



Edward S. Hess

May 20, 2015

Edward S. Hess, 90, of Lancaster, went home to be with his Great Shepherd, his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at Calvary Fellowship Homes. He was a devoted husband to his dear wife, Marian (Herr) Hess. They would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary next year. He was the son of the late Norman and Helen (Snavelly) Hess. He was born July 2, 1924 on the farm he lived on until he was 80 years old. Then he and Marian resided in a lovely cottage at Calvary Homes where he continued his love of the soil by planting beautiful flowers all around.

He was always a generous man, who loved people, had a twinkle in his eye and a playful sense of humor. His gentle smile and prayers often brought tears to the eyes of his family. He loved all things growing, beginning his working years for 10 years as a "truck farmer," selling vegetables to local grocers, hospitals and restaurants. Then he took on a large flock of purebred Hampshire sheep. Finally, in 1960 he began a business with his brother, the late Arthur Hess, which became Hess Bros. Fruit Company. He loved visiting the orchards, building rapport with the growers, and purchasing apples to pack and resell to stores all around the area. He retired from Hess brothers in 1993. All through the years he maintained a lovely little flock of sheep which he tended with a true shepherd's heart. He loved hosting picnics on the farm and sharing many weekends with friends at the little cabin in Potter County. He was a long-time member of Calvary Church where he served as a beloved

children's church leader, an elder, served on the missions committee, and visitation committee.

He is survived by a son, Pastor Tom married to Kate (Hoffman) Hess from Jerusalem, Israel; a daughter, Rebecca "Beckie" wife of John Thompson of Leola, PA. He was preceded in death by his son: Edward "Tedd" whose wife, Bonnie Welch Hess, lives in Lancaster. He is also survived by a granddaughter, Jessica Leigh Hess, and 6 step grandsons; a brother, Herbert wife of Sarah Hess, Millersville, PA; two sisters: Elizabeth, wife of Leslie Evans of Mansfield and Jane Landis of Lancaster, PA. His brother, Arthur, preceded him in death.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Edward's Memorial Service on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 with Dr. Eric Crichton and Pastor Tom Hess officiating. The family will greet friends at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. A private family interment will take place at Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions in Edward's name can be made to Calvary Fellowship Homes, Benevolent Fund, 502 Elizabeth Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601 or Calvary Church, Global Partners Fund, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

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“ *Edward S. Hess*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

“ To the Family, Friends and Acquaintances of Mr. Edward Hess,

I am truly sorry for your loss. We all know that Ed served His Lord to the fullest in life.

I became a part of Ed and Marian's family when I was 15yrs old (turning 42 yrs old in June). They took me under their wings and showed me that life is full of wonderful surprises from our Lord Heavenly father. He taught me how to be a child of God that I had forgot at a very early age. My parents separated when I turned 7 yrs old, I believed I did something wrong for this to happen. When Ed spoke to me and assured me it wasn't my fault I began looking at Ed in a fatherly way. If something was bothering me he would talk to me like his own child. With all our talks he planted a seed and today that seed is growing deep within me. That seed is growing within me and helping me to live a life for the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I heard of Ed's son passing, Ted, I believe it would have been a heart taking burden burying one of your own children. I could never imagine the pain that your body endures through that time. I remember meeting Ted, Ed and Marian all at the same time. It seemed as though the first time we hugged, I was already part of the Hess family. Marian and Ed have walked side by side me through so many trials and tribulations, they loved me when I couldn't love myself. They not only brought me into their lives. My mother also became a member of the family and know of times where she spoke to Marian and Ed when she needed advice, a shoulder to cry on and mostly when she needed a ear to listen.

I could go on and on about the summers I'd stay and help with the sheep and such, taking walks in the meadows and just listening to the sounds of mother nature. I remembered Ed and Mariam picking me up for the weekend and just spending time talking of playing games. I was always at peace in their home, seems like only yesterday I had been sitting at the table and preparing to eat a

wonderful dinner. Marian is a wonderful woman with many things to share in life. I could not have made it thru some of my low points without her support and allowing me to talk to her for hours sometimes. I can truly say Ed and Miriam became a second set of parents. They opened their doors to me and many others.

I know Ed will truly be missed in both his Family and Friends. If I could in anyway ease the pain that his family and children are going thru, I would do it in a minute. Knowing that God has taken Ed to be amongst his angels to watch over each and everyone of us. Since I have heard of his passing I have closed my eyes several times and thanked God for putting both Ed and Marian into my live as well as many other.

I sincerely hope that others have had time to reflect on such a wonderful man with a wife that made him happy for so many years. If anyone needs anything please do not hesitate to talk, listen, go out for a cup of coffee or tea or even if you just need an ear to listen I am here.

*With all our love
The Stewart Family*

Trinda Stewart - June 01, 2015 at 03:30 PM

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“ *I had Ed as a teacher at Calvary Church as a child. As an adult he always made an effort to say hello and find out how my family and I were doing. Enjoyed going to the farm on several occasions to walk and talk with Ed.*

Bob Aungst - May 22, 2015 at 08:01 PM

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“ WE KNEW ED & WIFE FROM CALVARY CHURCH. REMEMBER WHEN OUR SS CLASS MET THERE & THE GOOD APPLES WE HAD. HE WAS A GRATEFUL MAN & WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. HE IS WITH HIS SAVIOUR & LORD IN HIS HEAVENLY HOME.

JOHN & PAULINE NESS - May 22, 2015 at 01:21 PM