



Willis G. "Will" Gordon

November 22, 2017

Bluefield, WV- Will G. Gordon, 89, of Bluefield, WV entered Heaven on Wednesday, November 22nd.

Will was born in 1928 in Alliance, Nebraska to Cornelia Willis and Frank William Gordon. He was a resident of Bluefield since 1962, and a dedicated member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty Sanders Gordon, and son, William Dudley Gordon, and is survived by his son Mark W. Gordon and his wife Wendy M. Gordon of Cocoa Beach, Florida, and granddaughters Hannah Gordon Haynes (husband Casey Haynes) of San Francisco, CA and Abigail Gordon (fiancé Spencer Joyce) of Louisville, KY.

Will lived a full and rewarding life! He was a gifted teacher, enjoying a successful career as a college professor for 42 years at Bluefield College leaving a lasting impact on his students, and receiving many blessings from them as well. He also taught classes at Bluefield State College as an adjunct professor. As a Sunday School teacher, he taught the Christian Action Class at Trinity United Methodist Church for over 45 years. He also enjoyed serving his Christian faith in support of Trinity United Methodist Church in many capacities. Another personal pleasure were the many years "pitching" in the church and community softball leagues in the Bluefield Rec Leagues, making many lifelong friends and enjoying the competition amongst the softball community in the "Bluefields".

Will earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Georgia Institute of

Technology, and was a veteran of the U. S. Army. Being a “teacher” was his calling and he shared his lessons of education and life with many. This is his legacy and lives on in each “student” having the benefit of knowing him.

A “Celebration of Life” will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 10am at Trinity United Methodist Church followed by a “Lunch and Fellowship” for everyone to visit and share stories.

Honorary pallbearers are Mark Brewster, Tim Caldwell, Ray Froy, Pat Haye, David Henry, Denver Raines, Paul Sutphin, Rick Taylor and Joe Turley.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made 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 Mr. Will G. Gordon.

Tribute Wall



“ Willis G. "Will" Gordon

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Mark, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jerry and Chris Elswick and the Bruckner's

Chris Elswick - December 07, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ Our deepest condolences and love are with the entire family.
Prayers for comfort and faith that your father is resting in paradise.



Noreen Hyre - December 03, 2017 at 01:33 PM



“ Mark, my apologies for being out of town today, but please know our family is sharing your sadness. It was a pleasure being neighbors with such wonderful folks and I was always glad to see the little guy who knocked on the door wanting to play football. Our sadness is for you my friend, we are very happy for your dad. What a quality gentleman he was and remains. May Christ be glorified in your dad's passing as He was in your dad's life. God bless you Mark.

Dan Webb

Dan Webb - December 02, 2017 at 09:34 AM

BB

“ Teresa and I are so saddened by the passing of both Will and Betty..they were great neighbors and their friendship enriched our lives..more than can be explained with mere words..we will carry them in our hearts for the remainder of our days...the conversations...the laughter..and the lively debates on all things political..our condolences are sent with the utmost regard for these amazing people..we loved them then..we loved them still..and in our lives..we always will.

Sincerely yours,
Blaine and Teresa Braithwaite
Bristol, VA

Blaine Braithwaite - December 02, 2017 at 07:43 AM

BD

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Willis Gordon. I took a business class from him. Brenda Robinson Davidson, BC Class of 1970

Brenda R. Davidson - December 01, 2017 at 08:23 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willis G. "Will" Gordon.



December 01, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Willis G. "Will" Gordon.*



December 01, 2017 at 06:25 AM



“ *Dr. Will Gordon was a very important man in my life. He got me into BC, mentored me, acted as my faculty advisor set an example of a gentleman I have never forgotten. At the time of my returns to school over the years he recognized me and greeted me warmly. His confidence in me and continued support throughout my years of BC boosted my self confidence for the rest of my life. I used the basic principles he taught in the class room to pass many business courses beyond BC.*

There was a point when my father had to spend an extended period of time in Bluefield.

Dr. Gordon hosted him, acted as a embracery with other faculty and the administration. He treated my father as a long term friend and shared meals with him.

What a blessing to have had Dr. Will Gordon in my life!

God Rest His Soul

Tem Marshall '68

Tem Marshall - November 30, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *Dr. Gordon was a wonderful, wonderful person. I first knew him as my parents Sunday School teacher and then as my professor and advisor at BC. He not only gave me advice on my college career but also on life. A better example of living out one's faith could never be found. I still tell stories of things I learned from him and I was always excited to see him when visiting Bluefield.*

Cline Hall - November 30, 2017 at 06:02 AM

KB

“ *I never had Mr. Gordon as a professor but always enjoyed his visits to the office of student development while I worked at the college. He always brought Ranae Bailey a WVU football newspaper. Even after he had stopped teaching he would visit campus with that paper in hand.*

Kelly Bittler - November 29, 2017 at 08:18 PM

MC

“ *Had Dr. Gordon for several accounting and business classes. He loved teaching, loved students and loved Bluefield College. One of my favorite and most memorable professors. And, he never forgot his students. I'd return to homecomings and he'd always be there and always remembered me. A Bluefield College fixture has passed, but his legacy will live on.*

Class of '98

Malvin Carroll - November 29, 2017 at 08:04 PM

SM

“ What a time of rejoicing is going on in Heaven. He was a true gentleman. I enjoyed seeing him at Bluefield College's Homecomings. He didn't forget the names of students or others in the College. He would greet me by name each time and ask why I didn't take his classes. It was remarkable because I graduated in 1973. He will be missed, but I know his legacy will live on in so many peoples' hearts. Rest in peace. Shirley Chapman Meador

Shirley Chapman Meador - November 29, 2017 at 07:49 PM

DC

“ Sadly, another light in Bluefield has dimmed. What a pleasure it was to sit in the numerous business classes I had with Mr Gordon...I was always thrilled to know he'd be teaching another class I had to take. Made me so sad to get a "C" in his Money and Banking class...I was so afraid I'd disappoint him. Honestly, this man was one of the most memorable of all of my professors, and his memory will live in my heart forever. I have often wondered how he was doing and have tried to keep up with him when he was bestowed with many well-deserved honors from Bluefield. My heart goes out to his family and close friends...as Will Gordon was truly a treasure. My sincerest condolences..Class of '96

Donna Fuqua Conklin - November 29, 2017 at 03:22 PM

MA

“ Mark, and family, Blair and I were very sorry to hear about your Dad. Have known him for many years.Always enjoyed seeing him and talking to him as well. I saw him back in Sept.and we talked for a long time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this sad time. Blair and Mary (Francis) Armbrister

mary armbrister - November 29, 2017 at 01:46 PM

RO

“ So sad to hear this news. It just seems like yesterday - sitting in his sunny, cozy 3rd floor office facing East River Mountain as a senior and talking about what in the world I would do upon graduation. I don't think it is a coincidence that I'm now working in Royalty Accounting all these years later. So glad to visit with him during Homecoming in 2015.
He touched so many lives at Bluefield College. Class of 1985

Randy Owen - November 29, 2017 at 01:00 PM

MC

“ Still crunching numbers and loving every minute of it because of him. Thanks Mr. Gordon. You were truly a special person for Maywood and me. Well done good and faithful servant. BC Class Of 1970

Marybeth Carey - November 29, 2017 at 12:12 PM

BS

“ I have many memories of Will Gordon having taught with him at BC for the better part of 16 years. One is of being his catcher in a softball game ca. 1990 in which he tossed a no-hitter. That, in itself, is quite unusual. The second, more poignant memory occurred in ca. fall 1988. We were sitting together in the Golden Dome watching the Rams take on the hooligan laden team from Bristol University in a basketball scrimmage. Tensions grew during the first half and erupted in the second half following a hard foul. At once chaos ensued. Time stood still as large athletes were all over the floor duking it out, projectiles (in the form of folding chairs) were flying. Since the bleachers were very close to the court, I feared for my own safety and that of Will. Turning to check on him, I was astonished to find that he had disappeared. I feared the worst. A couple of seconds later I located him ... standing in front of the scorer's table on the court, hands raised, placating an incensed 6'8" Bristol player. After order was restored, I asked Will about that incident. He never pumped himself up, but brushed it off as simply doing what was necessary.

B. Alden Starnes

B. Alden Starnes - November 29, 2017 at 11:31 AM

BJ

“ Mr. Gordon was an outstanding professor and an even better person. I know he will be greatly missed but fondly remembered by all of his former students. To this day when we talk about former professors, as soon as his name comes up, everyone smiles. Bart Jones BC'93

Bart Jones - November 29, 2017 at 11:27 AM

SF

“ *Dr. Gordon was a favorite of my teachers at Bluefield College in 1968-69. I will always remember him very fondly. Shirley Woods Forrester*

Shirley Woods Forrester - November 29, 2017 at 11:04 AM

JE

“ *Mark your dad always had a special place in my heart. He was always an inspiration to his students and anyone who he met. Thinking of you and your family. Jeri Watson Elliott*

Jeri Watson Elliott - November 29, 2017 at 10:32 AM

MG

Thank you Jeri. We've both experienced the loss of a dear parent and family member. Hope all is well with you and family!

mark w. gordon - November 30, 2017 at 02:47 PM

BH

“ *I was lucky to have Mr. Gordon as a professor and mentor when I attended Bluefield College from 1965 to 1967. I was blessed to have many great professors at Bluefield but he was the best of the group. He was the sponsor of the Business Club and always willing to help with any project. His tradition was to have the officers of the club at his house for a meal with his family. A great individual and teacher.*

Bob Houck Class of 67

Bob Houck - November 28, 2017 at 04:56 PM

HK

“ He was simply the best. Mr. Gordon or as we affectionately called him "Uncle Will" truly cared for his students. He would get on a personal level with you and give you advice that you could take to the bank. He taught me a lot about business and a lot about being a respectable successful person. God has gained an angel who had earned his wings before being called home. Rest high on the mountain Mr. Gordon you will never be forgotten. BC class of 87

Henry Kincer - November 27, 2017 at 08:59 PM

FC

“ I too had Mr. Gordon at Bluefield College and he truly gave me the drive to succeed. Mr. Gordon cornered me one day after class and suggested I "drop out of school" since I wasn't preparing for any of my classes. It hurt my feelings and as he and I laughingly recalled the time about seven years ago, it made me angry. However, we both strongly agreed, it gave me a kick that I greatly needed at that time. Thank you Mr. Gordon for being a great friend to both me and my parents for many years. You will be missed greatly.

Frank Carter - November 25, 2017 at 05:32 PM

DM

“ I had Mr. Gordon many years ago while attending Bluefield College. I was a Business major and he made learning enjoyable. He was one of my favorite professors--kind, but knowledgable! I had him for accounting and economics. I guess you would say I am still working in the business community because of what all he helped me learn-- I sell insurance, but have used the many skills such as accounting through the years. He will be missed.

Dawn Scott Murphy

Dawn Scott Murphy - November 25, 2017 at 12:46 PM