



Keith Hunter Mink

December 19, 2025

Keith Hunter Mink, 80, of Willow Valley, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 19, 2025. Born in Pittsburgh, PA he was the son of the late Howard Henry and Ethel Jean (Hunter) Mink. He was the loving husband to Deborah Ann Mink.

Keith earned his B.S. degree in Industrial Arts in Education and his master's degree from California University in Industrial Arts. He worked at Conneaut School District as an Industrial Arts Teacher, guiding students for 35 years.

He was a member of Elks Club #219 in Meadville, PA where he served as an Exalted Ruler. Keith was a Master Mason and a DeMolay Dad in Linesville, PA and held a Shriner membership in Erie, PA. Keith was a Lion's International member in both Meadville and Willow Street. He attended Grace Church of Willow Valley.

In his free time, he enjoyed making furniture, building and repairing things, hunting, fishing, riding his tandem bike, exercising at the gym, traveling and cooking. Mostly he loved spending time with his family.

Keith is survived by his daughter, Shannon (Ryan) California of York, PA, and son, Kevin (Shannon) Mink of Charleston, SC, and five grandchildren: Grant, Amelia, Marina, Myla and his namesake, Hunter Charles Mink, brother-in-law,

Robert Funk (Karen), Brenham, TX, and sister-in-law, Patricia Pare (Douglas), Berthoud, CO. He was preceded in death by his brother, David Mink and the late Thomas Funk, his brother-in-law.

Friends and family are invited to attend Keith's Memorial Service at Willow Valley Manor North Building, Johnson Auditorium, 600 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA 17602 on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers consider making a memorial contribution in Keith's name to Foundation Fighting Blindness, 6925 Oakland Mills Road #701, Columbia, MD 21045 Or Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Johnson Auditorium Manor North - Willow Valley
600 Willow Valley Square
Lancaster, PA

Memorial Service

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Keith Hunter Mink*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - December 29, 2025 at 03:11 PM

PR

“ *Keith was a brave man whom we admired greatly, as well as his wife, Debbie. He was always pleasant and cheerful when we saw him here at Willow Valley. May he rest in peace! Jack and Pat Richards*

Pat Richards - December 30, 2025 at 09:06 AM

DM

Thank you Pat and Jack!

Deborah Mink - January 01 at 07:29 PM

DE

Thank you Pat and Jack for your kind words.

Deborah - February 01 at 09:59 PM

RC

“ I was sad to hear of Keith's passing, but I feel very glad that I had the pleasure of knowing extended cousin's such as Keith while I was growing up. I can fondly recall the large cousin's summer parties, reunions, and the annual holiday get together, including the one held at Keith and Debbie's home in Meadville. What fun those were with all the quirky Cousin traditions being passed on to the next generation! May your family find peace during this time, I will be entering an anonymous "Hunter Cousin" into the Sunday prayer at Deer Creek in Memory of Keith.



Ruth Cunningham - December 29, 2025 at 01:55 PM

DM

Thank you for your memories Ruth!

Debbie Mink - January 08 at 09:50 PM

MS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Keith's passing. We always had so much fun at Hunter cousin picnics and gatherings at the Mink home in Bakerstown. Best back yard and party basement around. I remember the time when he and other "boy" cousins tried to out-do the girls with a funny skit. Won't say who won the challenge, but we sure did have giggles and fun.

Millie Sass - December 23, 2025 at 01:48 PM

DE

Thank you Millie for your memories.

Deborah - February 01 at 10:01 PM

JB

“ Jim & Carol Bergman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Keith Hunter Mink.



Jim & Carol Bergman - December 23, 2025 at 01:42 PM

JV

“ Keith was always in the picture when the “family” relatives, including us cousins were gathering. He seemed to be the steady part of the family who kept us all on track remembering “life’s important challenges and family celebrations” and staying the course. It was encouraging to see the relationship between Keith and Debbie and learning more about being committed in marriage. Seeing the admiration from his kids was something that was detected when we all got together. I am thinking a part of him will live on in them.



joel Vanderglas - December 22, 2025 at 11:30 AM

DE

Thank you Joel We will have to gather together. It was easier when our parents were alive. They seem to organize things.

Debbie - December 22, 2025 at 09:53 PM

DE

Thinking about my cousin Keith today. Every holiday our families got together and the five grandkids went off and played hide n seek and even better after dark. Only two of remain to tell the tales hunting and fishing and first dates etc. Keith and I were close and fished every time we had a chance. We also double dated and grew to be teachers. Keith met the challenges of later life with dignity and strength and strong family values. Rest in peace my cousin.

Donna Egbert - December 23, 2025 at 10:26 AM

DM

Thank you Donna for sharing your memories.

Debbie Mink - January 08 at 09:52 PM

JL

“ We are sorry to hear of Keith’s passing and will remember him as a friendly former colleague who could build or fix just about anything. I particularly remember Keith’s fiftieth birthday party at his home, and someone presented him a gag gift of a walking cane with a squeeze-bulb bicycle horn mounted near the top. The cane also carried an assortment of items meant to convey the idea that he had reached old age, but now—thirty years later—we are actually old and could really use that cane. Rest in peace, Keith—nothing but good memories.

John M. Limber - December 22, 2025 at 11:25 AM

DE

Thank you John. I remember you meeting Keith at the parking lot to ride to school when he had difficulties driving at night. We rode bikes together which was great. We loved your band playing great music to dance to at the Elks.

Debbie - December 22, 2025 at 09:56 PM

DE

“ Debbie, I want to thank you for your and Keith's work on and support for the Ernst Trail over the years. Both of you contributed much to making the Trail what it is today. In particular we appreciated Keith's construction and building skills. We have the Keith Mink Bridge, designed, supervised, and built by Keith. Keith also supervised construction of the second bridge south of the covered bridge. Both are still in use. Sorry to hear about Keith's passing. Dick Eglinton

Dick Eglinton - December 22, 2025 at 09:14 AM

DE

Thank you Dick! Keith loved working on the Ernst Trail in Meadville.

Debbie - December 22, 2025 at 09:56 PM

JH

“Mr. Mink was a great man and amazing teacher. He played a huge role in my decision to become an Industrial Arts Teacher. I am thankful for having him as a teacher and role model.

Jeff Hans - December 22, 2025 at 09:05 AM

DE

Thank you, Jeff! We never know how we influence our students.

Debbie - December 22, 2025 at 09:59 PM

CC

“Dear Debbie and family, What wonderful memories we have of our time together in Meadville, Pa as we raised our children and spent times together eating and talking about life back in the 70's till 90's. Clyde and I moved to the center of the state and we reconnected when you moved to Willow Valley. We just had lunch together and I was hoping to see Keith the next time I visited. May God give you added strength as you celebrate your dear husband, Keith's life. May you and your family treasure your time together as you celebrate Christmas and your love for Keith. Blessings, Carol Cressler

Carol Cressler - December 21, 2025 at 10:38 PM

DE

Carol, we had great times going to Tidioute for some weekends with our families and Keith did projects for you. He loved working with his hands until he lost his sight.

Debbie - December 22, 2025 at 10:01 PM

NG

“ *Debbie and Family*
My heart aches for your loss. Keith was one of the most Kind, Patient, Fun residents I have ever had the privilege to help at Willow Valley. We had so many great conversations about so many things he enjoyed. May you find comfort in all the wonderful memories you made with each other. I know there are many. May God wrap his arms around you all and help you through this difficult time. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Griffith CNA

Nancy Griffith - December 21, 2025 at 07:44 PM

DE

Thank you Nancy for helping Keith!

Debbie - December 22, 2025 at 10:04 PM

BJ

“ *Debbie- It's Brenda from Campus Eye. So sorry to hear about your dear Keith. His health issues never seemed to interfere with your life and activities. What a gift you provided for him. Keeping you close in our hearts, especially at this blessed time of the year. Hugs to you and your family. Brenda*

brenda jacobson - December 21, 2025 at 08:49 AM

DE

Thank you Brenda, we always enjoyed connecting with you when we came to the eye doctor. You were the sunshine in that office. You were always so caring!

Debbie - December 22, 2025 at 10:04 PM

LD

“ In early September 2018 we took a weekend with Keith and Debbie to experience the 20-mile Lehigh/Jim Thorpe Bike-Train; we were among 240 bikers. We were novice bikers; Keith and Debbie were old hands. It wasn't supposed to rain; it drizzled the whole trail. We didn't have rain gear; Keith and Debbie did. When we got to the end of the trail it was another 2½ miles to our cars, in the cold rain. We were miserable; not so much for Keith and Debbie. Glad we have this memory.

Sally & Leighton Derr



Leighton Derr - December 19, 2025 at 05:41 PM

DE

It was an interesting weekend. Too bad it rained.

Debbie - December 22, 2025 at 10:07 PM

DJ

Dear Debbie and family We were blessed to meet you and Keith 11 years ago and be touched by both of your lives! What a team you were and you Deb , with your “ever ready energy which was so vita for Keith! in our early years before he lost most of his eyesight and later hearin we had so many good exchanges. My Nina before she lost more of her cognitive abilities so loved being with you both! I NEVER ever hear d a complaint from Keith lips regarding his challenges of eye sight and hearing! What a soldier and what an inspiring man to so many-not just us! His very being was calming to so many and his fortitude in life was such an inspiration. Thank you dear brother, for that and I (we) shall miss you dearly.!

Dwight Jasmann - December 27, 2025 at 12:40 PM

DM

Thank you Dwight for your kind words. You always had a positive attitude with challenges you and Nina faced.

Debbie Mink - December 27, 2025 at 07:28 PM

TW

When I remember Keith, I will think of his endurance in the face of losing both his sight and hearing, listening intently at musical performances and bible study here at Willow Valley. He felt with his heart, loved his family, and treasured his times cycling and traveling with Debbie.

Terry Webb - January 01 at 03:04 PM

DM

Tank you, Terry!

Deborah Mink - January 01 at 07:33 PM