



## Gerald "Jere" Heisey Brandt

October 29, 1938 - August 26, 2025

Gerald "Jere" Heisey Brandt, 86, from Mount Joy, peacefully went home to be with the Lord at his residence on August 26, 2025.

Born to the late Jay and Elizabeth Heisey Brandt, Jere was the brother of Clyde Brandt.

He faithfully served Christ his entire life and was a longtime member of Saint Paul's

United Methodist Church in Mountville, where he worshiped for 65 years.

A 1957 graduate of Donegal High School, Jere showed award-winning steers in 4-H. After

school, he proudly served four years in the U.S. Army Reserves. He then devoted 42 years to a career at R.R. Donnelley & Sons, followed by time at the Manheim Auto Auction. Jere also held membership in Columbia Lodge #286 Masons.

Jere was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and dear

friend. Cherishing his memory is his beloved wife of 64 years, Shirley K. Steinman

Brandt; his children, Keith and his wife Roxanne Brandt, living in Lancaster,

PA, and

Kim and her husband Mark Denlinger who make their home in Lewes, DE; his granddaughters, Taylor and her husband Jonny Qiu, residing in East Asia,

Morgan

Denlinger in Raleigh, NC, and Brooke Denlinger with her fiancé Dylan Atkinson, in Lancaster; and his great-granddaughter, Ella Ray Qiu, also in East Asia.

Jere found joy in family moments, never missing his granddaughters' sporting events.

He spent many years shelling on the shores of Marco Island and cherished time at his

Long Neck, DE home, where he went boating, played cards, and savored dinners with

loved ones. A lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, Jere also collected baseball cards

and coins. Jere was a cheerful man and enjoyed the simple things of life. Now he is

living life to the fullest in Heaven with his Heavenly Father.

His life, a testament to faith, devotion, and love, will be remembered and treasured

by all who knew him.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to the team at Hospice & Community Care.

A funeral service honoring Jere's life will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the funeral home before the service from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will immediately follow at Silver

Spring Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Paul's United Methodist Church in Mountville, 100 West Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554, or online at [www.saintpaulsumc.church](http://www.saintpaulsumc.church).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home  
16 East Main Street  
Mount Joy, PA

## Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BG

“ Thank you for the beautiful, heartfelt memorial service in honor of Jere. It was wonderful to hear his granddaughters' remembrances of their beloved 'Pappy.'”

*It was also inspirational to learn of Jere's devotion to St. Paul's church and his spiritual family there.*

*I will always remember Jere as energetic, positive, hard-working, and very kind. In February 1978 I was new to Lancaster, coming for my first job after college at R.R. Donnelley. From JB I learned how pages are put together in pre-press operations. He could always be counted on for truthful answers, and he was very patient with my many questions.*

*Years later it was lovely to talk with Jere at a Hempfield high school track meet, where his granddaughter and our youngest daughter Laura were running. Thank you also for sharing so many family pictures in the slide show. My husband Jim (whom I met at Donnelley) and I especially enjoyed the photo of many Corgis, happily expectant as they looked at Jere. Our daughter Laura has a Corgi named Bonnie.*

*May you feel the Lord's comfort and peace at this time of Jere's passing into heaven. Sending you many prayers and best wishes,  
Betty Ann Godshalk*

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**Betty Ann Godshalk** - September 07, 2025 at 08:58 PM

MD

“ I worked with Jere at RR Donnelley for many years. He was always a professional and very detail oriented. I can still remember the days of Grand Union (one of his clients) and all their type corrections! To be sure, Jere was one of the nicest people I worked with. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.”

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**Marc Daniels** - August 31, 2025 at 08:45 PM

KB

“ We were sorry to hear of Jere's passing. We have fond memories at St Paul's. We send everyone in the family our heartfelt sympathy. We know he will be missed. We were grateful to know him.  
*Jim and Kay Bemederfer*

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**Kay Bemederfer** - August 31, 2025 at 02:29 PM

BA

“ Sometimes when I hear the name of someone I knew from my past, a memory comes to mind. I worked with Jere for many years at RR Donnelley and just the smallest gesture is what I will always remember. On a particular valentine's day, when I had no valentine, Jere stopped by my department and gave me some Valentines candies. It was the smallest thing, but I'll always remember it. He was one of the nicest, kindest people I worked with. One of the good ones for sure. RIP Gere. You made a difference. My condolences to Gere's family.

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**Beth Alboum** - August 31, 2025 at 10:59 AM

SP

“ I remember Jere from working at RRD, he was a friendly and kind person and I bless him and so I send condolences to his family. May the keep him near to them in their hearts with m Ed mories and their faith in, God and Christ. Bless you all. *Sandra Pittenturf*

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**Sandra Pittenturf** - August 31, 2025 at 10:52 AM