



William Clyde Pressley

March 22, 1926 - March 19, 2016

William Clyde Pressley, 89, of Winchester, VA, died Saturday, March 19, 2016 in Winchester Medical Center.

He was born March 22, 1926 in Speedwell, NC the son of Jake and Mary Ashe Pressley.

He served in the US Navy from 1944 until 1946 after which he entered Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC in 1946. He earned a B.S. degree in math and physical education in 1950 and an M.E. degree in school administration in 1955. He completed one year of post graduate studies in school administration at U.N.C., Chapel Hill, NC. As an undergraduate at WCU, he was an honor student, president of the student body, a student leader in numerous campus activities and was a varsity basketball and baseball player. In 1950 Mr. Pressley began a highly successful career as a teacher, coach and school administrator serving as junior high school principal in Leaksville (now Eden), Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Waynesville (Haywood County), all in North Carolina. In 1970 he returned to Eden to serve as superintendent of Eden City Schools until his retirement in 1984. He was appointed by Governor Terry Sanford to serve on the NC State Textbook Commission and was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to serve on the NC Junior High School Study Committee. From 1985 until 1991 he was a Financial and Pre-Retirement Counselor for Horace Mann Insurance Company where

he worked with educators in six Mid-Atlantic States.

In 1991 he married Ramona L. Brooks of Inwood, WV. Mr. Pressley was active in Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester, VA where he served as Senior Warden of the Vestry and “Clerk of the Works” during a major construction project at the church. He was instrumental in organizing a men’s fellowship group, a men’s Bible study and was a member of various church committees. He was also instrumental in helping organize the Winchester-Frederick County chapter of Habitat for Humanity where he served as a board member and on several committees. The Pressleys moved to Winchester, VA in 2003.

In addition to his wife, Ramona Pressley, a former elementary teacher in Winchester City Schools, Mr. Pressley is survived by two daughters, Pat C. Rice of Greensboro, NC and Penny Ferreira and her husband John of Nashua, NH; a granddaughter, Megan Conner of Nashville, TN; his stepchildren, Kathy Anderson of Winchester, Liz Davies and her husband Robert of Stephens City, Kurt Meier of Winchester, Bill Meier of Leesburg, VA; step-grandchildren, Erin Thomas and her husband Justin, Amy Thomas and her husband Jeremy, Cindy Verdeck and her husband Chris of Burlington, NC, Brooke Davies, Hannah Davies, and Billy and Kevin Meier all of Winchester and four great-grandchildren, Julian Thomas, Colin Thomas, Ava Thomas and Alton Kruse.

A son, Danny R. Pressley, is deceased.

A funeral service will be Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in Christ Episcopal Church, 114 W. Boscawen Street, Winchester with Rev. Webster Gibson officiating.

Urn bearers will be Roger Zebarth, Eric Melkerson, Greg Hutchinson, Dr. Kenneth Banks and Chris Francis.

Honorary bearers will be Dr. Jim Laidlaw, Harold Matthews, Harman Pritchard and David Green.

Following the service, and a private inurnment, the family will receive friends at a reception in the Parish Hall of the church.

The family would like to thank the First Light Care Team for life saving care given to Mr. Pressley.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Living Memorial Fund of Christ Episcopal Church, 114 W. Boscawen Street, Winchester, VA 22601 or to William Clyde Pressley Scholarship Fund at Rockingham Community College, 215 Wrenn Memorial Road, Wentworth, NC 27375 or to Habitat For Humanity, 145 Baker Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

Arrangements are by Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service, Winchester, VA.

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to read this as I know there was to be a celebration in just a few days. I remember your dad when I was at Junior High, as he was the principal and a fine one. He had the respect of the students and the staff. He was a great Superiendent when he went into that position.

*Hope all of you are doing well, as I know how difficult this can be.
With my deepest sympathy, prayers for the entire family.*

Susan Childrey, Eden, NC - March 30, 2016 at 11:40 PM

TS

“ Although we never had the honor of meeting Mr.Pressley, through him we did have the pleasure of meeting his two amazing daughters. We saw the care they provided him and the way the spoke with love in their voice allowed us to see what a great man he was. Everyone here is sorry for your loss Pat and Penny and we are all offering our sincere condolences to you and your entire family.

The Comfort Inn of Winchester, VA staff - March 24, 2016 at 05:03 PM

DB

“ Dear Pat and Penny,
We are thinking of you and remembering what a great friend your dad was to our family.

May your sadness be tempered today with stories of his life well-lived.

Much love,

Art, Lorraine, Beth and Diana Boger

Diana Boger - March 24, 2016 at 11:32 AM

JJ

“ We may not be there with you in person but we certainly are there with you in spirit.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this very sad time.

our love fore

Jackie & Joe - March 23, 2016 at 03:43 PM

CC

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family.
Love, Aunt Carol*

Carol Christenson - March 23, 2016 at 10:12 AM

AD

“ *Our prayers are with you during this time.
Anna Jane and Don Daniel*

Anna Jane Daniel - March 23, 2016 at 08:45 AM

MH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.
Love,
Mike & Brenda Hays*

Mike & Brenda Hays - March 22, 2016 at 02:47 PM