



## Merle L. Wanck

July 13, 1945 - December 7, 2022

Merle L Wanck, 77, bid farewell on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, after an extended battle

with cancer. Merle was the second of four boys born to Mahlon J Wanck and L.

Geraldine Wanck at the Tioga General Hospital, Waverly, NY, on July 13, 1945. He attended

the Athens Area Schools, graduating with the class of 1963, later attending Mansfield

University and serving in the U.S. Army. Merle was a lifelong dairyman and community

leader, residing with his family in Hornbrook. Together with his brother Leslie, Merle

formed the partnership, Son-Cada Farms, making it a 3rd generation dairy farm. In

addition to operating the dairy farm, Merle also worked as an AI technician and genetic

evaluator for American Breeding Service.

Throughout the course of the partnership, Son-Cada Farms hosted the kindergarten

classes of the Athens Area School District for nearly three decades, as well as 4H & FFA cattle judging teams, international agricultural groups, and Farm/City Days.

Merle served on the Athens Area School District Board as its Vice President and chief negotiator along with other committee positions. Later he served with the Sheshequin Township supervisors and the Bradford County Penn State Extension Board. In addition to his civic duties, he also worked as an independent/contracted farm management consultant to northeast area farms in conjunction with USDA-FHA.

Together with his former wife Margaret, they raised three daughters Erin (husband Jason and son Noah of Towanda, PA), Julia (husband Zack and children Tommy, Addie, and Molly of Crocker, MO), and Amy (wife Jennifer and children Sophie, Violet, and Levi

of Churchville, NY). His brother, Leslie, preceded his death in 2018.

Merle is survived by his wife, Deborah of Hornbrook, brothers, Nick (Maryland), of Worcester, PA, and Philip (Carol), of Hornbrook as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Interment will be private in the Hornbrook Cemetery, Sheshequin Township, PA. In lieu of flowers, please consider bequests to be directed to the Hornbrook Cemetery Association, in care of Mrs. Kathy Wanck, 3791 Sheshequin Road, Towanda, PA 18848 in memory of Merle L. Wanck.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

**DUE TO THE PENDING WEATHER CONDITIONS THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN JULY 2023 AT A TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

# Cemetery Details

## **Hornbrook Cemetery**

Towanda, PA 18848

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Merle L. Wanck*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Merle L. Wanck*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Merle L. Wanck*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Merle L. Wanck*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Merle L. Wanck*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences go out to Merle's family. We will hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Robyn Chilson** - December 16, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy.*

**VFW Post 1536 Sayre** - December 10, 2022 at 06:47 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the family,  
Debbie, Erin, Julia and Amy, Nick and Philip  
and family.  
Neighbors for years. (((((Hugs))))*



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**Claire Holton-Lizon** - December 10, 2022 at 08:37 AM