



Donald Nissley Risser

March 17, 1948 - April 7, 2026

Donald Nissley “Don” Risser, 78, of Millersville, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at Lancaster General Hospital. Raised in Salunga, he was the son of the late William and Mildred (Kraybill) Risser. Don was the husband of the late Irene (Kravitz) Risser who passed away on November 6, 2024.

Don was a graduate of Hempfield High School. He proudly served in the United States Navy. After his service he graduated from Millersville University. Don was a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. An avid gardener and hockey fan, Don enjoyed going on cruises with Irene. He also enjoyed the outdoors, spending time at Indian Hannah Hunt Club, mostly carrying his gun rather than hunting. Most of all Don, cherished the time he spent with his family especially his granddaughters.

Surviving are two sons, John Risser of Millersville and Aaron Risser, husband of Ashley of Conestoga; two granddaughters, Leah and Julia Risser; and two siblings, James Risser, husband of Pasqualina of Longs, SC and Anne Proctor, wife of the late Scott of Three Springs, PA.

A private service for friends and family will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home in Mount Joy. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Dushore, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bethany Presbyterian Church, 25 N West End Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Tribute Wall

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“ Don was a great person and good athlete. I played football with Don at Hempfield under Coach Ted King. I also remember seeing Don at Millersville University between classes while getting a soda or coffee. Don and his older brother always made time to have nice conversations. I am sure that God was very proud with how Don lived his life. He will be really missed by his many friends.

Sincerely,
Charlie Roehm
Landisville, Pa

Charles Roehm - April 13 at 10:16 AM

SM

I met Don when I was 12. Our fathers were both members of the Indian Hannah Hunt Club in Blacklog Valley near Raystown Lake. In due time we both joined the club and spent many happy years hunting and fishing there. Don was especially appreciated during the annual work weekend when we would cut up to 4 cords of firewood. He always had a good chainsaw with a sharp edge and he wielded it like a pro. He was a great Pinochle partner and always complimented my cooking at the camp. He always spoke proudly of his boys and seemed genuinely content with his life. I'll miss him.

Steven McAdams - April 15 at 08:31 AM

JG

I remember Don and his brother Jim rented an apartment on East Orange St. Lancaster PA. I believe it was around 1969. They were both very nice tenants.

Jill Geiger - April 24 at 07:30 PM

SM

Donnie was my older cousin. I didn't know that he passed until I just found out from my sister. I live in North Carolina. He was 12 years older than me. I loved him and Jimmy because they gave me "horseback" rides when they carried me when I was little. I'm so sad. I'm also glad to read from his friend Charlie that God would be pleased with how he lived his life. I know much of that is because of dear Aunt Millie.

Susan Musselman (Susie)

Susan Musselman - May 30 at 09:50 PM