



## Eric Obye

February 14, 1950 - April 25, 2011

Mr. Eric George Obye of 329 Mowbray Arch, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, April 25, 2011 at home surrounded by family after a 12 year fight with Progressive MS. He handled his battle with the disease with a grace and dignity that all around him found to be an inspiration. He maintained his sense of humor throughout and made everyone around him smile, even now. Eric was born on February 14, 1950 in Storm Lake, Iowa to Ken and Peggy Obye. He graduated from Virginia Tech with a BS Degree in Civil Engineering. On April 2, 1970, he married the love of his life Linda Carol Brooks, who survives. He lived in Pittsburgh, Pa. from 1973 to 2005, and raised his two children Keith and Alison there. He was a deeply devoted and loving father, husband, and grandfather. He was active with his family, as well as at Bower Hill Presbyterian Community Church where he was an Elder. His many passions included woodworking, photography and cycling. He was a General Manager of Services with Limbach Company and was a founding member of the Mt. Lebanon Cycling and Caffeine Club (formerly known as the Old Men in Tights). Eric enjoyed volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and participating in several long-distance cycle rides raising money for the National MS Society. Eric was determined not to be hospitalised as his disease progressed and this would not have been possible without the loving care and attention to detail of wife Linda, his primary caregiver . The family would like to deeply thank nursing and hospice providers Monica, Tammi, and Latasha for all of thier loving care. Eric is survived by his wife Linda and his parents Ken & Peggy

Obye in Danville; his son Keith & his wife Carey from IN.; his daughter Alison and her husband Robin from Reading, England; four Grandchildren: Kale & Eric Michael Obye, Tristan & Charlotte Smith; and siblings Roger & his wife Pauline Obye of FL.; Alan & wife Janice Obye of CO. and Mary Anne Gould of VA. He loved and was adored by his extended family, particularly his neices and nephews whom along with his Grandchildren, he enjoyed teaching new tricks to play on their parents. A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 PM. Saturday, April 30, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Robert Ramey, Jr. officiating. The family will receive friends at the residence. The family request in lieu of flowers, donations to be made to the National MS Society, Habitat for Humanity or to the Danville First Presbyterian Church Organ Repair Fund. Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Obye family.

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ Eric was a friend in High school in Greenville, MS. He will certainly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to his surviving family.

Ron Pope - June 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ To Roger and all family members, Eric's photo looks exactly like I remember him from being neighbors with ya'll on Reed Road in Greenville, Mississippi when you guys lived here. Our prayers go out to all of you.

Kenny & Ruby Griffin - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Linda and Family,  
I have just made a donation in Eric's memory to Habitat for Humanity..in Danville.

ruth foltz - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dear linda, allison and Keith,  
I am so sad to hear about Eric's passing. He called me several weeks ago, and I suspected he was not doing well....but was so looking forward to Allison and Keith's visit. He emphasized how much he loved you Linda, and what an angel you have been these many years. I have seen that...and also his dignity and strength. I have many fond memories of your family both at BHCC and in your various moves! The world is a better place because Eric was here-just too briefly. I treasure his call.

I am carrying you all in my heart and prayers.

Ruth Foltz - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ After reading this passage on Mr.Obye...which picturizes him exactly...it makes me remember his light heartedness and that in itself makes me smile. We are truely sorry for the loss and pray that God guides you through these times and his memories will strengthen you to move forward. He will be greatly missed for he was a wonderful man.

Angela Vento - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ You were a true Profile in Courage and Spirit. Jack always said how much you inspired him. You will be missed.

Barbara Gould - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. A wise person once told me that the pain never leaves those that cared for him, but the Good Lord will give you a way to deal with it. I have found these words to be true.

William D. Webb - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Eric George Obye.

April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Our condolences go out to Linda and family. It was an honor to have known Eric as a workmate and friend.

Dan O'Hara - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ I have so many fond memories of Mr. Obye (ha!) from high school days. Yet the one that stands out is from much later. Five years ago a holiday card I sent to Pgh found Eric & Linda in VA. I had a new last name yet the baby on the card was named Lucas. So, he guessed it was me, found my #, and called. It touched me. We had a wonderful talk. I send you all love and hugs.  
Ellen

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**Ellen Lucas Bickford** - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ the writing describes eric exactly. i am honored to have known him most of my life....and to proudly call him family. here is to my "cousin-in-law". and to amazing linda along with keith and alison. love my family. love eric!

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**jim owen** - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Keith and family,  
  
My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.  
  
My deepest sympathy.  
Tamara Stowers

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**Tamara Stowers** - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathy to Eric's loving family. We loved him also. We have sent a donation to the M S National Society in Eric's name.

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**Barbara and Neal Sasser** - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *My most sincere condolences go out to the family of Eric Obye. I'm sure that he left us with a smile in his heart placed there by his loving, caring and devoted wife Linda.*

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**Michael Chandler** - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *May God shower you with his blessing of comfort and peace.*

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**Tammi Hampton RN** - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM