



George S. Young

March 7, 1955 - March 6, 2018

GEORGE S. YOUNG, owner of GEORGE YOUNG COMPANY, a Philadelphia business since 1869.

George S. Young of Lafayette Hill, PA died suddenly on March 6th, 2018. He was on vacation with his wife of 40 years, Karin. He was an incredible husband, a caring brother, a proud uncle, and a loyal friend to many.

George was born in Wynnewood on March 7, 1955 to Charles and Esthermae Young. He graduated from The Haverford School and attended Lehigh University. A natural leader, George was a proud owner and business partner of George Young Company for more than 40 years. The company had been in his family since 1869. He worked diligently at the company to achieve high levels of rigging quality and safety, for which the company won numerous awards. George was also an involved member of his professional community, and a supportive mentor to the young people around him. In addition, he was passionate about horticulture, the preservation of fine arts, travelling, entertaining, and of course, his Philadelphia Eagles.

George was a very active member of the Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association (SC&RA) and was on the Board of the General Building Contractors Association (GBCA) in Philadelphia, PA. He followed in his father's footsteps with a passion for moving works of fine art. He orchestrated

many important moves, including the Liberty Bell, LOVE statue, the Rocky Sculpture and many other priceless treasures. He was an industry leader in “moving the impossible”. He was a well respected leader in his company. George and his family sold George Young Company to Mammoet, one of the largest rigging and heavy haul companies in the world, one year ago. George was very proud of the collaboration between the companies that have now become George Young Mammoet.

George was the beloved husband of Karin E. Young and devoted brother of Charles W. Young and sister-in-law, Lita MacDonald; and Meredith Dornenburg and brother-in-law, Mark Dornenburg. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Hedwig Ebner; sister-in-law, Irene Moser; brother-in-law, Erich Ebner and sister-in-law, Gabriel, and many loving nieces.

George’s funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 1 PM in the sanctuary of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA. A reception will follow in the church’s Congregational Hall. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to Specialized Carriers & Rigging Foundation (www.scr-foundation.org) or to a charity of your choosing.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Karin, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am deeply sadden to learn of George’s passing. Take comfort in family, friends and the memories you have. I would like to think George and my dad, Jack, have been reunited and sharing stories once again. Lots of love to you!

Alison McGeehan - September 03, 2018 at 11:42 AM

LC

“ I, Lori Cookinham, and the Amundsen Family, would like to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of George Youngone if the most innovative, intelligent, caring and compassionate people my family and I had the pleasure of knowing. My husband Robert Cookinham passed at age 49, while in the employ of the George Young Company. George and his family were there from that first day to days and years that followed, helping my family and I to get through the sad times that followed . He was there the day my husband passed to comfort me and attended ervuces that followed and helping us cope with Ribs death by establishing a scholarship in Robs name This amazing man was nothing short of our strong shoulder to lean on and our guardian to us as we grieved our loss George Yiung was an admirable and caring man that we shall remember with love and respect and our hearts grieve for the loss of this wonderful man that we were so fortunate to call our employer and friend

Lori Cookinham - March 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM

GB

“ George was a wonderful person and a strong supporter of all "things safety" which is professionally where our lives intersected. But more than that, he was just such a generous and giving person--including with his time--such that he could always be relied upon for an interesting observation, a unique perspective or a positive comment, usually delivered in his inimitable manner. This is a terrible loss personally as well as for the industry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Karin, and your family. May your faith guide you and provide strength and support during this terribly sad and difficult time.

GRAHAM BRENT - March 16, 2018 at 05:55 PM

SN

“ Staff and Volunteers of NCCCO purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of George S. Young.



Staff and Volunteers of NCCCO - March 16, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George S. Young.



March 16, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of George S. Young.*



March 16, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ *Love Keith Guiochet and Lisa Marillier purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of George S. Young.*



Love Keith Guiochet and Lisa Marillier - March 16, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ *The Matcom Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George S. Young.*



The Matcom Family - March 16, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ *Lori Cookinham and the Amundsens purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of George S. Young.*



Lori Cookinham and the Amundsens - March 15, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ *Heavenly Light* was purchased for the family of George S. Young.



March 15, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of George S. Young.



March 15, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ *Robert Weiss and the staff of Cranes, Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue* for the family of George S. Young.



Robert Weiss and the staff of Cranes, Inc. - March 14, 2018 at 10:45 AM

BG

“ I worked with both George and his father during the move of the Liberty Bell from Independence Hall to the Liberty Bell Pavilion in 1976, and from the Liberty Bell Pavilion to the Liberty Bell Center in 2003, as well as, the removal of the Bicentennial Bell from its carillion at the old NPS Visitor's Center on Third street to its storage location. I fondly remember George as a person who took great pride in our countries history and especially the Liberty Bell. To George's family may I extend my deepest sympathy for your loss and may his soul RIP and his spirit be with you forever. God Bless,
Bob Giannini, NPS Museum Curator, INHP, Philadelphia, PA.

Bob Giannini - March 13, 2018 at 05:34 PM

KW

“ George was the very first person I met in the SC&RA. It was the 2003 meeting in Crystal City and the year the hurricane directly hit the DC area. I had only been married to Dave for 5 days - seriously - our whole wedding was planned around this SC&RA meeting!

I was nervously riding the elevator up to the First Timers' Meeting and on got this giant of a man who was so friendly. He asked about me and where I was from. Then he asked the question I will never forget . . . "Is your husband's company associated with the crane side or the rigging side of the industry?" I had no idea what the question even meant let alone what the answer was. I was mortified! I just mumbled I was married less than a week and I had no idea what WHECO did. This made George laugh. Even so he was so kind to me the rest of the meeting and never missed a chance to walk across a room to say hi. This was even though he was at that time the Grand Poobah, which I didn't know either.

I soon met the lovely Karin and we hit it off immediately. The Youngs have been our closest friends in the industry ever since. I must say, as our friendship grew over the years I honestly thought George loved me more than any other person (except Karin of course) in the industry. This week it has become abundantly clear that George loved everyone the best. This couple is one of a kind. They definitely broke the mold after creating George and Karin.

Because their faith is strong I cling to the fact I will see George again in Heaven. Rest gently my friend. I love you guys the best.

Karen Wood

Karen Wood - March 13, 2018 at 01:41 PM

FB

“ Karen, my deepest sympathies in the loss of your husband and my former boss. Great Guy! He's probably up there with his Pop suggesting on how to rig and move the Pearly Gates.

May the resurrection and defeat of death through Christ, get you through these troubled times.

God Bless

Frank Bankard and Family

Frank Bankard - March 13, 2018 at 11:35 AM

KF

“ Karen, charles and meridith
Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences 🍀
Kevin, lois, erin and megan kulp

Kulp family - March 13, 2018 at 10:06 AM

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