



David S. Etter

November 18, 1926 - November 18, 2011

David S. Etter, 85, Lebanon, passed away Friday, November 18, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon. He was the husband of the late Isabel Tuck Etter, whom he married in 1948.

He was born in Hershey on February 3, 1926, son of the late Samuel and Rose Levitz Etter.

Mr. Etter originally intended to be a math professor but ended up running the family business after his Father's death in 1953. A business his Father began as a small news stand, selling tobacco and candy in Palmyra, which then became the Lebanon Valley News Company.

He was an Army Air Corp Veteran of WWII, serving as a pilot.

Mr. Etter graduated from the University of Miami, Cum Laude in 1949. He was the president and CEO of the Lebanon Valley News Company. He was Chairman of the Farmer's Trust Company and later served on the Executive Board of Fulton Financial. He was Secretary/Treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Independent Distributors Assoc.

He developed the Ben Tuck Riding Stable, Lebanon into the Tuck Business Park.

He cared deeply about his community as was sure to volunteer and contribute where he saw he could make a difference. He served as Chairman of City of Lebanon Water Authority for 40 years. He was president of Congregation Beth Israel from 1981 to 1983, where he is a member. He served as Chairman of Good Samaritan Hospital, worked 24 years with the Lebanon County

Vocational School, member of the Community of Lebanon Assoc., Lebanon Downtown Authority, Lions Club and the Steitz Club.

Surviving are sons, Alan Etter, Lebanon; Steven S., husband of Kristen Etter, Harrisburg; grandchildren, Jami Etter Friedman of Harrisburg; Lindsey Michelle Etter and Shelby Paige Etter, both of Miami, FL; great grandchild, Tucker Devon Friedman and a sister, Miriam Etter Blickstein of Cornwall. He was preceded in death by brothers, Aaron, Lester, Jerry Etter and sister, Esther Etter Levinson.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend David's funeral services on Monday, November 21, 201 at 1:00 PM from Ruffner-Porterfield Funeral Directors & Cremation Services, 890 Isabel Dr., (next to Quentin Circle), Lebanon with Rabbi Paula Reimers officiating. Burial will be made in Beth Israel Cemetery, Lebanon. Please omit flowrs, contributions in David's memory may be made to Congregation Beth Israel, 8th & Oak St, Lebanon, PA 17042.

Tribute Wall



“ *David S. Etter*

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *David S. Etter*

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *David S. Etter*

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *Dear Alan, Steven & Family; We are extremely saddened by the passing of your dad. In fact, we were privileged to have known both of your parents-they were just so special. I was fortunate to have worked with your dad at the bank from 1978 until his retirement from the board in 1996. It was an honor for me to have followed him as Chairman of The Board. Because of his knowledge and insight, it was always a pleasure for me to meet with him to discuss the various issues that concerned our banking institution and the Lebanon County Community. Even in our retirement, we continued to stay in touch and to meet on occasion-as recently as October 19th, when we attended the Fulton Retired Directors Luncheon in Lancaster. I am glad that he had the opportunity to make his appreciative remarks at that luncheon. We will miss Dave and Isabel Etter, but grateful for the opportunity to have known them. You're in our prayers.*

Len and Marian Schott - Myerstown, PA - Friend and Banking Associate -
November 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dave,

What a great person you were, you will be missed!!! My favorite memories of you were your poems you would recite at our Harrisburg/News/USA Today annual XMAS Dinner. My fondest memories was walking through the Penn St Berks/Campus with you and Steve Becker to make sure we were compensating you enough to deliver USA Today.

You were the best,

*Dennis Bonisese
USA TODAY*

Dennis Bonisese - Bangor, PA - November 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Steve:

I am sorry to hear about your father's passing. He was a gentleman and a well respected member of our industry. Please accept my most heartfelt condolences.

*Joe Bertolino
CMG*

Joseph Bertolino - Princeton, NJ - Industry Colleague - November 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Dave was a leader in every sense of the word....he led by following his heart and he led by example.....he had a wonderful sense of humor which showed up in a lot of ways, especially in his cleverly written poetry.....he was a man who I looked up to and who's advice was always welcome and will now sadly be missed.....*

Rufus A. Fulton, Jr - Lancaster, PA - Friend and business associate - November 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Steve and family,
I am deeply saddened to hear of Dad's passing. I recall with great fondness all of the times we shared together, meetings; golf; tours; meals; etc. A true gentleman who was very proud of his family. May the multitude of his memories serve as as blessing as well as an inspiration to all.
Larry*

Larry Scheur - Buffalo, NY - Family friend - November 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM