



Roger Lee Howard Sr.

February 11, 2021

Roger Lee Howard, 75, of East Petersburg, PA, passed away peacefully at his residence surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, February 11, 2021.

Born in Harrisonburg, VA, he was the husband of Nancy Kautz Howard and they would be celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary on February 20th. He was the son of the late Robert and Ruby Kyger Hess.

Roger was a member of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren and worked as a Line Leader for Armstrong World Industries. He was a Life Member of the East Petersburg Fire Company, serving for 56 years. He was a member of the Elstonville Sportsman Club and served as a past Constable for over 20 years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching the Washington Redskins, working on cars, as he was a good mechanic himself, but most of all he loved being with his grandchildren and family.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy and four sons: Roger L. Howard, Jr., husband of Wanda, East Petersburg, PA; Rodney K., husband of Kristen Howard, Mountville, PA; Daniel C. Howard, Wrightsville, PA; Douglas S., husband of Tiffanie Howard, East Petersburg, PA; 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his half brother, Roger S. Hess, Mt. Joy, PA, and his half sister, Brenda Hess, Ephrata, PA. He was preceded in death by his son, Ronald K. Howard, who died in 1971, a great-grandson,

and his brother Ronald C. Howard, who died in 2008.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Roger's Life Celebration Funeral Service at The Groff's Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange St. (corner of W. Orange and Pine Streets), Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. with The Rev. Misty Wintch officiating. The family will receive friends at The Groff's on Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. and on Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service. Interment at East Petersburg Church of the Brethren Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to East Petersburg Fire Company, 6076 Pine Street, East Petersburg, PA 17520 or the American Heart Association, 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

FEB 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
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Receiving Friends

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Lee Howard Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss
God Bless,
Brian Oleskowitz*

BRIAN OLESKOWITZ - February 19, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Roger on several occasions in his role as a Fire Police officer. Roger was a dedicated public servant and was an inspiration to those of us who knew him. He will be missed by his brothers and sisters in the fire service. His family will be in our thoughts and prayers during their time of loss. David Rothermel, Captain FDMJ Fire Police*

David Rothermel - February 15, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Dear Roger Jr and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God be with you all.
Heidi Krause Gumbert*

Heidi - February 15, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ I was so shocked to see Roger's passing as he & I would often acknowledge each other's Facebook posts about the Lord. I also worked with Roger at Armstrong & he responded one time with a flatbed to tow my car. I will always cherish the memories I have of him mainly from Armstrong. May the Peace that surpasses all understanding comfort your family & know he professed his love for Jesus so we know he is pain free

Debi Lefever - February 14, 2021 at 07:13 PM



...and in Heaven.

Debi Lefever - February 14, 2021 at 07:14 PM

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“ I had the distinct pleasure of witnessing to Roger when I worked at Armstrong. We were alone at my work station as he came to relieve me for one of my breaks. As I was relating the gospel to Roger, all of the sudden he leaped out of his chair, ran toward me and then slid on his knees at my feet with his hands folded in prayer. This scared me because it happened suddenly. I asked Roger if he wanted to be saved and that day he became my first convert. God bless Roger for I KNOW he dwells with the Lord in heaven.

*James Charles Sheppard
Harrington, DE*

James Sheppard - February 14, 2021 at 07:07 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Lee Howard Sr..*



February 13, 2021 at 05:05 PM