



Hugh Cowan

September 24, 1935 - May 19, 2008

Hugh Barclay Cowan, Owner of Cowan Cadillac GMC?

Hugh Barclay Cowan, 72, of Paoli, passed away on Monday, May 19, 2008, in his residence.? He was the husband of Gretchen (Eisenhart) Cowan.? Born in Chicago, IL, he was a son of the late Donald Ross Grant Cowan and Helen Merle (Prentice) Cowan.?

Mr. Cowan was a graduate of Ann Arbor High School in Michigan, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he belonged to the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, and the University of Michigan, where he received his M.B.A.? He served in the?United States Navy.? He was the owner of the former Cowan Cadillac-GMC in Kimberton.? He was a member of the Paoli Presbyterian Church, the current President of the Rotary Club of Phoenixville, past secretary and board member of the Phoenixville YMCA.? ?Mr. Cowan enjoyed spending time with his family, boating and water skiing,? and spending time at his summer cottage in Canada.?

In addition to his wife of 19 years, Mr. Cowan is survived by daughter Karen M., wife of Mark Cervellero of Royersford, sons, Scott B., husband of Krista Cowan of Phoenixville, Ross M., husband of Erin Cowan of Philadelphia, and Christopher R., husband of Christine Sellers of Schwenksville, sister Anne Leverich of Charlevoix, Mich., brothers, William Cowan of Ossining, New York and D. Ross Cowan of Pinckney, Mich., grandchildren, Ryan, Molly, Tyler, and Sophie, and several nieces and nephews.?

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his memorial services at the Paoli

Presbyterian Church, 225 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA, on Friday, May 23, 2008, at 2 PM.? Officiating will be the Rev. Dr. James A. Churchill.? Family will receive friends from 1-2 PM at the Church.? In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Chester County SPCA, 1212 Phoenixville Pike, West Chester, PA 19380, or to the Phoenixville YMCA Capital Campaign, ?400 E. Pothouse Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460.? Online condolences may be made at www.CampbellEnnisKlotzbachFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Hugh's passing. I will always fondly remember my years working for him. My thoughts are with Scott, Ross and the rest of the family.*

Beth (Nosek) Flor - bethalooo@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cowan family at this difficult time. May God and time help ease your sorrows.
the Meyer family*

July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TB

“ *Sincere condolences to the Cowan family. Hugh was a friend and someone we always appreciated doing business with. We will miss him.*

Thoughts are with you.

Ted and Austin Barnett - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BB

“ *Dear Gretchen and Family:*

We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Hugh. He was a wonderful guy. We have many fun memories of the two of you. Our trip to Jim Thorpe, our sleigh ride, zoo balloon, New Year's Eve parties and dinners at the shore.

Hugh was a true gentleman and will be missed. Gretchen, if there is anything we can do for you, please let us know.

God Bless!

Barbara & Ray Mock - bjatbeach@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JT

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Cowan family. Hugh will always be remembered as a wonderful man and a wonderful father by all who knew him.*

John and Janet Riley - the2jrileys@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BL

“ *Dear Ross & Family, please accept my most sincere condolences. Your family will be remembered in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.*

Bob Latulippe - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CC

“ Our sincere sympathy to Mr. Cowan's family. With his colleagues from Rotary - and also solo trips - he played a big part in this agency's renovation. He was precise with his painting skills and generous with his time and talents. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of deep sorrow.

Carol Berger - Phoenixville Area Community Service -
carol.berger@pacsphx.org - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DM

“ Dear Gretchen and Family,
Our thoughts and prayer are with you. Uncle Hugh was the best, we will miss him so much.
Sincere Sympathy.

Debbie & Dennis Champnella (Ann Arbor, Michiga - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RR

“ Gretchen and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Hugh's death. My deepest sympathy. Hugh was one of my very first customers. I loved him so! He always treated me with respect, always tried to get me more customers, always left me with a smile. He brought his family to me, I got to watch many changes (ups and downs) in Hugh's life over the years. Any time someone needed anything, all I had to do was ask and Hugh would do whatever he could to help out. I will always remember the love and loyalty he showed to his family and friends. Hugh Cowan was my friend, I will miss him. You will be in my prayers.
Love always,
Renee

Renee Harrington (Hair Etc...) - rharrington5@optonline.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DB

“ I will miss My Uncle tremendously. He was a great man and even though I had not seen him in a while, I will always have fond memories from the past. I was born and raised in Ann Arbor, and baby sat for Scott and Ross many times. I will miss him and love him very much. Hope to see you in heaven one day Uncle Hugh!
Love you!

Denise Utes - bufs44@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ Scott, Ross and the entire Cowan family.

As I have read in other condolences, your father was the consummate gentleman. He always had a smile and a kind word. Even in the coldest of ice rinks early in the morning your father could be seen sipping a cup of coffee and rooting us on.

I know words can not comfort your loss. Realize he will be with you forever and his memory is cherished by all whom he touched. God Bless, and Gods Speed to you all.

Johnny

Johnny loia - jioia@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

FN

“ To the entire Cowan Family

Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Hugs from the Konchar's

Frank Judy Natalie and Noelle - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TT

“ I didn't know Mr. Cowan well personally, but he provided me with great banter when we would see each other at the Sly Fox. Mr. Cowan always had paperwork at hand to do, but Michigan hat atop his head he would always engage me in talk about the Big 10 and offer good natured ribbing if I had anything PSU on. He was a kind man and I offer my condolences to the family.

Todd Bowersox - tbowersox@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

GT

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. We have moved to Florida and were not able to attend personally. Our prayers are with you.

George & Jan Klein - tojanklein@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MM

“ Dear Gretchen, Karen and Chris,

Steve and I were stunned and saddened to have received the news of Hugh's passing. I remember the day we met Gretchen and Hugh on the Campus of Lynchburg College. We knew immediately why our son would like a girl who came from such terrific parents. Hugh's love of the University of Michigan, water, boating, dogs and family, connected us immediately. What a fine man and what a gift to have had him in your lives as husband, father and grandfather.

Keep a watch over those Wolverines, Hugh. They will need a heavenly hand this year!

Margie Whitfield-Harris
and Steve Harris
Williamsburg, Virginia and
Clark Lake, Michigan

Margie Whitfield-Harris - margieharris1@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

LR

“ Sorry for your loss. For the short time our family got to know Hugh during those special years at PSU we admired him greatly. He always had an uplifting word and kept things in a positive perspective. Our sympathy goes out to the entire Cowan family.

Lance, Larry & May Riddile - Riddlr67@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MM

“ Hugh was a well respected Cadillac dealer. He was active in the Philadelphia Cadillac Advertising Association, often contributing valuable insight into the local marketplace. His feel for people and thier automotive needs was invaluable. Hugh was well respected by his fellow dealers and the factory. He will be missed.

Michael Valerio - Cadillac Motor Division - michael.v.valerio@gm.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SC

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Hugh's passing. He was such a wonderful guy! He was always happy to see me when I'd pop into the dealership - and I'll always remember seeing him with his hat cheering Ross on during hockey.

You're all in my thoughts and prayers.

Best,

Sara (Grimm) Cocolin

Sara Grimm Cocolin - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

LL

“*Hugh was a very special person who always made me feel like part of his family. He was another dog person and he had a passion and love for animals that I admired and respected.*

He leaves behind a family to be very proud of in all ways. I knew Ross best from his PSU years. Hugh will be missed and will always be loved.

"It's not the years in your life that matter but the life in your years."

Abe Lincoln

Hugh understood that premise.

God Speed.

Lydia Grimm - lydiargrimm@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“*Scott, Ross, Gretchen and Cowan Family-*

My deepest regrets on the passing of your father and husband. Mr. Cowan gave me a job right out of college and his work ethic and tenacity were impressive.

I enjoyed seeing him at Rotary events and will always be thankful for the chance he gave me. He was a good man who loved his family and I'm certain he'll be sorely missed.

My family will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless-

The Kollar Family

Jeff Kollar - jkoll@spring-ford.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM