



Rev. E. Nelson Lea

December 2, 1930 - September 18, 2018

Rev. E. Nelson Lea, 87, of 4749 Level Run Road, Hurt passed away on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at his home.

He was born December 2, 1930 in Welch, WV, a son of the late Walter Thomas Lea, Sr. and Ernice Nona Dawson Lea. Nelson graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1954 from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY. He served as pastor of Morattico Baptist Church from 1957 to 1980 and Wicomico Baptist Church from 1957 to 1982 in the Northern Neck of VA. He received a Master in Special Education in 1983 from Lynchburg College. Nelson returned to ministry in 1984 as pastor of Evangelical United Methodist-Harper- Chapel Charge until his retirement in 1994. He was a member of New Bethel United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two sisters, Irma Lea Hedrick of Hurt and Janice L. Farmer (M.A.) of Altavista; and several devoted nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, W. Thomas Lea, Jr. and John H. Lea, Sr.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Phillip Bailey with interment to follow in the Lea Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider your local Humane Society.

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lea Family Cemetery

4701 Level Run Road
Hurt, VA 24563

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall

HM

“ To Irma and Janice, You and the family have my deepest condolences, I am keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this time of sorrow. I'm glad that I got to know Nelson. He was a very good and nice respectable man. I know he's going to be missed by many, especially by me. Nelson sleep on and take your rest. We all loved you but God loves you the best. I know now that you are with God in heaven where you want to be with no more pain and worries of this world. Gonna miss seeing you. Sadly submitted, Howard



Howard Martin - September 20, 2018 at 04:30 PM

BL

“ Many fond memories of my Uncle Nelson. Mostly from my childhood. We'd visit him every summer and spend time at his parsonage in Kilmarnock. He always had such a beautiful garden and would spend time with me talking about his plants and his harvest. He always had peppermints all throughout the house too. Funny what you remember. I too have a love for plants and animals like he and my Grandmother Lea did.

He was a brilliant man and gave so much of his life to leading others to Christ and helping them through the difficulties of this world. He also knew so much of the history of the Lea, Dawson and even the Nester family from my Mother's side. I spoke with Cynthia Lea Balderson who had been with him the most in recent time and I'm glad she had spent so much time with him especially in his last years, months and days. We will all miss him terribly and our lives are that much richer for Nelson being a part of it.

Belisa Lea - September 20, 2018 at 01:46 PM

ME

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Jan. You are in my thoughts & prayers at this time.



Mary Edmonds - September 19, 2018 at 08:26 PM

JW

“ Sending prayers to the family.

Jill White - September 19, 2018 at 04:32 PM

DM

“ Dori Arzola (Lea) Midlane lit a candle in memory of Rev. E. Nelson Lea



Dori Arzola (Lea) Midlane - September 19, 2018 at 03:04 PM

KB

“ Kim Betterton sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. E. Nelson Lea



Kim Betterton - September 19, 2018 at 03:03 PM

DM

“ *Dot [rorer] Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. E. Nelson Lea*



dot [rorer] mitchell - September 19, 2018 at 02:43 PM

BD

“ *Billy & Diane Davis lit a candle in memory of Rev. E. Nelson Lea*



Billy & Diane Davis - September 19, 2018 at 10:30 AM

BM

“ *Bud And Dean Moon lit a candle in memory of Rev. E. Nelson Lea*



Bud and Dean Moon - September 19, 2018 at 09:37 AM