



Lance Hunter Butler Sr.

November 10, 1938 - July 19, 2021

On July 19, 2021, Lance Hunter Butler, Sr., loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away at the age of 83 at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA.

Lance was born on November 10, 1938 to Frank and Beatrice Butler. He grew up on their farm in Swedesboro, NJ. Lance graduated from Gettysburg College in 1962. On June 16, 1962, he married Eleanor Schoeller, to whom he had dated since high school. They raised three children Kristen, Heather and Lance, Jr.

Lance was a high school science teacher and football coach before he began his twenty-nine year career as a Human Resources Manager with the DuPont Company. He later worked for International Paper as a Senior Employee Productivity Consultant. With the DuPont company, the Butler family lived in Seaford, Delaware and Easton, Connecticut but it was Kennett Square, Pennsylvania that they called home for over 40 years.

Lance loved football and baseball. He played football at Swedesboro High School and Gettysburg College. He was an avid Eagles, Phillies and Green Bay Packers fan. Come Fall, Lance could be seen wearing his iconic Green Bay Packers jacket. Having been raised on a farm, he enjoyed gardening and yard work.

Lance was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Beatrice and sister Lura. He is survived by his wife Eleanor, his three children Kristen Butler Kaminski, Heather Butler Tessier and Lance Butler, Jr., their spouses and partners and his beloved grandchildren Nathaniel Butler, Samantha Tessier, and Chase Butler.

In lieu of gifts and flowers, please consider a donation to the Compassionate Care Fund at Masonic Village Elizabethtown, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 . Per his wishes, there will be no funeral. There will be a celebration of life held at a later date. The family wishes to thank the caring doctors and staff at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown for the excellent care both Lance and Eleanor have received.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dear Heather, Kris, and Lance Jr.,

I will always remember your father's sense of humor and how supportive and welcoming both he and your mom were to me. I am saddened to hear of his passing but know you have wonderful memories to help you through this loss.

*With sincere sympathy and love in my heart,
JoAnna Pahides Stump*

JoAnna Pahides Stump - August 19, 2021 at 08:29 AM

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“ Dear Heather, Kris, and Lance Jr. ,

I beyond grateful that Nancy and I got to visit with Lance Sunday afternoon.... Hold his hand and give him a kiss. I have such wonderful memories of spending time with Lance and El at Papaya in Hatteras Village... he and Jon trying to work the new elevator. Trips on the ferry to Ocracoke which Lance couldn't seem to pronounce, fishing on the sandbars with Jon there, dinners at their beautiful home at Hammorton Woods. And the wonderful college stories El told of helping him write his papers at Gettysburg. So many memories. He was an exceptional father, grandfather, and friend. I love him very much and will miss him. May he Rest In Peace



Lois Vanderburg - July 22, 2021 at 09:14 PM

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“ Dear Kris, Heather and Lance, Jr., Your Dad was a devoted husband and supportive father, cherished being a grandfather, and also was a fine friend. He touched many lives with his sense of humor, love for his family, and appreciation of a fun time! May the fond memories you have be cherished and overtake your sorrow. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Carol A. Little - July 21, 2021 at 04:39 PM

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I remember Lance when we were in our early teens. He and I were both chosen to be in a Christmas pageant at the Swedesboro Bethesda Methodist Church. Lance was so handsome. I felt as though I were in a pageant with a movie star.

Laurel (Sue Crispin) Hoffmann, daughter of Alice Butler Crispin who was Lance's first cousin.

Laurel Hoffmann - July 22, 2021 at 01:57 PM