



D. Lester Smeltz

April 12, 1925 - November 14, 2021

D. Lester Smeltz, 96, of Brethren Village, formerly of Mount Joy, passed away on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at UPMC Lititz. Born in East Lampeter Township, he was the son of the late Daniel B. and Mabel (Getz) Smeltz. Lester was the husband of Ruth M. (Shearer) Smeltz with whom he celebrated 74 years of marriage this past April 6th.

Lester retired from Wyeth Laboratory after 30 years of service. He was a member of Florin Church of the Brethren where he served as a Deacon, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. He enjoyed reading, walking and riding bike.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Ruth, are two daughters, Linda Krause, wife of the late Ronald of Lancaster and Debra Ober, wife of Jere of Mount Joy; four grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruth Wolgemuth of Brethren Village and Miriam Little of Ephrata.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Adam Ober and two sisters, Mildred Arndt and Irene Nolt.

A funeral service honoring Lester's life will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at the Brethren Village Chapel, 3001 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA 17543 at 1 PM. (Masks are required). Family and friends will be received at the chapel before the service from 12 PM to 1 PM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brethren Village Good Samaritan Fund (address above).

Previous Events

Family and Friends

NOV **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Brethren Village Chapel
3001 Lititz Pike
Lititz, PA 17543

Funeral Service

NOV **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GW

“ *To Ruth, Deb, Linda, and the Grandchildren,*

Glenn and I were saddened to see Lester's obituary; however, we realize it was his time to move on to his heavenly home. Lester was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was so proud of all of you. He was faithful to Christ and the church, and faithful to whatever he undertook. Since Lester was in the choir almost the full time we directed the choir at Florin (32 yrs), we were so grateful for his willingness to share his musical talents. However, he shared his talents many years before that, as well. He was a man we could count on and readily added humor to our rehearsals. Lester was an exemplary model for carrying on a good life. Blessings to all of you. Saver the good memories.

Glenn/Sylvia Weaver - November 27, 2021 at 04:32 PM

JB

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Mr. Smeltz passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

WECH Wound Healing Center

Joanne bender - November 17, 2021 at 02:53 PM

JS

“ *"To Ruth and family, Lester truly was a man of Christian integrity in the work place"*

J. Daniel Shertzer

J. Daniel Shertzer - November 17, 2021 at 09:23 AM

RC

“ Linda, so sorry for the loss of your precious dad! We are praying for you and your family that you will feel God's peace and presence in the days ahead! Love you!

Robert and Corene Cannon - November 16, 2021 at 11:15 PM

PG

“ Linda and family, So very sorry for your loss. Hope your many memories will carry you through the hard days to come.
Love
Peggy & Earl Granger

Peggy & Earl Granger - November 16, 2021 at 07:14 PM

JB

“ Dear Linda & Family,

Recognized your father's picture immediately. It's been such a long time since we both lived in Marietta. I am very sorry for the loss of your father. You are in my thoughts & prayers.

*Sincerely,
Jane Lombardo Burger*

jane burger - November 16, 2021 at 07:43 AM