



William Douglas "Bill" Duty

December 5, 1931 - February 1, 2025

A God-loving man, William Douglas "Bill" Duty, 93, of Delbarton, WV, passed away on February 1, 2025, at his home, leaving behind a legacy cherished by family, friends, neighbors, and students. Bill, affectionately known as "Dad" or "Papaw," was a beloved figure in the Delbarton community for many decades.

Born December 5, 1931, in Ragland, WV, Bill spent the early years of his life living in several places while maintaining roots in his mountain home. Beginning his lifelong dedication to education, Bill travelled around the country—indeed around the world—in his younger years learning and earning degrees in his chosen fields of German, economics, and teaching.

Bill was a lifelong educator dedicated to the mission of teaching students. For decades, he was a teacher in the Mingo County public school system where he made an impact on thousands of students. Later in his career, he served as treasurer for the school district before serving on the Board of Education for years. He never missed an opportunity to teach lessons of life and wisdom to loved ones outside the classroom. Bill was also a dedicated Christian and an early member of the Connolly Memorial Baptist Church in Delbarton, where he has served as deacon, trustee and Sunday school teacher.

Bill married the love of his life Wenda Lee Duty on March 14, 1953, and they shared 66 years of marriage until her passing in 2020. He is survived by his two children William H. Duty (Judy) of Delbarton and Marcia Price (Randal) of Varney. He is also survived by his four grandchildren William C. Duty (Heather Wolford), Stephen Duty (Tonya Norman), Amanda Brooks, and John Price. Bill also leaves behind several great-grandchildren: William Edward Duty, Olivia Duty, Alexia Bevins, Stephen Philip Duty, Isaac Dixon, Micah Stemple, Shannon Dixon, Shyla Jude, Rebecca Jude, Caleb Jude, Lily Jude, and Emma Jude. His memory will also be cherished by family members Dora Justice, Jenna Chafin, Derek "Snake" Johnson, the Curry family, his beloved cat Spike, and many more.

A service celebrating Bill's life will be held Saturday, February 8, at 1:00 p.m. at Connolly Memorial Baptist Church. Visitation will take place at the church prior to the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Cremation will follow the service. Chafin Funeral Home is providing support to the family.

"Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'" – John 11:25-26

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Connelly Memorial Baptist Church
1569 Helena Ave
Delbarton, WV 25670

Service

FEB 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Connolly Memorial Baptist Church
Delbarton, WV

Tribute Wall

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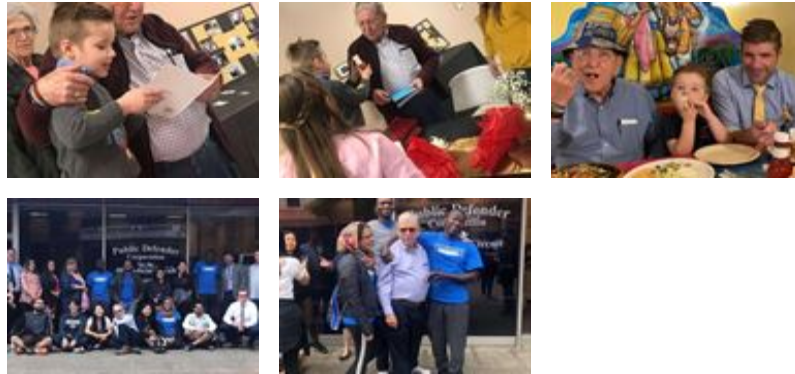
“ Ashlee & Joe purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William Douglas "Bill" Duty.



Ashlee & Joe - February 07, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ 119 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chafin Funeral Home - February 07, 2025 at 09:40 AM

OA

“ Ohio School Boards Association purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Douglas "Bill" Duty.

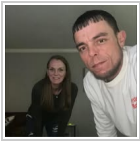


Ohio School Boards Association - February 06, 2025 at 12:41 PM

ME

“ Praying for family and friends. Loved Bill dearly. He was a very special man. If we were out with him he'd always talk to everyone he came in contact with whether he knew them or not. If he wasn't sure if they knew the Lord he'd share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. This is the kind of person I want to be.

Melissa - February 05, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ Bill and my papaw, Mitchell Chapman, were really good buddies. Always had respect for him and his family. Sad to hear of his passing.

Jessica Chapman - February 05, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of William Douglas "Bill" Duty.



February 05, 2025 at 10:49 AM

CS

“ He was a wonderful, patient, teacher.

Connie Siciliano - February 05, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ Emma G Runyon lit a candle in memory of William Douglas "Bill" Duty



Emma G Runyon - February 05, 2025 at 08:03 AM

AR

Praying for the family. My dad Willie Reed were very good friends with Mr. Duty. They worked at the BOE of Mingo County. He will be missed. 🙏❤️

Arva Reynolds - February 06, 2025 at 08:18 PM

WD

“ With love, Billy, Alaina, and Drake purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Douglas "Bill" Duty.



With love, Billy, Alaina, and Drake - February 04, 2025 at 08:52 PM

Gail Hall

“ Gail Hall lit a candle in memory of William Douglas "Bill" Duty



Gail Hall - February 04, 2025 at 08:29 PM



It was such a pleasure to work with Bill at Lenore High School and in the Association of Classroom Teachers. Sending positive thoughts, love, and prayers for the family/friends that our Heavenly Father will wrap His loving arms ~giving you comfort, peace, and strength/courage for these days and those ahead. Farewell for now.

Gail Hall - February 04, 2025 at 08:34 PM

FF

“ *Floyd Farley lit a candle in memory of William Douglas "Bill" Duty*



Floyd Farley - February 04, 2025 at 07:53 PM

SL

“ *Sue Light lit a candle in memory of William Douglas "Bill" Duty*



Sue Light - February 04, 2025 at 07:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Douglas "Bill" Duty.*



February 04, 2025 at 07:11 PM

AC

“ *Anita Christian lit a candle in memory of William Douglas "Bill" Duty*



Anita Christian - February 04, 2025 at 04:02 PM

JU

Our hearts go out to Bill's family, we had the pleasure of seeing him and talking to him many times at the Duty Cemetary in Ragland. Our fat

Our hearts go out to Bill's family. We had the pleasure of seeing him and talking to him on the Duty Cemetary in Ragland. He will be missed. The family of Bennie(Rodney) and Ailene(Mahon) Duty

JudyHoward - February 04, 2025 at 07:47 PM

HF

When my husband, Jim was ill Mr. Duty walked to our house EVERY Sunday after church to visit/pray with us. We had a wonderful experience on one of the visits that Jim prayed also and the presence of the Lord was so strong we both opened our eyes at same time to see the visible change come on Jim's face. Nothing was said but we saw and could feel what happened during that prayer. Mr. Duty told me later this story: About a year previous his Sunday School teacher had asked all of them to write on paper 10 people and commit to daily praying for their salvation. Jim's name was first on Mr.Duty's list. He witnessed an answer to his prayers that Sunday afternoon there in our living room while he prayed the final prayer for Jim's salvation. We are grateful God sent him to us during this time of Jim's illness and death.

Hazel, Stephen and David Farley

hazel farley - February 05, 2025 at 10:39 AM

RP

*Prayers for all who knew and loved Mr. Duty. A great man who loved God and everyone he met.
Roy & Peggy Patrick*

Roy & Peggy Patrick - February 05, 2025 at 09:21 PM

JB

I was never blessed to met Mr. Duty face to face but spoke to him numerous times on the phone. I had just lost my mother and he, his beloved wife. Once we made Contact I would call on my lunch breaks and even from home a few times. He was so knowledgeable and eloquent when he spoke I know God put us in each others lives at such a low point. It was during the outbreak of Covid so he didn't have a lot of visitors but oh how I enjoyed our conversations!!! I honestly loved him!! Prayers for each of you as I cannot imagine the void his passing has left but find comfort in knowing he is with the love of his life and his Lord!!!

Jennifer Bentley - February 23, 2025 at 07:50 PM