



Rev. Edward B. Blevins

July 7, 1924 - July 14, 2009

Reverend Edward B. Blevins, 85, of Salisbury, died Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

He was born in Princeton, WV on July 7, 1924, a son of the late Edgar Clay Blevins and Virgie Winfrey Blevins.

Rev. Blevins grew up in the mountains of West Virginia and graduated from Princeton High School. Following High School he attended Bluefield College before graduating from Fairmount State College. During World War II he contributed to the war efforts by working in a defense plant in Bluefield. He graduated from the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC in 1960. He proudly served many churches in the Peninsula Delaware United Methodist Conference for over 46 years. When he had free time, he enjoyed taking trips to the mountains in Western Maryland and back home to West Virginia.

He was an avid reader and loved classical music and old movies, especially Westerns and action films. While serving various churches in Laurel, Delaware, he became a huge fan of the Laurel Bulldog Football team and enjoyed going to the games.

He is survived by his wife of 7 years, Gloria White Blevins; a daughter, Patricia

Wallace of Laurel; two grandsons, Jeffrey Wallace and his wife Christine of Middletown, Delaware and Bryan Alexander and his wife Hope of Bear, Delaware; a great grandson, Jarrett Wallace; a sister, Nancy A. Panashy and her husband Philip of Princeton, West Virginia; a niece, Deborah Kidd of Princeton, West Virginia; and a step daughter, Theresa Plaskon and her husband Richard of Salisbury. He is also survived by several other nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth E. Blevins, who passed in 2001; a daughter, Anna M. Alexander; and a sister, Mary V. Underwood.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethesda United Methodist Church, 486 N. Division Street in Salisbury, where family and friends may call one hour prior to the services. Interment will follow in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Laurel, Delaware.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Bethesda United Methodist Church, 486 N. Division Street, Salisbury, MD 21801.

Arrangements are being handled by the staff of Short Funeral Home in Delmar.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethesda United Methodist Church
486 N. Division Street
Salisbury, MD

Service

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“ I received my call to ministry under the guidance and mentoring of Rev. Blevins at St. John's UMC in Fruitland. Pastor Blevins helped me to understand just what God was asking me to do. I certainly would not be where I am today if it were not for him. He was a great Pastor and he will always hold a special place in my heart. I am now entering my fifteenth year in the ministry and am pastor of a united church of christ congregation in Ohio. Jeff was just a little guy when he and grandpa ed and grandma ruth were in Fruitland. Gloria, you probably don't remember me, but a year ago I was on vacation visiting my mother in Fruitland and we were eating at Dayton's and I came up you and introduced myself. He will be forever missed. God Bless You!###imported-begin###Rev. David Justis###imported-end##

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“Gloris, Patty and family. Patty I don't know if you will remember me but your dad and mom were serving Calvary Asbury Church in Sudlersville, Maryland and were godsend to me when my young husband was killed in a car accident at 33. Your parents were there to hold my hand and help me through the process of accepting what had happened.

He and I played many a game of tennis and talk. He always said that it was hard for him to turn 40 and be living in the small town of Sudlersville. I guess we both beat our sorrows out on the tennis balls. Your mom was so understang.

I hope he got my card and letter that I send when your mom passed away. I told him how much he meant to me and I thanked him for everything. I don't think I would be the person today without his guidance.

I also wanted to say that he married my present husband and me. That was a special day for me.

Gloria, I am sorry that I didn't get to meet you. You must be a very special person for Ed to have picked you out of everyone. Maybe some day we can have a cup of coffee and talk.

Again I am so sorry that I didn't get to see him prior to his death.

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“ *Patty and family,*

Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your father. I remember when I used to play with you when you were living in the C.U.M.C. parsonage. Also, your dad performed my father's funeral in 1962. I will never forget his message. I was 12, and had never been to a funeral before. I was so sorry to learn of your dad's illness and death. I pray that God will give you and your family strength and comfort to get through this difficult time. God Bless, Marty Whaley###imported-begin###*Martha Ellen (Windsor) Whaley*###imported-end##

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