



**Laird Robert Allen III**  
**May 8, 2016**

**Laird Robert Allen III, 61**, died at his home in Selinsgrove on Sunday, May 8, 2016, after a short illness, surrounded by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Judy, of Selinsgrove; son, Grant Allen and his girlfriend Ashley Dalton, of Shamokin Dam; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Doreen Allen and Scott and Susan Allen, of California; several nieces and nephews; many valued friends; and of course, his cats, Chewy and Waldo.

He was the son of the late Frances Moran and Laird Robert Allen Jr. of Monroeville. Laird was born in Upper Darby.

He attended Gateway Senior High School in Monroeville and Pennsylvania State University in State College, graduating with a master's degree in business administration.

Laird was employed by Carlisle Tire and Rubber in Carlisle, as an industrial engineer and production planner, and by textile mills in Beavertown and Bloomsburg, as an industrial engineer, information systems manager and budget analyst. He completed his working life at the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services in 2015 and retired to pursue travel, hiking and volunteer work with Pennsylvania State Parks and the Merlefest music festival along with his wife and friends.

Determined, inventive, curious, and fun to be with, Laird was a cherished husband, father, friend, and brother. He was a devoted hiker, camper, backpacker, caver, and square dancer. As Scoutmaster of an Explorer Post in Carlisle for more than 10 years, he introduced teens to technical rock climbing, cave exploring, backpacking and general outdoor adventure pursuits. He was also an avid photographer, music aficionado, and a lifelong Unitarian.

He was a member of the National Speleological Society, the Country Twirlers and Railroaders Square Dance Clubs.

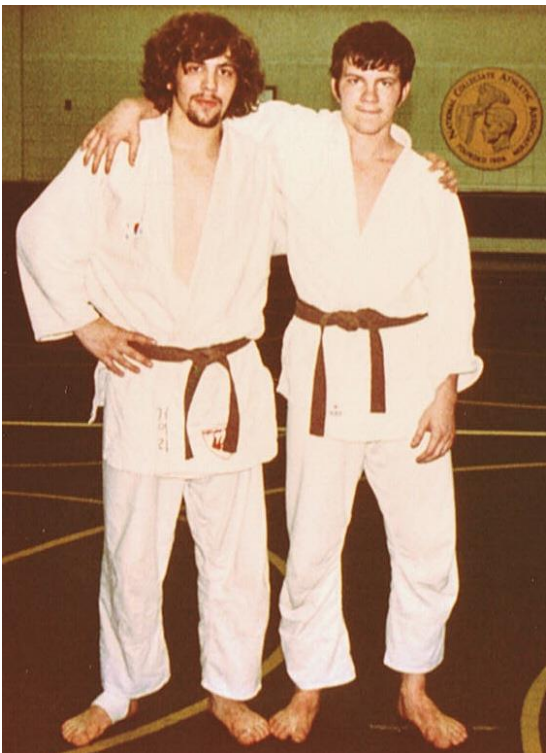
A celebration of Laird's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the community hall at Pumphouse Park, 116 E. Snyder St., Selinsgrove.

In Laird memory, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice, enjoy being in nature, hike a new trail, listen to music, or go dancing.

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