



## Jonathan J. "Bear" Olesh

January 31, 1952 - April 26, 2022

Jonathan J. "Bear" Olesh, Sr., 70, of Myerstown passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at his home. He was the husband of Cathy M. (Morningwake) Olesh. On May 27, 2022, they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Born in Lebanon on January 31, 1952, he was the son of the late Steve and Edna L. (Gettle) Olesh. He graduated from Tulpehocken High School with the Class of 1969. He worked as a car hauler for Farnsworth Junk Yard.

Previously, he had worked at Quaker Alloy. Jonathan was a volunteer fireman for over 30 years and was the assistant chief for the Frystown Fire Department. He enjoyed hunting, going upstate to see the elk, traveling, and camping. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children Jonathan J. Olesh, Jr. and his wife Rhonda of Fredericksburg, Michael K. Olesh and his wife Kimberly of Fredericksburg, and Nicole M. Olesh and her boyfriend Cory Deshong of Myerstown; grandchildren Annika, Mackenzie, Austin, Breanna, Logan, Mason, Casey, and Abigael; and siblings Rebecca Olesh, Lydia M. Olesh, Ruth A. Sholl, Stephen M. Olesh and Susan D. Olesh. He was preceded in death by sisters Judith C. Klahr and Debra J. Olesh.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Rt. 72 & Camp Meeting Rd., Jonestown. Viewing will be Wednesday, May 4, 2022, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and

one hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home. Interment will be at Meckville Mennonite Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Frystown Fire Company, 480 Frystown Rd., Myerstown, PA 17067.

# Cemetery Details

## Meckville Mennonite Church Cemetery

1020 Meckville Road  
Bethel, PA 19507

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory  
5 Campmeeting Road  
Jonestown, PA 17038

## Public Viewing

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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5 Campmeeting Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Jonathan J. "Bear" Olesh*



Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. - May 02, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jonathan J. "Bear" Olesh.*



May 02, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *Harry Morningwake and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jonathan J. "Bear" Olesh.*



Harry Morningwake and Family - April 29, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jonathan J. "Bear" Olesh.*



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April 29, 2022 at 07:04 AM



“ *To the Olesh family. Our thoughts and prayers. I will always cherish the memories, hunting, camping, and the fire company. Bear was always a great person to be around. Lots of laughs. He will be missed dearly. Sending our love, The Marks Family. Kevin, Jenny, Heidi, and Danner*

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**Kevin Marks** - April 28, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Cathy, Jon, Nicki and Mike ~ we are so sorry to hear about “ Bear “ ~ we have so many wonderful memories of all our camping trips. Deepest sympathy, love and hugs to all of you Love Carl and Emmy*

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**Emily and Carl Weaver** - April 28, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *Cathy, Jon, Mike, Nicki, And Families: Our Love And Heartfelt Sympathy. John (Bear, As We Knew Him) Was Very Special To All Of You, David, And Me. He Acknowledged Each Of Us In His Own Way. A True Friend And Buddy. We Will Miss Him Dearly. We Were Very Fortunate To Have Shared Wonderful And Memorable Special Times With John And All Of You. With Our Love, David And Delphine.*

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**David And Delphine Batz** - April 28, 2022 at 01:15 PM