



## Richard E. "Dick" Shirk

July 9, 1954 - January 30, 2025

Richard E. "Dick" Shirk, 70, of Palmyra, passed away peacefully on the afternoon of January 30, 2025, with his loving family by his side at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon.

He was the son of the late Raymond U. and Bernice M. (Hartline) Shirk. He was the husband of Debra K. (Young) Shirk for a wonderful 48 years.

Dick was a hardworking lifelong truck driver for various companies. He was a devoted member and past Assistant Fire Chief of the Citizens Fire Company #1, of Palmyra. He also was a volunteer and social member of Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company where he devoted his many Friday nights to his bingo ladies. Dick enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping with his family and friends. He was an avid Philadelphia Phillies fan and Eagles fan. Dick will always be remembered for his willingness to help others and his dedication to his family and friends.

In addition to his loving wife, Debra, he is survived by three daughters; Jody Michael, wife of Marcus, of Manheim, Janene Jennings, wife of Eric, of Manheim, and Jessica

Smith, Fiancé of  
Mark Rettew, of Lititz; six grandchildren, Tanner Michael, Lauren Michael,  
Emma Jennings,  
Cooper Jennings, Riley Smith, and Makenna Smith. Dick was preceded in  
death by six siblings;  
Irma Cassel, Michael Shirk, Kenneth Shirk, Joanne Wood, Raymond Shirk,  
Jr., and Dennis  
Shirk, and his father-in-law, Clair Young.  
A celebration of Dick's life will be held on Saturday morning, February 8, 2025,  
at 11:00 AM at  
Mt. Wilson Church of the Brethren, 1261 Mt Wilson Rd., Lebanon, PA 17042.  
There will be a  
time of visitation for family and friends from 10:00 AM until the time of the  
service. There will be  
no public viewing. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the  
family. In lieu of  
flowers, contributions in memory of Dick may be sent to St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital,  
501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt Wilson Church of the Brethren  
1261 Mt Wilson Road  
Lebanon, PA 17042

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Sincerest sympathies to you and your family, Deb. The Hetrick family has many fond memories of time spent with the Shirk family on their Ridge Road farm. And even after all the years since those fun days on the farm, Dick ALWAYS asked about the Hetrick sisters whenever he saw one of us. What a special guy he was - just like all his family. Love and hugs to you, Deb! Debbie & Scot

Scot & Debbie Blouch - February 01, 2025 at 07:45 AM

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“ Dick was such a great guy and a fun guy. I was lucky enough to know him many years and get to work with him as a volunteer at the fire company. His sense of humor and smile will always be remembered. Prayers to his family as they deal with everything

Cindy Skinner - January 31, 2025 at 08:59 PM

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Jenna, Eric, Emma and Cooper, and extended family, Our hearts go out to you all at the passing of your dear father...Jenna, you feel the loss, but your Dad has gained his crown. Our love and prayers to you all, Cindy and Gary Collins

Gary and Cindy Collins - February 01, 2025 at 05:31 AM

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“ *Deb, & Family- Our sincere condolences on the loss of Dick. Will always appreciate his service to the community as a member of Citizens Fire Co.#1. He will definitely be enjoying the Super Bowl on 2/9/25. Heaven gained another angel to watch over you each day. God Bless. Steve & Lucy Powell.*



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**Steve & Lucy Powell** - January 31, 2025 at 08:31 PM