



James L. Deitzler

August 22, 1937 - June 16, 2024

James L. Deitzler, 86, of Monroe Valley stepped into eternity with Jesus on Sunday, June 16, 2024. He was at his home, as he was promised, surrounded by loved ones. He was the husband of the late Cynthia J. Schott Deitzler. He was born on the farm in the Valley on August 22, 1937, to the late William L. and Ethel I. Miller Deitzler. He lived in the Valley his whole life. He worked hard to build the home, where he would raise his family of six sons and three daughters. He worked for Hempt Brothers Construction for 35 years, and then for Swatara Twp. for 13 years until his retirement. He attended the Open Door Mission in E. Petersburg.

He was blessed to remarry another wonderful woman, Simone E. Beach Chritzman Deitzler, and he enjoyed many years of marriage with her and her three children. She also preceded James in death.

He loved his family and sacrificed to provide for them. He endured incredible loss, and yet he pushed on. Every scar and every wrinkle told a story of his life. He was a man of incredible faith, integrity, and values, and he shared those with the people who surrounded him. He never turned anyone away that needed help. He has passed those values onto his children and his grandchildren. He enjoyed spending time with them. As one of his grandsons will tell you, he is his "HERO"! No matter what he went through, he always had a wonderful sense of humor. He would tease his grandsons about "chasing the girls", and he would always bring a smile to the faces of those around him. He is survived by his sons: James R. (Nancy) Deitzler of Cressona, Lloyd

(Pamela) Deitzler of Jonestown, David (Tammy) Deitzler of Mt. Zion, Matthew (Rhonda) Deitzler of Laurens, SC, James C. (Jenn) Deitzler of Westfield, Jessie Deitzler of Steelton, Scott (Diane) Chritzman of Grantville and Mark (Maureen) Chritzman; daughters Debra (Kent) Kreider of Ephrata, Ethel (Ernest) Lee of Mount Joy, Jenny (Patrick) Patteson of Jonestown and Christine (Tommie) Rance of Danielsville; and 27 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at the Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Jonestown. There will be a viewing on Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Interment will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Fredericksburg, PA

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory
5 Campmeeting Road
Jonestown, PA 17038
(717) 865-5215

Public Viewing

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TK

“ *The Chritzman kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James L. Deitzler.*



The Chritzman kids - June 18, 2024 at 12:19 PM

TF

“ *The Chritzman & Rance Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James L. Deitzler.*



The Chritzman & Rance Family - June 18, 2024 at 11:23 AM

LC

“ *We appreciate all the time, commitment and dedication as well as Jim's entire family in building the church in the valley. His love and friendly demeanor will always be remembered. Blessings and God's comfort to Jim's family. Pastors and Members of Living Christ Family Center formally known as Church of the Living Christ. Roses and carnations sent in an urn to Kreamers*

Living Christ Family Center - June 18, 2024 at 09:47 AM

BL

“ *Blanche lit a candle in memory of James L. Deitzler*



Blanche - June 17, 2024 at 11:54 PM

BL

He was a very nice person and always try help people

Blanche - June 17, 2024 at 11:56 PM

MB

“ *Monica B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James L. Deitzler.*

Monica B. - June 17, 2024 at 04:28 PM

CD

“ *You were a great man of all kind. I will miss your joking around when I did see u n got to hang out with you. You will be missed and love by many.*

Charity Deitzler - June 17, 2024 at 04:19 PM

CS

“ *He was always in good spirits and joking about something we all will miss him we love you PoP*

Craig Smales - June 17, 2024 at 03:52 PM

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Craig Smales - June 17, 2024 at 03:51 PM

CS

“ You will always be loved 💖 .I loved you so much and grew so close to you as I cared for you .your amazing man taking me onto he tractor to mow the grass when I was a little girl .

Cindy smales - June 17, 2024 at 03:41 PM