



James Merdith Ewing Sr.

January 9, 1923 - February 26, 2014

James Merdith Ewing, Sr., 91, of 2649 Wards Road, Altavista died Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at his home. He was the husband of the late Lucille Pugh Ewing for fifty years.

He was born January 9, 1923, in Lynchburg, a son of the late Edgar James Ewing and Adaline Shiflett Ewing. Merdith was the oldest member of Penuel Baptist Church where he was a deacon for over 60 years, on the building committee, a director and teacher of the Sunday School program, a training union director, music director, and on the building and ground maintenance committee. Merdith served in the Army Air Corps during WWII as a radar plotter. He owned and operated Village Barber Shop of Lynchburg for 50 years. He also was a member of Woodmen of the World and the Campbell County Planning Commission for over 40 years. In his free time, Merdith enjoyed buying, selling, and maintaining his properties, as well as playing rook and golf.

He is survived by one son, Jimmy Ewing and his wife Glennie of Altavista; one daughter, Marie Campbell and her husband Casey of Altavista; one brother, Harold Ewing and his wife Arlene of Altavista; four grandchildren, Brenda Farnsworth and her husband Dennis, Ricky Ewing and his wife Tammy, Jamie Campbell and Carrie Knutsen and her husband Michael; three great grandchildren, Ashley Wimmer, Andrew Ewing and Kristin Ewing; a host of

nieces and nephews; and a special friend Meddie Nicely.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Eunice Arthur, and a brother-in-law Elmo Arthur.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Penuel Baptist Church, Altavista by Dr. Rev. Ricky Ewing and Rev. Carlton Gunter with interment to follow in the church cemetery with military honors by the American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36.

The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m., Friday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Penuel Baptist Church, 2770 Wards Road, Altavista, VA 24517.

Cemetery Details

Penuel Baptist Church Cemetery

2770 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Penuel Baptist Church
2770 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Marlo Henderson lit a candle in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.



Marlo Henderson - March 02, 2014 at 06:27 AM

RE

“ Reynolds lit a candle in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.



Reynolds - March 01, 2014 at 07:40 PM

LC

“ may god comfort you at this time. memories are forever.

lloyd catron - March 01, 2014 at 11:24 AM

KM

“ Marie, Jimmy and Family,
I am sorry to hear of Merdith's passing. The
family is in our prayers. I will always
remember Merdith's friendly smile and hand
shake.

Kenny & Lisa McCune

Kenny McCune - March 01, 2014 at 07:03 AM



LL

“ Lois And Sherman Lawhorne lit a candle in
memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.

lois and sherman lawhorne - February 28, 2014 at 07:10 PM



CC

“ Carolyn Rosser Cowarr lit a candle in memory
of James Merdith Ewing Sr.

Carolyn Rosser Cowarr - February 28, 2014 at 01:19 PM



CC

Jimmy and Marie and Family, I am so saddened to hear of Merdith's passing. Our families attended Penuel Baptist Church together when I was a young girl. I began playing the piano for the church when I was about 11 or 12 and Merdith was my first choir director. He was just the nicest man and loved his family and his church family deeply. He and my Daddy, Hugh Rosser, were great friends. He will definitely be missed in this community. My family's love, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carolyn Rosser Cowarr - February 28, 2014 at 01:27 PM

CC

My name is supposed to read Carolyn Rosser Cowart

Carolyn Rosser Cowarr - February 28, 2014 at 01:27 PM

DS

“ *Delane Short lit a candle in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.*



Delane Short - February 28, 2014 at 12:20 PM

BG

“ *Betty Gillespie lit a candle in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.*



Betty Gillespie - February 28, 2014 at 09:15 AM

BG

Marie and family. So sorry for your loss. Your father was such a special man. I pray that God will give you comfort in this dark time. Betty Gillespie

Betty Gillespie - February 28, 2014 at 09:17 AM

EC

“ *Eddie, Lisa And Jonathan Cox lit a candle in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.*



Eddie, Lisa and Jonathan Cox - February 28, 2014 at 09:13 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Cox lit a candle in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.*



Lisa Cox - February 28, 2014 at 09:12 AM

DD

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Ewing. He was without a doubt one of the nicest and hardworking fellas I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. He will be missed. Rest In Peace Mr. Ewing. Dennis DeLappe*

Dennis DeLappe - February 28, 2014 at 04:01 AM

PB

“ *Pat Barksdale lit a candle in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.*



Pat Barksdale - February 27, 2014 at 09:40 PM

DF

“ David And Jeannie Lambert & Family lit a candle in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.



David and Jeannie Lambert & family - February 27, 2014 at 08:08 PM

KS

“ Ashley and Family,
So sorry for your loss. Thankful that we were with you last night and help to put a little insight on God's work and may he wrap his arms around you in comfort. Our love to you.
Mike and Kathy Shirey



Kathy Shirey - February 27, 2014 at 05:42 PM

NJ

“ nancy james



nancy james - February 27, 2014 at 05:16 PM

DC

“ Dorothy Carwile sent a virtual gift in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.



Dorothy Carwile - February 27, 2014 at 05:08 PM

DG

“ *Dennis, Rhonda Bell & Girls lit a candle in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.*



Dennis, Rhonda Bell & girls - February 27, 2014 at 03:27 PM

BD

“ *Bunny And Glenn David lit a candle in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.*



Bunny and Glenn David - February 27, 2014 at 02:10 PM



“ *Trey Finch sent a virtual gift in memory of James Merdith Ewing Sr.*



Trey Finch - February 27, 2014 at 01:43 PM

TD

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. He was a very special person to us. He always had a hug for me and I told him he was my boyfriend but not to tell Meddie and Lynn. Meddie, I love you very much!! Marie, I know exactly where you are and I will say it gets better. Not easier but with time you can look back on things and laugh instead of cry. Please know that we are here for all of you. Love you all.



Lynn and Teresa

Teresa David - February 27, 2014 at 12:34 PM

JD

“ sorry to hear about merdith



joyce and lee dalton - February 27, 2014 at 10:16 AM

JD

“ light candle in memory of merdith



joyce and lee dalton - February 27, 2014 at 10:14 AM

LP

“ *My prayers and special thoughts to ALL of the Ewing family. I love each and every one of you.*



Lisa Paschall - February 27, 2014 at 09:34 AM