



Joseph B. Hess, MD

August 25, 2023

Joseph B. Hess, M.D., 91, of Lancaster passed away Friday, August 25, 2023, at Pleasant View Retirement Community in Manheim, PA. He was the son of the late Joseph B. and Beulah B. Hess, of Akron, PA.

Joe married Shirley Caulwell Hess in 1954 and will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, physician, and musician.

He was a graduate of Lititz High School (1949), Gettysburg College (1953) and Jefferson Medical College (1957). After completing a two-year internship at LGH, he began working for the U.S. Public Health Service, relocating with his wife and 6-month-old son (Joseph) to Gallup, N.M., for two years, treating patients from the Navajo Indian Reservation. His daughter (Julie) was born there in 1960. They returned to Lancaster in 1961 and he started a solo medical practice east of Lancaster on the Old Philadelphia Pike, from 1962 - 1998, when he retired.

Joe was a proud tuba player and charter member of the Auscultation Brass, as well as playing trombone with the Lititz Moravian Trombone Choir since 1947. His talents and interests were many! In addition to playing many musical instruments (self-taught), he enjoyed bird watching, hunting, fishing, leather work, sewing, volunteering at the Landis Valley Museum, gun shop

and trains, as he worked on the railroad in his youth.

He is survived by his son, Joseph B., husband of Karen of Auburn, AL; daughters Julie Lyons, wife of Jeffrey Lyons of Lancaster, and Lori Hess, wife of Kevin Sollenberger, of Leola. Also surviving are grandchildren Joseph and Tom Hess, Jeffrey and Jessica Lyons and great-grandchildren Joseph, John and Abraham Hess. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley in 2017.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joe's Celebration of Life Memorial Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.), Lancaster, PA, on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with the family receiving friends at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joseph's name may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph B. Hess, MD*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 25, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *Joseph B. Hess, MD*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *We met Dr Hess and Shirley when we purchased their home and office. Very little contact after that except one time a few years ago Dr Hess stopped by and wanted to see what changes we had made. It was a lovely visit. So we don't have special memories to share but we thought we should share that many people we have met over the years, when we tell them our office is what used to be his they immediately light up and tell us they had been a patient. Oh, and people we hire to make changes are constantly impressed by the quality they find in the construction. We must assume Dr Hess was a high quality person who will be missed by many. Rick and Susan Stamm*

Rick and Susan Stamm - October 03, 2023 at 02:27 PM

BK

“ I am unable to attend the service, but want to send my condolences and love to the family. Uncle Joe was a unique and eclectic person who always had a story to tell. He will be missed.

Sincerely,
Brenda

Brenda Klugh-Buccilla - September 30, 2023 at 08:58 AM

MH

“ Joe, Julie and Lori,
I just watched the precious video of your Dad. He had a full life. My folks had such a special relationship with your folks, and also our dear Aunt Emma. I remember how he would come to the farm to hunt groundhogs. Also, so many fun memories when we had sleep overs at your house. Thinking of you all and sending love and prayers! Precious memories that will live on! ❤️🙏
Marcia and John Harnish

Marcia Harnish - September 26, 2023 at 04:10 PM

DD

Dear Joe, Julie, Lori and families, the pictures and tribute video for your dad were very special. I remember how he loved photography and taking pictures at the Hess reunion in the park at Akron. He was a special man and a very good doctor. May your memories bring you peace in the days ahead. Sending love and prayers for each of you.
Sincerely, Bob and Debbie Detwiler

Debra Detwiler - September 29, 2023 at 11:57 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 25, 2023 at 02:06 PM

JH

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Joseph Hess - September 24, 2023 at 08:51 PM

SM

“ *Dr Hess was my physician during my childhood and teens. What a kind man! His obituary triggered good memories for me of an office where — even as a child of 8 or 10 — I felt valued and respected. My heartfelt sympathy to to family.*

Shirley Mast - September 24, 2023 at 08:54 AM

LH

What a wonderful post. Thank you for sharing.

Lori Hess - October 01, 2023 at 07:35 AM



“ My family mom, dad, my brother and I all went to Dr. Hess from when we were little until he retired. What a sad day that was when we were handed off to the new practice. He was very patient with my husband when. He had anxiety which nobody knew to much about and he was a key person in his recovery before he retired from his practice. Thank you Dr. Hess for all you did for my family.



Carol McCoy - September 24, 2023 at 05:18 AM



Thank you, Carol

Lori Hess - October 01, 2023 at 07:37 AM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 22, 2023 at 02:15 PM

KP

“ Dearest family of Dr Hess i just loved him he always took such good care of me and my mom my grandmother and my kids at one time we were all patients of his from colds to strep throat to follow up care what a wonderful human being he will be sorely missed

kathryn potter - September 04, 2023 at 01:57 PM

KP

“ Kathryn Potter lit a candle in memory of Joseph B. Hess, MD



kathryn potter - September 04, 2023 at 01:51 PM

KP

he was absolutely the best Doctor ever

kathryn potter - September 04, 2023 at 01:54 PM

BH

“ Fond memories of Joe telling stories, playing the tuba and harmonica. He will be deeply missed by many.

Beth and Tim Hall - September 03, 2023 at 01:12 PM

FB

“ I met Dr. Hess in 1963. He was not just a doctor but a friend. My children never feared going to the doctor's office. When they were ill they always felt better after seeing him. In those days he made house calls. Such a special person that is now in his heavenly home.

Fay Minney Binzen

Fay Binzen - September 03, 2023 at 08:48 AM

AL

“ Lori and Julie - my heart breaks for you. The love that you had as well as pop had for you guys was immeasurable. It was a pleasure seeing you guys, sharing in our daily lives and most importantly the honor of taking care of Pop. Much love to you guys as you take on this “ new” life but think of the joy on his face as he was reunited with the love of his life. I can only imagine. ❤️ Love, Alicia

alicia - September 01, 2023 at 07:40 PM

KK

I am so sorry for your loss. I started going to Dr. Hess in 1963. He was a great doctor! He delivered my baby, Vicki and Shirley and I shared a room at LGH when Lori was born. I loved that he treated my whole family. I don't think there will be another doctor as special as Joe! Sympathy and blessings to his family.
Kay Kneisley

Kay Kneisley - September 03, 2023 at 12:40 PM

JH

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Joseph Hess - August 31, 2023 at 08:28 PM

JH

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Joseph Hess - August 31, 2023 at 08:01 PM