



Roy Bailey

February 6, 2009

Bluefield, WV- Roy Bailey, of 2201 Washington Street, Bluefield, WV, died Friday February 6, 2009 in a Bluefield hospital. Born in Coalwood, WV, he was a son of the late Eli Thomas Bailey and Rosa Ann Moore Bailey. Mr. Bailey was a 1936 graduate of Welch High School. He graduated from Morehead State University with a B.A. Degree and a Master's Degree in Education. He was also in the Morehead State University Football Hall of Fame. He received his Principal's Certificate from West Virginia University. Mr. Bailey began his teaching career at Wade School where he was a coach of all sports for 10 years. These years were always a special part of his teaching career.

Following his tenure at Wade School he was Vice Principal at Central Junior High School. He was dedicated to Mercer County Schools for 35 years. Mr. Bailey served as a pilot in the United States Air Force during World War II. His plane was shot down over Holland where the Germans captured him and his crew. Mr. Bailey was a P.O.W. until the end of the war. He was a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday school and served on many committees. He loved to spend time with his family, especially his grandsons. He also loved to play golf with his friends. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. Survivors include his loving wife, Helen Hurst Bailey of the home; one daughter, Barbara Ann Bailey Marquess and her husband Larry of Lakewood, CO; and two grandsons, Alex Marquess and his wife Sara of Arvada, CO and Wade

Marquess, a senior at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday February 9, 2009 at 2:30p.m. in the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Susan Rector and Dr. Don Scott officiating. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Monday from 1:30 p.m. until the time of services. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton where members of the family will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Christian Action Class of Trinity United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions, if desired, be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 401 College Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or e-mail condolences may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Roy Bailey.

Tribute Wall



“ Roy Bailey

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Mr Bailey was a wonderful man always had a smile for his students, he will be greatly missed . He had a very large impact on my life, As my assistant Principal, I saw his office many times and of course I had his talks many times. To the family I give my deepest condolences may God be with you.

Douglas G Baker Jr. - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ Mrs Bailey and Barbara, My daughters join me in extending to you our deepest sympathies in the loss of Mr. Bailey. He was a great gentleman, and I am sure impacted the lives of many students over the years. In the days ahead, I pray that God will grant you and your's the peace that passes all understanding.

Charles E. Damron - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ Helen, I am so sorry to read about your husband. Mom and Dad told me no one called them either. Please call me at 919-259-1917 or Daddy at 336-376-8718. We wished we could have been able to come up for you. But I just saw the sad news today. Please know we are thinking of you and your family. Love you Sue & Family

sue robeson - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

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“ Uncle Roy, It was a true honor to be your niece. Through the years of growing up you were a great presence in my life. I feel sadden that time has passed and I did not keep in touch now that I am an adult, but you were always thought of and loved. I remember you coming to visit Poppy and when you would tell me stories from when you two where growing up and about you being in the service. I will never forget you. You influenced my life more than I can ever say. You were a great man and I am very proud to say that I had the pleasure to know you. You will be greatly missed and always thought of. Love your niece Tina Kennedy Cook

Tina Kennedy Cook - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

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“ I just found out about uncle Roy Sunday evening. I am so sorry I couldn't be there at this time with you. Uncle Roy is a man that I've always admired and respected. If there is anything I can do for you please feel free to give me a call. I leave in Indiana now and you our all in my prayers. 317-467-1262. Love Lynn

Lynn Winkle (Kennedy) - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM