



Elmer F. Gruber

March 10, 1931 - January 17, 2018

Elmer F. Gruber, 86, entered into eternal rest on January 17, 2018 at home. Born in the same house in 1931, he was the 7th of 13 children of Norman S. and Mary (Fry) Gruber. Elmer was the husband of Betty Jane (Ginder) Gruber with whom he recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

A life long dairy farmer, he will also be remembered as an enthusiastic listener to Christian radio.

Surviving in addition to his wife Betty Jane, are 7 children, Sandra Witmer, wife of Dennis of Mount Joy, Robert Gruber of Elizabethtown, Kenneth Gruber, husband of Tina of Bainbridge, J. Merle Gruber, husband of Barbara of Middletown, MaryAnn Horsfield, wife of Albert of Ashland, Diane Gruber-Strickland, wife of Steven of Bainbridge and Phillip Gruber, husband of Michele of Bainbridge. Also surviving is a daughter in law, Barbara Detz, of Mechanicsburg; 13 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Roy Gruber of Manheim and Raymond Gruber of Mount Joy; and 2 sisters, Ruth Snyder of Elizabethtown and Edna Tyson of Belle Grove.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gerald Gruber Sr.; 2 brothers; and 6 sisters.

A funeral service honoring Elmer's life will be held at Word of Life

Chapel, 139 Wickersham Road, Bainbridge on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 11:30 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 10 AM to 11:30 AM. Interment will be private at Chiques Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Word of Life Chapel, General Fund, 139 Wickersham Road, Bainbridge, PA 17502 or Masonic Villages Hospice, 1 Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Tribute Wall

BO

“ Our sympathy, prayers and support at this time of a temporary, but painful loss. "For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." I Thess. 4:14Bill and Ruth Anne Offut

Bill and Ruth Anne Offutt - January 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Sandy, and your family, during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy,Matt, Charlene, Evan & Alan

Matt Espenshade - January 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Thinking of you at this time of loss.May our loving Father give you comfort for today, hope for tomorrow.With SympathyHelen Libhart

Helem - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ We were so lucky to have visited before his passing. Elmer always made me laugh when we visited. You can rest knowing he is safely in the hands of the Lord till we meet again.

Brad & Jean Pickel - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dear Betty & Family, Jan. 19, 2018 We want you to know we are praying for you in this time of the loss of your loved one. . .we know Elmer is now free of pain and is enjoying the Home prepared for Him in Heaven. . .He is with Jesus, and enjoying a reunion with son Gerald! We were privileged to enjoy the friendship of you and Elmer! Sometimes we think "Does Jesus Care when my heart is pained, too deeply for mirth or song. . .does Jesus care when I've said good bye to the dearest on earth to me, and my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks, is it aught to His, does He see? Oh yes he cares, I know He cares, His heart is touched with my grief, when the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares"! We pray God to bless you with His Strength and courage in these days ahead! In loving sympathy, Christy & Arlene Becker

Christy & Arlene Becker - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Betty & Family, Our sincere sympathy to everyone. What wonderful, caring neighbors on Yoder Rd. So happy that Elmer could return home & spend his final time in his favorite place! So many memories of the milk trucks in & out the lane, and Elmer passing by the house waving & smiling in the car or the good old tractor! Thoughts & many prayers to the entire wonderful Gruber Family. Love, Cindy & Family

Cindy Walters & Family - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM