



Byron G. Wardropper

April 16, 1946 - June 29, 2021

Byron G. Wardropper, 75, of North Huntingdon, died unexpectedly June 29, 2021. He was born April 16, 1946 in McKeesport, a son to the late Harry James and Edna Samantha (Littleton) Wardropper and was also preceded in death by his brothers Tom and Gerald Wardropper and his brother in law Colin Hemus. He was the CEO and founder of Innovative Carbide in Irwin. He spent over 57 years in the tungsten carbide industry and started his own business in 1987. He also owned IC Recycling Solutions in Irwin, and Action Roof Tile Tooling in Lake Wales, FL. His legacy will live on through his wife and children. Byron had a love for aviation and was known as "El Lobo" among his pilot friends. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association, and Cirrus Owners and Pilot Association. He was also an avid outdoorsman and life member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the McKeesport Gun Club. He is survived by his wife of 42 years Bethany (Kittiko) Wardropper; his son Joel (Tiffany) Wardropper of Penn Township; his daughter Heather (Stephen) Peck of Unity Township; his grandchildren Blake Branthoover, Liam Peck, and Lainey and Taylor Wardropper; brother James (Norma) Wardropper of Dravosburg; sister Veronica Hemus of Belle Vernon; sister in law Linda Wardropper of Elizabeth Township; his mother and father in law Ben and Vivian Kittiko of North Huntingdon; brother in law Paul (Winnie) Kittiko of Douglasville, GA; as well as many nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at

the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200, where a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday. Interment will follow in Round Hill Cemetery, Elizabeth. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to the Red Tail Project at cafriseabove.org or The Wasps at waspmuseum.org. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Round Hill Cemetery

2131 Round Hill Church Road
Elizabeth, PA 15037

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

JUL 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
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Visitation

JUL 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

JUL 8. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Byron G. Wardropper*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Byron G. Wardropper*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *May Byron soar with the angels. Our sincere condolences to Bethany and family in your loss. May he rest in peace until we're all together again. God Bless you in this time of sorrow.*



Mike & Maria Demko - July 11, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ *My heart and prayers are sent to Bethany and family for your loss. From the time I was a teenager I was always welcomed in your families home. I have special memories of Byron, his brothers, and Veronica all going horseback riding on summer weekends. May all your memories comfort you in time. Barbara Burkholder and my sister Bonnie*

Barbara Allman/Matteo - July 08, 2021 at 08:50 PM

DW

“ Our prayers that God will give you comfort and grace in this time of sorrow.

David Wiles & Bonnie Minarchin

david wiles - July 08, 2021 at 06:25 PM

FA

“ Our condolences to the family and his colleagues at Innovative Carbide. May God comfort you all.
*Frank Au-Yeung on behalf of Forsteppe Asia Limited, Hong Kong
frank.auyeung@forsteppe.com*

Frank Au-Yeung - July 07, 2021 at 10:47 PM

DT

“ *David Tylavsky purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.*



David Tylavsky - July 07, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.*



July 06, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.*



July 06, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ *Michelle Eisele lit a candle in memory of Byron G. Wardropper*



Michelle Eisele - July 06, 2021 at 12:51 PM



Our deepest sympathy to Bethany, Joel, Heather and their families. Prayers for you in this difficult time.

Michelle Eisele - July 06, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.*



July 06, 2021 at 12:35 PM

DG

“ Our sincere condolences to Bethany and Byron's family. He will be missed by his Cirrus pals. Fond memories of River Cruising with you. My your final landing be soft and your skies forever clear. God Bless you. Dr. Don Goeckel & Dr. Dianne Weidner

Donald Goeckel - July 06, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.



July 06, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.



July 06, 2021 at 09:38 AM

PT

“ Gary and I are heartbroken about the passing of Byron. Just a fun and passionate person who always brightened our day when we were around him. Our prayers to Bethany and his children. The aviation community has lost a great aviator and friend. Soar high our dear friend...you will forever be missed.



Patti and Gary Troop

Patti and Gary Troop - July 05, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.



July 05, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.



July 05, 2021 at 11:08 AM

JW

“ *Byron was a technological innovator in the tungsten carbide industry. It was an honor and privilege to handle his advertising for many years. He was a man who lived an ambitious life and succeeded fully. God bless the family members at your time of great loss.*

*Jim Wasylik
Latrobe, PA*

James Wasylik - July 05, 2021 at 11:02 AM

RS

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family for the loss of a wonderful father and grandfather. We only met a few times, but he was one of life's characters that leaves a lasting impression.*

Rob Scott and the team at H.C. Starck.

Rob Scott - July 05, 2021 at 11:01 AM

CC

Mrs Wardropper-you may not remember me but I'm a former student of yours from the early 80s...but I want to tell you how sorry I am to hear of your husband's passing. May God Bless you and may he rest in peace.

*Sincerely
Cheryl Carroll*

Cheryl Carroll - July 06, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.*



July 04, 2021 at 07:36 PM

AF

“ Deepest sympathy to Bethany, Heather, Joel and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in the memories you share. Ann Ferry

Ann Ferry - July 04, 2021 at 08:54 AM

FL

“ My condolences to Bethany, Joel and Heather so sorry to hear about Byron. Wish everyone the best moving forward.
Fred and Sandy Lamolinara

Fred Lamolinara - July 03, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.



July 03, 2021 at 07:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.



July 03, 2021 at 06:19 PM

DB

“ Met this guys years ago. The laughs we had. God Bless the family and rest in peace Byron

Dan Bertoni - July 03, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Byron G. Wardropper.



July 03, 2021 at 04:14 PM