



## Noble Mason Raines Jr.

March 14, 1926 - November 18, 2015

Beaver, WV- Noble Mason Raines, Jr., passed away November 18, 2015 at his home in Beaver, WV.

He was born in Princeton, WV on March 14, 1926 to Noble Raines, Sr. and Mary Etta Stafford Raines. He attended Montcalm Elementary, Montcalm Junior High, and graduated from Bramwell High School in 1944.

After high school, he joined the U.S. Navy and went to Great Lakes for training. He attained a rank of 2nd Classmate as an Electronics Technician.

Mr. Raines graduated from Concord College in 1948, and in 1953, he received a Master's Degree in Violin from Columbia University in New York.

He married JoAn Shupe on July 11, 1946 and she preceded him in death in 2014. The Lord blessed their union with two children; a son, Stephen and a daughter, Mary Ruth.

He taught band for 31 years in Mercer County, WV and tuned pianos all over Southern West Virginia and Southwestern Virginia for over 50 years.

Survivors include his children, Stephen Raines and wife Debbie of Girard, Illinois, and Mary Ruth Razmandi and husband Mehdi of Houston, Texas; three grandsons, David Raines and wife Casey of Carlinville, Illinois, Michael Razmandi and wife Kelsey of Houston, Texas, and Mark Razmandi of Houston, Texas; brother, Fred Raines of Princeton, West Virginia; and sisters, Mary Lou Jones and Etta Sue Emmerett, both of Princeton.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Monday, November 23, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Randy Smithson officiating.

Entombment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers.

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 Mr. Noble Mason Raines, Jr.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
(304) 327-6155  
mercerc@mercercfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Noble Mason Raines Jr.*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Every now and then we meet someone who makes a strong impact on our life very quickly. Mr. and Mrs. Raines were those type of people. I had the honor of working with both at Daniels Missionary Baptist Church with the congregational music. Their quiet spirit, talent and dedication was exceptional. Mr. Raines was the perfect example of a gentleman. He never failed to smile, shake my hand, and make some nice comment. I worried about him when Mrs. Raines passed, but he quietly said they would see each other again. What an example to follow. I offer my sympathy to his family...he was a wonderful person. My prayers are with you all.*

*Peggy Adams  
Daniels, West Virginia*

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**Peggy Adams** - November 24, 2015 at 02:47 PM

BA

“ Our dear brother in the Lord will be sadly missed by all those who loved him. We had only known him for a couple of years and wish it had been much sooner. He was a man who lived up to his name, "Noble", and one of the true gentleman of his generation. What I remember most was his joy in the Lord and his eagerness to share the Word of God when he visited our home or when we visited him. We pray for comfort for his family at this time of great loss of their loved one.

*Bonnie and Garry Ayers  
Sandstone, WV*

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**Bonnie Ayers** - November 22, 2015 at 09:03 PM

LH

“ Mr. Raines taught me violin for several years. He drove to Bluewell Elementary every week for my lesson and graciously allowed me to play violin with the band at Central Jr. High for practice. He was a gifted musician and teacher.

*Leanne Hornsby, Georgia*

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**Leanne Hornsby** - November 22, 2015 at 03:43 PM

CT

“ *Mason Raines was one of the dearest and godliest men I have ever had the privilege to know. He helped my Dad, Bud Coppinger, to play the violin he had been given as a child. I was fortunate enough to spend time with him in our family home and to see the kindness, gentleness, patience and other fruits of the Spirit that he exhibited.*

*My father-in-law lived at Greystone before his death and I was able to see Mason and Jo there. I know how sad he was when she went to be with the Lord but chose to love others at Greystone, including the staff. After I read his obituary this morning, I thanked God for Mason's life and legacy. I know that God will hold you and comfort as only He can in these hard days.*

*Cindy Thompson, North Carolina*

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**Cindy Thompson** - November 22, 2015 at 01:45 PM

CD

“ *I only knew Mr. Raines from Summer Band and Band Camp. He tuned our pianos. He was a true gentleman. I pray that in the days to come God will give the entire family the peace that passes all understanding. God bless each of you!*

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**Charles Damron** - November 22, 2015 at 11:04 AM

 Roger Farmer

“ He introduced me to the Trombone when I was in the first grade at Ramsey Elementary School back in 1951 and taught me how be an accomplished musician with the trombone and baritone through the 9th grade and Central Juniior High School.....when I graduated from High School in 1963 I had played the instrument in the marching band and the schools concert and stage band....oh the fun I had because of Mr. Raines .....I will always remember the patience he had with each of his band members.....a very honorable man

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**Roger Farmer** - November 22, 2015 at 07:55 AM

AC

“ My name is Anita Jo Farmer Coeburn. I grew up on Highland Ave back in the 60's. Mr. Raines was a kind and gentle GENTLEMAN! He was loved & respected by ALL!  
My DREAM was to be a drummer in Mr Raines' band; however, in the 60's, girls were not allowed to play drums in the band!  
I am BLESSED to have had Mr. Raines & so many other WONDERFUL folks like him that had such a huge impact in My young life! He taught me the true meaning of Respect, Role-model, Reliable, Reward and most importantly, Remember!!!!  
God rest his Prescious Soul, and PRAYERS for ALL of his Loved Ones he has left behind!  
Respectfully.....

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**Anita Coeburn** - November 21, 2015 at 11:06 PM

PE

“ Patsy & Eugene purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Noble Mason Raines Jr..



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**Patsy & Eugene** - November 21, 2015 at 02:31 PM