



Joseph Ramsey Maxwell

January 27, 1930 - January 17, 2016

Services: 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Marshfield Church of the Nazarene, under the direction of Montgomery-Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo. Burial in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church. Pastor Brian Letsinger will officiate.

Escorts are Brendan Maxwell, Kellan Maxwell, Joe Maxwell, Jon Freeman, Jeff Weatherly and Oval Revels. Honorary escorts are Wilbur Maxwell, Douglas Maxwell, Thomas Maxwell, Robert Maxwell, Barry Maxwell, Virginia Davenport and Mary Layne.

Joseph Ramsey Maxwell, 85, was born Jan. 27, 1930, near Hixburg, Va., the son of Graydon and Lucille (Ramsey) Maxwell. He died Jan. 17, 2016, in the Missouri Veterans Home.

He was the eldest of 11 children. He was reared on a farm raising tobacco and all manner of crops and livestock. He spent many days out in the fields with brothers and sisters working side by side.

He accepted Christ as a young boy of 14 and joined Walkers Presbyterian Church near Hixburg. He later moved his membership to Beale Memorial Presbyterian Church in Pamplin where it remained. As a teenager, he was the youngest deacon ever commissioned while at Walkers Church.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1953 and had two tours of duty in occupied West Germany before being discharged in 1961. During his Army duty and while stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, he met the love of his life, Frances Smith. He was united in marriage with Frances on Sept. 12, 1957.

He worked for 23 years at the garment factory in Bolivar before retiring in 1985.

His passions included listening to bluegrass music, especially Bill Monroe, and its history. He loved listening to the Rev. Billy Graham's preaching. He loved to garden. He also enjoyed having father and son time walking by the creeks and trails.

His faith was important to him. He read his Bible each day and said his prayers at night on his knees. He lived by the word, and though he struggled with many things in life, he remained resolute in his faith. He set a clear example of what it meant to be a Christian and the importance of sharing that gift with others.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings: Marie, Forrest and Graydon Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Frances, Fair Grove; his son, Joe F. and wife, Susan Maxwell, Marshfield; two grandsons: Brendan Maxwell and Kellan Maxwell; one granddaughter, Caroline Maxwell, all of Marshfield; five brothers: Wilbur, Pageland, S.C., Doug, Saxe, Va., Tom and Robert, both of Appomattox, Va., and Barry, Pamplin, Va.; two sisters: Virginia Elder Davenport, Appomattox, Va., and Mary Layne, Charlotte Courthouse, Va.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Tribute Wall



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December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Joey..I love you all and wish I could be with you and your mom.*

Linda E. Rice - January 20, 2016 at 07:26 PM

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“ I will always remember Uncle Joe's smile, how it reached up to his eyes. How fast the time flies! I think often of the endless summers when we were young and still gathering at Granny Macs, I thanked him at one of those visits, for bringing my favorite cousin to visit me, he said he wanted us to be close even though miles were between us. I like to think that he knew we would be like brother and sister. I am forever grateful for those precious memories. Thank you Uncle Joe. Tell Granny Mac I love and miss her, hug her for me. Love you.

Carolyn Martin - January 20, 2016 at 06:53 PM

DG

“ Joe, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your Father sounds like a wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the Lord comfort you with all the wonderful memories you have of your Dad. May God Bless and Keep you and yours. Deb.

Debbie Gostick - January 20, 2016 at 11:30 AM

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“ Frances, I'm so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family.

Barbie Wells - January 20, 2016 at 08:48 AM