



## Richard J. Rousseau

July 26, 2019

Richard (Dick) J. Rousseau, 83, of Willow Street, PA went home to be in the loving arms of his Savior Friday morning, July 26, 2019 at home surrounded by his family. Born in Lancaster, PA on May 28, 1936, he was the son of the late Joseph and Mary Stauffer Rousseau. He was the husband of Martha J. (Leaman) Rousseau, with whom he celebrated 37 years of marriage.

He graduated from Thaddeus Stevens Trade School in 1955 with a focus in carpentry. His passion for building led to numerous successful construction businesses. He was also the designer and builder of Millcreek Bible Church in Lancaster, of which he was a charter member. He enjoyed camping and traveling, as well as treating people to dinner. However, his true passion was spending time with family and friends, and he made it a priority to share his faith with everyone he met. His love for the Lord was exemplified through the life he led and the many lives he touched.

Richard will be missed by his daughters and stepsons: Donna, wife of John Miller; Deb, wife of Richard Herr; Diana, wife of Jeff Graham; Dawn, wife of Eric Reifsnyder; Greg Hess, husband of Susie (Weaver); and Jeff Hess, husband of Anita (Ebenshade). He is survived by 13 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild with another on the way. The grandchildren are Tiffany Ober, Alyssa (Graham), married to Nate Fitch, Jessica (Herr), married to Caleb Angelino, Brianna (Reifsnyder), married to Cody Acey, Trina Herr, Zach

Graham, Sarah Hess, Brandon Reifsnyder, Emily Miller, Gracie Hess, Aaron Hess, Ashley Hess, and Brooke Hess. His great grandchild is Benjamin Angelino with Violet Haun expected in a few weeks. He is also survived by his brothers Ed Rousseau, Clarence Stauffer, and Bob Rousseau. He is preceded in death by his sisters Mary Ellen Hershey and Eunice Rousseau.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Grace Community Church, 212 Peach Bottom Rd, Willow Street, PA on August 3, 2019 at 9:00 am. with Pastor Kevin Kumher officiating. Please join the family as we honor his life. The family will receive friends following the service at the luncheon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center, 625 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603, or Millcreek Bible Church, 270 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The family would like to thank Hospice and Community Care for their care and compassion.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 3. 9:00 AM (ET)

Grace Community Church of Willow Street  
212 Peach Bottom Road  
Willow Street, PA 17584

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard J. Rousseau*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Donna and Family, we are sad to hear about your father - we send our prayers to all. Kevin and Susan Supplee*

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**Susan Supplee** - August 01, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. Marti you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Dick was such a caring and loving man. I know he will be missed by all who knew him.*

*Posted by: Donna Griffin - Conway, SC - friend Jul 28, 2019*

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**Donna Rasmussen Griffin** - August 01, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ *We have known Dick and Marti for almost 30 years. They walked with us in those very dark days when our daughter was injured. When it was time to build a wheelchair accessible house we went straight to Dick. He was almost more happy to build this house for us than we were to be getting it. He did an awesome job and we love it. He never did anything half way. We love Dick so much and will miss him.*

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**Tamara Ashway** - August 01, 2019 at 08:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard J. Rousseau.



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August 01, 2019 at 12:20 AM



“ Dick Rousseau was a very kind and likable man! Hal & myself have only lived next door to he and wife, Marti for about a year and a half. They were easy to talk to, and good neighbors! Not often, but when Dick & I would run into each other while picking up our mail, we'd have a little chat. He was a gentle man, and it was good to see Dick!  
We will miss this gentle, kind man, and having him as a neighbor.

May he rest with God now , who he loved so much! Our love and prayers go out to Marti and the whole Rousseau family!  
Deepest Sympathy from:  
Hal and Annette Hinerdeer

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Annette & Hal Hinerdeer - July 31, 2019 at 07:22 PM



“ Thank you dad Rousseau for being at all the thanksgiving day dinners. It was always a honor to have you and my father john to start the meal with the prayers. I was always deeply moved by the words of thanks you both gave. Every year I would take a step back and look around the room to see all the love and fun that we all would share. I will miss you very much. Love and admiration John E Miller Jr.

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John e miller jr - July 31, 2019 at 09:25 AM

 Wanda  
Martin  
Mellette

“ *So sorry for you loss! Heaven keeps getting sweeter! May our loving Father strengthen you as you adjust to life's new normal. Love,  
Wanda & Jerad Mellette*

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**Wanda Martin Mellette** - July 28, 2019 at 11:25 AM