



Edward Dorrin Jr.

June 4, 1933 - July 2, 2022

Pastor Edward Dorrin Jr., 89 of Edinburg, VA went home to be with the Lord, Saturday July 2, 2022, at Heritage Hall Rehabilitation Center in Brookneal, Virginia. Pastor Dorrin was born June 4, 1933, in Darby, Pennsylvania, the son of Edward Dorrin Sr. and Elizabeth Murray Dorrin. He attended Darby High School where he met and married the love of his life Emily Mary Blankley. They were married on September 1, 1951 and have been together faithfully for 70 years until his passing Saturday. He started his working career following in his father's footsteps as a plasterer in the Philadelphia area. In 1958 after some reluctance, Pastor Dorrin answered God's call and attended Elohim Bible College, where he became a minister preaching God's word. Pastor Dorrin and his growing family served in several churches from Upstate New York to Castleton, VA in Rappahannock County. In 1970 he crossed the Blue Ridge mountains and settled in Woodstock, VA where he became the first Pastor of Grace Baptist Church. From a small group of people meeting in a basement and hungering for the word of God, the church was blessed and grew. They soon built their first building where it stands today. After giving the people of Grace Baptist his all, he moved to two more churches in New Jersey, close to his mother and family. After 50-plus years of doing God's work and "leading many to Christ," he retired and moved back to his beloved Woodstock. He then became a member of Valley Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School and helped run the radio station WOTC for a time. Pastor Dorrin spent almost his entire life serving the Lord any way he could.

Pastor Dorrin is predeceased by his parents, two brothers Earl (Joyce) and Jack (Josephine) and a son Donald Edward Dorrin. He is survived by his wife Emily, two daughters, Joanne Nightingale (Everett) of Rocky Mount N.C., Mary Beth Jones (Hugh) of Brookneal, Virginia, a daughter-in-law Jeannine Dorrin of Lynchburg, Virginia, two sons Thomas Dorrin (Judy) of Clayton, N.C., and John Dorrin (Diane) of Woodstock, VA. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held 11:00 A.M. Saturday, July 9, 2022, at Brookneal Baptist Church 304 Wickliffe Road, Brookneal VA. Pastor Andrew Reisberg officiating. A graveside service will be held Sunday July 10, 2022, at Cedar Wood Cemetery in Edinburg, Virginia at 2 p.m. Pallbearers will be Grandchildren. Pastor Ken Sparks officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. The family would like to especially thank Mary Beth Jones for the years of selfless care, daily visits, and time spent tending to dad's needs. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to The Alzheimer's Association 3831 Old Forest Rd., Suite 7 Lynchburg, VA. 24504. Cemetery Details Cedarwood Cemetery 214 S. Main St. Edinburg, VA 22824 Previous Events Service JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET) Brookneal Baptist Church 304 Wickliffe Road Brookneal, VA Visitation JUL 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET) Cedarwood Cemetery 214 S. Main St. Edinburg, VA 22824 Service JUL 10. 2:00 PM (ET) Cedarwood Cemetery 214 S. Main St. Edinburg, VA 22824

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *John, Diane, and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. May your warm and happy memories be a blessing during this time.* ”

Judy Ryman Bauserman - July 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *John and family, Praying for peace, comfort and calm for you all.* ”

Kevin & Anita Foltz - July 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *John and Diane, I'm so sorry for your loss, may God give you comfort and peace in this time of sadness.* ”

Theresa Proctor Hall - July 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *We loved Pastor Dorrin. Met him at Valley Baptist Church. Prayers for family.* ”

Edna an Jesse - July 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. My grandmother, Edythe Barrick, always thought a lot of your precious Dad.* ”

Vivian Wetzel - July 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *May God Bless the Dorrin family at this time of sorrow.* ”

Frank and Bonnie Painter - July 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM