry kept us in stitches from laughter throughout the day.

I admired and loved Harry. Him and Doris has suffered some personal tragedy that would have destroyed most people. Through it all, Harry was still one of the happiest and cheerful people I've ever met. His faith in God and his dedication to family was a light for all of us. Harry was a great leader. He wasn't preachy, but he lead by example. To me, that's the best type of leadership to have.

Rest in peace Harry. You've earned it. Sending my prayers to the Bard family to get them through this difficult time. Just keep Harry's legacy alive by telling all those nieces, nephews and grandchildren all those wonderful stories about Harry. I'll miss the way you made me laugh Harry and I'll miss that wonderful laugh of yours. I can't help but smile each time I think of you. God Bless the Bard family.

Rick Wright

Rick Wright - December 21, 2020 at 12:27 PM

DH

“ I am saddened by the passing of Harry. We worked together for 25 years and talked of wife- family & coworkers. Harry's Love for the Lord was so special and showed in his everyday walk. I was a better man because of our friendship. Great Man and I will miss him but see him again in HEAVEN !!! Denny Helfrick

Dennis R. Helfrick - December 20, 2020 at 08:38 PM

LS

Harry and I are first cousins. His Father Andrew and my Mother, Marjorie, were Brother and Sister. My wife (Lynn McKee) actually was his Sunday School teacher in the Fort Loudon Methodist Church. I miss the family dinners and reunions which we had back in those days. We lost touch and I had not seen him in years. We have lived in Maryland since 1963. It sounds like we surely miss the opportunity to know him and his walk with the Lord.

We pray that God will be with you and comfort you.

Fred and Lynn Mckee Stepler

Lynn M Stepler - December 21, 2020 at 04:25 PM