



Forrest H. VanCott

December 31, 1955 - February 4, 2018

FORREST H. VANCOTT

Forrest H. VanCott, 62, of New Milford, PA went home to be with the Lord on February 4, 2018. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Nancy. Forrest is also survived by three cherished daughters, Sara VanCott, Laura and Andrew Nichols, and Naomi and Omar Stoltzfus; a brother, W. Cooper VanCott; a sister, Ardith Stepniak; and many loving extended family members and close friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Kermit and Ruth Cooper VanCott and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, H. Eastburn and Sara L. Smith.

Forrest grew up working in the family business VanCott's Nursery and Landscaping with his father and brother. He was employed with IBM in Endicott, NY for 27 years, retiring in 2004. Following his brief retirement, he was employed by his good friend Joe Hunt for several years at JHA Companies, Montrose, PA. He also served on the Pratt Memorial Library Board.

Forrest was an active member of South New Milford Baptist Church, serving in various roles, including as a Trustee, on the Missions Committee, and Building Committee. He had a heart for missions, supporting missionaries, and also going into the mission field himself, including many trips to Bancroft Bible Camp, TN, and also Paraguay, the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Liberia, Colombia, Papua New Guinea, and the Yukon. His favorite Bible verse was Isaiah 40:31.

Forrest loved nature and being out in the woods, especially hiking on the Appalachian Trail. He took great pleasure in his John Deere tractors. Forrest was mechanically talented and possessed the ability to fix anything. He was generous with his time, skills, and resources, always willing to lend a hand. He enjoyed spending time with his family and travelling with them, most recently on a 40th anniversary trip to Alaska with his wife. Forrest created many special memories spending quality time with his beloved daughters. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, February 11, 2018 at South New Milford Baptist Church. The family will greet visitors following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to South New Milford Baptist Church, Missions Fund, 2967 Harford Road, New Milford, PA 18834 or The Appalachian Trail Conservancy, 799 Washington Street, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0807.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

South New Milford Baptist Church
2967 Harford Road
New Milford, PA 18834

Tribute Wall

BD

“ *Barbara Doran lit a candle in memory of Forrest H. VanCott*



Barbara Doran - February 08, 2018 at 11:37 PM

BD

My Condolences to the Family. He was a Caring person, and will be missed

Barbara Doran - February 08, 2018 at 11:39 PM

DT

“ *Our prayers are with you all, Nancy, girls and extended family. Rudy and Donna Testa*

Donna Testa - February 07, 2018 at 04:51 PM

SC

“ *Sending thoughts, prayers & my most sincere condolences to all Forest's family & friends. Cherish all the wonderful memories to help pull you through the tough times. We were classmates & Forrest was quiet & very kind. He always carried a friendly smile. Knowing he will be watching over all of us fly high Forrest, fly high!*



Sally Schwarztrauber Carvin

Sally Carvin - February 07, 2018 at 07:54 AM

BT

“ Please know that I am praying for your family during this time. My parents and I thought a lot of Forrest and his visits at Bancroft. I am thankful for his love of being a witness for Christ and his many years of coming to Bancroft.
He will be greatly missed.
Thoughts and prayers
Bethany Tilley-McCrary

Bethany Tilley-McCrary - February 06, 2018 at 08:16 PM

RV

“ Forest and I had many good times while working at the tree nursery ! Chauncey used to call him Morris and Cooper became dipper! He was a great person and will be missed by all who knew him. Bob Vanness

Robert vanness - February 06, 2018 at 06:06 PM

RE

“ Ruth Evans lit a candle in memory of Forrest H. VanCott



Ruth Evans - February 06, 2018 at 12:27 PM

RH

“ Because of a slide show by Forrest and Nancy about hiking the "green tunnel" of the Appalachian Trail, we sought out a couple of short sections in Maine and saw things we would not have otherwise. One portion was covered with sparkling bits of mica. It was magical! When Forrest set out to hike from Georgia, we could not wait to hear about his experiences. We are so thankful for his contagious enthusiasm for the natural world and the knowledge he shared. ❤️

Rich-Karen Hower - February 05, 2018 at 09:32 PM



“ Forrest we will miss you. Rest in peace. Will remember all the mission trips we went on with you.

John Hendricks

John Hendricks - February 05, 2018 at 07:18 PM

AK

“ I really appreciate how Mr. VanCott encouraged me and my view towards missions. He had a love for people that he gave through every warm smile and encouraging word. He really showed the love of Christ. I am so thankful for the times I got to talk with him. I will be praying for all of you during this time.

Andrea Kostusyk - February 05, 2018 at 06:13 PM

LS

“ So sorry for your earthly loss of a great husband, dad, brother. prayers for you as you face difficult days ahead. May God wrap you in His strong and loving arms and give you peace, strength, and comfort. Keith & Lally Snell

Lally snell - February 05, 2018 at 05:07 PM