

Minister George Erwin

December 21, 1932 - April 4, 2015

George Erwin, 82, of Scott Depot died April 4, 2015 at Hubbard Hospice House West after a short illness.

He was born December 21, 1932 in Hurricane to the late Emma (McCallister) and Owen Erwin. In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald "Ronnie" Erwin; sister, Linda Barker; son-in-law, Richard "Dick" Green; nephew, Scott Erwin; and by his wife and sidekick of 55 years, Peggy.

George graduated from Freed-Hardeman College in 1953 and was a member of Pine Grove Church of Christ. He served as minister for over fifty years among churches of Christ in Danforth (Maine), Princeton, Scott Depot, Buffalo, and Winfield. He played a pivotal role in establishing a number of churches of Christ in his lifetime, and in recent years, preached on a part-time basis for area congregations. In addition to George's work as a minister, he and Peggy found special fulfillment at Surprise Valley Youth Camp, a Christian youth camp in Beckley where George served as a director for over five decades. Beyond his ministry, George took passionate interest in WVU, Marshall, and Hurricane High athletics and was very fond of his canine companion, Toby.

George is survived by his daughter, Georg-Ann Green of Hurricane; grandson,

Blaine Kelly and wife Caroline of Morristown, TN; granddaughter, Megan Johnson and husband Josh of Johnson City, TN; six great-grandchildren; nine nieces and nephews; and an abundance of close friends, neighbors, and church family members.

Funeral service will be held at 11am Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Chapman Funeral Home with ministers Steve Fox, Tim Jorgensen, and Chris Roberts officiating. Visitation will be held 6-8 pm, Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Hurricane with Steve Johnson officiating. You may visit www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share sympathies with the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Surprise Valley Youth Camp, c/o Roger Hazelwood, 2109 Old Bramwell Road, Bluefield, WV 24701. They would also like to thank Dr. Richard Hayes for the lifetime of service and friendship given to George and Peggy.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Erwin family.

Cemetery Details

Mount Vernon Cemetery

2150 Mount Vernon Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Minister George Erwin*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I remember George and Peggy as names from my childhood at the little Church of Christ in Danforth, Maine, so long ago when Wilmar and Susie Libbey were the minister and his wife there. Precious memories!!*

Gail Spooner Mailman - April 13, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family of George and Peggy. When I was about 10-11, George came to Danforth, Maine to preach. I had such a crush on him. When he went back to West Virginia and brought back a bride I was devastated but I soon grew to love Peggy. My mother hosted a baby shower for Peggy. One of the games played was to guess the exact date of the baby's birth. A lady and myself guessed the exact date and my mother gave the prize to her. I wanted the pretty bowl for my hope chest but my mom said that wouldn't be fair. Every year on that date I think of George-Ann. George used to pick up my sister and me to take us to all church services. One Sunday night I decided I would stay home but he thought differently. He came right into the living room and got me and I went to church. Another time, one of my friends and I had decided we had listened to the sermon long enough and since we were sitting in the back we quietly sneaked out the door to play outside. He stopped preaching and came outside and brought us back in, this time to sit in the front. He and Peggy are the reason I have remained faithful to the church all my life. He sent a sympathy card to me when my husband (also one of Georges kids) died three years ago and again two months ago when my sister passed away. I was very touched and still have the cards. It meant a lot to me. This is the type of man he was. I have many more good memories and funny memories of them. They were very special people and will be missed by many. God will get you all through this as he does for me everyday. Mary Ellen Irish Lee

Mary Lee - April 13, 2015 at 02:18 PM

TH

“ I just wanted to let George-ann, Blaine, and Megan know how very precious George and Peggy always were to my family. I was baptized by George 37 years ago shortly after returning home from church camp. I will never forget him and the soft voice with constant kindness he showed me and all of the children he was associated with. My family was so much better for having George and Peggy Erwin in our lives.
In Christian Love
TAMI BUCKLEW HALL



Tami Hall - April 11, 2015 at 07:06 AM

AL

“ Our deepest condolences to your family! George was our neighbor before we moved to Pennsylvania last summer. Our daughter Cara just loved him, and he would walk Toby over to see her and would chat with her. He was always so kind to send her cards and think of her, even after our move. It really meant a lot to her, and she is very saddened to hear of his passing. George and Peggy were so kind and compassionate, and wonderful neighbors! We will miss him! Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time!
Sincerely,
Amy, Chris, and Cara Leonardi



Amy Leonardi - April 08, 2015 at 01:36 PM

RM

“ We are saddened to hear of the loss of a great man and a member of the Freed-Hardeman family. May God's strength and peace be with you when you need it most.

Ryan Malecha - Freed-Hardeman University

Ryan Malecha - April 08, 2015 at 09:05 AM

TL

“ We are sorry for your loss. The family is in our prayers.
Love: Tom & Joyce Loftis

Tom & Joyce Loftis - April 07, 2015 at 09:54 PM

GT

“ Godspeed, George. You made a great impact on so many of us who worked for you at SVYC and/or who spent time as campers there. I will remember you as such a patient man, and I know I was one of those who tested that patience far too often. :)

Genuinely --

Greg Thompson

Greg Thompson - April 07, 2015 at 11:17 AM

DF

“ I have such sweet memories of George Erwin and Surprise Valley Youth Camp and the several years I attended camp there either as a camper or counselor. George could be tough if he had to be, but he always had a smile and a kind word for everyone and lots of patience for some of our pranks. Perhaps there have been more eloquent preachers, but I don't know of many who had the dedication to young people that George and Peggy Erwin showed through their years at Surprise Valley. They touched so many young lives. I attended camp there in the '60s, and my children were there in the '80s. I feel certain that George was there for grandchildren of some of the early campers. What a legacy this good man leaves. My thoughts and prayers are with George-Ann and all of the family.

Doris Mitchell Flynn - April 07, 2015 at 09:52 AM

RJ

I will miss seeing him at church he explained the bible during class where I could understand it I enjoyed having him in Sunday class I'll have the many memories of what a great friend he was

richard burgess jr - April 08, 2015 at 12:58 PM

ML

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Mary Ellen Irish Lee - April 13, 2015 at 12:58 PM

TH

“*Thinking of you and the kids so much! So sorry we can't be there, we're with Kim and Lester in Florida. We all are keeping you in our prayers, always remember all the good memories, you have been so blessed! We love you!*

*Teresa and Chuck
Kim and Lester*

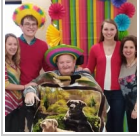
teresa hanson - April 06, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ *Karela Blinco lit a candle in memory of
Minister George Erwin* ”



Karela Blinco - April 06, 2015 at 07:50 PM



“ Today, I would like to say a farewell to my friend, brother in Christ and my mentor. When I was seven years old George was the preacher for the Princeton Church of Christ where I attended. I believe he worked there for about 10 years. It is there that George Erwin, his lovely wife Peggy Erwin took me under their wings when I was seven years old. It was there that I met their wonderful daughter.

They have been such a great example not only to me but many people. They were the reason why I started attending Surprise Valley Youth Camp and why I fell in love with the camp. Because of George, Peggy, and a few other people is the reason that I'm preaching today.

They were such loving and caring people. They were type of people that never met a stranger and would give you the shirts of their back. I had the privilege of growing up with their wonderful daughter Georg-Ann Greene and her kids Blaine Cook and Megan Johnson. They were always working at Surprise Valley Youth Camp. I just cannot say enough about this wonderful family and how they had changed the life of that little seven-year-old boy.

I know that their hearts are just breaking (so is mine). I want the family to know that they are in my heart, thoughts, and prayers. There is no doubt that George and Peggy will always be loved and missed.

Not only did George preach and Peggy teach the word, but they lived it as well. George will go on to paradise as he joins his lovely wife Peggy there. Then one day we all will see them again on Judgment Day.

George we love you and thank you for the many years of dedication you gave to Surprise Valley Youth Camp, preaching the word of God and being my mentor.

You have earned your reward and now it's time for you to retire from this earth, but we'll see you in the next life and look forward to our reunion.

See you later,

Love you and your entire family.

Roger Hazelwood

Roger Hazelwood - April 06, 2015 at 06:32 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Winter lit a candle in memory of Minister George Erwin*



Debbie Winter - April 06, 2015 at 05:43 PM

DT

“ *Darnell and Janet Terry purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Minister George Erwin.*



Darnell and Janet Terry - April 06, 2015 at 04:12 PM

BT

“ *BARBARA TERY lit a candle in memory of Minister George Erwin*



BARBARA TERY - April 06, 2015 at 03:10 PM

KD

“ *To all the family, my deepest condolences and thoughts. George and Peggy are in my memories from the time I arrived in Princeton. It was under his teaching there that my family were baptized. He was able to attend the funerals of both my wives. George was instrumental in the start of the Brushfork church in Bluefield. He guided the men in the purchase of a lot and basement structure and encouraged meetings in my home during the construction. He preached a 9:30 service and drove back to Princeton for the 11 AM service there. My eldest children and some grandchildren attended the Surprise Valley camp when he and Peggy worked there. He was always a diligent servant in the Lord's work and he will be missed.*

Kenneth Dick - April 06, 2015 at 03:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Minister George Erwin.*



April 06, 2015 at 02:12 PM

LM

“ *Linda Munyan lit a candle in memory of Minister George Erwin*



Linda Munyan - April 06, 2015 at 01:40 PM

LM

“ *Georg-Ann and Family..... Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. Erwin was such a kind and gentle man and we are going to miss him.*

The Munyan girls ,

Peggy, Sally and Linda

Linda Munyan - April 06, 2015 at 01:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Minister George Erwin.*



April 06, 2015 at 01:25 PM

DF

“ I have so many wonderful memories of George and being at Surprise Valley Youth Camp. Years later, my girls went to camp there, and George was still there. This dear, sweet man touched the lives of so many over the years and led so many to the Lord. What a wonderful legacy he leaves! Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Doris Mitchell Flynn

Doris Flynn - April 06, 2015 at 01:10 PM

DF

“ George and Peggy Erwin were my second family. I am honored to have known George and blessed to continue my lifelong friendship with Georg-Ann. So many wonderful memories! George was one of the kindest, gentlest Christian men I ever met -- he will be greatly missed by family and friends. The heavens opened up on Easter for Minister George Erwin. With my love, my sympathy and my prayers,

Debbie Hudkins Finnell

Debra Hudkins Finnell - April 06, 2015 at 01:07 PM

TA

“ Teresa Swann Adkins lit a candle in memory of Minister George Erwin



Teresa Swann Adkins - April 06, 2015 at 10:15 AM

SH

“ Georg-Ann and Family.....We will miss George so much at the Glenwood Church of Christ. He was such a wonderful example of a dedicated and faithful Christian. He always preached in a quiet and meaningful way which made his message that much more powerful. You are in our prayers!

Billy and Sharon Holley

Sharon Holley - April 05, 2015 at 09:06 PM

KB

“ I first met George 54 years ago. I was a camper at Surprise Valley Youth Camp. Starting in 1977 I worked with George at the camp through the summer of 1984. George was always a source of encouragement to us. May God give this family grace, mercy and comfort.

Keith & Diane Bellamy - April 05, 2015 at 06:43 PM

CC

George Erwin will be missed by many, I see George as a very spiritual man that lived the life that God would have him to live. He will be missed by many here on earth but he's home where our loving Lord is. George lived his life in the manner that someday he would have that beautiful home with our Savior Jesus Christ. George not only preached the word of God he lived what he taught, now that's what you call a Christian!! Rest my dear brother and friend. Carolyn Clark

Carolyn Clark - April 06, 2015 at 04:40 PM

PC

We will miss George and I will miss seeing him carry the little basket he carry every Sunday morning. He also baptized me in 1981. Cledius was also re-baptized the same day with me. It was a wonderful day in our lives. He was a wonderful friend and we will miss his smiling face every Sunday morning. Rest in peace my friend.

Phyllis and Cledius Collins. - April 07, 2015 at 09:08 AM