



## James B. "Jim" Rittle

July 18, 1936 - August 30, 2022

James B. "Jim" Rittle, 86, of Annville, passed away on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at MS Hershey Medical Center. He was the husband of the late Linda L. (Mease) Rittle, who passed away in December 2021.

Jim was born in Lebanon on July 18, 1936 to the late Jacob and Helen (Brubacher) Rittle. He was a 1954 Lebanon High School graduate and obtained his associate degree from Wyomissing Polytechnic Institute, now the Penn State Berks Campus. He received the Journeyman Machinist Certificate from Textile Machine Works. Jim was an assembly and prototype technician for 37 years at AMP, Inc. He was an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was a Sunday school superintendent, church council member, Lutheran Brotherhood member, served on the Christian Education Committee, and Luther League Youth advisors.

At age 7, Jim fell in love with trains. That year, his father took him to Reading to see the Ringling Brothers Circus unload their train and set-up the tents. This is what planted the seeds for his love of both. He was a member of the Train Collectors Association, Circus Model Builders Inc., and was Ringmaster of the Local Region. He was also a member of Circus World and International Circus Hall of Fame.

He and Linda enjoyed a lifetime of camping, including with extended family. His patience prevailed through many, many years of teaching kids how to fish. He was an avid Disney fan and visited every continental state with his late wife.

Surviving are his children, David Rittle of Lebanon, Sue Ann Houser of Palmyra, grandchildren, Zachary Rittle, Lauren Rittle, sister, Norma Arnold and her husband Mark of Lebanon, and nieces, nephew, and their families. A memorial service will be held at 11AM on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 723 Lehman Street, Lebanon. Interment will be held privately at Zoar Lutheran Cemetery. There will be a visitation from 10AM-11AM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to his church, address listed above.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
723 Lehman Street  
Lebanon, PA 17046

## Memorial Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James B. "Jim" Rittle.*



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September 06, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James B. "Jim" Rittle.*



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September 02, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ *The first time I spent time with Jim and Linda was at their son's cabin. They suggested board games so we began playing. I was being very quiet as I was learning the game. A few minutes in, and Jim starts trash talking to me and I knew I was going to like them!! I will miss his smile and wit.*

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**Jane Freeman** - September 02, 2022 at 08:52 AM