



Nick Feenstra

October 16, 1938 - May 21, 2017

Wantage - Nick Feenstra, age 78, passed away on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at St. Luke's Hospital - Anderson Campus in Easton, Pennsylvania. Nick was born in Nylan, Friesland, the Netherlands on October 16, 1938 to the late Klaas and Hinke (Terpstra) Feenstra. After his family immigrated to the United States in 1956, he chose to serve in the United States Army as a medic during the Cold War. Nick had been a self-employed carpenter and was known for his passion for tractors, tools and treasures. Nick and Joanne enjoyed exploring their beloved adoptive country by taking the road less travelled on the way to various club gatherings, auctions, shows, and sales. He was always on the hunt for the unknown and unique. He had an inquisitive mind and loved spending his time researching and figuring out how his prized finds worked, what they were for, and sharing with others the story behind it. He was always tinkering in his shop working on a project; sometimes he even finished one. He served as a fireman on the Wantage Township Fire Department for 36 years, was a member of the Wantage United Methodist Church, the Ag Society, North Jersey Engine Club, Shaw Dual Club, Blue Mountain Antiques, and various other clubs. Nick looked forward to spending time at shows talking to the visitors about all the equipment and how it worked. He was predeceased his brother, Henry Feenstra. Nick is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joanne (Ritsema); his three daughters, Arlene Feenstra and her husband Gerard Meivogel of Aalsmeer, the Netherlands, Helen Kuperus and her husband John of Sussex, and Joanne Hennessey and her husband Sean of Essex Junction, Vermont; his four sisters, Ann DeJager and her husband George of Smithville Flats, New York, Theresa Viersma and her husband Bob of Tranquility, Tonia Kuperus and her husband Henry of Stanely, New York, Dorothy Dickinson and her husband Thomas of Baldwinsville, New York; and his twelve grandchildren, Joshua, Brianna, Nicole, Alisha, Karissa, Anneke, and Caleb Kuperus and Bridget, Shannon, Erin, Riley and Cole Hennessey and many nieces and nephews. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a memorial service following at 7 p.m.; both at the Sussex Christian Reformed Church, 49 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, NJ 07461. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to the Wantage United Methodist Church, Building Fund, 199 Libertyville Road, Wantage, NJ 07461 or to the Wantage Township Fire Department, 888 Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sussex Christian Reformed Church
51 Unionville Avenue
Sussex, NJ 07461

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ Nick we are Jacktown today. Thinking of you and having a laugh or two. You are missed.

Craig Price - May 30, 2017 at 11:38 AM

JD

“ So sorry for your loss, Mrs. Feenstra, Arlene, Helen, and Joanne. Prayers for you and all your families also.
Love in Christ,
JON and Eileen Van Dyk

Jon and Eileen Van Dyk - May 28, 2017 at 07:43 AM

BS

“ My condolences to the family he was a guy who was always ready to help and a good neighbor for many years. Always keep his spirit alive in your hearts.

Bruce & Stephanie Stuart



Bruce Stuart - May 25, 2017 at 03:41 AM

ME

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of Nick. Growing up as we called he and Joanne, Grandpa and Grandma. I was born in Sussex, my maiden name is Nelson. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.

Melissa Glispy

Melissa - May 24, 2017 at 05:18 PM

DS

“ The Fair will never feel the same, I will miss the conversations, advise, rides, and laughs. I will miss you Nick.

Dennis Sensale - May 24, 2017 at 06:27 AM

WG

Punk, short for uncle will be sorely missed. He always had an answer or idea for everything. He was kinda like the ever ready bunnies, always with a plan. Kathy & I will truly miss him. I am sure he will be looking down on us and giving his guiding light.

Warren Gaskill - May 24, 2017 at 03:30 PM

CF

Lyndon and I always enjoyed out time with your Mom and Dad. They are good friends. When Rebecca told me of his passing I was sad but glad he was doing something he enjoyed. A big hug to your Mom - I will be in touch. Love to all, Claire

Claire Flowers - May 28, 2017 at 08:30 PM