



## Karl R. Lefever Jr.

July 23, 2019

Karl R. Lefever Jr., 60, passed away unexpectedly at home on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. Born in Lancaster, he was the son to the late Karl R. Sr. and Patricia Miller. He leaves behind his loving wife Maria with whom he shared 14 years of marriage this past May. Karl is whom she lovingly called “her heart”.

He graduated from JP McCaskey HS class of 1976. After graduation, he went on to work at Armstrong World Industries for over 20 years. Karl also worked for Morgan Rail, Pequea Township, and, most recently, Apple Hardscape’s. Karl enjoyed spending time around a campfire, tending to his landscaping, and spending time with family, as they were most important.

In addition to his wife, Maria, he is survived by his son, Karl Lefever III (Tara); grandchildren, Dustin and Douglas; his stepson, Mike Hollow and his step grandchildren Kailyn and Aidyn; his brother Robert Lefever, two sisters Barbara Kreider and Patricia Pisarek (Paul) of Sterling, Virginia; his nephews Eugene and Sean Gallagher, Noah Kreider and his niece Rheannon Lefever, his many Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins too numerous to mention. He also leaves behind his two oldest and dearest friends, Jim Long and Gary Neiss.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Karl’s Memorial Service on Friday, August 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street Lancaster, PA 17603. The family will receive friends from 1:00

p.m. until the time of service. Contributions can be made to the Humane League of Lancaster County, 1729 North 11th Street, Reading, PA 19604.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Karl R. Lefever Jr.*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - July 31, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ *Karl R. Lefever Jr.*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *You have been gone almost a year and missed so much..It is different without you around.I just always thought you would be here! I know it's selfish to wish you were here when you are with the Lord....But I wish you were...❤️*

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**Denise Lefever** - April 07, 2020 at 05:07 PM

PP

“ Skip,  
*I sit here, a day after your service, thinking about all the people we greeted. Family, friends, neighbors, co-workers...all wondering how this could happen. You looked to be in the prime of your life. I remember you and I sitting on the stairs on Lafayette Street, just talking about stuff. You and I would wake up Bobby, and then later, Barbara on Christmas and beg our parents to let us come down stairs to see what Santa brought us! Sometimes at 3 AM!! We were close for a long time. Now you are gone...but what a legacy you left us! A wonderful young man, Karl III! His lovely wife, Tara! Dustin and Douglas, who have a love and zest for life that is uplifting to see! Whenever you did anything, you gave it 150%! I love you, Skip, always have, always will! Till we meet again!!*

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**Patti Lefever Pisarek** - August 03, 2019 at 10:45 AM

JL

“ *Skip was the glue that held our Lefever family together. He always called to say hello or to get everyone together. Family was important to him. God bless his family. May they find peace and comfort in their memories.*

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**Jeanne Lefever** - August 02, 2019 at 06:31 PM

SS

“ *Sue Shertzer lit a candle in memory of Karl R. Lefever Jr.*



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**Sue Shertzer** - August 02, 2019 at 05:32 PM

MW

“Karl ... so many memories of a unique man !My latest memories of you Karl are seeing you when you came into Weis Market and we would share quick conversations about our lives. I would when I had a chance to watch you interact with people and converse with them in the store and how you made them feel so special. I know you did because I could see it on their face. But no doubt for that was just you and your huge heart. You will be greatly missed my friend !May the Lord blanket your family with a shield of comfort. Thank you Lord for the promise of heaven.

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**mary wolpert** - August 02, 2019 at 03:47 PM

KO

“Skip as I knew him was a great person. I grew up with Skip as my neighbor and friend. Barb his sister and I are best friends and I spent a lot of time at their house. I can remember Skip lifting Barb and up in the air and using us weights for his work out. He will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this very hard time. 🙏

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**Kathy (Mellinger) Oberholtzer** - August 02, 2019 at 01:49 AM

BK

“Where do I start... I remember you carrying me on your shoulders to the North Museum, teaching me football, making sure I knew how to spell Butkus (not Butkis). Racing down the stairs Christmas mornings... teaching me how to clear the spit from your trombone (why I thought that was funny, I don't know). Babysitting young Karl on Lemon Street... and the battery powered Jeep. Riding in the car to Massachusetts, between you and Bob. Graduations, weddings...so many memories. Thank you for being you... I wouldn't be the person I am without you. Love you my brother.

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**Barbara (Lefever) Kreider** - August 01, 2019 at 10:34 PM

LG

“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Lefever family. It's obvious by all these posts, Karl was a very loving, caring and strong family man. He truly touched many lives. For me, the little girl who grew up next door, Skip (as he was known on Lafayette Street) was the boy with the best hair and coolest car. To Patsy, Bobby and Barb, may you find comfort in knowing your brother is home with Mom & Dad. Prayers to you all, Lisa (Carson) Glover

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**Lisa (Carson) Glover** - August 01, 2019 at 10:14 PM



Eugene  
Gallagher

“ When I was a young boy Uncle Skip came over to our house on 4th st to help with some leaks on the roof. I wanted to go up but was scared. Uncle Skip told me to hold on to his neck then grabbed a 5 gallon bucket of pitch and climbed. I had to get back on his neck to get back down. I think about Uncle Skip Everytime I slam a ladder against a building and grab some courage from him to climb it. Thank you Uncle Skip. I'm a better firefighter because of you.

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**Eugene Gallagher** - July 31, 2019 at 07:50 PM

SJ

“ Karl Lefever is one of the finest men I've ever met. It was truly an honor and a privilege to be able to spend so much time with him. His integrity, loyalty, and fortitude was inspiring. This world has lost one of its finest, but I look forward to seeing you just beyond those pearly gates when it's time.

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**Steve L Appel Jr** - July 31, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*

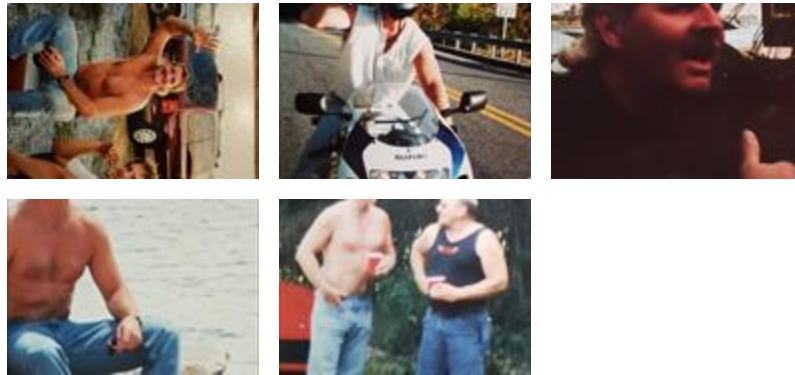


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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - July 31, 2019 at 03:02 PM

KJ

“ While I sit here and figure out what to say - I keep saying to myself that I can't believe that your gone. It's been many years since I have seen you, both of our lives have changed a lot - but you were a huge piece of our life for many years. When I think back on it, we didn't do much without you. And that was OK - you were always welcomed. You were part of our family. So since I heard the news of your passing, I have gone through all of the pictures that I have and I would like to share. As others have said, you had a huge heart!! You were a gentle giant. You always found the positive in whatever came up. You raised Karl Jr. the right way. You touched people's hearts without thinking about it because you were just a kind soul. I'm so blessed to have known you. Thank you for being a dear friend and big brother!! RIP Karl - till we meet again.... My sincerest condolences go out to the entire Lefever family.



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Kim Johnson - July 30, 2019 at 08:11 PM

JL

“ As I read through all of the wonderful memories, thoughts and words of support being shared by family and friends of Karl's, it is so clearly evident that he was and is such a positive influence on everyone that he met and had contact with! There are truly no words that can convey the feeling of loss and sorrow that we feel for Maria and her family. Karl had the biggest heart and deep down was the kindest soul of any man that I knew. Skip would tell me that what he lived for "these days" and took the most joy from was his grand children, he was always thinking of them.

*In every conversation that I had with Karl over the last 10-20 years he would always ask how my mother and brothers and sisters where doing by name, some of whom I know he had not seen for probably 40 years.*

*I cannot sum it up in a couple of sentences, no one can, all of the positive things that Karl brought into our lives. Karl will be sorely missed and always remembered. We where all blessed by having had the opportunity to have known him. My most sincere regrets to all of the family, friends, and associates of Karl's.*

*Jim Long*

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**James Long** - July 30, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ Leslie Lefever lit a candle in memory of Karl R. Lefever Jr.



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**Leslie Lefever** - July 30, 2019 at 01:44 AM



“ I am Karl's sister-in-law of over 30 yrs. His brother Bob & I shared many adventures with Skip we were " The Mod Squad " of our time. I will always remember him as my friend my protector and my brother.  
May God's light shine down upon you and give you peace...

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**Leslie Lefever** - July 30, 2019 at 01:23 AM

ES

“ We at Cherry Hill Orchards would like to send our condolence... we are saddened to hear of your loss... he will be missed!

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**Elma Stoltzfus** - July 29, 2019 at 09:07 PM

RL

“ My brother, I will miss the man who always protected me. Who always called, and made sure I was ok.

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**Robert Lefever** - July 29, 2019 at 08:18 PM

CH

Bob, I was very saddened to read of Karl's passing. Over the years I would run into him in the southern end. My deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. Chris Hank Hoar

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**Chris** - July 31, 2019 at 01:18 PM

RL

Thank you for your support, helped me through a hard time.

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**Robert Lefever** - August 04, 2019 at 09:44 AM

GM

“Karl, who was my x son-in-law and who was always.... in our hearts, the son that we never had ..... My husband taught him to become an excellent roofer and I like to think that my husband Clyde, who Karl loved so much, had helped to instill in him at a very young age how important it was to work hard and give a honest days work always. ....Karl lived up to that legacy all his life and he passed all those values unto his son, Karl.....He was such a gentleman and so polite and caring to everyone that he came in touch with, weather you were a stranger or he knew you all his life.....I always tell people that if he was driving behind a truck full of matches & they spilled all over the road, he would have stopped to help pick them up no matter how many hours it would take to do the job and not expect anything in return..... He adopted a highway and took his son along sometimes to help clean up the trash.....He gave his blood to help other people for many years..... He was the perfect grand-father and Dustin & Douglas will miss their Pappy always....He left them with so many good memories and times that were spent with them...That's the Karl that I have always known and I will remember him and have love for him in my heart forever.....I pray that "GOD" will comfort his wife, Maria in the days ahead as she grieves for the loss of her husband Karl.

Gerry Michael

GERRY MICHAEL - July 29, 2019 at 07:49 PM



How are you doing? And that beautiful daughter of yours, the mother of Karl's son, Denise. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. With God's help we will get through.

Leslie Lefever - July 30, 2019 at 01:39 AM

GM

Leslie, Thank You for the kind words...We are still in shock and our hearts are in pain for the loss of Karl !!! Hope all is well in your life !1

GERRY MICHAEL - July 30, 2019 at 08:51 AM

CR

“ Skip was a good friend, kind person and fellow classmate. My sympathy to the family. He will be missed. Chryst Ruth and family



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**CHRYST RUTH** - July 29, 2019 at 04:49 PM

LB

“ Karl...or Skipper as we was well known in the neighborhood . We grew up together .He was one of my close cousins.. Well he only lived across the street to me on Lafayette St. We had good times growing up in the neighborhood. He will be missed dearly!!My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends My God Bless !!!!!

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**Lonnie Billow** - July 29, 2019 at 12:11 PM

 Pedro Rivera

“ My condolences to the family Karl was a very good friend and my classmate JPM class of 1976 may he RIP.

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**Pedro Rivera** - July 28, 2019 at 11:01 PM

CD

“ To the Lefever Family our condolences to yous Big Karl was one great guy we had lots of good memories with him many years ago gone but not forgotten Rest In Peace The Decker Family

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**cathy Decker** - July 28, 2019 at 09:28 PM

CD

“ *Cathy Decker lit a candle in memory of Karl R. Lefever Jr.*



cathy Decker - July 28, 2019 at 09:27 PM

GN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



gary neiss - July 28, 2019 at 06:29 PM

AB

“ *So sorry to learn of Karl's passing, worked with him at Armstrong. He was one of the nicest guys there. Always smiling and always willing to help someone.*

anita bowers - July 28, 2019 at 06:29 PM

TL

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



tara lefever - July 28, 2019 at 03:24 PM

KL

“ Dear Dad. You are loved and missed so much. I'll carry your legacy until the day we are together again. You have impacted not only my life but the boys lives as well. You were the best teacher, my best freind and the most positive influential person i had ever had in my life. You taught me to value life, treat people with love and respect and put in an honest days work always. Values that may be part of a dying breed. I got two boys that i will pass on these characteristics of what it's like to have the last name Lefever! I'll never forget all the memories we made seeing who could split the biggest hardest log in half. When you first taught me how to split wood i was amazed at how you made it look so easy. Towards the end i think i exceeded your expectations of a woodsplitter. I could see the happiness in your eyes as we took piles of wood and turned them into kindling. We would bust up wood and the boys would stack it. I remember my youngest boy Douglas created the phrase we used so very often! **LOAD EM UP BOYS!!!!!!** Thanks for helping in making me who i am today! I love you Ole Boy!

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Karl Lefever III - July 28, 2019 at 03:19 PM

MA

“ So sorry to hear about " Skip's " passing. He was a fun loving cousin. You will be missed. My sympathy to the whole family, Michaela (Miki) Andes.

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michaela andes - July 28, 2019 at 03:05 PM

RD

“ Dear Maria & Family,  
Roy And I send condolence to you and family for your loss. We got to be close friends with Karl he worked at the Pequea Township office. We just live down Baumgardner Rd. Willow Street, Pa. 17584 .  
We loved Karl he had such a wonderful personally and so friendly we were so shocked to hear of his sudden death.  
We'll try to get to the service and pray for the family.  
Sending love and prayers,  
Roy & Charlotte Daughtrey

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**Roy & Charlotte Daughtrey** - July 28, 2019 at 02:34 PM

PK

“ Karl was the nicest person I knew. I grew up with him as a fun neighbor. He was never far as he worked for my township and stopped in often whenever he was in the area. He will be missed by me and any who may have met him. Paul 'chris' Kralicek.

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**paul kralicek** - July 28, 2019 at 01:31 PM

DL

“ I am so sorry for your loss Maria..my heart hurts for you.God Bless you and your family..❤️

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**Denise Lefever** - July 28, 2019 at 12:40 PM

DL

“Karl you will be so missed..all the fun and laughs at the land watching the boys growing and having so much fun,I will miss your funny one liners.He was awesome person always with a helping hand he was such a hard working man to say the least never selfish always positive he was full of wisdom and a great sense of humor! Oh and respect I dont think i knew a more respectful person then you except maybe our son you taught him all that good stuff You live on through Karl,Dustin and Doug love and miss you always Rest in peace Karl❤️

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**Denise Lefever** - July 28, 2019 at 12:35 PM

JH

“So sorry Maria, I first met Carl at Darrenkamps , where I worked. He instantly became a true friend and always made my day when he stopped in the store, and that because of his humbleness and always positive spirit he shared in his everyday life. Also , most of all as we would openly share with each other how Jesus has impacted our everyday lives in the past and present. He will truly be missed. Jeff Haverstick

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**Jeff Haverstick** - July 28, 2019 at 09:10 AM

TN

*So sorry for your loss Maria and family! My husband and I Bob and Terry Nolt have known our great friend Karl, forever! He honestly had the hugest heart of anyone we've known. Always had only nice things to say to you or about anyone! Very humble gentlemen! He was always volunteering to lend a hand in anything you might need help with! He spent a lot of time coming to visit us, we were always in the backyard and making us laugh with his stories. Great times at the shore with him. We remember like it was yesterday when he lost his dog, and he shared how upset he was that day! He loved animals! I would see him working hard on the roads for his jobs! Always working hard and had a smile on his face all the time. Always would yell out to you or come up if he saw you, to say Hi!, and check how you were doing! He was truly a special guy and will truly be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him! R.I.P. Skip! We love love you! ❤️❤️🙏🙏😭*

Terry Nolt - July 28, 2019 at 10:28 AM

DQ

*“ So sorry to hear of Karl's passing. I worked with Karl at Armstrong, I would have been happy to work beside him anytime. Great guy. I'm sure he'll be terribly missed by all who knew him.*

Dan Quinn - July 28, 2019 at 07:59 AM

SH

*“ Wtf, Karl?!? You aren't allowed to do that.  
A long time ago, you were my other husband. We had so much fun, shared so many laughs, and argued like sailors. You were the only man I've ever known that never accepted knowing how perfect you were. A truly humble man.  
Peace to you, Karl*

Sue McGuigan Hershey - July 28, 2019 at 07:44 AM

SD

“ My nephew...so many memories of Lafayette Street. A memory of a very handsome man in a Porche, driving up to his Nanna and Grampy’s house in Malden, Ma! One of the hardest things is living many miles apart, we miss so much. My only salvation is, you were greeted by many loved ones in heaven. Heaven has one handsome angel. I will love you forever and a day...love.. Auntie Sandy

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**sandy DiGiuseppe** - July 28, 2019 at 12:03 AM

TL

“ The boys lost an important man in their life. He taught them about life and how to treat people. “Pappy” will be missed.



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**Tara Lefever** - July 27, 2019 at 07:15 PM

GF

“ My nephew, a little boy who became a man, a beautiful man, forever in my heart

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**Gloria Ford** - July 27, 2019 at 05:06 PM