



Donald Milton Denlinger

Donald Milton Denlinger, 72, of Lancaster, went Home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, December 21, 2008 at his home. He was under the care of Hospice of Lancaster County.

Born January 3, 1936, in Soudersburg, PA, he was the son of the late Milton and Fannie Mae (Brubaker) Denlinger. He was married to Dianne M. (Coleman) Denlinger on June 18, 2000.

Don was a 1954 graduate of East Lampeter High School. He was an entrepreneur in the local tourist industry and started four attractions. The first was Millbridge Museum and Campgrounds south of Soudersburg. He was best known for the Red Caboose Lodge near Strasburg. Denlinger took old cabooses and made them into motel rooms for which he was recognized in the Guinness Book of World Records. Historic Strasburg was his next project and Robert Fulton Steamboat Inn was his fourth creation.

Donald was very active in both church and community affairs. He was a member of Calvary Church where he sang in the choir. The Paradise Lions Club recently recognized his years of humanitarian service by giving him the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He drove for Meals-on-Wheels and Road to Recovery for Lancaster County Cancer Society.

He will be remembered for his friendly personality, sense of humor and creative spirit.

He is survived by his wife, Dianne, of Lancaster; three sons, Jeffrey Denlinger, of Paradise, Daryl Denlinger, of Lancaster, James Denlinger, husband of Wendy, of Ephrata; two daughters, Sheryl, wife of Larry Groff, of Kinzers, Rochelle, wife of Steve Richardson, of Akron; two stepdaughters, Tina, wife of Donald Custer, of Newmanstown and Shirley, wife of Craig Kline, of Landisville; two stepsons, Dana Oster, husband of Paula, of Marietta, and Jeffrey Lee Oster, of Alaska; 16 grandchildren, three great grandchildren; a sister, Irene Rowe, of Lancaster; and two brothers, David Denlinger, husband of Dorothy, of Browns-town, and Mel Denlinger, husband of Pauline, of Stevens.

Funeral Services will be held at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA on Friday, December 26, 2008 at 10 A.M. with Pastor David Allen officiating. Private Interment will be at Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster, PA. Friends may view at the church on Friday between 8:30 and 10 AM. Please omit flowers. Memorial Remembrances can be made in Donald's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County or to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements Entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, PA, 717-872-2266. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at:

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