



Jay Clarence Greider

May 23, 1936 - April 7, 2025

Jay Clarence Greider, of Mount Joy, went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the evening of April 7, 2025. He was 88 years old. The son of the late Clarence and Viola Greider, Jay was born on May 23, 1936, in Mount Joy. He was a 1954 graduate of East Donegal High and then earned his B.S. degree from Elizabethtown College in 1958 (where he lettered in wrestling). Following college, he worked for his father at Red Rose Dairy, Inc. In 1962, Jay started and operated the Red Rose Dairy Bar which, thanks to its restaurant, slot-car racetrack, miniature golf course, and especially Jay's homemade ice cream, became a well-known and popular community hangout. In 1972, Jay began working for Dauphin Deposit Bank, ultimately becoming the Manager of the Wheatland and Mount Joy branches. Jay obtained his real estate license in 1981 and subsequently worked for Coldwell Banker, Slaugh-Cooper, Sheetz Real Estate, Donegal Real Estate and Autry Zink. Jay is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Mae Lavon (Zink) Greider; daughter Karen Rodruan (and husband Bill); daughter Dawn Pappas (and husband John); son Jay Clinton (Jake) Greider (and wife Carol); 7 grandchildren (and their spouses); and soon-to-be 9 great-grandchildren. Family was the special love of his life.

Jay was a longtime member of the Mount Joy Church of God, where he served on the Council, and taught Sunday School for decades. He enjoyed shooting and hunting, and going to his cabin in upstate PA. He was a member of Rotary Club and the Ashara-Casiphia Lodge 551, and he volunteered his

time to multiple community organizations.

Jay excelled at every role he played in life: son, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, employee, owner, volunteer, friend. He will be remembered for setting an incredible standard for living one's life.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Jay's Celebration of Life service at Mount Joy Church of God, 30 East Main St., Mount Joy PA 17552, on Friday, April 25 2025 at 11:00AM. The family will receive friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in Jay's memory to the Mount Joy Church of God, or to AccentCare (Jay's Hospice service provider) via the website seasonsfoundation.org/donate.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Joy Church of God
30 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Jay was an old school type of man. Whatever was needed, he could get it done. He had the energy of a much younger man and often told me stories about his adventures in his earlier days. My condolences to Mae and the family. We'll all meet again someday!-
Jim Gamble

James Gamble - April 24, 2025 at 09:07 AM

BH

“ Jay and I worked together at Donegal Real Estate. My condolences to Mae and the family. I will be out of town on April 25th, so I cannot attend the Celebration of Life.
Bob Heiserman

Bob Heiserman - April 21, 2025 at 11:38 AM

LS

I have known Mae and Jay all my life. They were always so loving, generous and down to earth. I'm very sorry I won't be able to make it to the service. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Leslie Stauffer Snyder

Leslie Stauffer Snyder - April 23, 2025 at 09:43 AM

KJ

“ Jay, Mae and the Greider family were like a second family to us Jones kids. They were the coolest neighbors, ever! Jay would always treat us to ice cream and free rounds of miniature golf. Mae and my mom were Girl Scout leaders together, so our families spent a lot of time together. We especially liked playing in the barn, being with Duchess the dog, and hanging out at the Dairy Bar! Jay was such a big part of our lives and he will be dearly missed! He was a very good man and helped to make our childhoods magical!

Kevin Jones - April 21, 2025 at 08:26 AM

DP

Thank you Kevin. Very sweet!!

Dawn Pappas - April 23, 2025 at 09:05 PM

DP

“ Mr Greider was always kind to us kids growing up. We would go for ice cream and play miniature golf. He was always smiling and a very good man. My condolences to the Greider family.

Dave Presto - April 19, 2025 at 05:59 PM

DP

Thank you Dave!

Dawn Pappas - April 23, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JE

“ *Dear Mae and family
Please accept my sincere sympathy on the passing of Jay to his heavenly home. He was a dear friend to me, as are you Mae. I have known you and Jay since teenage years at the Dairy Bar up until Jay's later contributions to the Mount Joy Historical Society. Such a kind, generous hard-working man. Mount Joy has lost another faithful servant. May he rest in peace with our Lord. We will all miss him in this life.
Love, Jean Heilig Ellis*

Jean Ellis - April 15, 2025 at 08:36 AM

DP

Thank you Jean. I know he enjoyed working with with you at the historical society.

Dawn Pappas - April 23, 2025 at 09:07 PM

CH

“ *Greider family- My sincere condolences with the passing of Jay. Many memories were made on the Greider homestead. Jay was always a quiet presence with a big smile. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Colleen (Jones) Hilliard*

Colleen Hilliard - April 15, 2025 at 07:42 AM

DP

Thank you Colleen!

Dawn Pappas - April 23, 2025 at 09:08 PM

DT

“ Greider Family - we are so sorry to hear about Jay's passing, he was such a wonderful, kind man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Keep fond memories close to your heart.

From the west coast families of Donna and Mike Teefy

Donna Teefy - April 14, 2025 at 10:08 AM

FC

“ Please accept my sincere condolences in the passing of your husband, father, grandfather and great grandpa. Many fond memories of his presence, along with sweet Mae when visiting Dawn, John, and Kiddos back in the day. A happy time when everyone was visiting in Dawns kitchen. My dad has been gone for over 3 years. I miss him every day... Wonderful parents... you are blessed.



Fawn Cornwell - April 11, 2025 at 07:25 PM

HE

“ Dawn so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Prayers. Helen Ennis

Helen M Ennis - April 10, 2025 at 03:35 PM