



Jeffrey L. Latsha

July 22, 1951 - May 31, 2025

Jeffrey L. Latsha, 73, of Pillow, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 31, 2025, at home, following a courageous three-year battle with metastatic pancreatic cancer.

Born on July 22, 1951, in Sunbury, PA, Jeff was the son of the late LaVerne J. Latsha and June M. (Peifer) Latsha. A 1969 graduate of the Line Mountain Area School District, Jeff went on to retire from JBS (Mopac) in Elizabethville, PA. He was known for his love of family and serving others. Jeff was a member of Salem-Zion Church, Pillow where he served on the Church Board for 37 years and the Board of Directors for the Grandview Cemetery. He was an avid Penn State football and wrestling fan who especially enjoyed antique shopping, time spent hunting and fishing with his relatives and friends.

Jeff is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Ruth Ann (Koppenhaver) Latsha, whom he married on August 31, 1969, at Salem-Zion Church in Pillow, PA. He leaves behind his daughters Lucinda Raup (Daniel) of Dalmatia, PA, and Andrea Grabert (David) of Fairport, NY; three beloved grandchildren, Betty Dealy (Nathan) of Harrisburg, PA, Abigail Grabert, and Christopher Grabert of Fairport, NY; his brother Michael Latsha (Sueann) of Pillow, PA; and sisters Julie Harmon (Douglas) of Lykens, PA, and Cynthia Lilly (Dennis) of Naples, FL including many nieces and nephews.

A dedicated member of the Dalmatia Kiwanis Club, Jeff served as a past Distinguished President and current board member. He also held the position of Lieutenant Governor of Division 12 South for the Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis International and served on the PA District Board. In recognition of his lifelong commitment to service, Jeff was honored with both the George F. Hixson Fellowship Award and the Walter Zeller Fellowship Award for his outstanding contributions to the Kiwanis mission of serving children. Jeff was also a member of the Pillow Fire Company.

Jeff was predeceased by his parents, LaVerne and June Latsha, his paternal grandparents Fred and Alda Latsha, and his maternal grandparents Elmer and Viola Peifer.

A visitation will be held at Salem-Zion Church, 119 Cherry Street, Pillow, PA 17080, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, June 14, 2025, followed by a funeral service at 12 Noon by the Rev. Curtis H. E. Zemencik. Interment will take place the same day at Maple Grove Cemetery in Elizabethville, PA.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the many individuals and care teams who supported Jeff during his illness, including Meghan Castagnero, MPAS, PA-C of Hamilton Health; the incredible team at Andrews and Patel Oncology and Palliative Care Team; Dr. Christopher Wolfgang and Dr. Colin Hill of NYU Langone; Residential Home Health; and Hospice of Central PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jeff's honor may be made to: - Salem-Zion Church of Pillow, P.O. Box 116, 119 Cherry Street, Pillow, PA 17080, Dalmatia Kiwanis Club, c/o Rahn Troutman, 141 Latsha Road, Dornsife, PA 17823, Pillow Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 452, Pillow, PA 17080

James A. Reed Funeral Home, Pillow is in charge of the arrangements. To

sign the online guest book, or to post a picture of Jeffrey, visit www.reedfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

N. Church St
Elizabethville, PA 17023

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Salem Zion Church
119 Cherry Alley
Pillow, PA 17080
(570) 758-2761

Memorial Service

JUN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

Salem Zion Church
119 Cherry St
Pillow, PA 17080

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *As appears on my wife Gayle's gravestone: Tears at night turn to joy in the morning. (Psalm 30:5) - John Sultzbaugh*

John Sultzbaugh - July 17, 2025 at 04:51 PM

AJ

“ *Anna, Trina, Maddy, Sanjay, and Jasir purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jeffrey L. Latsha.*



Anna, Trina, Maddy, Sanjay, and Jasir - June 11, 2025 at 05:57 PM

AR

“ *I remember Jeff from our high school days... he was one of those greatly admired football players that we band members cheered for... may God wrap you and your family in His loving arms and give you comfort as you grieve. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Ann Troutman Rebuck*

Ann Rebuck - June 09, 2025 at 05:23 PM

SJ

“ *My condolences to Ruth and family, Jeff was a wonderful neighbor, he surely will be missed, sending love and prayers and may God bless you and your family. Shirley J. Schreffler*

Shirley J.Schreffler - June 09, 2025 at 03:08 PM

PK

“ *Ruth Ann, I'm so sorry for your loss. Peace to you and your family.*

Peggy Kahler - June 04, 2025 at 10:11 PM

PS

“ *Our deepest sympathies to you Ruth Ann and family. Praying for peace and comfort as you face the days ahead. Rest in peace Jeff, you have won your battle.*

*Love and Prayers,
Bill and Penny Stamm*

Penny Stamm - June 03, 2025 at 03:17 PM

TC

“ *The Pillow Fire Company purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey L. Latsha.*



The Pillow Fire Company - June 03, 2025 at 07:44 AM

SD

“ *Every time I go through Pillow, my thoughts would go to Jeff's health. He was included in my daily prayers. He will always be in my thoughts. My sincere prayers for the entire family knowing that Jeff is in heaven with the Precious Lord. Love,
Sandy Yohe Derck*

Sandra Derck - June 02, 2025 at 07:56 PM

AC

“ So sorry to hear of Jeff's passing, I think of you all - every time I go through Pillow, however always seem to be crunching for time. Our Love & Prayers are with you all.

Tim & Anita (Crissinger Drumheller) Campbell

Anita Campbell - June 02, 2025 at 07:31 PM

MW

“ Mark And Karen Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey L. Latsha



Mark and Karen Wilson - June 02, 2025 at 01:32 PM

MR

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers for comfort for Ruth Ann and family.

Kevin and Mary Raker

Mary Raker - June 02, 2025 at 08:22 AM

BW

“ Rest in peace our friend. Your battle is won. Prayers for comfort to your family.

bruce amd jane wolfe - June 01, 2025 at 08:27 PM

TC

“ Our deepest sympathy. A great man and fellow hunter gone too soon. May you rest in peace. - The members of the Trevorton East End Rod & Gun Club

Trevorton East End Rod & Gun Club - June 01, 2025 at 07:55 PM

JD

“ *Our deepest sympathy, A life well lived and a life of service. Rest in peace Jeff. Ray, Jean, Tom and Inez Deppen*

Jean Deppen - June 01, 2025 at 06:59 PM