



## John E. Hess

September 12, 1946 - January 18, 2019

John E. Hess, 72, of Marietta, passed away on Friday, January 18, 2019. Born in Columbia, he was the son of the late David L. Hess Jr. and Kathryn (Nissley) Hess. John was the husband of Bonnie (Arnold) with whom he celebrated 40 years of marriage this past September.

John graduated from Donegal High School class of 1964. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. John's compassionate heart lead him to befriend those from all walks of life. He enjoyed meeting and spending time with others, chatting about business, hobbies or learning about new ventures. His giving nature was undeniable. He was the first to lend a hand, offer support or help a friend in need. His generosity was a quality that was felt and admired by many of those that knew him. John's passion and heart rested at home on his farm where he spent his days setting an example of dedication and hard work. He was an avid outdoors man who traveled the world on various hunting and fishing excursions that weren't for the faint of heart. John could often be found rooting for his favorite Duke basketball or PSU football team. He had an appreciation for good food and was often out enjoying a nice meal. John also had a sharp sense of style that we all admired. It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to a man whose quick wit and infectious smile made an impact on our everyday lives. We celebrate John and all the wonderful memories that we hold dear in our hearts. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all those who knew him.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Bonnie, are two sons, Brian Hess, husband of Heather of Marietta and Todd Hess, husband of Jennifer of Lancaster; five grandchildren, Johnny, Tillie, Scarlett, Hazel and Rocco Hess; a brother, Dwight Hess, husband of Cheryl of Marietta; and two sisters, Joanne Siegrist, wife of Don of Bird in Hand and Kate Kooker, wife of Harley of Christiana.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David L. Hess III.

A funeral service honoring John's life will be held at Mount Joy Mennonite Church, 320 Musser Road, Mount Joy on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church on Friday, January 25, 2019 from 4 PM to 7 PM and again on Saturday after the service. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mount Joy Mennonite Church or Lancaster County 4-H, 1383 Arcadia Rd #140, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ Our condolences sent to Bonnie and family. We had the pleasure of being in John and Bonnie Company a few times through a mutual friend. Jog was a kind a caring person. May the family find peace in memories of the wonderful times and his memory have John live on in your hearts. Mariann and Chris Freiler

Mariann and Chris Freiler - March 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Bonnie, I am so sorry for your loss. Lonnie and I enjoyed our Christmas meals, at Reflections, with the family. We have you and the boys in our thoughts and prayers. Lonnie and Deb Stum

Deborah (Evans) Stum - February 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ An Indoor Planter was ordered on January 25, 2019

Expression of Sympathy - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Hess family, My deepest sympathy to each of you as you deal with the passing of John. I remember him as such a devoted family man with a caring heart. You all will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Sherri Carruthers

Sherri Enterline Carruthers - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Todd & FAMILY, My sincere condolences on the loss of your father! Sounds like you have a very blessed father of which you can carry fond memories and share his kindness with others as he did. May God grace you with peace and compassion. Shane Bleacher

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**Shane Bleacher** - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Todd & family, our hearts go out to you. May God bless you and comfort you with amazing memories. You are in our prayers. God bless, Curt & Mary Hamilton

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**Mary Hamilton** - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Bonnie... Renee and I want to extend our condolences to you and your Sons for your tragic loss. May John forever Rest in Peace.....

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**Robert R Kaley** - January 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ From all of us at ShowEase Inc, we send our sympathy to John's family. We enjoyed doing business with him over the years and knew when it was time to do service on silo unloaders, he wanted it done now! The wonderful Angus burgers were a treat he shared with us. May God's presence be with you all in the weeks and months ahead.

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**Connie Bender** - January 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My condolences to Joanne and all the extended family. It is hard to lose a loved one, especially so unexpectedly. May you feel the comfort and strength of our Lord's presence.

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**Marian Beaman** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Our heartache is beyond words for your loss of a wonderful Husband, Dad, Grandfather, Father-in-Law, and loving friend. We can't imagine how your life has been turned upside down. I know it's hard to imagine at this time how you will face each day without John. Let God wrap his arms around you and love on you. Lean on him 24/7. He will show you the way. We loved John like he was part of our family. There are many memories that we will always treasure. We thank god for putting this incredible man into our lives. We will continue to pray for peace and comfort for Bonnie and the family. We are there for you now and always.

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**Dale and Lori (Lorigirl) Groff** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ There's another angel surround God.

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**Dale and Lori (Lorigirl) Groff** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ We are extremely sorry for your loss. We did not know him well, but do know that he was a wonderful man of God, that was loved by us all. We pray for God's peace and direction to be with you and your family.

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**PAUL & LISA BUCKWALTER** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ It is with deep sorrow that we have heard of the death of John. We lived on a wooded lot on Coffee Goss Road. One day we heard a knock on the door and opened it . He stuck out his hand & quickly introduced himself and welcomed us to the area. He asked if we would mind if he crossed over the back corner of our land with his farming equipment, as he talked with great pride about his family farm and told us about the many years he farmed, & about his wife and boys. His smile was infectious and you could tell he had great pride in being a farmer. He also gave us permission to use a dirt lane if we wanted that ran along our property and crossed his to get to Rock Point Road; sharing it was a nice walk and short cut to the park. We often saw him working from morning to night tilling the land & harvesting his crops. Later that year, and each year after he would ride his four wheeler down the dirt lane and back our driveway. He would greet us with "It's a gorgeous day isn't it?" and his hardy handshake. But what he did next took us by surprise- -he said, "We butchered & I wanted to be sure you got some burgers for the grill as a thank you! I think you'll find they are delicious- -proud to say people find them top notch!" With that he said, "Gotta run the farm doesn't run itself, a lot of hard work, but it makes for a close-knit family- I personally find it very rewarding! Hey let me know how you like the burgers next time I see you!" By the way-we looked forward to that gracious pack of burgers every year- - they were the absolute best! There are no words that can heal the pain in your hearts, No wounds that are deeper than those of his family and all those who loved and knew him. We wish we had words to lighten your agony, but sometimes words just aren't enough. Please accept our deepest condolences on your loss. You are and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Frank & Jennifer Brommer & family** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ *My condolences to the friends and family of John. I use to work at Trop and i always enjoyed his visits and our conversations. He was a really great man .*

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**Whitney Eshleman** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As a farmer he planted many seeda over the years, but none so precious as those that proclaimed his love for his Saviour. He is now laying down; at rest in the beautiful green pastures of heaven! An 🙏 still watching over his beloved family.*

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**Frank & Jennifer Brommer & family** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My heart aches for you all. I worked with John for over 25 years and he always kept me on my toes with his very direct questions! I will miss the conversations and the challenges he put forth. Wonderful man and my prayers are with you as you cope with the unexpectedness of his death. God bless and keep you. ~ June Mengel*

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**June Mengel** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Bonnie and family-----so very sorry to hear of John's passing. I can't even imagine your grief. You are in my prayers for God's healing.*

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**Kathy Derr** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Todd and entire Hess family. I was devastated to hear this news. I always thought of John growing up like a second father. I'm grateful that I still have so many fond memories of your Dad. Thinking and keeping your family in my prayers during this painful time.

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**Chris Price** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM