

## Exploring the Cemetery – The Things Dad Made



My father, Harold Eby Witwer, had many talents. He learned woodworking from Homer Hackman in shop class at Lititz High School. I still have a checkerboard he made in school. As he grew older and acquired woodworking equipment, he returned to the hobby. He had a small shop set up in the back yard where he could go to build new things or repair old things for auctioneers with damaged pieces.

Along the way he was asked to build many things for the church which are still in use: the Paschal and Advent candle stands, the torchieres, the cross, and the memorial candle stand. He also made a special home communion box for Pastor Bob Hoover.

In fact, one of the first signs of Dad's illness was his not going to the shop anymore. He just didn't trust himself. That is not to say that he hadn't previously sliced off portions of himself in his long woodworking career. He did. But he no longer trusted himself to do the calculations and make things work. His equipment came to our basement, where Joe is building all kinds of things, too.



In memory of  
Harold Eby Witwer  
June 10, 1928-Oct. 15, 2011