

# Mauk Memorial 2022

Many thanks to  
Marjorie Ferra, Joanne Polito and others  
for providing information about Mauk cousins  
we've lost since the last reunion.

# Mary D. Shaffer

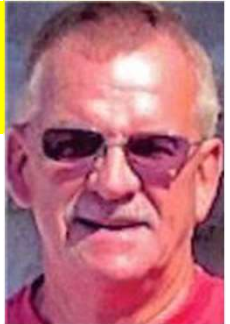


Mary D. Shaffer, 84, of Warren, Pa., passed away on November 28, 2021, at Warren General Hospital. Mary was born on September 14, 1937, in Punxsutawney, Pa., to the late John and Florence Weaver Mauk. She worked at Solar Electric later known as Phillips Lighting, for 25 years from which she retired. After retirement she ran a child daycare in her home. She enjoyed the little ones as much as they enjoyed her. Mary liked doing puzzles and word searches but mostly she enjoyed her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by them. Mary is survived by her daughter, Barb (John) Woods; a sister, Jane (Paul) Depp of Cuba, N.Y.; grandchildren, Keith (Sara) Woods, Stephanie (Rob) Arthurs and Brad (Jodi) Woods all of Warren.; six great grandchildren, BrookeLynn, Peyton, Kenley, Grayson, Camden, and Shayna. As well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her beloved husband Samuel S. Shaffer in 2018; a son, Samuel L. Shaffer in 2001; two brothers, Lynn, and Gene Mauk. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family, with the Rev. James Swanson, pastor, Pleasant Community Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Russell, Pa. The family suggest memorial donations be made to Hospice of Warren County, One Main Street, Warren, Pa, 16365. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.petersonblickfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersonblickfuneralhome.com)

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mary D. Shaffer, please visit our [floral store](#).

Mary (Mauk) Shaffer → John H. Mauk → Jacob Lynn Mauk → William Mauk → John and Rachel Mauk

# Homer Eugene “Gene” Mauk



On Nov. 23, 2021, Homer Eugene "Gene" Mauk passed away at home surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born in Punxsutawney, a son of John H. and Florence E. (Weaver) Mauk on Feb. 2, 1946. He grew up on the family farm in Sprankle Mills and graduated with the Class of 1964 from Punxsutawney Area School.

In August 1995, he married Rebecca (Kerr) Coward. They joined their families and shared 26 years of marriage.

Following graduation, he worked at several jobs in the area and then was hired as a roustabout for TWPhillips Gas and Oil Co., where he was employed for 33 years until his retirement. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, woodworking, camping and anything John Deere. He was always busy keeping his property looking "just right" and lending a helping hand to others. He loved to travel and spend time relaxing with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Becky; his daughters, Michele White of Azle, Texas, and Temple (Scott) Atcheson of Belmont, Ohio; stepdaughter Megan (Jay) Kommers of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Also surviving are grandchildren Amber Brady, Zachariah Stiver, Skylar Aspen (Tyler) Ross, Dalton White, and Ailsa and Marin Kommers; great-granddaughter Rosalie Ross; a sister, Jane (Paul) Depp of Portville, New York; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Charles Lynn Mauk; brother-in-law Sam Shaffer; and son-in-law Melvin White, and was followed in death by his sister, Mary Delores Shaffer.

In accordance with his wishes, there was no viewing or funeral service at the time of his passing. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Shumaker Funeral Home, Inc., Punxsutawney.

Online condolences may be made at [www.shumakerfh.com](http://www.shumakerfh.com). Published by The Punxsutawney Spirit from Jan. 27 to Jan. 28, 2022.

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# Elmer Reed



Elmer Frank Reed, 84, of Ringgold Township, passed away June 6, 2022. Elmer was born Oct. 13, 1937, in Worthville, the son of Frank Alton and Marie Evelyn Smathers Reed. He wrote about his family in the "Jefferson County Pennsylvania History," published in 1982.

"My father purchased his farm of 132 acres on March 23, 1947, from Cal Mowery. This farm is located in Ringgold Township. It was on this farm that I was reared, along with my three brothers, Donald A. Reed, a home builder, Col. Dale Reed and Col. Larry Reed, both auctioneers, (as was) our grandfather, Parker Reed, from Perry Township. When my parents purchased their farm, I remember moving our belongings with a tractor and wagon from Valier. Dad had a dairy herd and operated a fruit market at the farm selling mostly peaches and apples. I recall traveling extensively with my father buying and selling livestock. After graduation from Punxsutawney High School in 1955 (and classes at Youngstown State University), then after graduating from Dubois Business College and Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, I returned to live on my father's farm (and worked as a licensed funeral director with Eugene Pifer of Punxsutawney). I married Joyce Lorraine Hetrick from Dora, Pennsylvania (Aug. 27, 1971). My business, Fox Run Homes, was established in 1968, building homes in the tri-county area. In 1979, we purchased our 95-acre farm in Ringgold Township. The property is adjacent to my father's farm and west of the Old Ebenezer Cemetery and St. John's Church, bordering the Ringgold and Oliver Township lines. Our farm has been owned by both sides of the family. My paternal grandparents, Parker L. and Lethia Watt Reed, lived near Grange, Perry Township. My paternal great-grandparents were Tom and Barbara Mauck Reed. Barbara's homestead is the present site of the Mauck Tunnel on the (former) Shawmut Railroad. The (nearby) Old Ebenezer Cemetery was part of the Mauck Farm. Tom Reed was wounded in the Civil War, and his brother Jobe was killed."

After the death of Elmer's parents, he and Joyce acquired the Frank A. Reed farm and moved into the farmhouse where he had grown up.

Elmer was an outgoing man, with many interests: hunting and fishing, as noted in his high school yearbook and evidenced by elk hunting trips over the years to Meeker, Colorado, where he was able to harvest at least 14 bull elk, and the annual deer hunt with family members on the farm. He said once that, as a young teen, one of the most enjoyable and least expensive forms of outdoor activities was hunting. He was also happily engaged with construction projects, business and finance, all things rural (he loved the sound of incoming flocks of birds in the spring) and all things history, including genealogy. He was raised at St. John's Reformed Church and loved hearing his mother sing at hymn sings. He was a member of the Clearfield County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Builders Association, the American Chestnut Foundation, a board member for the Ebenezer, Perry and St. John cemetery associations, several regional historical societies and a life member of the Punxsutawney Area Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc., where he served on the Board of Trustees, including several years as chairman and, more recently, a member of the Governing Board. As a Society member, Elmer was always willing to be on hand to greet and talk with visitors during Groundhog Day events in February and lend a hand with whatever might be needed, from needed repairs to playing a role in one of the Society's Coal Memorial reenactments.

Not surprisingly, Elmer was admired by his many friends and extended family members. His presence will be sadly and sorely missed.

Predeceased by his parents, Elmer is survived by his wife, Joyce; his brothers, Donald Alton Reed (Sylvia) of Chester, West Virginia, Larry Ross "Hike" Reed of Fowler, Ohio, and Dale D. Reed (Barb) of Greensburg; and the following nieces and nephews: Mindy Sivanich and Rusty Reed, Diane Brown, Cindy Chelednik, Cheri Nichol, David, Kenneth and Wayne Reed and Lisa Authier, and Jason and Chad Reed and Heidi Rice.

Elmer Reed → Frank Allen Reed → Parker Lloyd Reed → Thomas Reed and Barbara Mauk

# Gilbert Reed



Gilbert M. "Muck" Reed, 89, of Punxsutawney, went to his heavenly home on Jan. 6. He was born on Aug. 20, 1932 to Glenn E. Reed and Helen V. (Palmer) Reed in Punxsutawney. When he was a tyke, he loved milk, but he pronounced it "Muck" and that nickname stuck. Muck attended a one room schoolhouse until the ninth grade, at which point he knew more than the teacher, so he moved on to working on the homestead farm and the mines for a short time.

Muck was an Army veteran of the mid 1950's, where he got to see most of Europe. He loved the farmland of Germany and while in France, climbed the Eiffel Tower. He even brought home wooden shoes from Holland.

Upon arriving home, he married his sweetheart Barbara Whitesell on Feb. 23, 1957. They purchased their farm in 1963 and over the years grew it into 500 acres of managed land providing hay, corn and oats everywhere from Ohio to the east coast for the last 58 years.

From then on, when the weather was fit, you could only find him on one of his John Deere tractors. He was still actively operating the farm and tilling the land as recent as last fall along with son Dean and grandson Dirk.

Many young men found summer employment on the Reed farm and were accepted as family. The Reed family would like to thank all of them, in particular Wes Smith (unofficial fourth son) who still dropped by a couple times a week to visit Muck.

Muck loved hunting and fishing with the gang. He enjoyed camping when he had time. He was also a fixture at Marion Center Speedway on Saturday nights rooting on the boys in the #12, LT1 and 54 cars. In the winter, he enjoyed jigsaw puzzles. He loved children, which is why he drove school bus for over 40 years up until age 80. Most importantly, Muck accepted Christ as his savior a few years ago and was finally baptized at the age of 87.

He is survived by brother Bill Reed of Ohio; sister Delores Burkett of Punxsutawney, sister Helen Hazlett of Ohio. Four children: Dennis and wife Ronda Reed of Punxsutawney; Cheyenne and wife Nina Reed of Punxsutawney; Robin Reed Poling and husband John of Punxsutawney; and Dean Reed of Punxsutawney; Eight grandchildren: Brandon Patrick and wife Laura; Derek Reed and wife Amanda; Cheyenne Reed Jr. and wife Jeongmi; John Poling III, Angel Poling-Soto and husband Jose' and Dirk Poling. Eight great-grandchildren: Ace Patrick, Trip Patrick, Cannon Patrick, Ella Grace Cagle, Anson Cagle, Hudson Reed, Kyle Poling and Rhea Soto-Poling.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Barb Reed, mother and father, infant brother Carl Reed, brother Paul "Bud" Reed and brother Mervin Reed.

Due to COVID, there will be no visitation, but the family is planning a celebration of Gilbert's life at the family farm this summer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to defer hospital and funeral expenses in care of Dennis Reed, 1305 N. Enterline Rd. Punxsutawney, PA 15767.

Gilbert Reed → Glenn Reed → Parker Lloyd Reed → Thomas Reed and Barbara Mauk

# Steven Lynn Reed



Steven L. Reed, 68, of Spartansburg, went home to be with his Lord and Saviour on Feb. 25, 2022, after a long battle with COVID at UPMC Hamot. He was born July 6, 1953, in Punxsutawney. He grew up spending a lot of time at his grandparents' farms, which had a big influence on his life and made for stories and life lessons he enjoyed telling.

He was a 1972 graduate of Badger High School, Kinsman, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie (George) Reed, whom he married in 1974. In the end, it was his goal to be married for 48 years to his sweetheart on Feb. 23, 2022, which he did.

Surviving are four children, April (Randy) Zimmerman of Corry, Jason (Erin) Reed of Centerville, Harmony (Tyler) Chundrlek of Spring Creek and Ethan (Amanda) Reed of Spartansburg.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, Bethany and Shiloh Zimmerman, Gwendalyn, Steven and Parker Reed, Frank, Grace, Gideon and Jael Chundrlek and Eli and Stanley Reed.

He was the son of William Reed of Kinsman, Ohio, and the late Jane (Smith) Reed. Also surviving is a sister, Laura Newman of Arizona, and a brother, Gordon Reed of Ohio.

Steve retired from Moon Tool & Die as a designer engineer in 2020, where he made many friends, some of whom he considered "his boys" who were like sons to him. He loved spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren, which included activities such as fishing, hunting and family gatherings. He enjoyed hosting camping/cookouts at his cabin and invited everyone who crossed his path. No one was a stranger to him because he loved talking to everyone and sharing with them how good God was to him. He spent a lot of time at his cabin hunting, talking and working with his friend and "brother," Bill Rasey and his dog, Louie.

Steve was a member of the Resurrection Baptist Church of Titusville. It was a blessing to him to be able to preach about his Saviour when the opportunity arose. He often shared his testimony of when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour on Feb. 15, 1971. Those who knew him often heard him say: "But God." "It's never wrong to do right." "Hallelujah! Glory to God" "Good morning or mornin'" no matter what time of day it was and "God is so much better to me than I deserve."

He was loved so very much and will be greatly missed by his family and the many friends he made along the path of his life here on Earth.

Family and friends are invited to call on Friday, March 4, 2022, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Valley View Mennonite Church 24313 PA-89 & PA-77, Spartansburg, PA 16434, and on Saturday March 5, 2022, from 12 until the time of the service at 1 p.m., with Pastor Jim Waugh, Drew Hogan and David Lindsey officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Spartansburg.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family in c/o Hatheway- Tedesco Funeral Home, 614 Baldwin St., Meadville, PA 16335.

Please sign Steve's online guestbook at [www.hatheway-tedesco.com](http://www.hatheway-tedesco.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hatheway-Tedesco Funeral Home and Crematory, 614 Baldwin St., Meadville, PA 16335.

Steven Lynn Reed → William Lloyd Reed → Glenn Reed → Parker Lloyd Reed → Thomas Reed and Barbara Mauk

# Brenda Lyn Ickes



Portage, Michigan

Passed away April 4, 2020 after a lengthy battle with Diabetes at the age of 56. Brenda was born on April 22, 1963 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to the late Harold and Hazel Ickes.

She enjoyed nature, Civil War history, animals, trivia, reading, word puzzles and collecting all things Panda and Bee related. Brenda was a kind soul who cherished her family and her friendship with Kristen Taylor, Karen Sauer and BethAnn Connelly.

Brenda is survived by her sisters Gwendolyn (Weston) Wheeler and Valerie (Tom) Watts; nephews: Lance (Kate) Meister, Trentyn (Samantha Ray) Meister, Cody Watts; niece, Emily Watts and great niece, Nora Meister.

Cremation has taken place, per her wishes, and a private graveside interment will take place by invitation only at Bly Cemetery in Marcellus.

Please visit Brenda's Tribute wall to leave a message, personal memory or condolence. Memorial contributions can be made in honor of Brenda Ickes to the World Wildlife Fund and the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements were entrusted to Langeland Family Funeral Homes Burial & Cremation Services, 622 S Burdick St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, and the cremation took place at the Langeland Family Cremation Center.

Brenda Ickes → Harold Lance Ickes → Blanche Catherine (Mauk) Ickes → Isaac Mauk → Isaac Mauk and Catherine Raybuck

# Robert Tipton



Bob Tipton modeled a lifetime of selflessly giving to the family he loved. An extraordinary mentor, coach, principal, and educator, Bob's legacy of challenging youth to be the best they can be will live on for years to come. His ability to see every challenge as an opportunity and his fun-loving personality will be the gifts that all those who knew him will fondly remember. He is now at peace but will be deeply missed by his many special friends and loved ones. Cloyd and Ruth (Coulter) Tipton welcomed their newborn son, Robert Dean, on July 19, 1933. Born in his grandparent's farmhouse in Westville, Indiana, his birth was a blessing to his loving family.

One of the most significant moments in his life was the meeting of his beloved wife, Beth Mohny. They were introduced while attending a church potluck, and their first official date was picking blueberries together. Both avid nature lovers, they made an instant connection and began dating. Beth was drawn to Bob's gentle nature and the "bachelor" was ready to settle down. The two love birds joined hands in marriage on June 12, 1965, in Gary, Indiana. Not surprisingly, they chose a fishing trip to Wisconsin for their honeymoon. Fishing was something they both enjoyed throughout their married years. Together they raised four wonderful children. In 1969, Bob and Beth moved to a four-bedroom home on five acres of land in Scotts. Originally thought to be their first home until they could afford a place on the lake, this became their forever home and where many special memories were made. They converted some of their land to grow asparagus and enjoyed selling crops for over thirty years! The rest of the property was meticulously cared for and beautifully landscaped with a pool and flower beds that Bob and Beth enjoyed maintaining.

Growing up in Gary, Indiana, Bob's childhood was etched with hardships as well as many fond memories. Due to his family's economic struggles in the 1930s, Bob learned to live within his means at an early age and never took things for granted. Out-going as well as good-natured, those he met never stayed a stranger for long! In his eyes, all people were worthy of acceptance. He had a wide variety of friends from all different nationalities and walks of life. He was active on the Lew Wallace High School basketball team and also ran track and cross country, continuing his participation in these activities even onto his college teams. Bob originally enrolled at Missouri State, where he had been offered a scholarship to run cross country, but only stayed for one week due to the school giving his promised scholarship to someone else. He then enrolled at Idaho State, where he stayed until he was drafted into the United States Army. Bob was proud to serve his country working as a company clerk during his time in Korea. After he was discharged, he enrolled at Western Kentucky where he received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education. Over his time as an educator, Bob left a lasting imprint on the lives of countless students.

Robert Dean Tipton passed away at his home on January 15, 2022. He is survived by his loving wife, Beth of 56 years; children: Nathaniel Tipton, Elizabeth (Ryan) Heath, Craig (Kelli) Tipton, Tracey Tipton (Joe Holzschuh) granddaughters: Grace and Joell Tipton, and many beloved nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Cloyd and Ruth (Coulter) Tipton, brothers, and sister in laws: Erwin (Carolyn) Tipton and Charles (Eleanor) Tipton, and nephew, Dale Tipton. Cremation has taken place. Please join us at a Life Story Visitation where food, drinks, and stories will be shared on Thursday (Jan 27) from 4-7 PM at Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes, 6080 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo (269) 375-2900. Life Story Services will be held at 11 am on Friday (Jan 28) at the same location. Visit Bob's webpage at [BetzlerLifeStory.com](http://BetzlerLifeStory.com) to archive favorite memories, photos and sign his guestbook. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org](http://alz.org) or Lending Hands of Michigan.

Robert Tipton m. Gloria Beth Mohny → Gilbert Blair Mohny → James Wilson Mohny → Mary Ellen (Mauk) Mohny → Henry Mauk and Elizabeth Knarr



# Betty Jean Vandervort Mauk



Betty Jean Mauk, 92, of Brookville, PA, passed away during the morning hours of Wednesday, April 27, 2022, while a resident of the McKinley Health Center in Brookville, PA. Betty was born on January 30, 1930, to the late Clarence E. and Hazel M. (Gardlock) Vandervort in Brookville, PA. She graduated from the Brookville High School with the Class of 1948. Betty married Malcolm Jack Mauk on June 22, 1948, at the Evangelical United Brethren Parsonage in Brookville; Malcolm preceded her in passing on June 30, 2002. Betty worked many jobs around the Brookville area some of which included Dan Smith's Candy, Sylvania, Bilo, DeMan's, Brockway Glass, and the Brookville Cable Company. She was a longtime member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Brookville. Betty loved everyone, she made friends easily and with everyone she met. She loved playing cards, bingo, and bowling. Betty loved to travel and camping with her husband and children. She enjoyed her time as a volunteer at Laurelbrooke Landing and the Heritage House, both in Brookville. Betty is survived by three children; Lynda (Marc) Bauer, Richard (Beth) Mauk, and Ronald C. Mauk; eight grandchildren; Ryan, Tyler (Lauren), Sarah (Nick), Mary (Lee), Rebekah (Bill), Dani (Andrew), Amanda (Chris), and Roberto (Cassidy); and eleven great-grandchildren with one on the way. In addition to her parents and husband, Betty is preceded in passing by five siblings: Mary Lou McKinney, Robert Vandervort, Juanita Egan, Virginia Smith, and Joyce Murphy. Family and friends will be received on Friday, April 29, 2022, from 5pm to 8pm at the McKinney – d'Argy Funeral Home, 345 Main St., Brookville, PA 15825. A funeral service will be held at the Evangelical United Methodist Church, 30 S. White St., Brookville, PA 15825, on Saturday, April 30, 2022, beginning at 11am and officiated by Pastor Chuck Jack. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the American Legion, Po Box 323, Brookville, PA 15825, or to the Evangelical United Methodist Church. Online condolences and other information may be found by visiting [www.dargyfh.com](http://www.dargyfh.com)

Betty Jean Vandervort m Malcolm Jack Mauk → Malcolm Clark Mauk, Jr. → Malcolm Clark Mauk → William Mauk → John Mauk and Rachel Clark