



Donald Ray Darlington, Sr.

April 6, 1933 - October 28, 2023

Donald Ray Darlington, Sr., 90, of Bluefield, VA, died Saturday October 28, 2023 at the Villages At Graystone in Beaver.

Born April 6, 1933 in Beckley, WV, he was a son of the late Mason Darlington and Ruby Fix Darlington. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Mr. Darlington was a member of Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church, and he retired as the Branch Manager for MetLife Insurance Company. He was an avid golfer, having many accolades that he accomplished through the years. In 1949, he represented West Virginia in the National Tournament sponsored by the Jaycees. Mr. Darlington had three hole-in-ones in his lifetime. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Most of all, he loved his family. He was a great husband, father, and grandfather.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Rose Mary Darlington; three brothers; two sisters; and one grandson, Bryan Miller.

Survivors include his children, Donna Miller and husband Terry of Daniels, WV, Donnie Darlington of Mount Hope, WV, and Linda O'Neal and husband John of Bluefield, VA; four grandchildren, Jeffrey Miller, Dana Furstnau, Emily Paisley, and Hunter O'Neal.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday November 1, 2023 at Mercer Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Mark Asbury officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 1:00 until the service hour.

Burial will be at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA where Ray Froy, Donnie Linkous, David Anderson, Donnie Gott, David Bogle, and Greg Deel will serve as pallbearers.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Donald Ray Darlington.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens Mausoleum

Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Darlington, Sr..*



October 31, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ *Hunter, so sorry for your loss, Praying for you and your family. Jackie and Shawn Herron*

Jackie & Shawn Herron - October 31, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Darlington, Sr..*



October 31, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Don's family. Don and Rose Mary were not just professional colleagues of my parents at Metropolitan, but dearest friends in life. Fond memories of Honor Club trips and adventures! I still cherish a letter Don wrote to me during my early days of teaching and coaching. One fine man. One fine family. Our world needs more men like Don Darlington. Deepest Sympathy, Ann Meador Wells*

Ann Wells - October 31, 2023 at 08:20 AM

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“ Dear Family of Don, I am sorry to hear of your loved one's death. I attended Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church . Don was always a very nice man with a smile and a greeting on Sunday mornings. He will be missed by all who knew him. Sincerely Dorothy Chudina

Dorothy L Chudina - October 31, 2023 at 06:44 AM

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“ To the Darlington family, sorry to hear about the passing of Mr Darlington May God be with you and your family during this time. In His Service Robert Hawkes

Robert Hawkes - October 30, 2023 at 09:50 PM