



Roman E. Byler

February 27, 1945 - April 13, 2025

Roman E. Byler, 80, of Pine Grove, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, April 13, 2025. He passed away at home unexpectedly, following a long cancer journey. He was born on February 27, 1945, to the late Ervin & Emma Byler of Smyrna, DE.

Roman accepted Jesus as his Saviour at a young age and was baptized at Harmony Christian Fellowship in Chestertown, MD. He appreciated the Mennonite church and was a life-long member. At the time of his passing, he was a member at Shirksville Mennonite Church, which he spoke of with high regard.

Roman was a carpenter by trade from his teenage years until he retired in 2006. He especially enjoyed constructing pole buildings, making it a priority to be "Your Golden Rule Builder", valuing fairness and honesty in his business dealings. He looked for opportunities to hand out tracts and witness to his business partners. After his retirement, he spent six years in Alaska with family, before settling in Pine Grove.

Roman always had a heart for those in need, locally and abroad. He freely used his resources to sponsor families, assist with medical needs, and support the church & kingdom work. His last few years were spent faithfully cutting hundreds of comforter patches for CAM.

Roman always had an intense interest in eschatology and anticipated the fulfillment of end-time prophecy. He longed to meet his Saviour. He was deeply concerned that all his children and descendants would meet him in Heaven. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2002, and after treatment he was in remission until 2017. More recently, the cancer had progressed to his bones and was causing intense pain. While he will be deeply missed, we rejoice that he is now pain-free, enjoying the presence of his Saviour.

In addition to his wife of 61 years, Susie D. (Yoder) Byler, Roman is survived by six sons: Dennis (Crystal), Wasilla, AK; Harvey (Wendy), Ephrata; Robert (Heidi), Plainview, TX; William (Rachel) Forest, OH; Roman "Buddy" Jr., Dover, DE; and Bruce, Felton, DE; three daughters: Miriam (Dennis) Nolt, Pine Grove; Norma (Ronald) Gehman, Versailles, MO; and Elizabeth (Joseph) Horst, Manheim; forty-two grandchildren and fifty-four great grandchildren; and four siblings: Barbara (David) Martin, Lancaster; Rudy (Naomi), Smyrna, DE; David (Kimberly), Clayton, DE; and Rachel, Lancaster. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five siblings: Simon, John, Ervin Jr., Lydia Byler, & Martha Bell, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A viewing will be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2025. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2025. Both will be held at Swatara Mennonite Church, 10 Camp Swatara Rd., Myerstown, PA 17067. Interment will follow at Shirksville Mennonite Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christian Aid Ministries, P.O. Box 360, Berlin, OH 44610-0360.

Cemetery Details

Shirksville Mennonite Church Cemetery

605 Shirksville Road
Fredericksburg, PA 17026

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Swatara Mennonite Church
10 Camp Swatara Rd.
Myerstown, PA 17038

Public Viewing

APR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Swatara Mennonite Church
10 Camp Swatara Rd.
Myerstown, PA 17067

Tribute Wall

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“ Roman was a really good person and neighbor. He helped my late husband and I on numerous occasions when we needed it. Roman and Susie visited with us when Brian was on his cancer journey and Roman spoke at Brian's services; I hold these memories close to my heart. I am sorry for your family's loss. Roman will be missed.
Love, Cindy Gerber

Cindy - April 18, 2025 at 08:20 AM