



Jerry L. Avers Sr.

December 26, 2025

Jerry L. Avers Sr., 76, of Mount Joy, passed away on Friday, December 26, 2025, at his residence. Born in Keyser, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Junior and Wanda (Lantz) Avers. Jerry was the husband of Della (Tranum) Avers, with whom he celebrated 53 years of marriage this past April.

Jerry graduated from Keyser High School with Della in 1968. Jerry was active with MJAA, coaching both of his children. He was a member of the Mount Joy VFW, Mount Joy Legion (Sons), Dela Ches Fishing Association, and the Elizabethtown Moose. He worked at NCR in Mount Joy for 30+ years until its closure. He also worked at QVC in Lancaster until its closing. Jerry enjoyed hunting with his brother, watching sports, socializing and being with his wife. Della and Jerry settled into watching the Phillies, Wheel of Fortune, and Days of Our Lives. Jerry loved Al Bundy! He was an avid West Virginia fan and a good sport when he lost their annual wishbone competition with his daughter every Thanksgiving. He was tickled pink in 2024 when he won. He enjoyed spending time with his son, sharing stories and stats about any sport. His greatest joys were his children and grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Della, he has two children. Daughter, Melinda, wife of Jason Karns of Dillsburg (26 years). A son, Jerry Avers Jr, husband of Hannah Avers of Mountville (25 years). Three granddaughters, Karli Karns, Tori Karns and Elliana Avers. Two grandsons, Asher and Ezra Avers. A

brother, Dennis Avers, husband of Gwen Avers of Mount Joy, two sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Junior and Wanda (Lantz) Avers, his paternal grandparents, George Wanamaker Avers and Cloria Avers, his maternal grandparents, Robert Lantz and Lena M. (Gank) Lantz, two brothers, Douglas and James Avers, and a sister, Carol Daugherty.

In accordance with Jerry and Della's wishes, no public services will be held. Those wishing to honor Jerry's memory are invited to do so in their own way. Jerry would not want us to be sad but to smile and laugh when we think of him. The family appreciates the kind thoughts and condolences of friends and loved ones. We find comfort in knowing that he is no longer in pain and has been received into the open arms of Jesus, where he has been restored for eternity.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ R.I.P. My friend



JOE SMITH - February 10 at 06:37 PM

DW

“ Dee Witmer lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Avers Sr.



Dee Witmer - January 04 at 09:14 AM

TM

“ Uncle Jerry... A true legend... I loved him as a young boy growing up. I remember him at my sporting events and being a valued part of my childhood life. I will always and forever remember the times of basketball with him (as a tear rolls down my cheek). He always showed great respect to others and a true passion for enjoying life as a happy person. I never recall him ever being angry. As I grew older and life moved me away from Uncle Jerry he was always in my heart. I mentored him as being a husband to Aunt Dell, and a loving father to Melinda and Jay. May he forever rest in peace now.

Troy Martin - January 01 at 06:42 PM

JE

“ My condolences to Jerry’s family. I worked with both Jerry and Doug at NCR. Jerry could always make you laugh and was a great co-worker. I will miss running into him around town and having a good laugh. RIP Jerry.

Jim Evans - December 30, 2025 at 07:50 PM

TN

“ Theresa Nimo lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Avers Sr.



Theresa Nimo - December 30, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for Della and family. Remembering years ago when the Avers brothers were young and vigorous. They truly enjoyed life, family and friends. They, along with sister Carole, will be greatly missed.

Betty Addington - December 30, 2025 at 11:15 AM

DS

“ It was always an enjoyable time whenever we shared joint family celebrations. Jerry’s light hearted personality brought smiles and laughter to all of us. We are blessed to have known him Our deepest sympathies to the family and prayers for the days ahead.



Diane and Marty Schoffstall - December 29, 2025 at 07:48 PM

MB

“ Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to the Avers family. I know Jerry was loved so much and will be greatly missed. - With love,
Mindy Biddle & Family



Mindy Biddle - December 29, 2025 at 07:43 PM

MB

“ Jerry was a true MAN he worked an took care of his family. When times got tuff he stuck around. He was my favorite Brother in Law. Miss you Jerry. You leave Tom, John an Charlie alone up there. Love you always Your favorite Sister in law Mary Bell

Mary Bell - December 29, 2025 at 07:41 PM