



## H. Earl Wolgemuth

November 6, 2025

On the morning of Fri. Nov. 6, 2025, H. Earl Wolgemuth passed on. We are comforted by the promise that Joy Comes in the Morning!! Earl was a few days away from turning 94.

Earl was a man who loved his family and community with integrity. He strove to live his life after the example of Jesus. He was married to the late Joan Byer, and was the youngest of 6 siblings who preceded him in death. He will be missed by his children: Eric (Emily) Wolgemuth, Rudy (Reba) Wolgemuth, and Kaye (Kirby) Umholtz; 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren so far. Earl continued a rich heritage of farming. In addition to being a hard-working farmer, he was a jack of all trades... a singer... a Gideon... an unassumingly friendly guy... an adventurer, and a lifelong learner curious enough to read the encyclopedia for entertainment.

Earl's life was marked by relationships and living in the present. He didn't talk much about himself. Instead, Earl was a master at engaging others in conversation. Even strangers. He found delight in making connections with anyone. A huge thank you to the staff at Pleasant View who engaged with him, sharing of themselves to feed this great desire to interact with others even when he could no longer keep conversation! You were an invaluable gift to us!

For many years, Earl led singing. His strong farmer hands signaled the dynamic beats of hymns as he set the tone for his community through worship. His leading bass inspired others to join in. Following his interactive

and engaged expressions while Earl sang was a secure, encouraging experience.

The majority of mementos Earl treasured were from New Mexico, a formational second home where he returned often throughout his life. Here, he met the love of his life, spent time raising his children and lived in life changing community among Navajo people. His ultimate desire even up to his last days was to jump into a car and drive off into the sunset to New Mexico. A Celebration of Life service will be held Sat. Nov 22, 2025, at CrossRoads Church, Mount Joy, PA. The service will begin at 11, followed by a fellowship meal.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cross Roads Church  
800 Donegal Springs Road  
Mount Joy, PA 17552

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of H. Earl Wolgemuth*



Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc - November 26, 2025 at 02:37 PM

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Kaye Umholtz - November 22, 2025 at 05:57 PM

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“ *Earl Wolgemuth was a truly wonderful man, the way he would greet one with that great warm genuine smile, and full of wisdom and grace. I remember so well his kindness. He was an exceptional blessing, a true Wolgemuth (translates “good-natured and kindhearted” in German). I can only imagine the rich welcome he received into heaven!*

Doug Myers - November 19, 2025 at 12:52 PM

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*I worked for him at the Navajo Mission. I was the cook and he did the grocery shopping. One week he brought me 5 cases of black bananas that he was given. We ate banana “everything” for weeks. No bananas for me!! Earl was very conservative so you will appreciate this story. May you have God’s presence on your grief journey.*

Nancy Zimmerman Stoltzfus - November 20, 2025 at 06:43 AM



*Thank you, Doug and Nancy, for those precious word pictures and story! Kaye*

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**Kaye Umholtz** - November 21, 2025 at 06:06 AM