



# Edward Earl Keefer

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**E**dward Earl Keefer died unexpectedly on April 15, 2026 at his home in Lewes, Delaware.

Born in Seneca, Pennsylvania on August 14, 1955 to Earl and Irene Keefer, Ed spent most of his life in Venango County, Pennsylvania. Having graduated from Cranberry High School in 1973, Ed married his high school sweetheart, Karen Sue Beebe, on May 28, 1977 at the Heckathorn United Methodist Church in Seneca, PA. He designed and built his first home, an earth-sheltered home covered with a greenhouse.

Learning to play the guitar at a young age made a major and lasting impact on his life. After graduating from high school, Ed traveled throughout western Pennsylvania and New York playing and singing on the Holiday Inn circuit. At the age of 19, and with the help of his parents, he built and opened a full-service music store, Harmony Music House. In 1985, he and his wife, Susie, opened a piano factory, Classic Player Pianos, subsequently purchasing both Wurlitzer and Story & Clark Pianos. He also founded and owned the Songbird Guitar company. After selling Classic Player Piano Co., he set up shop at his home where he restored antique grand pianos for dealers all across the country. Having moved to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, he started his own home renovation business. Ed was known for always hiring people that were in need of jobs and giving people the chance to change their lives.

In addition to his wife, Susie, Ed is survived by their three children, Jaclyn (Julie) Keefer and Miriam Keefer, both of Lewes, Delaware, and James (Brittany) Keefer of Canonsburg, PA., as well as grandchildren, Finn and Noah Sutton, and Elliot and Damian Keefer. He is also survived by his sister, Margie (Todd) Hart of Rockland, PA, brother-in-law Ron French of Seneca, PA, sisters-in-law Michelle (David) Dumpe of Georgia and Lisa Harry of Seneca, and brother-in-law Scott Harry of Seneca. He was an awesome uncle to numerous nieces and nephews.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents Earl and Irene Keefer, his in-laws Jack and Jeanne Beebe, and his sister Susan French.



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Ed had a strong faith in his Lord and tried to live his life as Jesus would want him to. He was very active in all the churches that he attended. During a mission trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Susie met and connected deeply with a young child there named Miriam. When circumstances in Miriam's life changed, Ed reminded his wife that God tells us to take care of the widows and orphans. They agreed that she should be their adopted daughter. In her honor, Ed and Susie founded Miriam's Table, a nutrition ministry in the Mpsasa Region of DRC, which now feeds over 350 children daily. They also oversaw the drilling of a fresh water well and provide antiparasitic medications for the children there.

The family will receive visitors on Sunday, April 19, from 2:00pm - 4:00pm at the Bethel United Methodist Church located at 129 West 4th Street, Lewes, DE, with a Celebration of Life to follow at 4:00pm. An additional Celebration of Life will be held in Seneca, PA at a later date.

The services at Bethel will also be available via Live Stream by visiting <https://youtube.com/live/1wH6uRTikQ?feature=share>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Miriam's Table online at <https://Miriamstable.org> or by mail at PO Box 402, Lewes, DE, 19958.

Please sign the tribute wall located on this website.



# Events

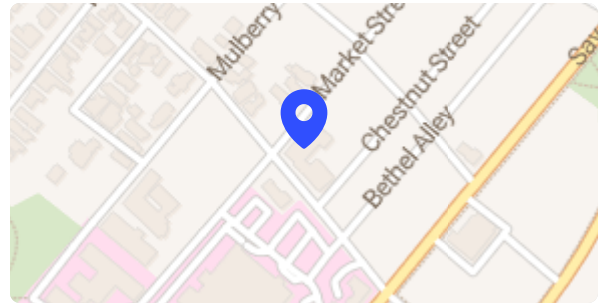
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## Visitation of Family and Friends

 **Tomorrow**, April 19, 2026


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Bethel United Methodist Church**  
129 West 4th Street, Lewes DE

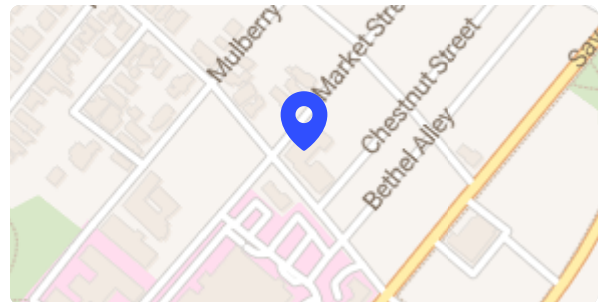


## Celebration of Life Service

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MT

**Mike Tyler** posted:

My heart aches for the entire Keefer family. Ed was a devoted husband, loving father, and a man of true faith. I never saw him without a smile on his face and always a song in his heart and on his lips. He will missed by all whose life he touched.

April 18 at 8:24 AM

MQ

**Margaret Quigley** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

I will miss seeing Ed out on the deck with his guitar and singing or out among the rocks building his zen sculptures. Port Lewes has lost a very kind and gentle soul.

April 17 at 10:37 PM



**Erin 'Drago' O'neil** posted:

I can still see his face from one of the times we were caroling around the neighborhood with the the youth group-- it was so cold and his fingers were frozen-- but he had such joy on his face! We were all having so much fun singing-- and it brought so much joy to those we sang to.

April 17 at 6:06 PM

MH

**Margaret Hodges** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

I had just been laughing out loud on Wednesday thinking of Ed after Miriam told me at Crystal's she had painted his toenails Ed was tickled about it as believe that was his first pedicure Hr held up a foot but I could not see a thing as he was wearing a sock We both got a good laugh discussing his pedicure Ed was the most gentle loving man and his and your beautiful restoration of your home in Rehoboth was as beautiful as it gets Though I have not been out in such a long time all of you are always in my heart and always have brought such joy into my life Susie and Miriam and Jaqueline and Jimmy and all family I am truly heartbroken over the loss of one of the finest people I have ever known in my lifetime May God comfort you and give each of you and the littlest ones great peace that surpasses all understanding at this time and all the days ahead 🙏🙏🙏 Margaret Wood Hodges

April 17 at 3:52 PM





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**Kim Sgromo** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Ed's passing, I loved seeing his smiling face in the congregation while he listened to the music, and he gave up his time and talent to play his guitar while I sang at the talent show fundraiser a few years ago. He was such a kind, and caring man. God bless the family during this time of grief. Praying for strength and comfort. 🙏

April 17 at 3:10 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Keefer family.



April 17 at 2:41 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.



April 17 at 2:41 PM



**Judy Roberts** posted:

My first husband Frank and I spent many wonderful evenings out dancing with Ed and Susie! What a wonderful man, devout Christian and devoted husband and father he was. There is another angel in Heaven!

April 17 at 2:31 PM



**Bj Quillen** posted:

Such an inspiring couple. Ed's musical talent brought so much joy. So sorry to read of his passing.

April 17 at 12:59 PM



**Patrice Shako** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

you were an important person for me and for all of family we weeping you my dear father Edward i'm so grateful for everything that you did for us rest in peace



April 17 at 11:34 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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