



## Georg L. Lesti

November 9, 2016

Surrounded by his family, Georg Lorenz Lesti was reunited with his beloved wife early Wednesday, November 9, 2016. Georg began his life in Petersaurach, Germany on January 28, 1929, where he lived until he and his young family immigrated to the United States in 1954. Born to Josef Lesti and Anna Babetta Lesti (nee Lindner) during the interwar period in Germany, the challenges he faced instilled in him a strong devotion to both family and hard work that followed him all his life.

Georg's amazing visual and spatial capabilities made him a truly skilled mechanic. He began his work as a mechanic with the US Army Motor Pool at the Katterbach military base after World War II. By 1954, when he and his wife Cecelia sought a new life in the United States, he took his talents to Seabrook Farms as a machinery mechanic for three years in order to receive immigration sponsorship. Georg then went to work with Stanley Avis in his humble, backyard garage until Mr. Avis bought the land that would eventually become Avis Volkswagen on Route 40 in Upper Pittsgrove. There, Georg worked for many years as shop foreman, until establishing his own auto repair garage, Georg & Son, which attracted countless loyal customers over the years.

Not only did he launch his own business, but Georg also designed and built his own home in Monroeville, New Jersey which he cherished and loved filling with family and friends. This home was also the site of his basement workshop, where he created many beautiful woodcrafts. His many shelves, cradle, candlestick holders, and other wood pieces -- smoothed to his near perfectionist standards -- were the product of his loving labor and creative vision. Georg also enjoyed tending the expansive gardens on his yard with his wife, and even dutifully crawled under the stinging nettle bushes to harvest the wild growing raspberries in the nearby woods. Another great joy of his was carefully feeding and watching the many birds that flocked to his yard, particularly hummingbirds.

Other early interests included building and flying remote control airplanes, working the pit crew for a racecar owned by Mr. Avis, and playing darts.

Georg is survived by his children Gabriele Carl and husband Ed of Denville, Fred Lesti and wife Sara of Elmer, and Janet Mastronardi and her husband John of Mullica Hill; his grandchildren Chris Carll (Jenna), Kyle (Dawn) and Kevin Lesti; and Amanda and Shane Mastronardi; great-grandchildren, Dylan, Tyler, and Olivia Carll; and his siblings Grete Ast and Katherine Torok. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Cecelia Lesti; siblings Friedrich Lindner, Marie Lesti, and Babetta Schwab; and granddaughter Danielle Carll.

Services will be held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad St., Woodstown, NJ 08098 with a visitation from 10 am to 12 pm followed by the service at 12 pm. Interment will be at Friendship United Methodist Church Cemetery in Monroeville. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that contributions be made in Georg's memory to Lighthouse Hospice, 1040 North Kings Highway, Suite 100 Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)



# Cemetery Details

## Friendship UMC Cemetery

Monroeville, NJ 08343

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home (Woodstown)  
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Woodstown, NJ 08098  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ When we moved into our house on Groff road, we had a rooster with a very loud mouth. The first time I met Georg, Fred introduced me as having bought the Jones house and Georg said in his German accent " Ah yes, zee man vit zee rooster". I didn't realize the roosters voice carried that far but I remember that first meeting and think of it often with a good chuckle.

*Dave Wilbur*

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**David Wilbur** - November 15, 2016 at 12:17 PM

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“ You have been a meaningful part of my life for more years then I can remember. In that time we grew older together. Earliest memories were attending the German socials. Then there was bowling and the many family gatherings at Fred and Sally's. I enjoyed the pleasant conversations we had about life. Your integrity and warmth, commitment to family and hard work was always apparent. You and Tilly embodied the "American" dream. You started and built a successful business. Your legacy is in having 3 children and imparting those same values. They each live their lives with the same integrity. We don't know our tomorrows but mine and those that knew you will surely live them with a touch of you.

*Ruhe in Frieden auf Wiedersehen für jetzt.*

*Ed and Linda Karaskevics*

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**ed karaskevics** - November 15, 2016 at 04:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
Georg L. Lesti.



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November 12, 2016 at 01:33 PM