



## Robert W. "Bob" Leiby

February 29, 1928 - January 13, 2016

Robert W. "Bob" Leiby, 87, of Leiby Road, Elysburg, died Wednesday evening, January 13th, 2016 at his home.

Born February 29, 1928 in Ralpho Township, he was a son of the late Raymond and Jeanette (Watkins) Leiby. He and his wife, Nancy J. (Carl) Leiby, would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on March 10th.

Mr. Leiby attended Ralpho Township schools in Elysburg. He faithfully served his country in the U. S. Army during the Korean War.

Following his return from the military he was employed by the former Magee Carpet Company of Bloomsburg for 25 years. He also owned and operated "Leiby Farm", a Centennial Farm, which was established in 1835.

He was well known throughout the area for his work ethic and for the fruit that his farm produced.

He was an active member of Bethel United Methodist Church, Catawissa where he was a Sunday School teacher. He had been awarded a certificate for 50 years of perfect attendance. He was also a lay speaker for the United Methodist Church.

An avid outdoorsman, he especially enjoyed hunting.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, Nancy, are his three children; Robert E. Leiby and his wife, Janet, of Shortsville, NY; David L. Leiby and his wife, Linda, of Shamokin; Janet K. Kovach and her husband, David, of Berwick; eight grandchildren: Aaron, Ben, Chrisanne, Sarah, Rebekah, Philip, Christopher, and Natasha. Also surviving are 16 great grandchildren and the following siblings: Bertlett Leiby and his wife, Jane, of Bloomsburg; Esther Snyder and her husband, Doyle, of Bloomsburg; James Leiby and his wife, Velma, of DuBois; Dora Oman and her husband, Gene, of Bloomsburg as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters: Margaret Williams, Helen Molz and Geraldine Horne.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, January 18th, 2016 at 11:30 AM at the Bethel United Methodist Church, Bethel Road, Catawissa with the Rev. Kermit Minnick, officiating. A Viewing will be held Monday from 10 AM until the time of the Service at the Church. Burial will be in the Bethel Cemetery with military honors conducted by a combined Veteran's group. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Bethel United Methodist Church, c/o Janet Thomas, 49 Fruit Farm Road, Elysburg, PA 17824. Arrangements are under the direction of the McMichael Funeral Home, Inc., Benton. For online condolences/ remembrances or for additional information , please visit our website: [www.mcmichaelfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcmichaelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Hill Cemetery

Luzerne County  
Bethel Hill, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church  
Bethel Road  
Catawissa, PA 17820

## Service

JAN 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Bob, you just missed turning 22. I remember teasing you the year Janet and I both turned 10, and you had turned 10 that same year. We will remember you always.

*I especially remember you twitching your nose and wiggling your ears as we sat around the table after dinner joking around. If any of your kids can wiggle their ears or nose, that would be something fun to do for the funeral for laughs!*

*God bless you all. Sure wish I could be there.*

*Sincerely,  
Mark and Tina Luffman*

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**Tina Luffman** - January 17, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Leiby.



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January 17, 2016 at 01:31 PM

BJ

“ Beth Burns and Melody Jones purchased the Rose Impression Casket Spray for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Leiby.



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**Beth Burns and Melody Jones** - January 16, 2016 at 11:10 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Benjamin - January 16, 2016 at 08:28 PM

JL

*We miss YOU already !*

Jim & Velma Leiby - January 17, 2016 at 07:01 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your father's passing. Praying for God's comfort and peace for your family during these days. With prayers and our sincere sympathies.....David Ross and family*

Naomi Wetzel - January 16, 2016 at 06:43 PM

 Norma Holm

“ *So sorry to hear of Bro. Leibys father passing. Sending prayers for the family. Thank GOD for Heaven and Calvary. Love you folks.*

Norma Holm - January 16, 2016 at 08:43 AM

WP

“ *Always enjoyed seeing him and his wife at the farmers market. Such wonderful people.*

walter pita - January 15, 2016 at 09:37 PM

SF

“*Dave and Linda, So sorry for your loss. I didn't know your Father Dave but from the obit he sounds like he was an incredible man. I pray that he is with our Father in Heaven and that you all will remember him fondly.*



*Lou and Shirley Fenstermaker  
PS 23*

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**Shirley Fenstermaker** - January 15, 2016 at 09:24 PM

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“*Sorry for your loss. Praying for you all.*

*Tina Frans*

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**Tina Frans** - January 15, 2016 at 07:08 PM