



Eli Shirk Weaver

January 31, 1942 - June 26, 2014

Eli Shirk Weaver was born to Harvey and Elizabeth Weaver on January 31, 1942 at Turkey Hill, Pennsylvania. From his parents he formed his first impressions of God, and from them he learned quiet acceptance of the path God chooses for us. When he was nine, his family moved to a farm at Fleetwood, Pennsylvania. In his teens he became a member of the Old Order Mennonite Church.

He married Anna Hursh Stauffer on November 12, 1963, becoming her rock in the wild waters and calm seas of the next fifty years. They grew produce for their roadside stand and raised chickens; later he ran a saw and mower shop and trimmed trees. They moved to Versailles in 1972, where their three girls and two boys grew up helping in the bulk food store he operated for forty years. He found relaxation in working outside and watching and riding trains.

He re-committed his life to God at age thirty. Later he became acquainted with the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite at Versailles through a co-worker. After much searching of the heart, they were baptized by Minister Abe D. Koehn in 1975 in the little country church known as old Beulah. He always felt salvation was a gift he didn't earn, and tried to live his gratefulness to God.

Through his occupations, he touched many lives in the community in a quiet, positive way. Coming from a family of writers, possibly he touched the most

lives in his writing. He wrote for the Messenger of Truth, The Business Bulletin, and many other avenues, sometimes in the night hours when he couldn't sleep.

His life was a roller coaster of health problems, but he didn't believe in complaining; we children wish to be more like him. When he was wheelchair-bound in 1995, his brethren lifted a healing prayer to God, and God granted him some better years. He wished to be a better husband and father, but we always felt loved and supported. He took an individual interest in each grandchild; a few weeks ago he asked a granddaughter if she was still as happy as when she became a Christian a year ago, which sums up his care for us all.

Congestive heart failure and Parkinson's Disease mandated frequent appointments and hospital stays, but his courage and cheer stayed intact, and he took part in Sunday school on his last Sunday. He prayed to be ready when his time came to die. Knowing his days were numbered, he looked forward to visiting his mother in Pennsylvania one more time. After his plane landed, he called his sister to say they had touched down but they weren't at the gate yet. Enroute to her house, he went into cardiac arrest near Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. He was within thirty miles of his mother's home when he met his Last Appointment and reached a different Gate. We are thankful that his spirit is free and that he is no longer encumbered by his body.

Around the empty chair he leaves his wife Anna and their children, Barbara and Ken Classen, Leroy and Violet Weaver, Kathaleen and Ron Hauder, and Mervin Weaver, all of the Versailles area, and Susan and Wendell Koehn of Texhoma, Texas, and eleven grandchildren.

He leaves behind in Pennsylvania his mother Elizabeth Weaver and siblings Alta Weaver, Luke and Esther Weaver, Adam and Nora Weaver, Elmer and

Ella Weaver, and Martha and James Nolt; of Wisconsin, Ellen and Marvin Leid, and Sara and Harlan Snyder; and in Versailles, Noah and Edna Weaver. His father preceded him in death.

A memorial service was held at Fleetwood, Pennsylvania on June 28th. The funeral service and burial will be held at Beulah Mennonite Church near Versailles, Missouri at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2nd with ministers Melvin Koehn, Norman Beachy and Stanton Unruh officiating. Casketbearers are Michael Classen, Clark Becker, Matt Jantz, Merle Classen, Vernon Martin and Scott Goertzen. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Beulah Mennonite Church
Shadey Brook Drive
Versailles, MO 65084

Visitation

JUL 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JUL 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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