



Howard D. Altenderfer

January 14, 1929 - January 23, 2018

Howard D. Altenderfer, 89, formerly of Mount Joy, passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at Pleasant View Retirement Community. Born in Hamburg, he was the son of the late Howard L. and Olive E. (DeTurk) Altenderfer. Howard was the husband of the late Mary Jane Altenderfer who passed away on April 24, 2014. He was preceded in death by his son, Andrew Altenderfer, in 2002.

Howard graduated from Hamburg High School, class of 1946 and later received a degree in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering. He was an apprentice wood pattern maker from 1947 to 1951 and later a journeyman wood pattern maker from 1953 to 1961. Howard was an instructor at Penn State Wyomissing Polytechnic Institute from 1959 to 1966. He then worked for Black and Decker before finishing his career at Grinell Corp. where he retired from in 1994 as a pattern engineer. Howard was a former member of Chiques United Methodist Church and member of Glossbrenner United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir. He enjoyed music, playing the French horn and wood carving.

Howard is survived by his three children, Norma Jane Kachel; Jeffrey Paul (Sue) Altenderfer; and Marcia Ann (Fred) Phelps, along with 6 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held at Mount Joy Cemetery. Please no flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to Glossbrenner United Methodist Church, 713 Church Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 or Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 5028 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5028.

Tribute Wall

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“ Howard and Jane were the first folks to welcome us when we moved to Mount Joy. They were generous and kind friends, and we stayed friends with Howard after Jane's death. Howard loved to read good books and so enjoyed seeing our two dogs when we visited him at Pleasant View. A life well lived Howard, we will miss you!

Don and Sue Martin - January 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ In memory of Howard D. Altenderfer

Wendy J. Diffendall - January 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Please accept my sympathy for Howard's passing. I worked with him when I was an engineering technician at Grinnell. If I'm not mistaken, he was also at Pennsylvania Malleable Iron when I was there. He was a very intelligent and interesting man who took time to speak with me often. He respected me for being one of the very few women in the foundry industry back in the 1970s and 1980s. I'm sure you will miss him. My prayers are with you.

Wendy J. Diffendall - January 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM