



William Carter Merbreier "Captain Noah"

August 2, 1926 - August 9, 2016

William Carter Merbreier, TV's "Captain Noah" died peacefully on August 9th, 2016 at Shannondell at Valley Forge at the age of 90. Beloved husband of the late Patricia B. "Mrs. Noah"; and devoted father of Pam Cowie(Ian); also survived by his granddaughters, Abigail Birch and Ashley Nuttall; 4 great grandchildren; and his brother, Karl Merbreier. His Funeral Service will be held on Monday August 15th. at 11 AM in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 415 E. Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003, where you may call after 10 AM. Burial will follow in the Churchyard. Contributions may be made in Carter's memory to the Scholarship Fund of Broadcast Pioneers, Box 2886, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Lutheran Churchyard

corner of Athens Avenue and Wynnewood
Road
Ardmore, PA

Previous Events

The family will receive guests

AUG 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
415 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, PA

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ We owned a home behind (Captain and Mrs. Noah) in Ocean City, NJ. As a child, I was awe struck to be able to know these television stars!! My parents were hair dressers and they cut their hair and Carter’s grand daughters’ hair Abby and Ashley. Captain Noah gave me a giant tube filled with tootsie rolls one summer. Carter and his wife were the nicest people in real life, and I have so many fond memories watching the children’s tv show. What an honor to know them.

Joyn La Spina - September 15, 2023 at 06:32 PM

JH

“ 'MY son and his wife are enjoying the beautiful home that your parents lived in Gladwyne. The beautiul murals are amazing and a joy to all who visit. Thanks for your generous sharing after the funeral of the pictures of the addition and many memories. The home is filed with love and children that was your fathers wishes. Their dog's name is Carter!!!! So sorry for your loss!!!!

Joanne Hunsicker - August 28, 2016 at 06:10 PM

DH

“ As a child growing up, I could have asked for no better Pastor than W. Carter Merbreir, or his dear wife and daughter Pam! The many lessons I learned from them were not just the esoteric scriptures, which live still in my heart today - but the growth of watching his duty to the city police and firemen (my dad was a cop), or the efforts he placed in improving St. Matthews Church, Ortho efforts he gave of himself with the WFILteam. My friend, my Pastor and his family taught me the true meaning of sharing of themselves. After all these years, Pam, I can tell you that you were my first crush!

I thank Carter for guiding me in my life long career in Medicine.

I know that he and Pat will have a forever role in heaven, as described by Randy Alcorn in his book, "Heaven"!

*Blessed Eternity Carter and Pat!
Professor Earl Hulihan*



Dr. Earl Hulihan - August 16, 2016 at 05:34 AM

RO

“ Captain Noah has held a special place in our hearts for many years. In 1976 our 3 year old daughter Michelle was rushed to chop in a coma with a disease called Reye's syndrome . We did not know if she would pull thru or not. Our cousin was so upset and remembered how much she adored captain Noah . Being a delivery man in cinnaminson he knew where Larry Ferarri lived and rushed to his home asking if he would contact captain Noah. Larry Ferrari immediately called the captain who in turn immediately called chop and told them he would get a police escort to the hospital to visit this little girl. Chop felt that might cause too much disruption at the hospital, but suggested he spoke to Michelle over the phone into their recorder and they will play his message to her. He and Mrs. Noah and the puppets did such, telling Michelle to feel better and than sang to her. We played the tape at her bedside over and over. Michelle did survive, but was left with extensive brain damage. She is 42 years old and is still living at home being cared for by us her parents. We still have that tape and will never forget the incredible act of kindness Mrs. and Capt. Noah showed for this little girl they never met. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will always be rembered. Penny and George Robinson

robinson - August 15, 2016 at 08:03 PM

MC

“ Pam-i had the pleasure of being the travel agent who did the trips for your Mom and Dad to come and visit you and your family in England-and how proud and excited they were -they would always tell me about what was going on with their grandchildren. Your Dad and I shared the same birthday-and he would always call me up on that day-to wish me a happy birthday-and he would always add a little humor by saying-"well it looks like we made another year". He missed your Mom so much that i am sure that the day he arrived in heaven and saw your Mom waiting for him with her great smile and open arms--he was the happiest person. He made a lot of people happy over the years-whether it be on TV or in his personal life-and rest assured he will always be remembered- and people will be singing his praises and song forever.My deepest sympathy to you and your family--and CAPTAIN NOAH MAY YOUR RAINBOW SHINE FOREVER.

maria cermignano - August 15, 2016 at 10:29 AM

DL

“ Thank-you Captain Noah my children grew up watching your show. They sent pictures and still proudly have their Clean Plate Award which they show to their children. We still sing your songs and are so grateful to both you and Mrs.Noah for being a wonderful part of our lives through your tv show. You both hold a special place in our hearts To your family we are so deeply sorry for your loss.

The Loughrey Family

Dustie Lough - August 14, 2016 at 12:47 PM

CC

“ Thank you for everything Captain Noah . Enjoy your journey over the rainbow .

Chris and Sarah Carlson , Quakertown , Pa.

chris carlson - August 14, 2016 at 09:25 AM

VG

“ Dear Merbreier and other families,
I am sorry for your loss. May his memory be eternal! Rest easy,
dear soul. God bless him and his family.

Vasilios Emmanuel Glimidakis - August 11, 2016 at 01:57 PM

FH

“ My daughter, age 51, who was a fan of Captain and Mrs. Noah,
called me from Springfield, IL to tell me Captain Noah went to
Heaven. The sad news traveled fast but the good news is we know
he is with Mrs. Noah in Heaven.

Faye Hoffman - August 11, 2016 at 08:45 AM

DH

“ Captain & Mrs Noah were a big driving force in shaping my
childhood. Good people & valuable lessons. Great works that will
surely outlive them both.

David Hutchins - August 10, 2016 at 11:06 AM

CS

“ *The Merbreiers were Uncle Carter and Aunt Pat to the Sheridan children. When they came to dinner, we kids raced downstairs the next morning to see the refrigerator door that Uncle Carter decorated for us. It would be covered w a unique sketch of our family in charicature, complete w dialogue.*

When they lived in the penthouse apartment, he had painted the hall from the parking garage to the elevator with a mural of flowers and insects because he thought the plain cinder block too drab. As a kid, that was astonishing that one could draw on a wall and not be punished.

Better yet, when we visited, he had a cache of Superballs that he let us drop from the balcony to see how high they would bounce.

There was a big kid to go with the big heart in that man. He had a twinkle in his eye, a beaming smile and a ready hug for us kids. He made you feel like you mattered.

We named our daughter Carter in his honor. She was going to be Carter Patrick or Carter Elizabeth. Either way, boy or girl, I wanted to carry his legacy in my own family.

Uncle Carter, I hope there are Superballs in heaven and plenty of Magic Markers. You were divine on earth, I can only imagine what you can do in heaven!

Cheri Sheridan - August 10, 2016 at 06:51 AM