



David J. Dunkle

December 29, 1978 - March 22, 2021

David J. Dunkle of Ephrata, PA died on March 22, 2021 at Lancaster General at the age of 42.

Dave was born on December 29, 1978 in Hagerstown, MD to Jeffrey and Ruth (Evangelista) Dunkle, who both survive.

Dave was a man of quiet strength and grace, a keen observer and a lifelong learner. He was an encyclopedia of sports knowledge and a wealth of hidden talents - teaching himself to read Japanese and to play classical guitar. He was a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and was employed by Ephrata National Bank.

On April 11, 2015 he married Tory Kline Dunkle. Through their almost 6 years of marriage, Dave was ever the loving, devoted and patient husband. He was always game for any spontaneous adventure or project Tory could scheme up.

Dave's greatest joy in life was being dada to his sweet baby girl Anastasia. Though often cautious in new situations, Dave hit the ground running the

moment he first held Anna in his arms. He loved her fiercely and was so proud of his smart, strong and brave girl.

Dave is also survived by a brother, Timothy and wife Becky Dunkle of Manheim; a sister Rachel and husband Brandon Gehman of Elizabethtown and their children Zackery and Zoey. He is also survived by his in-laws James and Shana Minder of Lancaster and sister-in-law Tara Kline of Harrisburg.

His Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, April 17th, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Church of the Redeemer, 230 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, PA, and live streamed at www.theredeemer.org. Masks and social distancing will be required. A private interment will follow.

Please register with the Church, if you are attending the Memorial Service via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4FA4A6283-david>

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Dave's memory to Gift of Life <https://www.giftoflife.org/contrib>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer
230 Pennswood Road
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I’m just learning of Dave’s passing now, 3+ years afterwards. Dave was my best friend back in 5th and 6th grade and I loved the guy—he was funny, caring, intelligent, and even then a young man of integrity. Unfortunately, after moving away from PA, we lost touch, but will always remember him as a great friend and human being. Deepest condolences to all his family - Steve “Stupid” Sommerville

Steve Sommerville - December 29, 2024 at 10:58 AM

MA

“ I only met Dave a few times, but he I know that he was loved and cherished by many. My heart goes out to the loved ones who grieve his passing. I know he is missed dearly.

MaryAnne - March 30, 2021 at 12:50 PM

MS

“ I worked with dave at weis markets in manheim and if my memory serves me right we had a lot of talks about our mutual love of the philadelphia phillies.I was happy for him when he got a job at the bank and when i heard as well that he was getting married.I hope he was able to cherish the time he was able to spend with his family because he deserved it.My heartfelt condolences go out to the Dunkle family and those who were fortunate enough to know dave.

mark shank - March 28, 2021 at 05:51 PM

TD

“ My heart was broken when I heard of Dave's passing. Never have I met a more gentle sweet spirited man. I am sharing your sadness and will keep you lifted in my Prayers and thoughts. My sadness is for us left without him, my celebration is that he IS with our Lord and that he TOUCHED our lives in his sweet, special way. May God Bless and Grace you with his Peace.

Terri Doster

Terri Doster - March 28, 2021 at 12:27 PM

DO

“ I am saddened to hear of Dave's passing. i trained and worked with him at the bank for several years quite awhile ago, and I remember him as being kind and sweet. I love seeing the picture of him holding his baby and I am glad he had that joy.

Please accept my condolences.

Debbie Owens

Debbie Owens - March 28, 2021 at 12:20 PM

KC

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences for Dave's passing. I worked with him at the bank for about 5 years and have only good memories of working together, as well as conversations we had about sports, Star Wars and the church. Dave had such an easygoing nature and smile to match.



Kim Craven - March 27, 2021 at 07:16 PM