



Clarence Larue Barto

April 22, 1927 - November 5, 2021

Clarence (Toots) Larue Barto, 94 of Hughesville, passed away Friday, Nov. 5.

Born April 22, 1927, he was the son of the late Jacob and Hazel (Reese) Barto.

Toots worked for Henry Buck in the '50s before becoming employed by Anton Waldman's in Hughesville where he retired after 31 years.

Toots dedicated countless hours to the grounds care at Lime Bluff Park where he mowed weekly for many years. He also helped in the Lion's Club's annual sauerkraut making where he was the machete wielder and chopped thousands of heads of cabbage. He was a lifelong member of the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and the go-to person for most everything.

Toots and Arlene loved to go camping back in the day. They started out with a Harley and a tent and progressed to a pickup truck with a cap, and then finally a travel trailer. They toured all over the U.S. and even drove to Alaska in 1988.

Toots was an avid hunter and still hunted every year at the family cabin. He harvested a doe his last year hunting. We may have caught him napping a time or two, but as he always told us, he was just resting his eyes.

Toots could often be found riding through the woods, fields and back roads on his Ranger with his chain saw in the back. He could trim out trails for hours on end or just spend his time enjoying God's beautiful creation.

Toots' main concern and the center of his universe was always his faith and his family. On his 89th birthday, his only wish was for his granddaughter Jess, to have a baby. She and Paul were able to make that wish come true for him, and the day he turned 90, they told him they were expecting.

In addition to his parents, Toots was preceded in death by his brothers, Jacob, Clayton, Grant, Monroe, Donald and Bruce; as well as two sisters, Murl and Glenna.

Toots is survived by his wife Arlene of 60 years, which they just celebrated on Nov. 3. Also surviving are two daughters, Joan Hunter and Ann (Scott) Milheim; three grandchildren, twins, Lone (Regina) Hunter and Lynn Hunter and Jess (Paul) McCoy; and four great-grandchildren, Ethan, Lucas, Ella and Reese. He is also survived by one sister, Elva Mae Worthington.

The family will hold a private viewing and graveside service at their convenience. Arrangements have been entrusted to McCarty~Thomas Funeral Home, Hughesville.

Memorial contributions can be made to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Hughesville in care of Pat Lauchle.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at <http://www.mccartythomas.com>.

Cemetery

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Hughesville, PA, 17737

Comments



“ Sorry to hear of Toot's passing. Such a great man and presence that helped shape the wonderful place Penn Township is to live. will miss going by his home and seeing what he was up to!

John Herlt - November 24, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Toots! When his daughter, Ann and I were in cheerleaders together in junior high school, I would often go to their house. Ann and I would practice our cheers and Toots would grab one of our pom poms and join us! As an adult, whenever I returned home to Hughesville to visit and went to church service at Mt. Zion, Toots was there and always greeted me with a hug and a big smile. Every memory that I have of him, he was smiling and filled with joy!

Lisa Rodriguez - November 13, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ Toots was a great neighbor, always willing to help other, a super hard worker and he usually had a good story to tell. He set an example of how we should live.

Wayne and Cookie Smith

Wayne A. Smith - November 10, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ Toots was such a sweet man, knew him all my life, he always had that big smile and I never ran into either one that I didn't get a hug. Toots, I'm sure you have a lot to catch the old gang up on, you will be missed by all who knew you.

Lisa Opp Brown - November 09, 2021 at 07:02 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clarence Larue Barto.



November 08, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ Phyllis Creasy lit a candle in memory of Clarence Larue Barto



Phyllis Creasy - November 08, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. He will be missed greatly.



Dennis&Donna Barto - November 08, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Toots' passing. He was certainly one in a million and will be missed by many, family and friends alike. I'm sure you have many great memories of him. He was always on the go. So thankful he got to share such special times with his family and leave you all with such special memories.

Cindy Shaner - November 08, 2021 at 08:34 AM