



## Edward J. McQuail III

February 1, 1939 - January 3, 2017

Bluefield, WV- Edward J. “Eddie” McQuail, III, 77, of Bluefield, WV, died Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at his home. A lifelong resident of Bluefield, McQuail was born February 1, 1939 and was the son of the late Edward J. McQuail, Jr. and Elinor Ritz McQuail.

He was a graduate of the Beaver High School Class of 1957. He was a member of the Beaver High School/Bluefield High School Class with Distinction. His class was the last to attend the old school, Beaver, and the first to hold their Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies in the auditorium of the city’s new school, Bluefield.

McQuail worked at McQuail’s Inc., his family’s retail furniture business, from 1961-1970. His career as an educator included teaching at East Welch School in McDowell County and serving as a teacher and librarian at Pocahontas High School in Tazewell County, Virginia. He was also employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville, TN as an information specialist.

McQuail received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Concord University in 1970; a Master of Arts degree with a certification in Library Science Education from Marshall University in 1975; and a Master of Science in Library Science degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1981. He had a well-established record of dedicated community service. He volunteered at Bluefield Regional Medical Center for a number of years, served as treasurer of the Bluefield (WV) Lions Club and was a member of the Bluefield Jaycees and the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce. He also

belonged to the Bluefield Elks Club and the Clover Club in Bluefield. McQuail was affiliated with the West Virginia Secondary School Association and was a life member of the American Library Association. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield.

Honored for his professional accomplishments and community involvement, McQuail was named an Elite American Educator, Worldwide Who's Who Branding (2016); Elite American Educator, Worldwide Who's Who (2012); VIP Member, Worldwide Who's Who (2011-2012); and, Who's Who in the South and Southeast, Nineteenth Edition, Marquis Who's Who Publication Board (1984-1985).

McQuail was named the Beaver/Bluefield high school archivist and historian by the Bluefield High School Foundation, the school administration and faculty senate. His portrait now hangs in the library at Bluefield High School.

He was a 2014 recipient of the William Myers "Community Spirit" award for his decades-long assistance in providing archival and historical information to his neighbors in the Bluefield area. His extensive collection of BHS yearbooks has been considered the most complete set known in existence. He also collected dolls, cinema books and history books.

In addition to his parents, McQuail was preceded in death by his sister, Elinor Cleon McQuail.

Survivors include cousins and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Friday January 13, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., with a Christian Wake service to be held at 7:30.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday January 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. from Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. with Father Sabastian Devasya officiating.

Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home &

Crematory is serving the family of Edward J. "Eddie" McQuail, III.

# Cemetery Details

## Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
1003 Wyoming Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mercer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward J. McQuail III*



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**Mercer Funeral Home** - January 13, 2017 at 05:18 PM



“ *Edward J. McQuail III*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I was very saddened and shocked at Eddie's sudden passing. He was our family's neighbor since we moved to Bland Rd in 1966. Regrettably, I was unable to attend his services. Prayers for his family and many friends.*

*Rest in peace Eddie. Will miss seeing you pass by on your daily walks. Our neighborhood will never be the same without you.*

*Eleanor Leedy Short*

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**Eleanor Leedy Short** - January 17, 2017 at 05:25 AM

ES

“ *Eleanor Leedy Short lit a candle in memory of Edward J. McQuail III*



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**Eleanor Leedy Short** - January 17, 2017 at 05:14 AM

CS

“ *Eddie was a person who always spoke to me anywhere we saw each other and who brought interesting conversation to our chats. His varied interests, his travels, and his community activity made him the "one-of-a kind" friend who could bring a smile to my face with his quick wit. Sending my deepest sympathy to the McQuail family.*

*Charlotte Sacre*

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**Charlotte Sacre** - January 14, 2017 at 04:12 PM

VC

“ *God grant eternal rest to this quite unique & unforgettable individual. Early mornings on my way to work, I would see him walking down upper College Ave. I believe he made a point of walking by the now vacant lot that serves as a parking lot across from GBCC, to "reminisce" about his childhood home. That's what Eddie was about...he was memory's embodiment. It is hoped that this "talent" of his & its tangible preservation will bear fruit for posterity, especially as it relates to BHS & its over 100 year history.*

*To family and friends, heartfelt sympathy,  
Ginny Chryssikos*

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**Virginia Chryssikos** - January 13, 2017 at 10:08 AM

Rachel  
King-  
Rozzel

“ Rachel King-Rozzel lit a candle in memory of  
Edward J. McQuail III



Rachel King-Rozzel - January 13, 2017 at 07:50 AM

Rachel  
King-

Will miss him at BRMC smiling and spreading a little sunshine in the hearts of the sick and their families. I will always remember him making his trek around the perimeter of the facility getting his walk in. R.I.P.

Rachel King-Rozzel - January 13, 2017 at 07:55 AM

EC

“ Elaine Catron lit a candle in memory of  
Edward J. McQuail III



Elaine Catron - January 12, 2017 at 10:45 PM

RR

“ Eddie will be truly missed by our community.  
He never failed to remind me each year on  
my birthday of how old I was! I think he is the  
only person that really knew my true age! I  
will miss him greatly.



Rebekah Ritter - January 12, 2017 at 03:13 PM

AF

“ Eddie was my first cousin on my mother's (Grace McQuail) side - Eddie's father was my mother's favorite brother. Unfortunately, we did not see much of each other as kids but got to know each other in the past few years when Eddie came to NYC for the theatre. Eddie would always let me know when he was coming to town and I would go in to meet him and cousin Richard (between curtains) - many good dinners and lots of memories about family and Bluefield - I delighted in hearing Eddie's West Virginia accent and will miss our get-togethers. He was the last link to Bluefield (my mother's hometown). Rest in peace, Cousin Eddie - hope they have Pina Colados in heaven!

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**Ann Fabrizio** - January 10, 2017 at 09:59 PM

AF

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Ann Fabrizio** - January 10, 2017 at 09:39 PM

AF

*We had a lovely brunch at Eddie's hotel last November - lucky me with two of my McQuail cousins on either side!*

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**Ann Fabrizio** - January 10, 2017 at 09:49 PM

OF

“ We will miss "Eddie" in so many ways. His "red coat" will be remembered at so many events. He truly was community minded , not only in Bluefield but throughout Mercer County.He enjoyed our Pine Trees Chapter picnic at our home in Princeton, where he met with many Concord Alumni. He was a good friend to all and our hearts are sadden by his untimely death. ": Rest well our good friend." Ott and Jo Anna Fredeking, Princeton

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**Ott and Jo Anna Fedeking** - January 08, 2017 at 10:10 PM

DB

“ Eddie was my friend for such a long time! I would always see him at BSC on his way to the pool or we would stop to talk while he was walking through the neighborhood. Eddie was a good guy who will be missed! I knew of his love of Bluefield history, and I hope his collection of yearbooks can be donated to BHS! Eddie will be missed!

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**Dr Tom Blevins** - January 07, 2017 at 12:16 PM

SB

“ Sleep in peace dear friend. You were a special person to us and Bluefield will surely miss you and your many kind deeds.

*Sherman and Ann Blizzard Branch  
Formerly Bluefield. VA  
Now Evans, GA*

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**Sherman & Ann Branch** - January 06, 2017 at 07:53 PM

JL

“ My condolences to the family. Had known this man since the early 70's and talked to him at the Bluefield Post Office. My prayers to each of you. John O. Lowe



John O. Lowe - January 06, 2017 at 08:22 AM

DC

“ Eddie was always kind to our family and always kept us in touch with news of Sacred Heart Church. He was a kind and thoughtful man and will be missed by many. --Ken Craven

Dr Ken Craven - January 06, 2017 at 08:01 AM

  
Feleesha  
Moran

“ I will certainly miss seeing Eddie at Mass. He was a wonderful man and friend.

Feleesha Moran - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 PM

BH

“ Eddie knew what he meant to our family. For years he spent the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with us, as he had no immediate family. We loved you so, Eddie. Rest peacefully, our dear friend.

Beth Hays - January 05, 2017 at 11:13 AM

JB

“ *Joan Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Edward J. McQuail III*



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**Joan Buchanan** - January 05, 2017 at 09:53 AM

MF

“ *Through events with the Concord University Alumni, Bluefield High School events, and the Bluefield Lions Club - Eddie always had a story to tell, full of details and bits of information not widely known. I know that everyone will miss him! Prayers for his family and other friends. The world will be a little less bright without him.*

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**Mary Jane & Tom Farmer** - January 04, 2017 at 06:44 PM

MA

*That should say Mary Jane and Tom*

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**MaryJane** - January 04, 2017 at 06:45 PM

DZ

“ *The company I work for does a lot with the local trade shows, expos, etc and you could always count on Eddie being on hand. He loved to talk and before you knew it an hour had gone by. He was a funny guy, loved this area and was a wealth of info. I'm very sad to hear of his passing.*

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**Don Z** - January 04, 2017 at 02:58 PM

KB

“ *My sincerest condolences to all family and friends. I will miss Eddie's wonderful stories, tales, and shared memories of Bluefield. I last saw Eddie in August 2016 at my mother's class reunion, where I took this photo. I always looked forward to hearing updates on all the goings-on in Bluefield, and also enjoyed sharing theater stories. RIP Eddie. I will remember you fondly. -- Kalyn Bruin*



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**Kalyn Bruin** - January 04, 2017 at 12:27 PM

MM

“ *The Stacy Family had hundreds of fond memories of Eddie. Rest in peace....I'm sure you and my Mama are catching up now. Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

*Margaret Stacy Macher*

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**Margaret Macher** - January 04, 2017 at 10:12 AM

CB

“ *Bluefield will never be the same! RIP Eddie.*

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**Christi Flynn Bird** - January 04, 2017 at 10:05 AM

CD

“ *"SO very sorry to hear of Eddie's passing He was a friend to all who needed someone..*

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**Charles Damron** - January 04, 2017 at 09:53 AM

KB

“ I am so sorry to learn of Eddie's sudden passing, Eddie was truly a friend to our family, as were both his parents. His father was one of my husband's dearest friends and what a wonderful heart he had. I believe Eddie shared that kindness and big-heart of his father. Eddie was a Concord University alum, and a frequent guest at campus events. He always had insightful perspectives, and had a memory that was amazing. He remembered not just events of the past, but the associated dates, times and people involved. I don't know how he kept all that information so well organized in his memory.



We will miss Eddie very much and are so sorry that he is gone too soon.

*Kendra and Ted Boggess*

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**Kendra Boggess** - January 04, 2017 at 09:41 AM

SG

“ The Class of '57 had it's dreams!

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**Steve Gregory** - January 04, 2017 at 09:40 AM

NH

“ Eddie was a part of the Stacy family all our lives! He remembered every birthday, attended every wedding, and never failed to speak to each one of us every time he could. I am sure he is bending my mom,s ear in heaven! Thanks Eddie for all the compassion you shared with us Rest Well my friend, and kiss my MOM too!!!



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**Nancy Stacy Hodges** - January 04, 2017 at 07:57 AM

CR

“ Eddie loved BHS reunions. He will be missed .

Carol Hager Riffe - January 03, 2017 at 07:55 PM



“ Denice Blankenship sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward J. McQuail III



Denice Blankenship - January 03, 2017 at 07:39 PM



Katharine Nelson

“ I shared holiday dinners with Eddie, these past few years. A friend would invite the "orphans" of the area to gather at her house. I spent many an hour visiting those memories of Bluefield, friends, and family, that I either did not know, or had lost in those distant times. It was so interesting, and brought back such moments that I had forgotten. I will always be grateful to Eddie for the amazing memory and the quest for ever more of Bluefield's history, that were such a part of his being. Bluefield has certainly lost an icon.

Katharine Nelson - January 03, 2017 at 07:04 PM

LC

I lived in Bluefield WV and Va for 34 years and met Eddie at Fincastle Country Club where I worked for 13 years. I went through some challenging times 7 years ago and moved to Charleston, WV. Eddie McQuail supporters and messaged me through Facebook with encouragement and kind motivating words when I needed them most. He took the time to support and encouraged me and my daughter for what we were going through. Thank you Eddie and God bless thee and Rest In Peace ! 🙏

Lute Cabalquinto - January 03, 2017 at 07:13 PM

TD

“ Prayers for the family. RIP Eddie.



Teresa Derenge - January 03, 2017 at 06:42 PM

CJ

“ Clarence Littlejohn Jr lit a candle in memory of Edward J. McQuail III



Clarence Littlejohn Jr - January 03, 2017 at 06:28 PM

BJ

“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Eddie. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish your memories...  
Bob and Alva (Cassidy) Jones  
Sumter, SC

Bob and Alva Jones - January 03, 2017 at 06:16 PM

DM

“ Danene McKinney lit a candle in memory of Edward J. McQuail III



Danene McKinney - January 03, 2017 at 04:48 PM



“ *Monika Watkins lit a candle in memory of Edward J. McQuail III*



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**Monika Watkins** - January 03, 2017 at 04:20 PM



*My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends at this time.*

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**Monika Watkins** - January 03, 2017 at 04:24 PM



Christina Weary

*I remember Eddie well and am very sorry to hear of his passing.*

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**Christina Weary** - January 04, 2017 at 07:10 AM

VL

*I remember Eddie we were classmates and am so sorry to here of his passing...He will be missed by many..My thoughts and prayers to his family*

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**Vesita Lowman** - January 04, 2017 at 11:01 AM

JS

*You will be missed by many! Bluefield will not be the same, God Bless you!*

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**Joe and Karen Simon** - January 05, 2017 at 07:29 AM

HA

*I'm saddened to learn of the sudden death of my cousin Eddie McQuail and know his memory will live on. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the McQuail family.*

*Helen McQuail Armstrong*

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**Helen McQuail Armstrong** - January 05, 2017 at 02:30 PM

DO

*So sorry for the loss of Mr. McQuail. He was the librarian at Pocahontas High School during my last years there. He always asked about all my classmates any time I ran into him. A kind and funny man. He will be missed.*

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**Donna Oster** - January 07, 2017 at 03:15 PM

NB

*Eddie and his family lived next door to my grandparents on Bland Rd. in Bluefield when we were children. I have so many memories of Banks and I playing with him as he was a frequent visitor at B and Pop's house when we were there. Our parents were friends, too. He was especially fond of my Aunt Dot and she of him. We left Bluefield in the early 60's, but I always looked forward to seeing him and talking with him at the BHS class reunions. He was a dear person and will be greatly missed.*

*Nina Beth Hudson Benton  
Versailles, KY*

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**Nina Beth Benton** - January 08, 2017 at 07:58 PM

LC

*I am so saddened to learn of Eddie's passing and the circumstances. He and I went to Beaver together and shared our ride home on the city bus. We were among the last stops so we shared many stories and conversations along the way. I last saw him at the Class of '58 reunion about 5 years ago. He had a memory for events and times and people like no other--and reminded me of them each time we met. He always assisted and attended our reunions as a "special guest" as he helped locate class members and was the host par excellence when the reunion came about. If ever I questioned the whereabouts of a friend or classmate, he was ever ready to provide that information and more. He was very serious about the role he served in maintaining the continuity of the classes and the history of BHS. Eddie, you will be remembered and missed. RIP now and congratulations on your memorable life.*

*Linda Jo (Lin) Whitehead Carter*

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**Lin Carter** - January 23, 2017 at 10:35 AM

KS

*My heart was just saddened when I read the news of. Eddie passing. I was coming onto town this weekend and was sure I would get to see him like ole times, rimanessing and laughing at his delightful stories of my mother in high school with him and how things have changed. The man had a memories like a steal trap. I do hope Bluefield remembers him in a way of honor pride. He was a funny man, who was kind to all. RIP Eddie, thanks for the joyful laughs with you. It won't be the same at events without your presence.*

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**Karen Dantzer Stowers** - February 12, 2017 at 09:27 PM