



Elvin H. Hess

April 18, 1946 - April 28, 2024

Elvin H. Hess passed away at home under Hospice care on Sunday, April 28, 2024. He was born in Pequea, PA on April 18, 1946, the son of the late Christian M. and Edna Harnish Hess. He was married to Susan Heistand Hess and they would have celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in October.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter Brenda Hess Kraetz (Matthew), Mooresville, NC and 2 sons Scott D. (Kristel Trewitt), Willow Street, PA and Gregory L. (Heather O'Connell), Conestoga, PA.

He was known as "Pap" to 9 grandchildren: James (Harley) McElroy, Hailey (Thomas) Aston, Logan Hess, Kylee Hess, Lily Hess and Katelyn, Zakary, Bekah and Nikole Kraetz plus one great granddaughter Miley James McElroy.

Elvin was raised in a large family as one of 12 children and is survived by 4 brothers, Christian M. Jr. (Elaine) Pequea, Raymond (Faye) Conestoga, Richard (Lynda) Hershey, Park (Stacy) Mancos, CO and 3 sisters Pauline Reitz (Melvin) Lancaster, Edna Kilheffer (Kevin) Lancaster, and Joyce Shertzer (Philip) Mountville. He was predeceased by 2 brothers, Abram H. and John Henry and 2 sisters, Anna Mae Hess and Esther Hess.

Elvin was a dairy farmer until he was 45 years old and knew every cow by

name. After that, he pursued his love of landscaping and ultimately retired from Willow Valley Retirement Community Grounds Department in 2015.

He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. Elvin and Sue prepared dinner for them almost every Sunday for the last 30 years. The menu was usually deer sausage which Elvin grilled (he enjoyed hunting and was usually successful), mashed potatoes and corn (grown in his own gardens). He enjoyed gardening (flower and vegetable) and took great pleasure in tending his collection of over 200 varieties of Hosta.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family. A drop-in at his home to remember and celebrate his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those desiring can make contributions in memory of Elvin Hess to the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter 3550 S. Clark Street, Suite 203. Arlington, VA 22202 or Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17604

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Susie & family: I am so sorry to hear of Elvin’s passing. Sandy told me tonight cause Brenda asked her to be a friend on Facebook & Sandy saw it posted on Brenda’s Facebook page. I will always remember Elvin’s nice smile & him naming 2 of his cows after Sandy & I. Susie, you & your family have my sincere sympathy. You all take care....

Dawn Siver Fry - May 27, 2024 at 10:07 PM

BZ

“ Sue and family, May the Lord be with you now and the days ahead. I went to New Danville with Elvin those first 8th grades and Sue with you at Penn Manor. You have many memories--cherish them and live so as to meet him again in heaven. Barbara (Mellinger) Ziesemer

Barbara Ziesemer - May 06, 2024 at 02:49 PM

RK

“ Sue and family, sorry to hear of your husband and father passing away. I’m sure he will be missed. We have faith that we will see each other again. You have my sympathy. Ruthy Keenan

Ruth keenan - May 02, 2024 at 10:05 AM

RS

“ Sue and family, Wow so sorry to hear of the loss of Elvin. I have many, many great memories of you guys. I remember your wedding ,being the ring bearer with Kathy.I was 10. and hunting with elvin, jim, me and my dad. I even came home with my 1st pheasant! Fishing at ocean city in my dads boat.I will never forget how good you and elvin were to me. looking back, it really ment a lot to me.Please let me know when your service for elvin is. I would love to attend. my cell is 717 824 0470. And please accept my sincerest condolences, Bob Siver

robert siver - May 01, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ He was the best Dad a girl could ask for. Will miss you until eternity!!

Brenda Sue Kraetz - April 30, 2024 at 07:10 PM