



Roy E. Sauder

February 13, 1933 - October 5, 2025

Roy Ezra Sauder, 92, of Mount Joy, passed away peacefully with family by his side on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at Landis Homes in Lititz. He was born on February 13, 1933, in Union Grove, Pennsylvania, to the late Paul L. and Leah (Martin) Sauder. His family moved to Manheim when Roy was six years old. He was the devoted husband of Frances A. (Buckwalter) Sauder, with whom he celebrated 71 years of marriage on March 11, 2025.

Roy graduated from Manheim Central High School in 1951, where he excelled in Future Farmers of America (FFA). His passion for agriculture led him to pursue farmhand work in lieu of 1-W service. He married Fran in March 1954 and began farming in Fredericksburg. After six years, he purchased his own farm in Mount Joy.

Roy was involved in the Mennonite Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher, superintendent, trustee, and youth group leader. Alongside farming for over two decades, he contributed to farm-related communities, led 4-H programs, and enjoyed playing baseball.

A true entrepreneur, Roy transitioned from farming to fulfill his dream of building the Country Table Restaurant in Mount Joy. Later, in collaboration with others, he helped design and construct Par Line Golf in Elizabethtown. His hobbies included golfing, hunting, and traveling—highlighted by a memorable hunting trip to New Zealand where he bagged a gold trophy elk. He cherished his time snowbirding in Sarasota, where he enjoyed cooking, playing cards, and spending time with family and friends. Roy supported

missions and the Naaman Center. In his later years, his thoughts often reflected on his life as a farmer.

He was preceded in death by his son, Roy Jr. (2012, 13 years ago), and his younger brother, Merv (just 11 days prior).

Roy is survived by his wife, Frances, and their children—Nancy Louise Sauder of Seattle, Washington; James Lester Sauder of Duncannon, Pennsylvania; and Glenn Quentin Sauder of Clearwater, Florida. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Roy Michael, Nathan, Rachelle, Alesaha, Chad, and Cari Sue; seventeen great-grandchildren: Eshton, Conlin, Traeton, Brogan, Brett, Autumn, Dalton, Angelica, Wyatt, Scottlyn, Coulton, Gage, Charlotte, Weston, Tyler, Julia, and Elizabeth; and one great-great-grandson: Camilo. Roy is also survived by five sisters: Elva (late Robert Bare), Lorraine (Bob Rohrer), Marjorie (late Daniel Stoltzfus), Carolyn (late Dale Leaman), and Linda (Marvin Nissley) and his sister in law Mary Lou (late Mervin Sauder).

The Sauder family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff of the Manheim House at Landis Homes for their exceptional and loving care over the past year.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Roy's viewing on Sunday, October 12th, between 6-8 PM, and Roy's memorial service on Monday, 4:00 PM with a meal to follow. Both events at Mount Joy Mennonite Church, 320 Musser Road, Mount Joy, PA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Roy's memory may be made to Camp Hebron at www.camphebron.org/donate or Blessings of Hope at www.blessingsofhope.com/donate.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mount Joy Mennonite Church
320 Musser Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Memorial Service

OCT **13.** 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ I met Mr and Mrs Sauder when they hired me to work in the bakery when I was in high school and during nursing school. The bake shop was a busy crazy place especially on Saturdays between the breakfast buffet and then banquets . I especially remember one Saturday when I was brand new and I was running the register and unaware someone placed a jar of coins in front of the register drawer . So as you can imagine as I was ringing, the customer up the drawer popped open, causing the jar and all the coins to go crashing onto the floor. Mr. Sauder was busy preparing a meal for a banquet in our shared kitchen. Suddenly, the entire kitchen was quiet and he was staring at me and I thought. “ I’m going to be fired.” Instead he looked at me and just man factly said.” Well clean it up.” and gave me a little smile. Working in the bakery was by far my favorite job I’ve ever done and I have so many fond memories of the Sauders. My deepest sympathy to the entire family .

Sharon Nissly Clark - October 12, 2025 at 07:33 PM

MG

“ I have many memories working for Roy and Fran at the golf course. I remember when I went out there to try and get a job when they were in the middle of doing a dinner for a golf outing and someone pointed him out and said we need to go and talk to him. After talking with him for about 5 minutes he had us go out on the course with someone else on a cart and when we got back he asked if we liked it and wanted a job on the spot. We both said yes didn't even fill out any W-2 paperwork. I think it was like a following week they're like hey you guys got to fill out paperwork but he hired us right on the spot. I have many memories working there and I'm so grateful that I got to have them in my life and a chance to learn from them and make myself a better person. The one thing I found out if it's broken Roy always found a way to fix it rather than go buy a new one. Roy and Fran treated everyone equally and the same you don't find many people that do that. When it was hunting season and if we saw a deer or Roy saw a deer he'd come get Chris and I and tell us to grab our guns while we're on the clock to go hunting. And they fed us great every single day. The trips to Florida playing golf with them going out to eat and playing cards and spending time with their family meant so much to me and I always will be truly grateful. Roy you will always be missed and never forgotten. My thoughts and prayers to the entire Souder families.



Matthew Gage - October 09, 2025 at 04:28 PM

DP

“ I have fond memories working for Roy and Fran at Par Line. Looking back on those years I am so grateful for how well they treated us all and always had me looking forward to coming back and working in the summers. I of course will remember the great food, but most importantly how well Roy treated us all... like family! Fran and family, you are all in my prayers.

Derek Price - October 08, 2025 at 01:55 PM

TM

“ I remember as a child the McDonald reunions and also the Christmas gatherings at Quint and Alta Buckwalters farmhouse close to Lancaster Airport. So sorry for your loss Francis and Family.

Terry McDonald

Terry McDonald - October 07, 2025 at 07:51 AM

MG

“ Monroe and I enjoyed the many delicious meals prepared by Roy and Fran at their home in Florida and in Mt Joy, always followed by wonderful times of fellowship. So thankful our fellowship will continue throughout eternity.

Mim Good - October 07, 2025 at 07:26 AM