



Rev. William "Bill" B. Fulks

February 18, 1938 - December 1, 2025

The Rev. William B. "Bill" Fulks, 87, of Scott Depot, WV, died on December 1, 2025. Bill was a retired Episcopal priest and a devoted member of St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church.

He was born on February 18, 1938, in Huntington, WV, to the late F. Hicks and Mary Ellen Fulks. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Virginia Leigh Thacker.

Bill graduated from Huntington High School in 1956 and from Marshall College in 1961 with a degree in Philosophy. He earned his Master of Divinity in 1964 from Bexley Hall Seminary at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 1, 1964—a calling he lived faithfully for 61 years to the day.

Throughout his long ministry, Bill served congregations across West Virginia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, including Church of the Transfiguration, Buckhannon, WV; Calvary Church, Montgomery, WV; Church of the Good Shepherd, Hansford, WV; St. Peter's, Huntington, WV; St. Barnabas, Bridgeport, WV; Trinity Church, South Boston, VA; and Emmanuel Church, Quakertown, PA.

In 1979, Bill answered a call to missionary service and spent three years as an Episcopal Church missionary to the Anglican Province of Tanzania, East

Africa. While there, he taught at St. Mark's Theological College in Dar es Salaam. He also served his Diocese in numerous leadership roles, including the Commission on Ministry and the Committee on Canon Law.

Pastoral care, teaching, and mentorship were among his greatest gifts. He was passionate about learning, studying scripture, practicing Swahili, and enjoying many games of chess. His quick wit and humor will be remembered by all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Joanne; his daughters, Sharon Maynard (Brent) of Hurricane, WV, and Mary McCabe (Jim) of Wilmington, NC; and his grandchildren, Forrest McCabe of Arlington, VA; Lauren Blazek (Grayson) of Holly Springs, NC; Cameron Maynard (Deena) of Groveport, OH; and William Maynard of Hurricane, WV. He is also survived by his sister Adah Leichty of California.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 pm on December 11, 2025 at St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church, located at 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV with the Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 12:30 pm until 1:45 pm at the church.

A reception will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia for Peterkin Conference Center in memory of The Rev. William B. Fulks.

Those wishing to share a memory or condolence may do so by visiting Bill's tribute page at www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com

Chapman Funeral Home, 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV, is honored

to serve the Fulks family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

St. Timothy's-In-The-Valley
3434 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Memorial Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Peter J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. William "Bill" B. Fulks.

Peter J. - December 08, 2025 at 07:23 AM

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“ Svetlana Koltovskaia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rev. William "Bill" B. Fulks.



Svetlana Koltovskaia - December 04, 2025 at 12:09 PM

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“ Svetlana Koltovskaia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. William "Bill" B. Fulks.

Svetlana Koltovskaia - December 04, 2025 at 12:09 PM

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“ I first met Bill in 2009, when I came to Huntington, West Virginia, as a Fulbright Scholar at Marshall University to teach Russian. My fellow Fulbright colleague, Furaha Njovu, who arrived the same year to teach Swahili, invited me to join her for a meeting with Bill and his wife, Joanne. That meeting changed everything.

From that moment on, we grew very close, and I came to think of Bill's family as my American family. Bill and Joanne welcomed Furaha and me into their home and into their lives. They invited us to countless events, holidays, and dinners. We always cherished our time with them.

I loved Bill's wonderful sense of humor and how he would playfully mix Swahili into our conversations—for example, “Lana, sasa hivi, let's go to X.” Those small moments always warmed my heart.

After my Fulbright year ended, I returned to my home country, but in 2013, when I came back to the U.S. to study in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, Bill and Joanne drove there to bring me things and help me get settled. In 2015, I returned once again to work at INTO Marshall and was fortunate to meet with Bill and his family from time to time. Then, in 2016, when I was accepted into the PhD program at Oklahoma State University, Bill and Joanne drove me all the way to Stillwater. Their kindness knew no limits.

Bill was my American granddad—someone incredibly dear to me. I will miss him more than words can express. I will forever remember the impact he had on my life: his humor, his generosity, his willingness to help, and the way he made international students like me feel at home in a new country. He had a truly loving and generous heart, and he taught me, through his example, how to be a better person. I will try my best to carry that lesson forward.

I wish I could see him one more time and have one more warm conversation. Bill will always remain in my mind and heart.

Rest in peace, dear Bill.

Svetlana Koltovskaia - December 04, 2025 at 12:01 PM