



Ralph Thompson,

November 17, 2010

Bluefield, WV- Rev. Ralph Edward Thompson, Jr., 78, of 1409 College Ave, Bluefield, died Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at his residence. Born November 2, 1932 in Bluefield, he was the only child of the late Ralph Edward and Virginia Peery Thompson. Rev. Thompson graduated from Beaver High School, Bluefield, 1951, attended Bluefield College, 1953, and graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College, 1955. He earned a Masters of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary, 1960. He had advanced training in Clinical Pastoral Education. He was a member of the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church and retired after over 40 years as a United Methodist Minister. He served Ashworth Memorial UMC, Matoaka; Mount Hope UMC, Mount Hope; Bruce McDonald UMC, Man; Humphrey's Memorial UMC, Charleston; Pea Ridge UMC, Huntington, and as the Lewisburg District Superintendent, 1991-1995 and the Greenbrier District Superintendent, 1995-1998. During his ministry he served as a parish coordinator, camp director, member of various committees, boards, and agencies of the United Methodist Church and two years as Dean of the Bishop's Cabinet. He was also a member of various civic organizations in the communities in which he lived. In 1973 he was named Minister of the Year by the WV Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, camping, spelunking, fishing, hiking and being a baseball and rail fan. In his summers during college and seminary years he worked as a vacation relief worker for the N&W Railway. He is

survived by his wife of 48 years, Judy Wiles Thompson of Bluefield; son Mark Edward Thompson and his wife Jennifer of Marietta, GA; daughter Elizabeth Anne Stoker and her husband Damon of Mechanicsville, VA; and son Jeffrey Paul Thompson and his wife Karen of Arvada, CO. Grandchildren include Coleman Edward Thompson, Katherine Lisle Thompson, Caroline Elizabeth Stoker, Jackson Rush Stoker, Sarah Alice Thompson and William Henry Thompson. A graveside service will be held on Saturday November 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Bluefield with Rev. Susan Rector officiating. Those wishing to attend the service are asked to meet at Mercer Funeral Home by 9:45 a.m. A memorial service will be held on Saturday November 20, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Susan Rector officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 12:00 noon until the service hour. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be to Trinity United Methodist Church, 401 College Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701. 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 Rev. Ralph Edward Thompson, Jr.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Thompson,*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Mrs. Thompson, I was so saddened to read about your husband. You were both kind and thoughtful neighbors when I lived next door to you all those years ago. Please know I am thinking about you and your family during this difficult time. Debbie*

Debbie Jackson - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Judy and family, So saddened to hear of your loss. Ralph was a wonderful man. One of my favorite pts. I have many wonderful and funny thoughts of him. Know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers....Love ya.....*

Jackie Nunn - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Dear Beth and Family, Please know that you are all in my prayers during this time. I send my deepest sympathy to you all.*

Lisa Preskitt - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Rymer & Ralph were at WVWC at the same time and brother members of WV Conf. UMC. Rymer and Beulah send prayers and condolences to Judy and the family. Rymer regrets he cannot be with you at Ralph's services.*

Rymer and Beulah Davis - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ *Ralph was there when we moved to West Virginia. He has embraced us, laughed with us, walked with us and supported us. His love for God was a light for my own journey. Ralph made a difference in my life. I am grateful he was in it.*

Susan Stoddard - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ *To Mr. Thompson's Family, With my love and deepest sympathy for your loss of a dear fine man. I cherish fond memories of my service with him on the Greenbrier District Board of Church location and building for many years. While he was our district superintendent. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Frances Simmons*

Frances Simmons - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ *Judy and family, Keeping each of you in thoughts and prayers. Ralph was one of my mentors and we have lost one of our great ministers. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God hold you close in the following days. Love and prayers. Karen*

Karen - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ *Judy and family: I was so very saddened to hear of Ralph's death. Dad thought so highly of him. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the entire family. Carolyn Stewart*

Carolyn Stewart - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM