



## John Lesh Sr.

July 14, 2023

John Jacob Lesh Sr., 80, of Gratz, passed away Monday July 17, 2023 due to an automobile accident in Mercer County. Born August 16, 1942, he was the son of Albert and Eva Lesh. John graduated from Upper Dauphin High School, Class of 1961 and was a dairy farmer for 25 years, as well as a contractor. He married Laura Smeltzer in 1963 and would have celebrated 60 years of marriage on August 3. In later years, he and his wife owned and operated the chicken coop concrete products located in Gratz. John was a member of the F.andA.M. Valley Lodge #797. He enjoyed gardening, always having the house full of plants and flowers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings Martha Snyder, Shirley Hendricks, and James Lesh Sr.

Survivors:

Son John Lesh Jr, wife Suzanne, Elizabethville

Son Michael Lesh, wife Marge, Gratz

Daughter Sharon Shade, Lykens

Daughter LaRay Howell and husband Daniel, Duncannon

9 Grandchildren Zachary, Ben and Josh Lesher, Jer Lettich, Shara Stoltzfus, Ashlyn Graeff, Javin Shade, Paul Strohecker, Brooke Howell; and 12 great grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews.

Brothers Martin (Alicia) Lesher, Michigan, and Paul (Faye) Lesher, Gratz

Sister Ruth (Darvin) Bohner, Gratz

A service will be held at 11am on Tuesday July 25, from the James A. Reed Funeral Home, Pillow. A visitation will be held from 10am until time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be made in Riverview Memorial Gardens, Halifax.

For more info visit [ReedFH.com](http://ReedFH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

James A. Reed Funeral Home  
137 Market Street  
PO Box 8  
Pillow, PA 17080  
(570) 758-4294  
jareedfh@gmail.com

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ James A. Reed Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Lesher Sr.



James A. Reed Funeral Home - July 25, 2023 at 03:21 PM

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“ Prayers for the family

Nathan - July 25, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Lesher Sr..



July 24, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Lesher Sr..



July 21, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Lesher Sr..*



July 21, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *Love, your CLI Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Lesher Sr..*



**Love, your CLI Family** - July 21, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Love, your CLI Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Lesher Sr..*

**Love, your CLI Family** - July 21, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Lesher Sr..*



July 21, 2023 at 01:28 PM

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“ Dearest John, Sue, Zack, Ben and the Lesher family:

So deeply sorry to hear of your fathers passing! May you most cherish memories, your faith and the love of family and friends give you comfort during this difficult time.

With our deepest sympathy Rod & Cindy Romberger



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the Rombergers - July 21, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Lesher Sr..



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July 21, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Lesher Sr..

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Lesher Sr..



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July 21, 2023 at 09:29 AM