



John E. Fries

August 22, 1914 - October 16, 2015

John E. "Jack" Fries, 101, of Royersford

John E. "Jack" Fries, 101, widower of Gladys (Essick) Fries, went to be with his Lord on Friday evening October 16, 2015 at Parkhouse. Born on August 22, 1914, in Warwick Twp., he was a son of the late Harry L. and Lidie (McFarland) Fries.

Jack was two years old when his father died. He and his five brothers were raised by a loving Christian mother. There began his love of Coventryville United Methodist Church. He was a member of United Methodist Men, helping with activities at the church. Jack wrote poetry, many poems about his church.

After the death of his wife, Jack shared a special companionship with Grace Wampler, for 25 years. He also attended Coventry Church of the Brethren with her.

Jack was famous for his "I LOVE YOU" cards which he passed out to everyone. We will continue to pass on his love.

He was retired from Bethlehem Steel.

He is survived by daughters, Shirley (James) Sandoski, of De Funiak Springs,

FL, Leslie (David) Brennan, of Reading, son, Michael, of Royersford, daughter-in-law, Dawn Fries, of East Coventry, six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, special friend, Patti Ciatto, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Charles, Harry, George, Horace and Earl, son, Roger Fries, and grandson, Gary Fries.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his memorial service on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 11 am at the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford, PA. Officiating will be Pastor Will Humes. Interment will follow in the Coventryville United Methodist Church Cemetery. Friends will be received from 10-11 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Coventryville United Methodist Church, 1521 Old Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465. Condolences may be offered online at www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Coventryville Cemetery

1521 Old Ridge Road
Pottstown, PA 19465

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cattermole - Klotzbach Funeral Home
600 Washington Street
Royersford, PA 19468
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ Dear Leslie and family,

My name is Karen Conicelli, I am a hospice volunteer with Gentiva hospice. I had the the great honor of meeting Jack the last few days before he passed away. Thank you for sharing your amazing father, grandfather with me. I loved hearing the stories of his long, beautiful life. I will cherish my "I love you" card that Leslie gave me. She said Jack would want me to have it. And, I will never forget the hug he gave me. Everyone at Parkhouse really loved him.

In Friendship,

Karen Conicelli

karen conicelli - October 25, 2015 at 05:52 PM

AB

“ *On behalf of the staff from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference office of The United Methodist Church located in Valley Forge, please accept our sincerest condolences. Jack was the "light" of the faithful servants that would come each year to the conference office to help assemble the packets of information that were given to the delegates of annual conference. His team spirit, his sheer delight in others and his willingness to help and be supportive will be missed by all of us here.*

Amy Botti - October 23, 2015 at 07:59 AM

CJ

“ *What great memories I have of my grandfather's endless patience, his ready laughter at even the silliest of jokes and stories, and his devotion to his faith. About five years ago, he proudly displayed in his home a note from the church youth group. They had thanked him for helping with their church function....at age 95 or so!!! But that's who he was....a humble man who put others before himself, and who always wanted to be supportive of young people. I regret being unable to attend his service, but all should know that his love, faith, and kindness will never be forgotten and he will be sorely missed.....Cheryl Jones in Florida*

cheryl jones - October 21, 2015 at 08:47 PM

JF

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Jeffrey Fries - October 21, 2015 at 05:14 PM

JF

“Wow, what a wonderful video tribute to our Grand-Pop!

Maxine and I were so blessed to spend some time with Grand-Pop just one month ago, and true-to-form, he had the same great attitude and sense of humor as always. He actually apologized to Maxine, that his hugs weren't as strong as usual, but you could feel all the LOVE just the same! I think we've kept every "I LOVE YOU" card that Grand-Pop ever gave us, and display them prominently, as a constant reminder of Grand-Pop's spirit, and his relentless campaign to help us all get along a little bit better in this world. We will do our best to pay-it-forward; the task will be more difficult without our fearless leader, but he taught us well, and we're up for the challenge.

It's with deep regret that Maxine and I are not able to join the family in PA this week to celebrate Grand-Pop's life. Please know we're with you in spirit, and hope you can feel our virtual hugs all the way from CA!! It's difficult to find just one "memorable" picture to post, but sharing one of my favorites (see picture / video post area)... There's some small measure of comfort knowing that Grand-Pop and Dad (and Gary, too) are "gone fishin", together.

Grand-Pop – thanks for your unconditional LOVE – we LOVE you back, always!!

Maxine & Jeff

Jeffrey Fries - October 21, 2015 at 05:08 PM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - October 20, 2015 at 06:54 PM

DF

WOW! What a tribute to Jack.

Dawn

Dawn Fries - October 21, 2015 at 07:18 AM

KC

I am speechless...that video is so beautiful and brought me to tears.
Karen Conicelli, Gentiva volunteer

karen conicelli - October 25, 2015 at 05:59 PM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - October 19, 2015 at 08:51 PM

CS

“ I am so glad that Mary Jo and I were able to speak with Triple Pop before he left us. Thanks to Les for making it happen for all of us. One of the fondest memories of Grandpop was driving the car to burn trash behind the house. Grandpop made you feel you could do ANYTHING. He made every graduation I ever had. I will miss him dearly and regret that I must go to Nicaragua and therefore not able to be with our family on Thursday. I suspect that Grandpop had already made good on his promise to kiss and hug Grandmom for me!



Craig Sandoski - October 19, 2015 at 04:42 PM