



Robert "Bob" Kreider

Robert "Bob" Kreider of Lancaster died June 25, 2008. Bob was born in Marticville, Pennsylvania on November 23, 1924 to the late Eli W. and Laura (Weaver) Kreider, and grew up in West Willow. As the oldest of 14 children, he started working at the age of 12 as a farmhand.

Bob had a variety of careers during his lifetime. He started as a farmhand, worked as a carpenter with his father, and became a printing pressman. His last career change took him into sales and the invention, manufacture and sale of silo liners to farmers in several states. Of course, his vocation was music. He taught himself to play string instruments as a young man and he never stopped practicing and entertaining others. Bob had several bands over the years and played in the local clubs and parks. Many summer weekends were spent at Maple Grove and Rocky Springs parks. He also had a weekly radio show in the 1950s. The last 28 years, he was a regular with the Red Rose Ramblers and could be found playing bass, mandolin and fiddle at Kitchen Kettle and other venues. His unique style on the bass will be missed.

Robert is survived by his wife, Hazel (Butt) Kreider, of Lancaster, with whom he observed 62 years of marriage on February 6. Four children also survive: Sandra, married to Stanley Darrah of Lancaster, Randall Kreider, married to Sue (Geesey) of Lebanon, Jacqueline, married to John Cantler of Emporium, and Ronald Kreider of Lancaster. Bob is survived by 9 grandchildren: Shawn Darrah, Robin (Darrah) Bridgman, John Cantler, Joshua Cantler, Timothy Kreider, Kara (Kreider) Sells, Jessica Kreider, Jason Kreider and Jennifer Kreider, and 3 great grandchildren.

Bob is also survived by 7 siblings: Harold Kreider, Evelyn Martin, Lloyd Kreider, Mary Gehman, June Garber, Frances Martin, and James Kreider. He was preceded in death by siblings: Roy Kreider, Esther Wolf, Nelson Kreider, David Kreider, Dorothy Kreider, Ruth Spangler.

He will be missed by his wife and children, his fans, and the many musicians with whom he entertained the public.

Please omit flowers. If desired, memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Lancaster