



James "Jim" N. Gruber

July 18, 1955 - September 3, 2025

James "Jim" Nelson Gruber, 70, of Manheim, passed away on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Raymond and Erma (May) Gruber. Jim was the devoted husband of Ruthanne (Miller) Gruber, with whom he shared 49 years of marriage.

A 1973 graduate of Elizabethtown High School, Jim was the owner and operator of Gruber Upholstery in Elizabethtown. After retiring, he worked at Sheetz Funeral Home in Mount Joy and at William P. Spence Funeral & Cremation Services in Manheim. He was a longtime member of West Green Tree Church of the Brethren.

Jim was a proud Free and Accepted Mason and a member of the Abraham C. Triechler Lodge No. 682 in Elizabethtown. He was also an avid hunter and a longtime member of the Blain Sportsman's Club, the Elstonville Sportsman's Association, and the Hammer Creek Hunting Club in Brickerville, where he served in many roles as an officer, including standing Vice-President.

A passionate bowler, Jim participated in several leagues throughout Lancaster County and was the President of the Thursday Industrial and Thursday Mixed Classic League at Clearview Lanes. In addition, he enjoyed golfing and cherished spending time with his family and friends. Jim also delighted in playing Santa Claus at community events, spreading joy and smiles to countless children over the years.

Jim is survived by his wife, Ruthanne; three children: Bryan Gruber, husband

of Lori (Warfel) of Mount Joy, Michele Gruber of Mount Joy, and Curtis Gruber, husband of Jamie (Agnew) of Marietta; three grandchildren: Isaac Gruber and his fiancée Megan Platt, Isabella Jacyszyn, wife of Dylan, and Kennedy Gruber; a great-granddaughter, Paisley Jacyszyn; four brothers: Ronald Gruber, husband of Patricia of Lititz, Marlin Gruber, husband of Elizabeth of Mount Joy, John Gruber, husband of Angela of Elizabethtown, and Edward Gruber, husband of Melissa of Elizabethtown; and two sisters: Nancy Harting, wife of Daniel of Coldwater, MS, and Joanne Musser, wife of Dewight of Shippensburg.

A funeral service to honor Jim's life will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Florin Church of the Brethren, 815 Bruce Avenue, Mount Joy, PA 17552. Family and friends may visit with the family on Monday, September 8, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and again on Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, prior to the service. Interment will follow at West Green Tree Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Evergreen (Hospice) Neighborhood Fund, Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, or to the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Florin Church of the Brethren
815 Bruce Avenue
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Visitation

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of James "Jim" N. Gruber*



Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc - September 20, 2025 at 09:37 AM

RC

“ *Sorry to hear Jim has passed away, He did canvas work for us many times and we always had a good conversation and laugh when I would stop at his shop. I talked to him about two weeks ago and wish I would've stopped by to see him. He truly was a very nice guy. Just heard of him passing away on Tuesday. God bless his wife and family, hopefully he's hunting in heaven!*

Rick Cooke - September 11, 2025 at 08:12 AM

EW

“ *This is Edward Weaver. I am sorry to hear about the loss especially to cancer as we hear it to often and have experienced personally. But as the promise that with faith in the lord he is in his glorified presence. I pray the lord will touch and fill each one of his flock that has been touched by this loss with the joy that surpasses all understanding.*

Edward W. - September 07, 2025 at 09:38 PM

MW

This is Mervin weaver peggy and I are sorry to hear about Curtis dad may the lord hold you close though this difficult time

Mervin Weaver - September 08, 2025 at 04:15 PM

GF

“*Jim was in his element if he was teasing someone. He was such a happy guy and always made us laugh. Ruthanne and family, hold on to those wonderful memories that will become more precious with time. Please know that we are praying you through these challenging days and weeks ahead. God hold each one of you close and give you comfort.*”



Gale and Jay Forry - September 05, 2025 at 04:36 PM

SC

Ruthanne and family, may The Lord extend His comfort and peace during this difficult time. Jim will be sorely missed. We will miss his stories and the laughter he brought to us with those stories. I know how much Dave enjoyed his days playing golf with Jim. I also know the loss you are feeling at this time. I am praying for Gods mercy and grace to comfort you.

Sylvia Coble - September 06, 2025 at 03:53 PM

LV

“*I was so sorry to read of Jim's passing. He was a good man who always had a smile and a friendly word. Ruthanne, you and the family are in my heart today. Be assured of my prayers for all of you in the difficult days ahead.*”

Lenore

Lenore Vargo - September 05, 2025 at 08:07 AM

DL

“ I met Jim years ago when he custom made boat covers for me. His work was always excellent! When I went to his office to pay him, we spent most of the time talking about hunting. It was obvious he really enjoyed his time hunting near and far. I bowled against him in several leagues at Clearview Lanes where he was very good. Rest in peace my friend.

Dennis Landvater - September 04, 2025 at 11:07 PM

SJ

“ Jim was one of the best men I've ever known. He was a big brother to me and took care of me over the 40 years we were friends. Rest In Peace my friend.



Sam Jacoby - September 04, 2025 at 09:46 PM