



## Leonard J. Berwick

January 2, 1937 - May 19, 2016

Leonard “Len” J. Berwick (January 2, 1937 – May 19, 2016) passed away at his home in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania. An entrepreneur, he overcame numerous obstacles to form several successful businesses. His constant optimism, tireless creative mind and entrepreneurial spirit touched the lives of many.

He was deeply loved & will be sorely missed by his wife Virginia, children Mark and Meryl, and 7 grandchildren who affectionately referred to him as BPop or Berwick Pop. The grandchildren always enjoyed the gadget type gifts that BPop brought them, for no particular occasion, but to make them smile.

Len was born in Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late William and Marie (Winters) Berwick. He was raised the youngest of nine children (5 brothers and 3 sisters) in the Kensington neighborhood of Northeast Philadelphia.

A self-made man, Len pursued many interests and capitalized on his many talents throughout his career. He began his professional life in radio at WDVR Radio in Philadelphia. From there he formed and successfully built companies in interior design (Design Associates), technology (Magnatron) and retail (The Brass & Copper Shops). Most recently he was Chairman and CEO of First City World, an advisory and consulting firm in the cable and communications,

building materials, transportation, retail, automotive, and travel and leisure industries. He was also in the process of establishing The Berwick Centers for Humanitarian Care to provide homes for homeless and injured veterans. In 2015, Len was named a Knight of the Ecumenical Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, an organization that promotes peace and humanitarian aid.

He is survived by his loving spouse of 48 years, Virginia G. (Glaser) Berwick; his daughter, Meryl Vangelov; his son, Mark; his 5 grandchildren; a brother, Francis "Fritz"; a sister, Nancy Rackmil; and many nieces and nephews.

[A memorial luncheon and reception will be held at Williamson's Banquet and Event Center (500 Mill Road, Horsham, PA 19044) on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.]

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**Abe Weiss** - May 31, 2016 at 03:19 PM

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*I just found out about Len's passing. He was a pleasure to work with. I consider myself fortunate to have known him.*

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**Joe Wood** - March 14, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ *RIP Leonard J. Berwick you will be missed, I will never forget the great times we had in Carolina, or the time you introduced me to Shrivens Candy, the time you took me out for my birthday at the Pyramid club in PA. the beautiful watches you gifted me throughout the years, or the time you took me to your basement and showed me all your 007 stuff, the days we spend fixing up your Allante in your garage, the days we spent in the hospital when you were down as bad as you felt those days you were full of positive energy. I can go on and on*

*You will be missed Sir Berwick*



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**Abe Weiss** - May 31, 2016 at 12:53 PM