



Rev. David Mason Armbrister

August 2, 1934 - June 9, 2020

Princeton, WV- Rev. David Mason Armbrister, 85, of Princeton, WV, died Tuesday June 9, 2020 at Princeton Community Hospital.

Born August 2, 1934 in Bluefield, WV, he was the son of the late George Stuart and Stella Prince (Bailey) Armbrister.

Rev. Armbrister graduated with an Associate of Arts degree from Bluefield College, 1954, Bachelor of Arts, 1956, and Master of Arts, 1958 from the University of Richmond, and received his Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, 1961.

Rev. Armbrister has been listed as a noteworthy minister and religion educator by Marquis Who's Who. He pastored many churches throughout his career, from Blairtown Kentucky to Charlottesville, VA. He was the youth director at Graham Christian Church in Bluefield from 1971-1972; youth director at Trinity United Methodist Church from 1969-1971; had been an associate professor at Bluefield College since 1968, where he was an acting chairman in the Division of Social Sciences, and he was a long-time member of First Baptist Church, Bluefield.

Rev. Armbrister was also the author of Dr. Charlie The Life and Works of Dr. Charles Lee Harmon (2006 Anniversary edition for the Dr. Charlie faith Fund), and Lighthouse on the Hill: The Bluefield College Story, 2007.

He was a Trustee at Oak Hill Academy since 1989, a member and past president of Lions Club, member of Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa, and Kappa Delta Pi. He enjoyed drawing, walking, and reading.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Glenn Armbrister and Craig Armbrister.

Survivors are his wife Catherine Elizabeth Blair Armbrister; sons, Kenneth Armbrister (Tessa), Blair Armbrister (Mary); grandchildren, Cara Robinson (Jon), Robert Armbrister (Marie), and Patricia Probst; great-grandchildren, Miki Robinson and Beau Robinson; and special friends, Dennis Yena and Nancy Mackaravitz.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday June 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Shawn White officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon until the service hour.

Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, VA where family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Craig Armbrister Memorial Scholarship Fund, 535 W. Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memorial or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Rev. David Mason Armbrister.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. David Mason Armbrister*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear Katherine, I am so sorry for your loss, which is made even more difficult during these troubling times. With sympathy, Marsha Platnick*

marsha Platnick - June 18, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *What a great man of God! I feel privileged to have known him and his kindness to me will always be remembered. I will certainly miss that smile of his. My prayers are for you and your family Catherine during this difficult time.*

Walter Shroyer - June 15, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ *Elaine Catron lit a candle in memory of Rev. David Mason Armbrister*



Elaine Catron - June 14, 2020 at 07:32 PM

SB

“ Sorry to hear of Rev. Armbrister. What a nice man. He performed our wedding ceremony 35 years ago. My daughter was his nurse at PCH. She came home telling me of this sweet, sweet man she had as a patient that really touched her heart. He called her his little blonde angel but he was an angel to her. Prayers & comfort to all the family.

Steve Browning - June 14, 2020 at 07:14 AM

KA

“ Cathy, Just want to send my deepest sympathy. With love, Ann Armbrister

katrina armbrister - June 13, 2020 at 12:02 PM

KA

“ Aunt Cathy and family, we love you. We send our love, thoughts and prayers. Uncle David will always be remembered for his quiet strength, insightful conversations, his love for God and family, and his wonderful family stories. May God surround you with his comfort and peace. Always, Gregg, Katrina, Kaela, Belle & Riley.

katrina armbrister - June 13, 2020 at 12:01 PM

SM

“ Dr. Armbrister was one of the finest gentlemen and professors I ever knew. He always had a kind word and hug. I am so happy he is rejoicing in Heaven, but I will miss seeing him at Bluefield College Homecomings. Love to you, dear Catherine 🌹

Shirley Meador - June 12, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. David Mason Armbrister.*



June 12, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *Dr. Armbrister was one of my teachers and counselors when I attended Bluefield College in the 70'. He was a man of great integrity. He set an example for his students and was greatly respected for his intellect, talents and commitment. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this painful time.* 🙏🕯️



Glenna Gray - June 12, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Such a fine man. I am so blessed our paths crossed.*

Patrick - June 12, 2020 at 08:54 AM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Armbrister Family. May God Bless you and comfort you all during your time of sorrow. John and Becky Hepner, Yorktown Va*

John and Becky Hepner, Yorktown, VA - June 12, 2020 at 08:37 AM

DF

“ *My sincerest condolences to Blair and the entire Armbrister family. Having lost my wife only about seven months ago, I am acutely aware of the pain experienced at the loss of a family member that only time can heal. I pray that you can find solace in remembrance of the time you had together. Know that he lives on in the hearts and minds of his family as well as all those who had the privilege to know him over the course of his long and impactful life. My prayers are with you.*

Don Francis - June 11, 2020 at 11:58 PM



Katharine Nelson

“ *Catherine, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Earth's loss is so completely Heaven's gain. David truly lived his faith. What a pleasure to have known him.*

Katharine Nelson - June 11, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. David Mason Armbrister.*



June 11, 2020 at 07:18 PM

CP

“ *Catherine, I am so sorry for your loss. My wish is that you remember all the wonderful times you shared with your husband.*

carmelita Peters - June 11, 2020 at 06:17 PM

HC

Catherine, we were so at to hear of David's passing. He was such a special person! Our loss is heaven's gain!

Hugh & Mary Lou Cole - June 11, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. David Mason Armbrister.*



June 11, 2020 at 04:49 PM

AN

“ *The world has lost one of the good guys but heaven has gained an angel. Aside from being a cherished professor while at Bluefield College he was a dear friend of the family. I pray for God's comfort and peace for the family. He certainly one one well loved gentleman. Much love to you, Catherine!*
Russ and Ann Taylor

Ann - June 11, 2020 at 04:27 PM

EM

So sorry for your loss. I graduated from BC in 1971 and had Mr. Armbrister for Sociology. He was a wonderful teacher and person. Prayers for all the family. God bless.

Ellin McCulloch - June 11, 2020 at 09:00 PM

DJ

Sorry to hear of Mr. Armbrister passing...was one of my professors in 1981....

David Johnson - June 11, 2020 at 09:28 PM

BB

A fine gentleman and good neighbor. A true gentleman who will be missed. .

Barry and Jill Blizzard - June 11, 2020 at 11:58 PM

TF

Tom and I will miss David in the neighborhood. He was always such a kind and thoughtful man. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom & Janie Farmer - June 12, 2020 at 01:39 AM

JA

*Sympathy to this beautiful family! A Godly man we will never forget.
Janet and Roger Phipps*

janet - June 12, 2020 at 12:14 PM

HC

So sorry to hear about David's death. He was a good professor when I was at Bluefield College and then a good friend when I became Minister of Education at FBC Bluefield, WestVirginia. So sorry for your loss. Hammond Coates

Hammond Coates - June 12, 2020 at 12:18 PM

LH

So very sorry to learn of David's passing. We enjoyed many great times traveling with THE FARLEY FAMILY. Our love and prayers of comfort to Cathy and all the family. Larry and Wanda Humphrey

Larry and Wanda Humphrey - June 13, 2020 at 05:41 PM

S(

I am just now learning of David's passing. He and my brother, Don, were close friends from elementary school through high school. As the younger sister, I would see him stop by our house to enjoy each other's companionship. May God make His presence felt during these difficult days, Catherine.

Sandra Hedrick (Karnes) - July 06, 2020 at 06:44 PM