



## Heber Gott Stafford

September 21, 1917 - July 28, 2015

Bluefield, Va – Heber Gott Stafford died Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at Westwood Center in Bluefield, VA. He was a son of the late Albert F. and Virgie Gott Stafford. He was also preceded in death by his brother, A.F. “Red” Stafford, Jr., and his sister, Louise Stafford. Heber was the last remaining member of his immediate family.

Mr. Stafford was born in Bluefield, WV September 21, 1917. He attended Wade Elementary School and graduated from Beaver High School in 1935. He also attended West Virginia Business College. In December 1936 Heber began working for Virginia Supply Lumber Company in Princeton, WV. In October 1937 he was hired by Appalachian Power for 45 years until his retirement in October 1982.

Heber had a leave of absence from Appalachian Power from April 15, 1942 until October 26, 1945 when he served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He served three years of his military duty in Panama as an aircraft armorer. He was discharged as a Staff Sergeant.

Mr. Stafford was a lifelong member of Grace United Methodist Church where he served on the Board of Trustees for many years. Heber loved the Lord, his church and its members. He had an abiding love for his family and friends. Mr. Stafford had an undying love of sports, especially baseball. He was an avid supporter of the Bluefield Orioles and later the Bluejays. He and his brother “Red” traveled from coast to coast to see their favorite teams play ball. Heber was a living encyclopedia of sports history and was often called on by

his friend, Bill Archer, when he needed information. Having lived his entire life in Bluefield, Mr. Stafford was also a source of information about the city he loved.

Heber is survived by his cousins Sarah Gott Holroyd and husband Fred, Mary Frances Gott Morris and husband Darryl, John C. Rush and wife Nancy, Laura J. Rush, Michael Williams, Rick Holroyd, Scott Holroyd and wife Margaret Lyle, Holley Holroyd Price and husband Tommy, Lori L. Rush, Allison Rush Hester and husband Russell, Joyce W. Light, William Dillon and wife Jean, Kitty Dillon Lyons, Phyllis Alls Price and husband Palmer, Ronnie Alls and wife Becky, and Curtis Alls and wife Betty.

Funeral services will be at Mercer Funeral Home on Saturday August 1, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Robert Boozer officiating and assisted by Pastor Randy Sargent. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow the service at the Monte Vista Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers are: Michael Williams, Rick Holroyd, Scott Holroyd, Tommy Price and Bo Price.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bible in the Schools, P.O. Box 543, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Mercer Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Heber G. Stafford.

# Cemetery Details

## Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1231 West Cumberland Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Heber Gott Stafford*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I met Heber just 5 years ago when my father moved into the Westwood Center. Heber was a regular visitor at Westwood Center for many years and he and my father hit it off immediately. None of our family lived in Bluefield so we only saw dad on the weekends. Heber was there every day, tried and true. He kept my father in good company and great spirits and watched over him until he passed away 3 years ago. Truly an angel on earth. I hope they have found each other and are talking baseball and eating hot dogs.*

*Much love to your family Heber...you will be sorely missed.*

*Ashley Hunnicutt*

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**Ashley Hunnicutt** - August 02, 2015 at 12:58 AM



“ *Heber will certainly be missed - As a young boy I remember coming over from my Grandparents house in Pearisburg to see that fun threesome. A.F. and Heber had a love of baseball and collecting baseball memorabilia and they passed that concept to me. I tip my hat Heber - to a life well lived.*

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**Mike Lyons** - July 30, 2015 at 08:03 PM

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“ *The Stafford family were my familys neighbors for around 50 years. They were the best neighbors ever, you don,t find that anymore. Rip Mr. Stafford*

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**Sandra Tiller (Pugh)** - July 30, 2015 at 12:03 PM

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“ *I remember Mr. Stafford very well. I grew up in Grace Methodist Church and he was always there. He always had a kind word for everyone.*

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**Peggy (King) Dunning** - July 30, 2015 at 09:26 AM

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*My sister Debi Myles, Mom Betty Myles and I went to grace for years until we moved to North Carolina. Mr Stafford and family was always so sweet to us. I always remember him as a wonderful and kind man. You all are in my prayers. Patricia Myles Smith.*

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**Patricia Myles Smith** - July 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM

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“ *Heber, A. F. and Louise were all wonderful people. They were always at the Stafford Reunion in Giles County and Heber provided information for the memorial page for it many years. He was a wonderful example of how to live life. He will be missed here on earth, but I am sure that he is rejoicing with his loved ones today.*

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**Tony Eaton** - July 30, 2015 at 08:07 AM

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“ Heber and his brother took me under their wings and taught me how to be an usher at Grace Methodist Church. They were inspirational and treated me as an equal. I ushered at several churches during my adult life. Heber was a good and faithful servant of the Lord. I shall always treasure my time with him.

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**Frank Eaton** - July 29, 2015 at 05:55 PM