



## Adam Kepple Gehr

August 24, 2019

Adam Kepple Gehr, 101, died on August 24, 2019. Born in 1918 to Harry S. and Nora (Kepple) Gehr in Salem Township, PA.

Adam attended Greensburg High School and graduated from Westminster College in 1939. While at Westminster College he met Isabel Meloy. They were married on August 24, 1940.

Adam spent most of his career at Sperry New Holland where he worked from 1947 through 1981. From 1975 through 1979 he was assigned to the Belgian office. At retirement, he was the Regional Sales Manager for the northern half of the United States and Canada.

After retirement Adam was still active. He became an adjunct instructor at Elizabethtown College, and Franklin and Marshall College. He was on the board of several charitable associations. These included: Harb-Adult (now TLC), where he was a founder; the Mental Health Association; Family and Children's Services; Presbyterian Homes; Lancaster Day Care Center; Presbyterian Senior Services; the Parish Resource Center; and Homestead Village where he and Isabel moved in 1994. Adam was an Elder at Highland Presbyterian Church. He also served the Church as Moderator and, later, President of Council for the Presbytery of Donegal. He also volunteered his time at the Lancaster Day Care Center where he enjoyed reading to the

children, and at the Schreiber Center.

Adam's many charitable activities earned him several awards. He received the New Era Red Rose and the Westminster College Citation for Community Service. He was a Paul Harris Fellow; he was named a "point of light" by President George H. W. Bush; and he was nominated for a Jefferson award.

He is survived by his children: Adam (Virginia), Martha Wolfe (Donald), Jane Hammoud (Salah-Dine), and Sara Dickey (Roger); eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, September 21, 2019, two o'clock p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

In lieu of flowers, Adam requested contributions to: the TLC program of TABOR ([www.tabornet.org](http://www.tabornet.org)), Highland Presbyterian Church(address above), or Lancaster Day Care Center([www.lancasterearlyeducation.org](http://www.lancasterearlyeducation.org)).

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Highland Presbyterian Church  
500 East Roseville Road  
Lancaster, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ Adam Kepple Gehr

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ We first learned Adam's influence on others from his fellow board member, and experienced it first hand as we compared farm life experiences at meal time. Our sincere Condolences to the accomplished family of a memorable man!!

Grant and Joan Hansel - September 21, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ I only knew Adam for a short time as one of his caregivers from Homeinstead senior care but he touched my life in a big way it was a great pleasure caring for him

Deb Mace - September 20, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ I met Adam (and Isabel) at Highland's Wednesdays Walk with Christ and his kindness and deep religious faith became immediately apparent to me. I had been recently widowed and he took a special interest in me and my 2 young sons. I have held special place in my heart for Adam since meeting him so many years ago. He was a remarkable man with a caring and gentle soul that touched my life with his kindness. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to meet Adam (as Ted Mingle would say "A God moment") and I am sure God has given him a special place in Heaven. Isabel and family, I am so sorry for your immense loss. With thoughts and prayers, Janet Dempster Booth

Janet Booth - September 20, 2019 at 09:41 AM

AG

“ Isabel,  
Seeing Adam's picture in the paper brought a smile to my face,  
remembering what a fine gentleman he was and how close you two  
and my parents were. And my goodness, what a volunteer life he  
had, after retirement!  
My brother Had died 5 years ago and husband Gene died 3 years  
ago..... Tom and all his family live in Maryland and he and Sue have  
6 grands; I'm still working and enjoying my 6 grands of ages 16-22.  
Tom and I send our regards to you along with our fond memories of  
Adam.  
Anne Downey Gardner

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**Anne Gardner** - September 19, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Adam Kepple Gehr.



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September 18, 2019 at 02:27 PM

JM

“ The most precious thing I hold dear is "Uncle Gehr's" wonderful  
laugh - I don't know of a a bigger smile or of an individual who could  
be both serious and joyful so fully. My dad (Isy's little brother, John)  
and mom really loved him and the great family he and Isy were  
raising. Kep, Marty, Jane, and Sarah - just thinking of you and your  
mom and your individual families on these last summer days before  
the service celebrating his being. Love, Judy

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**Judith Meloy** - September 18, 2019 at 10:48 AM

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“ *What a privilege it has been to have Uncle Adam in my life. I remember when I was about 12 yrs. old, I spent the summer with their family in Columbus, Ohio. He was always a good man, telling us funny stories of remembrance on the farm with my dad. We had alot of fun traveling by car across the USA and stopping at all the state parks enjoying bologna sandwiches! He was alot like my dad and reminded me of him many times as my dad passed at the age of 47. And like my dad, those boys were full of many jokes and we all spent alot of time laughing! Uncle Adam and Aunt Isy also came west many times for impoirtant times in my life as he was committed to family. A wonderful life well lived with goodness, love and faith.*

*Rebecca Gehr Rodda*

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**Rebecca Gehr Rodda** - September 09, 2019 at 05:21 PM

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“ *remembered fondly...*

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**meloy** - September 07, 2019 at 09:04 AM

JH

“ *We only wish we had known Adam sooner*

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**Joan and Grant Hansel** - September 02, 2019 at 10:31 AM

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*We have been proud to work with Adam as a valued client of ours for many years. He was a delightful man and always a pleasure to work with while assisting him with his financial needs.*  
*The Granite Run Group at Morgan Stanley, Lancaster*

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**Bruce DeBord** - September 04, 2019 at 01:54 PM

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*We learned to know Adam and Isabel in Belgium in the 70's. They were extra fine people, the kind this world needs more of. We extend our sympathies and best wishes to Isabel and their extended families.*  
*Gene and Jane Holsinger*

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**Gene and Jane Holsinger** - September 04, 2019 at 03:53 PM