



James M. Godwin, Jr.

April 14, 1922 - July 25, 2015

Mt. Olive, NC- James M. Godwin, Jr., formerly of Bluefield, passed away Saturday July 25, 2015 in Mt. Olive NC. Born in Bluefield, WV he was the only son of James M. Godwin, Sr. and Sara R. Godwin. He was a well-loved and respected member of this community until his relocation to Mt. Olive, NC in 2010.

Mr. Godwin was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 68 years, Alice Seebert Godwin, and his first-born granddaughter Sara Godwin Gwathmey. Survivors include their three children: Ann G. and Jim Gwathmey, Alice G. and the Rev. Steven Wicks, and Dr. Jimbo Godwin and his wife Sue. Also left to cherish his memory are 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Godwin was a graduate of the McCallie School in Chattanooga, TN and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. He served his country as a master sergeant in WW II and was a long-time member of the Rotary Club in Bluefield. Among Big Jim's proudest contributions to his God and his fellowman were the many years he served as lay minister at Westminster Chapel, Red Sulphur Springs Presbyterian Church and Bramwell Presbyterian Church. His love and devotion were further demonstrated by his 30+ years as director of Junior Camp in Fayetteville, WV under the auspices of Westminster Presbyterian Church. "Rosie's" other contributions, connections, and relationships are far too numerous to name.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of James M. Godwin, Jr. will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday July 28 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Dr.

W.D. Hasty, Jr. officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, it is the wish of the family that memorial contributions be made to Mount Olive Presbyterian Church, 105 N. Breazeale Ave., Mount Olive, NC 28365 or Bible in the Schools, PO Box 543, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolences may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of James M. Godwin, Jr.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
208 Tazewell Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

JUL 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
208 Tazewell Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Graveside Service

JUL 28. 3:00 PM (ET)

Monte Vista Park Cemetery
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *James M. Godwin, Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *We knew and grew to love and appreciate both Mr. and Mrs. Godwin when he was the lay pastor at Red Sulphur Springs. We have so many wonderful memories of Saturday night potluck dinners and picnics and his great sense of humor! Mrs. Godwin was always at his side and now I am sure they are reunited. Our condolences to the family on the passing of both of these loving, warm individuals.*

Pat and Lisa Boone

Pat and Lisa Boone - July 31, 2015 at 01:35 PM



“ *Jim was responsible for sponsoring me in Rotary club when I first returned to Bluefield. He made me feel welcome by his kidding around and quick wit. He was a good guy and friend. Don Kersey Jr.*

Don Kersey Jr - July 28, 2015 at 08:30 AM



“ *Barb Starling lit a candle in memory of James M. Godwin, Jr.*



Barb Starling - July 27, 2015 at 10:13 AM

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“ *I was in youth group at Westminster Chapel.....I always looked forward to church as a young girl.....RIP Mr Godwin you will be missed*

Barb Starling - July 27, 2015 at 10:08 AM