



Rev. George Wayne Cuff

September 3, 1923 - September 28, 2015

The Honorable Rev. George Wayne Cuff (generally known as Rev. G. Wayne Cuff) was born one of seven siblings in Chester, PA on September 3, 1923 to loving parents, Lydia Craig and Theodore Cuff. He departed this life in Manor Care Health Services in Camp Hill, PA on September 28, 2015, surrounded by members of his adoring family.

Rev. Cuff's childhood education was in the Chester, PA school system. He then earned a Bachelor Degree from Lincoln University in Oxford, PA, prior to attending Crozer Theological Seminary, from which he earned a Master of Divinity degree.

His spiritual journey began as a young boy, as he attended the St. Daniels Church in Chester, PA. Over the years, he served as an usher; sang in various choirs and served on numerous committees. He also served in numerous other churches including: Waugh United Methodist Church in Cambridge, MD; Union Methodist Church; St. Paul Methodist Church; Simpson United Methodist Church and Hillcrest-Bellefonte. He was ordained as a deacon in 1953 and an Elder a couple of years later. In his leadership role as a "Pastor's Pastor" in the Peninsula Conference, Rev. Cuff served as the United Methodist Wilmington District Superintendent after serving as the Dover and Wilmington District Superintendent.

Having fallen deeply in love with the beautiful Mary Elizabeth Coleman, he eagerly married her on his 33rd birthday in 1956.

Prior to his religious employment, Rev. Cuff worked in a hardware store during

high school, served in the U.S. Navy and worked at the Sinclair Oil & Gas Refinery.

Those who knew him well realized just how intelligent he was. He was also very kind-hearted and generous and loved to tell jokes that many could never figure out the punch lines. He enjoyed crossword puzzles because he was a wordsmith. He even studied the dictionary. He was known as a “fix it” man because he could reassemble anything. He also enjoyed making metal jewelry, especially rings.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary E. (Coleman) Cuff; all of his siblings: his brothers, Theodore Jr., James Cuff and Alfred Cuff as well as his three sisters, Eleanor, Lavenia and Esther.

He leaves to cherish his memory his two children: Hakeem Abdallah of Atlanta, GA and Selena Simpson-McGarvey (fiancé, Joshua Cobb) of Harrisburg, PA; a sister-in-law, Liz Cuff of Maryland; his five grandchildren, all of Harrisburg, PA: Anthony Fletcher, Jr. (wife, Jackie); Joseph Shockley, III (wife, Tiffany); Marie Shockley; Sasha Winters (husband, Justin) and Teresa Simpson; 13 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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“Remember with heart felt affection my brother in the ordained ministry of the United Methodist Church. He paved the way in the Church persons of color and whites to minister together in complimentary, meaningful and helpful ways. I think he did this and many other aspects of ministry well because he was a very friendly and likable man. He remains a God gift to us in our hearts and minds. May family and many friends be be lifted by our prayers and thanksgiving for Rev Wayne Cuff who's spirit continues to live among us in the holy name of Jesus.

Much love and many prayers, Don Hurst

Don Hurst - October 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“Please accept my sincere condolences for your great loss. God's word promises that soon we will be saying: "Death where is your victory? Death where is your sting?" (1 Cor. 15:55) Almighty God also promises: "He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:8) May reflecting on this wonderful future blessing and your wonderful moments shared with George, bring you a measure of comfort.

Mary - October 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM