



James William "Bill" DeMoss

May 23, 1941 - November 24, 2021

Rev. James William "Bill" DeMoss, 80, of Huntington, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, November 24, 2021, in St. Mary's Medical Center. He was born May 23, 1941, in Clarksburg, WV, a son of the late Everett and Virginia DeMoss. In addition to his parents, a sister and brother-in-law Mary and Myron Jackson, one brother, Robert DeMoss and his loving in-laws, Dr. W.H. and Ida Morrison preceded him in death. Bill was a humble servant of God. If he knew you for but a moment you were his best friend. After completing his Masters in Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC he served as a United Methodist pastor across West Virginia for sixty-one years. His appointments included churches in Frenchton, Bunker Hill, Bridgeport, New Haven, Wheeling, Kenova, and Huntington areas. His career was defined by many achievements. Most impressive was, while serving 3 churches and simultaneously attending seminary, he was awarded the Town and Country church of the year 2 years in a row. His leadership skills led him to chair and preside over many community organizations as well as serve on boards for the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. One of his legacies was that he was instrumental in starting the Volunteer Night Call Chaplain Ministry at St. Mary's Medical Center.

Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Elizabeth Morrison DeMoss; three children Mark DeMoss (Renee) of Greenville, SC, Michael DeMoss (Pam) of Scotttown, OH and Michele Michael (David) of Chesapeake, OH; 6 grandchildren, Nina DeMoss, Andrew DeMoss, Patrick DeMoss (Kyra), Nathan DeMoss (Mariah), Eli Michael, and Mary Katherine "MK" Michael; and 7 great-grandchildren, Lathyn, Calvin, Shi, Nola, Joa, Kendrick, Judah, and Lennox DeMoss, and one more coming in March of 2022; one brother, Everett DeMoss (Karen); three nieces, Anna McPherson (Jim), Roberta Simons (David) and Pamela Kyer; three nephews, Michael Jackson, Timothy DeMoss and Bobby Summers. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 pm Saturday, November 27, 2021, at Community of Grace United Methodist Church with Pastor Tim Halloran, Pastor Joseph Hill and Fr. Jim Sobus officiating. The family will receive friends from noon to service time Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Bill's memory to the United Methodist Foundation of WV, Inc. for support of retired ministers, P.O. Box 3811, Charleston, WV 25338. Chapman's Mortuary is assisting the family. Online

condolences may be sent to <http://www.chapmans-mortuary.com>.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Community of Grace United Methodist Church
28th Street and 3rd Avenue, Huntington, WV, US, 25702

NOV **Funeral Ceremony** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Bill was our parents’ pastor in Wheeling for many years. We can’t think of a better way to say it than stated in the obituary, “If he knew you for but a moment you were his best friend.” Bill always had nice things to say and a smile on his face. We fondly remember his wonderful sense of humor.

He was there supporting and comforting our mother June and all the family back in 1994 when our dad passed away. His love, guidance, and prayers as Dad’s health was failing and after he passed will always be remembered.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Mary and the rest of Bill’s family during this very difficult time. We can all picture him now with our Mom and Dad telling some story making them all smile and laugh.

Rick, Patricia, Steve, and Barb Watson and their families

Rick Watson - December 04, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Rev DeMoss was a kind and caring man who will be greatly missed. Prayers for comfort.

Ann Koegler - November 27, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ May the Lord comfort you all in this time. I remember Bill for his love of the Lord and commitment to people of the church(es) he served. My appreciation grew over the years, after I had shaken my youthful errors of judgment. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Marc Clauson (and wife Jennifer)

Xenia, Ohio

Former member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, Huntington, WV

marc clauson - November 27, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ Oh how I loved Rev. DeMoss. He & Mary was by my side for my Momma's death & did her funeral service. I had them to my house after one Easter Service. They were very enthused with the dinner. However, my Momma was horrified when I put the mustard and ketchup bottles on the table. Just a little humor on this very sad day.
RIP: PASTOR BILL

Carol S Butler - November 27, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Steve and I are saddened to hear of Bill's passing however rejoice in his journey home. Much love to beautiful Mary and the family.

Paula Hamrick - November 27, 2021 at 12:05 AM



“ Dear Mary and family,
I am so saddened to hear this. Pastor Bill was truly one of the sweetest people I've ever known! When I told him my oldest son would be attending WV Wesleyan, he literally went with me to the school for the music audition. I will never forget the love and support he gave me and others while at Cross Roads UMC. I am praying your precious memories will help to sustain you and your family during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Mary Russell

Mary Russell - November 26, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ Laurie and I are so sad to learn of Rev. DeMoss' passing. He was so supportive of Laurie in her career as a UMC Parish Administrator even years after we left Wheeling in 2000. He was a key figure helping me to coordinate Wheeling Jesuit University's Martin Luther King Day Community Celebration March. Most of all, he was just a great guy and a very positive influence in many people's lives and an impact on many communities as well. He will be missed.

Eddie Swain - November 26, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ When I think of Bill DeMoss, which is often, I think of kindness, generosity, spirit, laughter, hugs, and the epitome of a Christian soul. He, and Mary, have seen me through rough times and happy times, and he never ever failed to be there for our family. Heaven's gain is our loss but the memories of Bill will last in our hearts forever. God bless Mary, Mark, Mike, Michele and all their families with God's greatest blessing of peace and comfort. May your beautiful memories sustain you.
Linda and Steve Spurlock
Helen and Denzil Burch

Linda Spurlock - November 26, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Bill and Mary were a great influence on our life as a young family at Otterbein. Their dedication to Gods work was unquestionable. We knew we could count on Bill to love and support and pray for us!
Heaven is a richer place today but his earthly family and friends will miss him terribly... until we meet again
Lynne and Rick Leary

Lynne and Rick Leary - November 26, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ Mary, Diane and I were so sadden to read about Bill's passing. Bill was such a good man, a friend to all and a true servant of God. Diane and I will cherish his memory from the days we met at Crossroads Methodist Church. The minute after we met Bill, we felt like he was a old friend. Such a gentle and kind man I found Bill to be. We will miss Bill but we take comfort in all the good he did and all the hearts of people he touched. Not many people could do that but Bill could. Mary, our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time. May God Bless. Ron & Diane Oliver
Amelia Island Florida.

Ron & Diane Oliver - November 26, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ Bill Demoss never meet a stranger and always made you feel so much better with his special way of words. He was always very special to our entire family and we are so grateful to have know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and the family. He will be greatly missed☐

Gary, Jina, Chase, Corie, Beckett Ward - November 26, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ Mary and Family:
So sorry to learn of Bill's death. He has been a friend and fellow pastor since college days. Both of you have been special in my life. God's peace and comfort be with you.
Joe Geiger

Dr. Joseph N. Geiger, Sr. - November 26, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Quite simply.... I loved this man. Such a wonderful example of Christ's love. Thank you for influencing my life, and the life of my children.

charlene frazier - November 26, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ Bill was a wonderful support for our family through many of life's trials. He always had the right words to make you feel better. Stephanie Diamond

Stephanie Diamond - November 25, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ Bill was never my pastor but was always my friend. From the time I met him years ago he always remembered our relationship and shared his pastoral gift of caring. Our meetings were always pleasant and a unique blessing. He was a gifted pastor.

Bill Deel - November 25, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ Throughout our early ministries in the Huntington District, Bill and I were neighboring pastors. I always appreciated Bill's acceptance and love. He was supportive and a real brother. Judy and send our love and prayers to Mary and all the family.

Dr. Kenneth Pyles, Summerfield, FL/

William Kenneth Pyles - November 26, 2021 at 08:26 AM



“ Harriet and I are with family in Michigan or we would be with you and your family to honor Bill and your ministry together. “Now let your servant depart in peace.” (Canticle of Simeon)

David & Harriet Peters - November 26, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers for the DeMoss family. We did not know Mark's father but no doubt his father's legacy continues to live through Mark's and the work he and wife Renee do through their love of God and care for others. With utmost respect, Patte and Nathan T. Titus, Colonel, USAF, Retired

Patte Titus - November 28, 2021 at 10:37 AM