



## Melvin "Mel" Ressler

May 23, 1931 - January 31, 2019

Melvin "Mel" Ressler, 87 of Cornwall, PA passed away on Thursday January 31, 2019 at The Cornwall Manor Health Center. He was the husband of Jane C. (Roberts) Ressler, with whom he celebrated 67 years in marriage.

Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Clarence W. and Mary (Koser) Ressler.

Mel's entire working career was at Turkey Hill Dairy which spanned from July of 1953 to his retirement in August of 1994. He was a member of the Stevens Hill Community Church of the Brethren in Elizabethtown and also a member of ECTRA, Eastern Competitive Trail Riding Association.

He loved horseback riding, working on the farm, and being the lead crew chief for his wife while she competed in competitive and endurance rides. Mel and his wife also enjoyed traveling throughout the world with their son and daughter-in-law.

Melvin loved his family and in addition to his wife, he is survived by his seven children, Ivan R Ressler of Lancaster, PA; Karen Parrett of Lititz, PA; Brian Ressler and wife Ruthann of Palmyra, PA; Dennis Ressler and wife Maria of Spring, TX; Alan Ressler of Bainbridge, PA; Tiera Persing of Spring, TX; and Nichelle and her husband Philip Larson of Camp Hill, PA. Grandchildren include Angela, Mark, Priscilla, Jonathan, Michael, Emily, Philip, Pamela, Solomon, Lila, and Sierra. Great grandchildren include, Audrey, Miles, Oliver, and James. He is also survived by his brother, Marlin Ressler and wife Anna Ruth of Lebanon, PA; sisters, Faye and husband Lester Martin of Mt. Joy, PA;

Verna Mae Climenhaga of Mechanicsburg, PA; and brother Nelson Ressler and wife Hazel of Bainbridge, PA.

The family especially would like to thank the staff at The Cornwall Manor Health Center for the loving care they gave Melvin and the support they gave the family.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Mel's memorial service on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at 11AM at The Levi Zerr Chapel, Cornwall Manor, 1 Boyd Street, Cornwall, PA. The family will receive friends at the chapel from 10AM until time of the service. A private interment will be at the Fairland Brethren in Christ Cemetery, Cleona, PA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Stevens Hill Community Church of the Brethren, 3131 Turnpike Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Levi Zerr Chapel at Cornwall Manor  
Cornwall, PA

## Funeral Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM.

Levi Zerr Chapel at Cornwall Manor  
Cornwall, PA

# Tribute Wall

PL

“ I'm just hearing of Mel's passing, and wanted to send my love to Jane, Karen, and family. I remember Mel as a kind and cheerful presence at rides. I also remember him on his big black mare, Babe, who was so attractive to my big Appy gelding that he learned to do a very fast walk keeping up with her. :-)

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**Patty Lambert** - May 05, 2019 at 10:08 PM

JB

“ My sympathy to you Jane and Karen..Mel was such a big help and always a friendly smile. Janet Brown

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**Janet brown** - February 04, 2019 at 12:48 PM

PP

“ So sorry to hear of Mel's passing, such a true gentleman he was. Always remember him at the rides,ready to give a helping hand. Pat Paraska

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**pat Paraska** - February 04, 2019 at 11:38 AM

DM

“ Karen, I enjoyed many breakfast conversations with your father years ago at Clearview Diner. We had a group of us that met at the same time. What a great memory. I can recall his chuckles with the antics that occurred at the breakfast counter. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Dave Mueller*

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**David Mueller** - February 03, 2019 at 07:11 AM

JY

“ Our family including my parents now passed were so blessed that Mel and Jane joined our family and then added the 7 kids and their Grands. Mel was one of the gentlest men I have ever known.  
*Jodi (Kanagy) Hartzell Yoder*

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**Josephine Hartzell Yoder** - February 02, 2019 at 12:25 PM

BS

“ Through the wonderful world of horses, Buck and I had the pleasure of a friendship with Mel and his family for over 40 years . We enjoyed both working and riding the events with him. He will be missed. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Buck and Donna Shrader** - February 02, 2019 at 08:32 AM

JS

*My deepest sympathies. It's been many years since our endurance events. Prayers for all.*

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**Joan Setree** - February 02, 2019 at 12:34 PM