



John H. Reigel

April 30, 1935 - December 3, 2023

John H. Reigel, 88, formerly of Annville, PA, went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 3, 2023. He was the husband of Margaret M. (Heagy) Reigel for 66 years.

John was born in East Hanover Twp. on April 30, 1935, to the late John and Lizzie Moyer Reigel. He was the retired owner of John H. Reigel Excavating Contractor, working on many excavation development projects in Lebanon and neighboring counties. He did roadwork and snow removal for North Annville Township. He was also a volunteer for the Bellegrove Fire Company for many years. John was a member of the Annville United Christian Church, where he served as a trustee and also served as a board member of the United Christian Church Cleona Campmeeting.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters: Marilyn wife of Earl Smith of Lebanon, PA, Janet wife of Vic Stewart of Lebanon, PA, and Debra wife of Clifford Weaver of Lititz, PA; eight grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; and his sister Mabel wife of Clarence Forney of Lebanon. He was preceded in death by his brother Paul Reigel.

John was a devoted and beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He faithfully served the Lord and was influential in passing on his faith to his family. He was always quick to lend a helping hand to family, friends, charities, and the church, especially if it involved the use of equipment. He loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren and valued time with them.

A viewing will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Kreamer Funeral Home, 618 E.

Main St., Annville on Friday, December 8th, 2023. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 9th at the Annville United Christian Church, 245 W Church St, Annville, with a one hour viewing prior to the service from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at the Bellegrove United Methodist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Bellegrove Fire Company or the Cleona Campmeeting Association.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc
618 E. Main Street
Annville, PA 17003
(717) 867-4811

Public Viewing

DEC 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Annville United Christian Church
245 W. Church Street
Annville, PA 17003

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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John Reigel touched many lives while he went about his excavation business, raising his family and tending their large garden. My life was one of them. It was maybe 1973ish, I was playing the role of the returning Prodigal Son after a “failure to launch ” at Purdue U. I was at loose ends, in poor health, and still estranged from my father who took me in without saying a word.

John gave me a badly needed job after a chance meeting at a creekside jobsite. I worked for him part time until I graduated from Elizabethtown College in 1976. John changed the course of my life and had a big influence on where I hope to spend eternity. John expected hard work in return for my wages, and I tried to give him that. He had infinite patience with me, like the time I reversed direction on an asphalt roller and drove nearly onto the hood of a car driven by an elderly lady. As he surveyed the damage to the front end of the auto, all he said to me was, “you need to be paying attention to what your doin’”. I never forgot that and I never will.

He was a man of uncomplicated belief in a loving God and John modeled a lifestyle that reflected that relationship. In his honesty, his integrity, always giving credit to God for his good fortune.

In 1976, I graduated from E-Town and prepared to move back to the Midwest to pursue a career in the grain business. Just before I left to return to Indiana I stopped by to return a key ring containing the universal key that would start any bulldozer John owned, and a second key that unlocked the door to the shop. When I tossed the key ring to John he tossed it right back, shaking his and saying, “No, keep them. I want you to know the door’s always unlocked if Indiana doesn’t work out.” I never forgot that, and I’ve often wondered what my life would have been if Indiana hadn’t worked out and I had returned. Those keys are still with me.

Later, my wife and I started our family and our first born was a son and was named Richard John Bowerman, with the middle name being after the man who had so much influence over my life, John H. Reigel of Belle Grove Pa.

Robert Bowerman

Robert Bowerman - July 15, 2024 at 07:38 AM

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“ *We appreciated knowing John and having him do some excavation work on our farm years ago. He was a happy man who had a good testimony for the Lord. May the peace and comfort from God be with you all.*

Frank and Ginny Graybill

Frank and Ginny Graybill - December 13, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John H. Reigel.*



December 06, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John H. Reigel.*



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“ John was a true pillar and really stands out as I worked with him on and off since 1970.

I marveled at his ability to operate equipment and get the job done.

His knowledge and craftsmanship is pretty much unrivaled as I have worked with many folks but no one could make it go like John.

He was truly a mentor and a great example to me.

It was always a pleasure to work with John.

He will be missed

Chip Schwalm - December 05, 2023 at 05:01 PM