



Charles O. Groff

May 25, 1938 - May 22, 2025

Charles Omar Groff, of Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on May 22nd, 2025, at the age of 86, just shy of his 87th birthday. Charles was preceded in death by his father and mother, Omar Gebhart and Caroline May Groff, and his stepmother, Verna Mae (Brandt) Groff.

A proud graduate of Donegal High School in 1956 and Elizabethtown College in 1960, Charles dedicated himself to both his country and his profession. He honorably served in the U.S. Army with NATO Top Secret Clearance from 1961 to 1963. In 1968, Charles earned his CPA license, embarking on a distinguished career as a Certified Public Accountant. He demonstrated remarkable dedication, continuing to practice his profession until the age of 84.

Beyond his professional life, Charles was an enthusiastic sportsman and collector. He was a talented tennis player, earning him induction into the Donegal Athletic Hall of Fame. His love for athletics extended to scouting for the Elizabethtown College Girl's Basketball team. His love for his hometown was evident in his cherished postcard collection.

He is lovingly survived by his daughters, Michelle Myers, Tracee Groff, and Kelli Tolocka, as well as his cherished grandsons, Greg Strickler, Bryan Strickler, and Thomas Williams, and great granddaughter, Alycia May.

Friends and family are invited to attend Charles' Memorial Service on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at West Green Tree Church of the Brethren 740 Greentree Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. The family will be receiving from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to Elizabethtown College Blue Jay Athletic Association, Women's Basketball team.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

West Green Tree Church of the Brethren
740 Greentree Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ Charley briefly dated my oldest sister who later taught one or more of his daughters at Grandview. I was just a little girl when they dated. Charley was my favorite of all her dates because he was so much fun and he made me laugh. I have fond memories of him to this day because of his kindness to a little five year old! My deepest sympathy to his family! May your memories comfort you.

Cynthia Charles - July 17, 2025 at 12:04 PM

CS

“ My sympathy to the Groff family in the loss of your father. I learned to know him through his weekly, usually Friday night, visits to the bank. He always had a story to share, whether it was related to accounting, his organizing of his Mount Joy postcard collection or other Mount Joy memorabilia, the love of his family or his church. We shared a Church of the Brethren background. May the peace of God give you strength in the coming days.

Cindy Studebaker

Cindy Studebaker - June 05, 2025 at 03:31 PM

MR

“ Groff family you have my deepest sympathy, knowing your Dad was such a joy, seeing him each week come in our store was a delight, he always would tell a joke whether I got it or not he would smile and so would I. God bless him he always put a smile on our face. Rest in Peace Sir.

Margie R. - May 30, 2025 at 11:45 AM

TW

“ To Tracee and her family, I am deeply sorry for the loss of Charlie. Instead of regaling his youngest grandson with funny anecdotes, I chose to focus on Charlie's acts of selfishness and generosity. As his former son in law, I will always cherish being a guest in his home, sharing the evening newspaper, watching the local news and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Thomas Williams - May 28, 2025 at 10:37 PM

TW

Please note I meant selflessness. Autocorrect messed up, I apologize.

Thomas Williams - May 28, 2025 at 10:46 PM

FR

“ Please accept our sincere condolences at the passing of your Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather! ! My wife, Peggy Wolfe Rosol graduated with Charlie from Donegal High School in 1956 ! My Peggy passed away on August 15 2015 ! My special Lady Friend Susie Zarfos attended the 1956 class breakfasts with me and got to know Charlie and the other surviving members of the class and became good friends ! Charlie and I were both Veterans, He in the US Army and I in the US Navy ! We shared our Service Lives and experiences at the breakfasts many times ! He was quite a gentleman and will be sorely missed by all of us!! While my friend Susie and I are not physically able to attend the Funeral, please know that He is in our hearts and prayers ! May He Rest in Peace ! And God bless you ! 😭
Sincerely, Frank & Susie

Frank Rosol - May 28, 2025 at 01:50 PM

NZ

“ Although it's been many , many years since I personally have seen your dad , I recall with fondness your dad's kind heart and friendship with my dad , Frank Zink. When your dad saw me , he was always cheerful and had something positive to say . The loss of a parent is never easy but our memories are our gifts .
Nancy Zink

Nancy Zink - May 28, 2025 at 07:40 AM



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Kelli Tolocka - May 23, 2025 at 06:01 PM