



## Mark R. "Doc" Lehman

October 18, 1957 - December 10, 2013

Mark R. "Doc" Lehman, age 56, of Orrville, passed away on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 after a long battle with heart disease.

He was born on October 18, 1957 in Orrville to Randall & Maxine (Smith-Horst) Lehman. He spent most of his life in Orrville and Apple Creek. He graduated from Orrville High School in 1976 and was a life-long member of East Chippewa Church of the Brethren. He was also a member of the Order of DeMolay and was an inductee in the National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame. He married the former Carol S. Gentry.

Services will be Saturday, December 14, 2013, 11:00 a.m. at the East Chippewa Church Of The Brethren, 7202 Chippewa Rd., Orrville, with the Rev. Bradley Kelley officiating. Burial will be at the East Chippewa Church of The Brethren Cemetery. Friends will greet family following the interment at the church for a time of visitation and food.

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr. in Wooster is honored to serve the family.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: [www.custerglenn.com](http://www.custerglenn.com).

He formerly worked for three decades in the motorsports industry as a race track promoter, sanctioning body owner/official, marketing and public relations representative, radio broadcaster & journalist. He was the co-owner, co-producer & co-host of the Thrills On Wheels and Dirt Racers radio programs and was the associate producer & head writer for the Racing On Dirt TV program.

In 2005 & 2006 he also assisted the production team of CNN (Cable News Network) on the program CNN Presents: Dirt Track Warriors documentary that aired July 1, 2006. He also appeared on-camera at length.

Over the years he won numerous awards including several promoter of the year awards as well as prestigious Racing America Media Member of the Year for seven years, five of them consecutively. In 2006 he was inducted into the National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame for Outstanding Contribution to the sport. He retired from motorsports in 2007.

In recent years Doc enjoyed spending time with his five grandsons and attending their sporting events, spending time with his brothers and sisters and their families and with close friends. Doc cherished his role of "Grandpa". He is survived by his wife, Carol (Gentry) Lehman; two sons, Brandon (Mindi) Lehman of Jackson Twp., and Jarrod Lehman of Orrville; a daughter, Brianne Wolfe of Hilliard; five grandsons, Hunter & Beau Tuttle and Brenden, Kaden & Axten Lehman; a son-in-law, Dan Tuttle of Orrville; two brothers, Don (Betty Jean) Horst of Loudonville; Stewart (Ursula) Lehman of Wooster; two sisters, Cheryl (Denver) McCumbers of Orrville and Karen (Rick) Horst of Smithville; his father Rev. Randall Lehman; his uncle, Bradley (Shirley) Lehman of Dalton, numerous nieces & nephews; life-long friend, Ruth (Jay) Walentik-Johnston and "birthday sister" Jeannie (Kevin) McCoy-Wilson.

he was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Maxine (Smith-Horst) Lehman on October 16, 2007.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the funeral home the help defray expenses.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

East Chippewa Church Of The Brethren  
7207 Chippewa Rd.  
Orrville, OH

## Visitation

DEC 14. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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7207 Chippewa Rd.  
Orrville, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed reading all of Doc's posts. The love he had for his family, friends, grandsons, and life itself was inspiring. We miss you Doc!##imported-begin##Kathy Tyo##imported-end##

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December 21, 2013 at 09:30 AM



“ Although we never met in person, I very much enjoyed my time "talking" to Doc, mainly about our shared love of music and music history, especially local. There is no one who ever loved his home town and, in particular, the artists that made it a community. more than Doc. I'm so happy he finished and published his book before leaving, his contribution to the "scene." Rock on, my friend.##imported-begin##Ron Jarvis##imported-end##

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December 20, 2013 at 04:33 PM



“ I'm so sorry Stewart,

*John 16:33: I have told you these things so that you will have peace of heart and mind, Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows, but cheer up, for I have overcome the world,##imported-begin##LeAnn Benner##imported-end##*

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December 15, 2013 at 08:52 AM



“ On behalf of the Upbeat Show and the Upbeat Dancers, a huge thank-you to a great man. My heart goes out to Doc's family##imported-begin##Constance Gibson##imported-end##

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December 13, 2013 at 12:46 AM



“ Dearest Lehman Family, I extend to you my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your beloved Mark R. "Doc" Lehman. I came to know him through FB in the kindness he shared with myself and our family in the passing of my beloved brother Michael Johnson. Though I never met Doc personally, we became friends and I know that he loved my brother and he became special to me. It was always wonderful to see him with his adorable grandsons. He cared so much about his family, friends and hometown. I was blessed to meet Doc and you all can be so proud of this great man. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Teresa Johnson Green##imported-end##

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December 13, 2013 at 12:09 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Doc's family. May God hold you all in His arms and help you all get thru your time of need, thinking especially of you Carol...##imported-begin##Ramona Shane##imported-end##

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December 12, 2013 at 11:33 AM



“ Condolences to Carol and family.##imported-begin##Penny Osborne##imported-end##

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December 12, 2013 at 10:55 AM



“ Carol and family, we were so sorry to see the loss of "Doc". I enjoyed talking with him about the upcoming 150th for Orrville and was really looking forward to him being a part of our panel on the 19th of January. In "Doc's" honor, we will have a person recording people's thoughts on that afternoon for "You know your from Orrville when"..... I enjoyed reading "Doc's" book this year, he did a wonderful job putting that together. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Dave and Nancy Handwerk##imported-begin##Dave Handwerk##imported-end##

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December 12, 2013 at 09:44 AM



“ To my beloved Doc!!! You were such a treasure! I miss you so very much!!! When you see daddy in Heaven tell him I love him too!!! Till we meet again!##imported-begin##Debra Kay Sturgis##imported-end##

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December 12, 2013 at 08:52 AM



“ So many good racing stories i will miss them. R.I.P.  
DOC##imported-begin##jeffrey isenhardt##imported-end##

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December 12, 2013 at 08:10 AM



“ To Doc's family~  
I hope you are touched by the healing power of prayer and feel the warmth of those who love you. My thoughts and prayers are with you, in deepest sympathy. RIP, Doc...##imported-begin##Kathy (Perkins) Jones##imported-end##

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December 12, 2013 at 07:45 AM



“ *My sympathies to your entire family. Doc truly was one of a kind, and a very humble man whose love for life shown in his smile. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Lisa Harper Ray##imported-end##*

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December 12, 2013 at 03:42 AM



“ *Rest in peace brother##imported-begin##greg mcollough##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2013 at 11:39 PM



“ *Aunt Carroll,.. I'm deeply sorry, words cannot express how much I feel for you. Uncle Doc was always optimistic and always tried to help anyone with anything. If you needed him he was there, family ment the world to him., and we all love him. I love you guys, Brandon Mindy kids Bre Dan kids and Jarrod.. Xo##imported-begin##BH##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2013 at 10:16 PM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to Docs Family. Doc was such a nice person and his name will always be mentioned by fans and drivers from WCS.##imported-begin##Jeff & Sue Wright##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2013 at 10:05 PM



“ Doc was truly an inspiration to others. He was such a generous, loving man. I will cherish the memories I have. What a blessing to have had Doc in our lives.

*My heart goes out to his family for this tremendous loss...##imported-begin##Deb Gerber Lacy##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2013 at 07:48 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the Lehman family. Carol, my heart aches for you. May God bring you all peace and wrap His comforting arms around you during this difficult time. Love to you all.

*Debbie and Kevin McDonald##imported-begin##Debbie (Yoder) McDonald##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2013 at 07:35 PM



“ To all of Doc's family: may you feel the strength and love of all Doc's friends.##imported-begin##Cindy Stoller##imported-end##

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December 11, 2013 at 07:05 PM



“ Dear Carol and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Doc. I cried when I found out about it on Tuesday morning. You all will be in our prayers. He is now an angel of God up in heaven along with momma Judi. They are both great people and great friends to us all. R.I.P. Doc Lehman. You will always be missed by everyone, but you will never be forgotten.  
Love ur friend,

*Deanna Nichols-Archer and Mark Archer.##imported-begin##Deanna Nichols-Archer and Mark Archer##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2013 at 06:39 PM



“ *Doc will be missed by all he has touched over the years. Save me a seat up there, Doc!##imported-begin##Mike Sommers##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2013 at 06:24 PM



“ *Dear Carol,*

*I am much saddened to hear of Doc's passing. I am so sorry for your loss and for your families loss. He was a wonderful man and gave so much to all who knew him. I will keep you in my prayers. ~ April Garver Ling##imported-begin##Carol and family##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2013 at 06:20 PM



“ *To Carol and Family - I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed spending time with you and Doc. He certainly loved his grandkids :-). He was a great guy and will be missed very much.....*

*May God Bless you all.....##imported-begin##Susan Smith##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2013 at 05:21 PM



“ *My heart is very heavy. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a good friend of the family and will be missed by alot of us. Prayers##imported-begin##Curtis Singer##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2013 at 05:05 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Carol and the kids, grandchildren, brothers and sisters and friends of Doc. He was so deeply loved. I will miss his positive attitude and caring smile. He was the best.*###imported-begin###Cindy Moralle Yoder###imported-end##

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December 11, 2013 at 04:40 PM



“ *Carol and Family...  
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. I am praying for the Lord's strength and peace for you.  
In His Love,*###imported-begin###Sheila McHenry Burrows###imported-end##

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December 11, 2013 at 04:25 PM



“ *Carol and Family,  
Doc was a truly wonderful guy I will miss him dearly. He will ever hold a special place in my heart. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Sheila Catrone*###imported-begin###Sheila Catrone###imported-end##

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December 11, 2013 at 04:13 PM