

John S. Bert

John S. Bert, 65, of 367 Meadowview Dr., Mountville went to be with his Lord on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at the Essa Flory Hospice Center. He and his wife, Loine F. Engle Bert, would have celebrated 37 years of marriage on August 28. Born in Shippensburg, he was the son of the late John Sr., and Lela Myers Bert.

John worked for 38 years as a soil conservationist for the USDA/Natural Resource Conservation Service retiring in March 2007. He was a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and served in Algeria with the Mennonite Central Committee from 1964 to 1966. John faithfully attended Glossbrenner United Methodist Church, Mount Joy, where he sang in the choir. A member of Manheim Brethren in Christ Church, he served as a deacon, member on the Church Board and sang in the choir. He also taught Sunday School and enjoyed helping in the nursery. John graduated from Shippensburg High School in 1960 and received his BS in Horticulture from Delaware Valley College and his MS in plant physiology from Michigan State University. As an avid gardener, he loved to grow all kinds of vegetables. He also enjoyed reading about peace and justice issues and solving Sudoku puzzles.

In addition to his wife, Loine, he will be dearly missed by two sons, Kendric Bert, Mountville, and Daryl and wife Carrie Stambaugh Bert, Austin, Texas; two grandsons, Evan and Davis; nine brothers; and seven sisters.

A funeral celebrating John's life will be held at Glossbrenner United Methodist Church, 713 Church Street, Mount Joy on Sunday, July 20, 2008 at 3 p.m. with Pastor Mark Moore officiating. Friends may call at the Sheetz Funeral Home, 16 E. Main St., Mount Joy on Saturday from 5 until 7 p.m. and Sunday at Glossbrenner U.M. Church from 2 until 3 p.m. as well as immediately following the service. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. in Air Hill Cemetery, 7041 Cumberland Highway, Chambersburg, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to: Brethren in Christ World Missions, PO Box 390, Grantham, PA 17027-0390, Mennonite Central Committee, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500, or Mennonite Disaster Service, 1018 Main St., Akron, PA 17501-9983. Online condolences to: