



## John W. Yeager

May 18, 1934 - April 22, 2023

John W. Yeager, age 88, husband of ZoAnne (Smiley) Yeager, of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Born on May 18, 1934 in Norristown, PA, he was a son of the late John F. and Ruth (Twaddell) Yeager.

John was a graduate of Phoenixville High School, and studied Agronomy at Penn State University. Since 1955, John owned and operated Yeager's Dairy Farm, transitioning to Yeager's Christmas Tree Farm in 1983.

He was a faithful member of East Vincent United Church of Christ, where he was a Deacon, served on the Consistory, and taught Sunday school. John served as past Fire Chief of Kimberton Fire Company, and continued his volunteerism with the Kimberton Fair, where he and ZoAnne met. Together they provided a lifetime of service and support to the community. He also was a former President of KYAL, where he enjoyed watching his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren play ball. Throughout the years, John was a dedicated supporter of his children and grandchildren, rarely missing special life events, performances and sporting events: baseball, softball, football, basketball, lacrosse, hockey and volleyball. Poppop, as affectionately called by his grandchildren, was never too busy to ride anyone around the farm on the Gator or tractor - it just had to be green. He was a fun-loving teaser and no one was exempt.

While farming and trees filled most of his days, Poppop loved being with his family. Nothing would make him happier than having his children and grandchildren work beside him on the farm. He always put others before himself, willing to help anyone in need. He did not wait to be asked, he just fixed it. He was a brilliant problem solver who could fix anything - the smartest person his family knew. His family sought his guidance and direction for both maintenance issues and personal counsel.

In addition to his wife of 67 years, John is survived by seven children, Sally Wosczyzna, John M., husband of Susan Yeager, Linda, wife of Jamie Theurkauf, Carol, wife of Robert Kennedy, Mark, husband of Lisa Yeager, Suzanne, wife of Thomas Romano, and Katie Varner; fourteen grandchildren, Matthew (Mae), Stephanie, Shelly (Joe), Suzanne (John), Sarah, John B. (Kelli), Joe (Grace), Jeff, Erin (Andrew), Katie (Michael), Mark J., Kelly (Ryan), Thomas A. (Caleigh), and Robert (Kayla); twenty-four great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; one sister, Jane, wife of John Newcomer; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth Ann DePaoli.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his memorial service and celebration of life on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Yeager's Farm, 1109 Western Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460 at 11:00 am, with lunch to follow. Please note that this is not the farm store address. Officiating will be Rev. Donald Epps. A visitation will take place from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the East Vincent United Church of Christ, 282 Hill Church Road, Spring City, PA 19475. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online at [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAY 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Yeager's Farm  
1109 Western Road  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

### Memorial Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Yeager's Farm  
1109 Western Road  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

# Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John W. Yeager*



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**Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home** - May 05, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *I miss you Poppop*

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**MARK YEAGER** - April 19, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



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May 07, 2023 at 08:08 PM

JY

“ The entire Younker family mourns with “Mom” Yeager and the entire Yeager family at passing of “Dad/Pop Pop” Yeager. Our thoughts and prayers go out to such a close knit and loving family. We thank each of you for sharing your beloved farm with us for all these years but especially allowing us to spend such quality time with your dad. We flat out loved every minute of being with him at the Farm. Holly and I looked forward to Tree season every year not because of the work but to spend such enjoyable time with all our dear extended Yeager family. Our hearts are broken, and we will miss him more than you will ever know. He was by far the most intelligent, generous, loving, and hard-working man we have ever known!!!! We will miss spending countless hours with him talking about family, the farm and all of you whom he loved and cherished so much. Mark use to tell me that if God would allow only one person into heaven it would be his dad. I’m sure everyone would agree with that because it is the plain honest truth. People often say a person is in a better place once they pass but, in this case, I find it not to be even closer to be the truth. There is absolutely no other place in this world better for him to be than with Mom Yeager and his entire family or working on the Farm. So, when a gentle farm breeze blows through a perfectly sheared Douglas fur Christmas tree or when we see Mark or Johnny plowing on a John Deere Tractor or when we see the girls’ shearing trees or decorating wreaths or when a Gorilla is walking arm in arm with Jason carrying a chain saw heading back to haunt the next wagon, we will all fondly and lovingly think of “Dad/Pop Pop” Yeager. It is with much anticipation and prayer that some day we will see him again to go for a ride on the Gator or tractor or just sit on the baylor and chat about the farm and family with our beloved friend.

*With much sorrow and void in our hearts.*

*Jim and Holly Younker and Family*

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**Jim and Holly Younker** - May 05, 2023 at 04:53 PM

KS

*Love this!!! Thank you for sharing your sweet words!!*

**Kelly (Yeager) Seacrist** - May 07, 2023 at 05:43 PM

ME

*“ John and Sue and rest of family. I am so sorry about the passing of Mr. Yeager. He was always a gentle and respectful man. Loved the times I spent with him and everyone at the farm. Marie Elton*



**Marie Elton** - May 05, 2023 at 03:47 PM



*“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



May 05, 2023 at 10:05 AM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



May 04, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



May 03, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *My condolences to the Yeager family  
Elaine Trego*

**Elaine Trego** - May 03, 2023 at 08:27 AM



*My condolences to the Yeager family. He was truly a wonderful person*  
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**Luba Martyniak** - May 04, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



May 03, 2023 at 07:16 AM



“ *We will always remember Mr Yeager with a smile on his face. He was a kind, gentle human being. Our thoughts and prayers to the entire Yeager family. Love, Kris, Tish, Shannon and Kristen Ray*



**Letitia Ray** - May 02, 2023 at 09:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



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May 02, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *The Zummo Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of John W. Yeager.*



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**The Zummo Family** - May 02, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Pam and Bill purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John W. Yeager.*



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**Pam and Bill** - May 01, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



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April 30, 2023 at 09:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



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April 30, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



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April 29, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ *Reaching out to the entire Yeager family at this sensitive time. You're definitely in my thoughts and prayers. Wishing all of you peace and solace, and thanking you for your friendship with my Mom, Dad, and family over the years.*

*John Romer  
Schwenksville*

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**John Romer** - April 28, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ *Tom & Sandy, Jackie & Shawn, & Scott purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of John W. Yeager.*



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**Tom & Sandy, Jackie & Shawn, & Scott** - April 28, 2023 at 09:54 AM

MY

“ So sorry for your loss. Thought and prayers for the family. Take care from Bob and MaryEllen Yiaski



MaryEllen Yiaski - April 27, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.



April 27, 2023 at 09:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.



April 26, 2023 at 09:12 PM

AM

“ So sorry for your loss! Will miss Mr. Yeager helping with donuts, the fair just won't be the same without him.. RIP! Hugs and prayers

Alison Maxton - April 26, 2023 at 05:48 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



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April 26, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *Condolences to the Yeager Family from the Tarewicz Family! A very kind and caring man. May he rest in peace!*

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**Ron and Cindy Tarewicz** - April 26, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *My heart goes out to all of you. I know you will keep his memory in your hearts until you meet again.*

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**Anne and Chet Whisler** - April 26, 2023 at 03:53 AM



“ *PopPop Yeager was a great Man, friend and all the good things said about him! I am blessed to know him and his family for many years. I can only say that I haven't seen him these past few years .. MomMom Yeager I am sad for you and all of the family...Love, Beth Ann*

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**Beth Ann Podsobinski** - April 26, 2023 at 02:29 AM



*Sending condolences to the Yeager family. Thinking of all of you at this sad time. 🙏*

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**Judy Gnias** - April 27, 2023 at 05:55 PM

KM

*Our deepest condolences to all the family. Prayers for all, Joe & Karen Mooney & family*

karen m mooney - April 29, 2023 at 06:16 AM

ES

“ *Much sympathy to the Yeager Family. May Mr Yeager Rest In Peace 🙏*

Ed and Sharon Strzelecki - April 25, 2023 at 10:34 PM

MC

“ *Very sorry to hear of his passing. Deepest Condolences to y'all. May he RIP and his memories warm your hearts. 🙏💔*

Mark Ceschan - April 25, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John W. Yeager.*



April 25, 2023 at 04:30 PM