



## Merle E. Matthews,

March 26, 2021

Merle E. Matthews, Sr.

6/25/37 - 3/23/21

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- 2 Corinthians 4:18 Merle E. Matthews Sr., 83, went to be with the Lord at his home in Elliottsburg, on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 with his family by his side. Born June 25, 1937 in Newton-Hamilton, Mifflin County, Pa. he was the son of the late Fern E. and Margaret T. (Carnathan) Matthews.

Merle retired from Edwin L. Heim Company having worked as an electrician most of his life. He was a member of IBEW local 143, Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association, Shermans Valley Heritage Days, Percheron Horse Association and Steam-O-Rama of Windsor, PA.

Not one to mince words, Merle was a straight-shooter. He was known to be honest, sincere, and hard working. He enjoyed farming, driving his Percheron horses and mules, as well as hunting with his children and grandchildren and attending public sales.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Viola M. (Paulus) Matthews, three children: Paul J. Matthews (Marsha), Donna Brubaker (Swade Rotz) and Merle Matthews Jr. (Nancy). Eight grandchildren: Rebecca, Morgan, Evan, Marissa, Samantha, Courtney, Jacob and Aaron and six great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers: Paul D. and Alan J.

## Matthews.SERVICE DETAILS

A memorial service will be held at 11am on Monday, March 29, 2021 at The Boyer Family Funeral Home, 101 W. Main St, New Bloomfield. Pastor Bradley Bennett will be officiating. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service and burial will follow at The Rolling Green Memorial Gardens, Camp Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Ickesburg Fire Company, New Bloomfield EMS, or Join Hands Ministry.

Covid 19 Protocols will be observed.

The Boyer Family Funeral Home is honored to handle the arrangements for the Matthews Family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Merle's passing. We have fond memories of pig roasts at his farm, where he never allowed anyone to wash his coffee cup, and good times at Williams Grove. He was a very good friend and will be missed.

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**Tammy and Randy Duncan** - March 26, 2021 at 07:07 PM

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“ So many memories with you all. I remember how Merle love chocolate chip cookies with no chips. Never wash his coffee cup. Loved riding horses and hanging out at the farm. So sorry for your loss.

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**Carol and Clif Smith and family** - March 26, 2021 at 07:07 PM