



## Richard "Dick" Swope

May 20, 1939 - October 25, 2023

Richard Swope, 84, of Elizabethtown, joined his Savior in glory on the evening of Wednesday, October 25, 2023 after a brief illness. Born in Elizabethtown, he was the son of the late Jacob G. and Mabel (Sipling) Swope. Rich married his wife and best friend, Esther (Fittery) Swope, on April 25th, 1959. They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary this year. They faithfully attended Conoy BIC Church.

Rich was the owner and operator of Swope's Refrigeration, a business he ran for 30 years with the help of his faithful wife. He enjoyed restoring and renovating tractors, cars, and other equipment in his free time, especially anything related to Studebaker. He frequently rode his fully restored Allis Chalmers tractor in local parades. He loved trips to the Susquehanna River with his wife and family and watching cars pass by on his front porch or favorite recliner.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Esther, are two children: Marlin J. Swope, husband of Kathy of Elizabethtown; and Lori Keener, wife of Keith of Elizabethtown; four grandchildren: Brent Swope, partner of Vanessa Royal; Ryan Swope, husband of Jenna; Mariah Keener; and Haley Keener; and three great grandchildren: Kaylee, Brielle, and Serenity Swope.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Justin Swope, and six siblings: Jay J. Swope, Alma Johnson, Laverne Swope, Erma Aungst, Clarence Swope, and Geraldine Hoffer.

A funeral service celebrating Rich's life will be held at Conewago Church of

the Brethren, 7035 Schoolhouse Rd, Hershey, PA 17033 on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received for a viewing at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Monday, October 30, 2023 from 6 PM to 8 PM and again on Tuesday, at the church, from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will follow the service at Shenks Community Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org>), Liberty Godparent Ministry (<https://godparent.org>), or Operation Blessing (<https://www.ob.org>).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home  
16 East Main Street  
Mount Joy, PA

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Conewago Church of the Brethren  
7035 Schoolhouse Road  
Hershey, PA 17033

## Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Hershey, PA 17033

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Our condolences to you and family. I first Dick when he came in to service the refrigeration units. He was always so nice. Then got to know him and Esther at church. So sorry for your loss.

Jan& Galen Good - November 01, 2023 at 08:04 PM

AM

“ sending my condolences and prayers to all of the family, especially my dear friend esther, may the Lord comfort you in this time



amy - October 30, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. We were neighbors, MANY years ago when he lived on the farm. Praying God surrounds you with His comfort and peace.

Jane Sweigart - October 29, 2023 at 12:19 PM

BD

*I am so sorry for your loss I will miss not seeing him at country meadows I wish you all the best take care and God bless*

Barbara dunn - October 29, 2023 at 06:08 PM

BS

“ Dear Esther, Marlin, Lori and family. Sharing our condolences with you and praying for strength and comfort today and in the days ahead. Great neighbors and friends in my growing up years and in the years ahead. Remembering the time we went to camp meeting with you and stopped at a little restaurant in Annville and got Hollywood burgers for the first time. So good. Fun memory from 50 yrs ago. Remembering Rich and your family with warm thoughts and special memories. Barb & Denny Snyder

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**Barb Snyder** - October 28, 2023 at 08:25 AM

CH

“ Always smiling or laughing...that is how I remember one of my favorite uncles. My girls all remember his soft ice cream machine💕💕

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**Crystal Hershey** - October 28, 2023 at 07:53 AM

BN

I will miss you Swopy sitting on your front porch chatting with you and looking at your fish pond and taking your mail to you every once in a while

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**Becky Neidinger** - October 29, 2023 at 10:54 PM

GF

Esther, Marlin and Lori and families, We have many fond memories of seeing you and "Swopy" at various places and having conversations with lots of laughs. May God bring you comfort and peace in this sad time. Prayers.

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**Gale and Jay Forry** - October 30, 2023 at 10:11 AM