



## Melvin E. Hess

July 13, 1960 - May 29, 2023

Melvin E. "Mel" Hess, 62 of Manor Township passed away unexpectedly early Monday morning, May 29, 2023 in Northeast, Maryland. Born in Lancaster on July 13, 1960, he was the son of the late W. Melvin and Hazel Frey Hess. He was the husband of Wendy S. Mays Hess, whom he married on April 23, 1987.

Mel graduated from Penn Manor High School in 1978. Mel worked for HM Stauffer, now known as Culpeper Wood Preservers in Leola, for 34 years as a maintenance mechanic. He was a die hard Dale Earnhardt, Sr., fan, still watching repeats of his races. He enjoyed boating with his grandkids, riding motorcycle and hunting earlier in life. He loved spending his weekends for the past 20 years at Charlestown Manor Beach & Campground in Maryland.

Mel loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a great story teller, enjoyed making people laugh and had a great sense of humor. He was a member of the Pequea Boat Club, VFW #7294 Millersville and Sons of the American Legion Post #372.

Mel will be deeply missed by his wife Wendy, with whom he celebrated 36 years of marriage in April together; his son, William M. Hess, II, companion of Susan B. Wilmes of Halethorpe, Maryland and his daughter, Amanda M., wife of Anthony Curtosi of Lancaster and his grandchildren, Ashleigh, Bella, Vinnie

and Hannah. He will be sorely missed by his faithful dog, Cooper. Mel is also survived by his sisters, Linda M. Hess and Mary H. Jacoby, both of Conestoga and Patricia A. Young of Millersville. Tim, Matt and John Mays, the brothers Mel always wanted also survive him and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Mel's life on June 10, 2023 from 1PM to 4PM at the Gentlemen MC Sportmen Club, 937 Lancaster Pike, Quarryville. Interment will be held in the Creswell Cemetery, Conestoga. The family would love to hear your favorite memories of Mel, which can be left under tributes on this site or by visiting [www.tribute.co/mel-hess/](http://www.tribute.co/mel-hess/)

# Cemetery Details

**Creswell Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

JUN **10**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gentlemen MC Sportmen Club  
937 Lancaster Pike  
Quarryville, PA 17566

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin E. Hess*

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *Melvin E. Hess*

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Melvin E. Hess*

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melvin E. Hess.

June 08, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Melvin E. Hess.



June 08, 2023 at 11:50 AM

SF

“ Dear Mary, Pat, Linda and Wendy,  
We were shocked hearing of Mel. He was such a good guy  
and had a great sense of humor, he lived a very full life for  
the short time he was here.

We are praying for the Hess and Mays families. May the  
Lord give you peace comfort and the strength you need  
in the days ahead.

Dick and Sandy Frantz

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**Sandra Frantz** - June 07, 2023 at 11:29 AM

DO

“ Mary, my deepest sympathy goes out to you and Melvins family,  
Love, Donna

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**Donna** - June 06, 2023 at 08:28 AM

JM

“ Sending my thoughts & prayers to Wendy & the  
rest of Mr. Mel's family from Jenn the blue  
haired cashier at Rutter's in Leola. So sad to  
hear of his passing...

Mel was an all around funny customer of mine  
on a daily basis early in the mornings when  
he'd stop in for his smokes & drop his wallet on my counter with a  
big old grin, a laugh & his Rutter's card on his way to work. Last I  
knew, he said he was gearin up for vacation. I told him to have a  
safe trip & I'd see him next time he stopped in.

For Mr. Mel- Thank you for the laughs on your way thru, you won't  
be forgotten & I'll see ya again sometime!



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**Jennifer L Miller** - June 05, 2023 at 12:33 AM

LR

“ Wendy, Our sincerest sympathy to you and your family. Mom and I were sad to hear the news. We talked about all the many good times and laughs during our high school days when Mel would come to the house or our group of friends would be out running around. He was truly a good person. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and wishing you peace. Eunice and Lynn Reinhart

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**Lynn Reinhart** - June 04, 2023 at 10:45 AM

JP

“ Wendy, I'm so sorry to hear about Mel. My thoughts are with you, Amanda, and the rest of the family at this difficult time, as I know the pain you are feeling. I was always so grateful to Mel when he would help me with different problems around the house while Gene was sick. He was a great guy! Love, Judy Peifer

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**Judy Peifer** - June 03, 2023 at 11:21 PM

PJ

“ Wendy, So very sorry to hear of Mel's passing, it's so hard to understand but I feel your pain and heart ache, as always keeping the Hess and Mays families in my thoughts and prayers, Rest in peace Mel you will be missed by all.

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**Paul Mays Jr.** - June 03, 2023 at 02:22 PM

CJ

“ To Wendy, Amanda, and the Hess families. Our deepest sympathies for your loss from the Clair and Betty Kreider families. We are eternally grateful for all you did for our parents. Our prayers are with you during these difficult times. He will live forever in your memories.

*Clair Kreider, Jr.*

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**Clair Kreider Jr** - June 03, 2023 at 12:21 PM

MK

“ Mel and Wendy thank you both for the fun times Mel singing karaoke being on the bay at the cove that we seemed to find out on the bay beach with our inflatable mattress ,s the floods down their and Mel was the first one there moving people with the tractor , only the good die young, you will surely be missed love Murf and Marylou 😭😭❤️

marylou kachel - June 03, 2023 at 05:49 AM

JG

“ Joel and I have so many memories with Mel and Wendy. Way back when we were the "young ones" in the campground, we sure could party into the wee hours. Love Mel's sense of humor and always appreciated his willingness to give a hand in a moment's notice. Just two of our favorite memories of Mel, the time the bird got caught in our fan and he tried to help it get out but ended up flicking it in Maiana-Li's face. The other time being on the boat and laughing as we approached shallow water, let deep water, then shallow water. We sure did have fun. Mel, you will be missed so terribly. Rest in Peace our dear friend and Joel's camper brother.



Joel & Doris Garcia - June 02, 2023 at 08:34 AM

JE

“ Mel aka Uncle Buddy had such a strong dedication and commitment to his family, it was easy to admire that about him. It was also easy to see how proud his parents and his wife and kids were of him. He was an original. He made us laugh and made things fun from the time we were little. Our hearts are broken for Wendy and Amanda and William and for everyone that loves him. We will miss him always.

We send our love and prayers,  
The Grassia family

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**jessica** - June 01, 2023 at 08:12 PM

JM

Thanks Mel for the memories. thanks for the man you were to my sister. the friend you were to me and my brothers. The respectful, helpful son in law to my parents. the man of the house to my niece, nephew, and their children. we went through hilarious hijinx, and painful lessons and situations. through it all you were reliable and helpful. the world lost a true hero. May you help prepare a place for your loved ones. see ya soon

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**John mays** - June 01, 2023 at 10:24 PM

PM

“ Mel was a great guy, great husband and father to his kids, one of the hardest working men I know ... And one of the best Dale Earnhardt look alikes north of Talladega lol ... So many good, fun memories with Mel, whether it was sitting in the basement drinking beer on weekends watching the races, or just chewing the fat about old cars, or when we could come over for an occasional weekend game night along with Wendy, Amanda and will ... He was always just so enjoyable to be around, all around good American guy ... Just took many good things about him to list ... Till we meet again, rest easy



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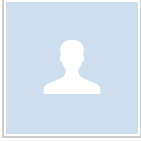
**Preston Mays** - June 01, 2023 at 07:15 PM

“ I am sorry for your family's loss. It was such a shock when Amanda called to tell me what had happened. Melvin and I met in the second grade and hit it off I believe in minutes. That friendship became so much fun for us. We always had a great time. If Melvin didn't think it I did and most of the time it wasn't the best idea's but man did we ever laugh. Not everybody laughed. Our parents weren't always nuts about everything. Melvin and I actually decided to runaway one time when we were 16 years old. We were going to go to Florida but we could figure out how to get there. So we sat down buy the river and fell asleep for a short time. Mel woke up and yell head to the Manheim Pike we are going to New York. Well we miss a turn and ended up in Boston where his sister Linda lived. He said she will never tell our parents we were there but Linda knew they were worried about us and she had to let them know we were ok. Melvin's Dad and my Dad jumped in a car and headed up to get us. We never told them but in the middle of the night Melvin woke and said let's take off before they get here. We both had great Dad's but we both agreed if we weren't there when they got there...not good. Melvin and I did alot of fun and crazy things together. We both loved cars. Melvin had a 69 Chevelle and I had a 69 Camaro. Melvin decided we should put one bright and one dim parking light in the front of are car so we would know each other at night and scare our friends that were riding with us. At the last moment we would switch lanes and pass each other. Most of the time it work. We found out we weren't the only ones with bright and dim parking lights. But Melvin would always laugh like crazy and me too when it was someone else. Our lives were busy and we didn't see each other as much as we should have but, we both always knew we had something special. We had something happen one time driving around that was so funny and we both said we would never forget. He never did and neither did I. Every once in a while I would run into him and he would say Hey Turk ya know what I'm think about and I ways knew. I have so many great memories of Melvin I could go on for ever. I know Melvin will be miss by so many family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. All I can say is Hey Melvin I know what you are thinking. Thank You for

*all the laughs my friend. Till we met again.*  
*Bobby Witmer*

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**Bobby Witmer** - June 01, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melvin E. Hess.*



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June 01, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ *I am beyond sorry to hear of Mel's passing. What a great guy! Always enjoyed spending time with Mel and Wendy. So very sorry for your loss Wendy, Amanda and Bill, and your families. Please know that I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Love,*  
*Wilma Mays*

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**Wilma Mays** - June 01, 2023 at 04:15 PM