



David Stuart Richardson

January 16, 1926 - December 14, 2017

Bluefield, WV - David Stuart Richardson 91 of Bluefield, WV died Thursday December 14, 2017 at the Bowers Hospice House in Beckley, WV. He was born January 16, 1926 in Bland, VA and was the son of the late Stuart and Artie King Richardson. He was preceded in death by his wife Naomi G. Richardson, brothers Randall and Wayne Richardson and a sister Wanda Thompson.

Mr. Richardson was a WW II veteran serving in the U.S. Army in Germany. He graduated from Concord College in Music Education and taught band and choir at Bramwell High School for 35 years. He was organist and/or choir director Bland Street Methodist Church, Bramwell Presbyterian, College Avenue Baptist and Grace Methodist Church. Mr. Richardson touched many lives through his love of music and teaching.

He is survived by his daughter Daveen Denardo and Gary Denardo; their sons Zachary of Bluefield and Dr. Andrew Denardo of Christiansburg, VA; his son Edward "Jake" Richardson and his twin daughters Grace and Abigail and their mother Christy Richardson. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate his life will be Tuesday December 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to service time.

Interment with Military Graveside Rites by the Mercer County Veterans Council will be at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley where Zachary Denardo, Andrew Denardo, Gary Denardo, Kim Murphy, Randy Albert and

John Ertz serving as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church 103 Duhring Street Bluefield, WV 24701 to establish a music education scholarship.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com

Mercer Funeral Home of Bluefield is serving the Richardson family.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *David Stuart Richardson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear Daveen , Jake and family members, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear Father David. I know how hard it is to lose your father, but some how with God's help we do get through the days following his passing. But we will always have him in our hearts and minds due to the many wonderful memories we hold on to of him. May God bless you all with daily comfort and support! Sharon Ziegler*

Sharon Ziegler - January 04, 2018 at 03:15 PM



“ *Daveen and Jake, I want you to know how very important your parents were to my education. They were two of the very best teachers of my life. Your Dad taught me my band instrument, piano, chorus and church choir. One of my most treasures memories is you Dad playing the beautiful pipe organ and your Mom singing at weddings! The writing lab your Mom taught supported my future success in college and in the world of science. They both were wonderful people. I will never forget them. May you and your families find peace and love during this difficult time. Patricia Cornett Farley*

Patricia Cornett Farley - December 20, 2017 at 06:28 PM

BA

“ I can't begin to express what an impact DR had on my life. He believed in me at a time when I didn't believe in myself and apparently saw something that he felt was worth the effort. He opened up a world to me that I would have never known and encouraged me to come out of my shell and "rare back and sing"... I was willing to risk failure to make him proud of me but because of the strong music foundation he gave to ALL OF US I did NOT fail. My life is so full and blessed because of his love and patience and encouragement over the years and I thank you, Jake and Daveen, for sharing him with me..... I love you both very much. Beck

Becky Allen - December 19, 2017 at 09:32 PM

BH

“ Mr. Richardson was simply a wonderful person, who cared about his students. His ability to recall names of students from decades-back was amazing, but he was an amazing teacher. He will be missed by those whose lives he touched. We were all (Bramwell students) afforded the opportunity to be around people such as Mr. Richardson, along with many others who have gone on, and were made better because of our associations with them. Educators in this day and time could learn much from these, as they taught us a little about ourselves, and the world around us, such as it was. My prayers go out to his family, as we mourn the loss of not only a teacher, but of a friend.

Brian Hartwell - December 19, 2017 at 07:43 PM

JM

“ He had a way of making everyone feel special and seemed to have the ability to see our potential. He was so encouraging to me and I know he really cared for those of us who were fortunate to be able to be with him and the family through the years. We all felt like family. I love him very much and he will be greatly missed.

Judie Allen Marcum-Holley - December 18, 2017 at 09:41 PM

JM

“ *Mr. Richardson taught us life lessons. We were blessed to have him, and Mrs. Richardson, in our school and community. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

John Marunich

John Marunich - December 18, 2017 at 07:34 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Miller Staples lit a candle in memory of David Stuart Richardson*



Wanda Miller Staples - December 18, 2017 at 04:21 PM

RB

“ *Daveen and Jake, I am very sorry for the loss of your father. He was a dedicated and very good teacher. He taught me a lot and was very good to me through the years. Much better than I deserved. Everyone that was taught by your dad was made a better person by him. He will be missed by many.*

Robert Baugh - December 18, 2017 at 02:19 PM

CN

“ *Mr Richardson filled a unique place in my life and heart. He stirred the love of music deep within my soul. He was a huge support to me and our family. On another note, he taught the value of promptness, respect for all people, kindness, and gentle no- nonsense.*

Rest well and rise in glory.

Caroline Homes Nuckolls

Caroline Homes Nuckolls - December 18, 2017 at 01:47 PM

SF

“ *Thinking of the family and keeping them in prayer during this difficult time. Will always remember great times in choir practice at College Avenue Baptist Church.*

Susan Franklin-Smith - December 17, 2017 at 06:57 PM

JC

“ *Sorry for your loss prayers and condolences will never forget him pushing me to do better he saw the potential in each of his students
Jeff & Faith*

Jeff Cornett - December 16, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of David Stuart Richardson, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Army Veteran, David Stuart Richardson, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 16, 2017 at 03:27 PM

LW

“ *He was a blessing to so many kids at Bramwell School and will always be remembered for his love of music and his kindness.*

Linda Popp Woodard - December 16, 2017 at 01:07 PM

BC

“ *I'm sorry to hear of your Dad's passing and know your family will miss him...I only met him a couple of times and he was so nice..take care ...Barbara Cassell*

Barbara Cassell - December 16, 2017 at 10:22 AM

AK

“ Jake and Daveen, Please accept my deepest sympathy for the passing of your wonderful father. I remember Mr. Richardson and your beloved mother fondly, when I would visit with your family in Bramwell and Bluefield, so many years ago. It seemed that he never had an unkind word to say..always positive with a twinkle in his eye. May his memory be eternal. God bless your family. Alexa Coussoule Kempel

Alexa Kempel - December 16, 2017 at 09:03 AM

PF

Daveen and Jake, may peace and comfort be with you. Your Dad and your Mother were both two of my very favorite teachers. I will never forget the many good things they shared with students. I will remember both all my days. Patricia Cornett Farley

Patricia Cornett Farley - December 16, 2017 at 03:20 PM

PS

“ David was a wonderful educator and role model for thousands of students over his 35 years at Bramwell HS. His demeanor and personable ways had everlasting effects on so many. Mr. Richardson was the role model that I have model my life after, though I have fallen far from reaching his stature. Pam and my thoughts and prayers are with the family. He will be surely missed!

Pam and Doug Sparks - December 15, 2017 at 11:45 PM

NB

“ David and Naomi were Grand Marshalls for the Bramwell Millionaires High School Reunion Parade many times. They were adored by the many alumni and residents of Bramwell.

nancy c bogle - December 15, 2017 at 11:40 PM

KM

“ Thinking of the family of this very special man! Our prayers are with each of you that you will have special memories always and we are sure you will. He touched many with his musical talents and great, soft personality.

Kim and Dawn Murphy

Kim & Dawn Murphy - December 15, 2017 at 11:23 PM

AW

“ Mr Richardson was my choir director at Bramwell high back years ago. And I would like to send my condolences to his son Jake that I work with and the rest of his family

anita williams - December 15, 2017 at 11:21 PM

KG

“ Love and Prayers to the family of the most influential teachers I ever had. They both were very special people and he may now rest in the arms of his lady. May God Bless the family. Thank you for sharing him with BHS students.

Kay Rigney Grace - December 15, 2017 at 11:06 PM

MC

“ So sorry to see this, Mr Richardson was so special to so many of us. He had so much influence on so many of our lives. Condolences to his children and grandchildren. He will be missed.

Mary Staton Carter - December 15, 2017 at 10:51 PM



“ *What a wonder man! I loved him with all my heart. My love of musical instruments came from him. He was a wonderful teacher and always had a kind word for everyone. He will be missed! Rest now Mr Richardson. You are with the love of your life again. You will never be forgotten. Love Betsy Cochran Coppola*

Betsy Cochran-Coppola - December 15, 2017 at 10:40 PM

LM

“ *Mr. Richadson had such a positive and profound effect on band and choir students. We loved him so. May he rest in peace knowing the many lives he touched and how he enhanced our love for music. Linda Estep Miles, Virginia Beach, VA.*

Linda Miles - December 15, 2017 at 10:38 PM

AB

Condolences to the family of Mr. Richardson. He was definitely a wonderful mentor to so many students. RIP

Ann (York) (Aldish) Burke - December 16, 2017 at 08:22 AM

LK

I loved Mr Richardson so very much. Being taught music by him is life long gift. He will forever be remembered with love, prayers for Jake and Daveen and family.

Laura McNulty Kempton - December 16, 2017 at 08:49 AM

DK

Uncle David had an impact on so many lives, mine being one of them. I was born at home and Uncle David was the first to see me after the doctor left mom said. The bond between he and I began that day. He nick named me "Sally" and that name stuck over the years. When I was a young girl I used to march along on the side walk with him and his band at the Bluefield Band Festival. He was so handsome in his uniform and I was so proud. My heart goes out to Daveen and Edward and I send them my love

Donadyne "Sally" Kiser - December 16, 2017 at 09:19 AM

BB

Daveen and Jake: I am so sorry for your loss. Many good memories of your dad (and mom) in our days at BHS and after. I will never forget the patience he had with me, the worst trumpet player ever. Barry Blizzard

Barry Blizzard - December 16, 2017 at 10:32 AM

HW

Sending my condolences to the family. I will always remember your Dad with fondness. He was my choir instructor at BHS. I wasn't very talented at singing, and he pointed that out to me, but I got better as the year went on. The last time I saw him since high school was in 2007 and he remembered me. I loved your Mother also. They were both kind and caring. Your family are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Hattie Nester Williams

Hattie Nester Williams - December 16, 2017 at 01:57 PM

CS

I will always hold a special place in my heart for Naomi and David Richardson. They were so supportive of my children as they participated in various music events. David held us all to a higher standard, with a compliment here, a soft critique there. We are better people for knowing him.

Cathy Saddler - December 16, 2017 at 04:38 PM



Jake, Daveen and family... Many prayers and much love for you during this difficult time of loss! May God comfort each of you! I loved DR dearly and can't say enough about his positive impact on so many lives he touched throughout his journey! Love to all!

Alinda Goins-Shaffer - December 18, 2017 at 04:18 AM

MB

My dad taught with Mr Richardson at Bramwell. He spoke highly of him. We appreciate his service to our country. So sorry for your loss

Marietta Akers Buckner - December 19, 2017 at 06:41 AM

MA

Daveen, Jake, and Family I was sorry to hear about your Dad. I knew him in the Lutheran church along with your Mother. We go back along way, when I knew Bill and Ilene. Allot of good times in church and sunday school. My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this sad time. Mary(Francis) Armbrister

mary armbrister - December 20, 2017 at 06:07 AM