



Donald L. Hershey

October 7, 1949 - November 30, 2025

Donald L. "Don" Hershey, 76, of Mount Joy, passed away on Sunday, November 30, 2025 at Penn State Lancaster Medical Center. Born in Elizabethtown, he was the son of the late Robert and Betty (Hollinger) Hershey. Don was the husband of Gail (Towle) Hershey with whom he celebrated 54 years of marriage this past May 15th.

Don was a graduate of Elizabethtown Area High School class of 1967. Before his illness, Don worked at Shippensburg University and coached the bowling team. He also managed the lanes at Rocky Springs Bowling Center while competing in national PBA tournaments. He also started and operated Hershey Trophies. After being diagnosed with MS, he became an advocate for MS patients, running a support group and fundraising through a stand at the National Apple Harvest Festival for over 40 years. Don was a member of Crossroads BIC Church in Mount Joy.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two children, Melanie Murphy, wife of Dennis of Richmond, VA and Timothy "TJ" Hershey, husband of Darby of Mount Joy, PA; two sisters, Darlene Myers, Debra Peterson and one brother, Dale Hershey as well as 8 grandchildren.

A memorial service honoring Don's life will be held at Mount Joy Mennonite Church, 320 Musser Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received after the service with a light lunch at the church. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to National MS Society.

To watch the service livestream please click the link below.

https://youtube.com/live/IAzYMNap8_Q

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Joy Mennonite Church
320 Musser Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Visitation

DEC **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ So sorry to learn of Don's passing. When we were very young, it was always fun to be with him in any circumstance. What a kind and friendly guy! Just natural for the Hershey's. Later we did not meet up as often as in early times, but when ever we did, the friendship was still there. He found a wonderful wife whom Linda and I got to know at EC and went on to run the good race despite difficulties placed on him. A great person has moved to a better place.

Craig Coble - December 11, 2025 at 02:08 PM

DH

“Dad” was the best father-in-law I could ever have imagined. He was kind, supportive, gentle, and always maintained a positive outlook on life and never let his illness stand in his way.

“Dad, you will always be remembered for the amazing husband, father, and grandfather you have been. We love you and miss you so very much.”

Darby Hershey - December 07, 2025 at 09:21 PM

RG

“ Thoughts and prayers to Don's family. Don was the manager at Rocky Springs when I first started bowling and the reason my mom got me into Jr leagues and started my bowling career.

Rick Graham - December 07, 2025 at 05:35 PM

TF

“ First met Don at the Mount Joy American Legion, original site. He delivered our weekly meat order. Always had a smile, and conversation. Years later come to find he was a friend of my soon to b husband Ed. Small world. I enjoyed his smile, joking and he was just a good man. My sympathy to his family. Know he is healthy, happy and watching over you all. I'm sure he has already found Ed and they are deep in storytelling. T. Feathers (Nye)

Tina Feathers - December 06, 2025 at 04:54 PM

FR

Dear Gail, Melanie and TJ. So sorry for your loss. May your faith hold you at this time. Many good memories of the Hershey family. Kristen loved going to the Apple Festival. Love to you all Debbie Turgyan Ellis

Friend - December 08, 2025 at 09:00 PM

KG

Mrs. Hershey, Melanie & TJ I am so sorry for your loss. I think I will always remember the way Mr. Hershey smiled and laughed. It made you want to do the same. I pray his laughter always echoes in your heart, his smile forever stays your thoughts, and the memory of his embrace always brings your comfort. May the love he shared and the joy he brought to you, his whole family, continue to lift you in the days ahead. Holding your family close in my heart in thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Gardner - December 15, 2025 at 12:58 PM