

New Jersey News

Tranquility Farms New Farm Market and PYO Apple Orchard

The Freeborn family, Tranquility Farms, has expanded its retail operation at Tranquility Farms with a new farm market last year and has added a five acre Pick Your Own Apple Orchard in 2018-2019. First fruit will be available in 2020. <https://www.tranquillityfarmsnj.com/>

Tranquillity Farms, located in Allamuchy, NJ, is home to a diverse third-generation, family-run agriculture business. Set on 600 acres and farming 800 total acres, the farm prides itself on its registered Holsteins and continual expansion of crops. We are keeping farming in New Jersey and supplying our customers with fresh, local produce! See <https://www.tranquillityfarmsnj.com/about-us> for more information.



Tranquility Farms farm market ready for pumpkin sales.



Farm Market at Tranquillity Farms, Andover, NJ.



New 5-Acre Tall Spindle Apple Orchard Established in 2018-19 at Tranquillity Farms. Trees have reached the top wire at second leaf, with good fruit bud formation for first crop in 2020.



Emma Freeborn has been testing all of the apple varieties in our orchard before we open up to u-pick next season. [Tranquillity Farms](https://www.tranquillityfarms.com/).

Ed Kesler Passes at 85

James “Ed” Kesler, 85, of Port Murray, New Jersey, passed away suddenly Sept. 14, 2019, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ. Ed was born on Jan. 11, 1934, in Mount Hope, WV, to the late Dewey and Eva Mae Kesler. Ed graduated from Virginia Poly Technic Institute & State University as an electrical engineer. He went on to receive his master’s degree from New York University where he was involved in the launch and operation of the Telstar program and the initial call between France and the U.S.A. in 1960. He was employed at AT&T for 33 years.

He “retired” and purchased Marlatt’s Fruit Farm and formed Tree-Licious Orchards in Port Murray, New Jersey, which he loved. The orchard gave him years of joy developing new varieties of apples and peaches and supplying his customers with special, unusual varieties native to their countries or areas of the United States. He was an active participant in the Green Market Farmers Markets in New York City.

Ed was an active member of the New Jersey

State Horticultural Society.

During his last week, he chatted with his family about planting new varieties of peaches for the future. Ed was a hard worker who loved his orchard; he loved computers, but above all, he loved his family and treasured every moment spent with them.

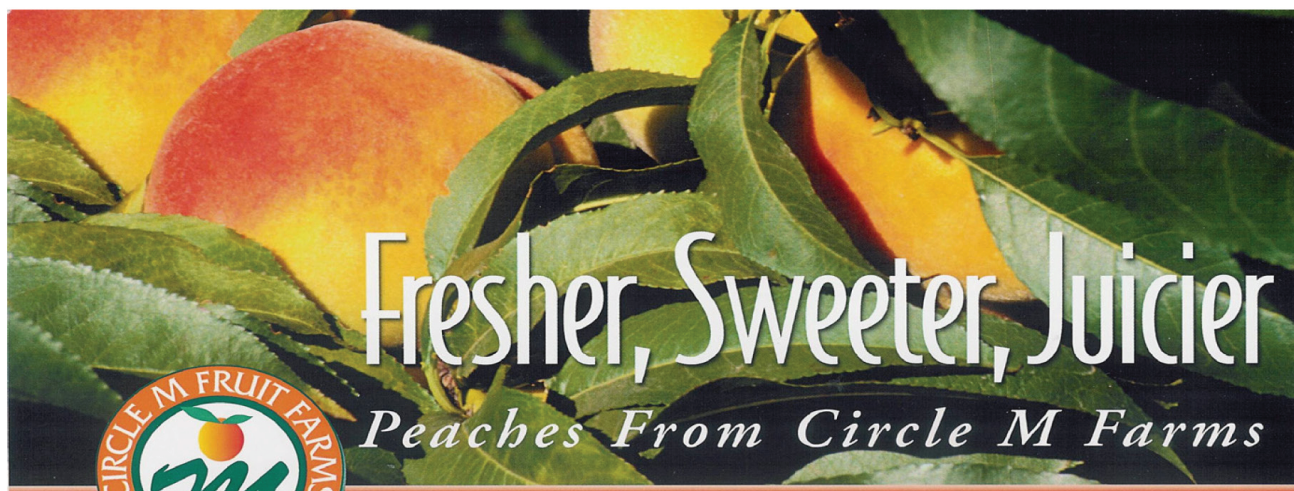
In addition to his devoted wife of 56 years, Carol Kesler, he is survived by his loving children, Virginia Ann and her husband, Dale Carlson, James Charles Kesler, Susan Margaret and her husband, Sal Athalye, and Elaine Marie and her husband,

Robert Johnston, and by his loving grandchildren, Andrew, Benjamin, Victoria, Olivia, and William.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in James’ name to St. Luke’s Lutheran Church or Mansfield Emergency Squad, P.O. Box 131, 301 Airport Rd., Port Murray, NJ 07865, www.mansfieldtownship-nj.gov/first-responders.

Obituary published in *The Express Times* on Sept. 19, 2019.





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