



Walter Lloyd Sarvey

December 23, 1928 - June 19, 2026

Walter Lloyd Sarvey, 97, of Butler, passed away peacefully on June 19, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Walter was born on December 23, 1928, in Butler County to Silas Marlin and Effie Bowser Sarvey and was later blessed by the care of his stepmother, Bessie Aggas Sarvey.

Walter genuinely loved his work and spent many years alongside his brother, Marlin, at M.D. Sarvey Plumbing and Heating. Even in his later years, he could often be found at "the shop," organizing, fixing, or tackling a project. A master tinkerer with remarkable ingenuity, Walter had a gift for making things work and finding creative solutions to everyday problems.

He believed in staying active, beginning many days with a ride on his stationary bike and a walk at the mall. He also had a lifelong love of music. Though he often wished he could read music, he could play by ear and enjoyed the organ, accordion, harmonica, and finger harp. Family members especially cherished his tradition of calling on birthdays to play "Happy Birthday" on his harmonica.

Walter found joy in life's simple pleasures: rocking on his back porch, sharing a cup of coffee, enjoying ice cream-because there was always "room for ice

cream"-and spending time with family. He especially enjoyed visiting his younger brother, Earl, or meeting him at McDonald's for coffee and conversation.

Walter was devoted to his beloved wife, Mary R. Sarvey, whom he married on August 31, 1950. Together they shared 67 years of marriage, many trips to Niagara Falls, and a lifetime of love. Following Mary's passing in 2017, he missed her deeply. Their faith was central to their lives as longtime members of First Baptist Church of Butler.

Walter is survived by his son, Larry (Cathy) Sarvey; grandchildren Marybeth (Jeff) Harris, Justin (Jodi) Sarvey, and Rebecca "Becky" (Tyler) Allie; great-grandchildren Brooke and Payson Sarvey and Elijah and Oliver Harris; his brother, Earl Sarvey; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

In addition to Mary, he was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Marlin, Ralph, Vernon, Percy, and Harold; sisters Pearl, Viola, Joy, Freda, Rosella, Betty, and Amy; and several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, stepbrothers, and stepsisters.

Walter will be remembered for his strong work ethic, ingenuity, musical talents, love of family, and ability to find joy in simple moments. Though he will be deeply missed, his family finds peace and comfort in knowing that Walter is resting in the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and reunited with Mary. They smile at the thought of the two of them sitting side by side, catching up over a bowl of ice cream, together again at last.

A celebration of Walter's life will be held at a later date. Private burial in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

Prospect, PA