



Rev. Joseph "Joe" Berta

January 10, 1920 - April 6, 2011

Berta, Rev. Joseph "Joe" , 91, of Big Stone Gap, VA passed away on Wednesday (April 6, 2011) at Heritage Hall Healthcare in Big Stone Gap.

He was born January 10, 1920 in McDowell County, WV and had been a resident of Big Stone Gap since 1949.

He retired in 1980 as an accountant with the Pet Dairy in Big Stone Gap, with 30 years service. He was a former member of the Big Stone Gap Kiwanis Club for eleven years; Secretary to the Cumberland Airport Commission at Wise, VA for ten years; and a hospice volunteer for six years.

Joe was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church since 1952, where he served in several capacities such as Certified Lay Speaker (6 yrs.) and served as a local pastor in the Big Stone Gap District of the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church, having served in Wise, Lee, Scott and Dickenson Counties. Since 1990, Mr. Berta has served as Minister of Visitation for Trinity U.M.C..

He was a U. S. Army Air Corps Veteran of WWII, having served in the Panama Canal Zone and was a lifetime member the Big Stone Gap V. F. W. Post #5715.

He was preceded in death by his father, Steve "Steven" Berta, Sr.; mother, Marzella Jozsa Berta; four brothers, Tony Berta, Steve Berta, Jr., James Paul Berta and John Berta; and one sister, Rosa Berta O'Neil.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Doris Louis Dunn Berta; son, William Joseph "Billy Joe" Berta and wife, Patricia Clark Berta of Vancouver, WA; two granddaughters, Candice Marie Berta and Ashley Brianne Berta, both of Vancouver, WA; one great grandson, Sawyer William Frati; three sisters, Anna Cregger of Bluefield, VA, Margaret Sorah of Princeton, WV and Stella Miller of Sebring, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church (203 E. 1st St., S.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Saturday in the church sanctuary with Dr. Ken LaDuke and the Rev. Ronnie Mutter officiating.

Burial will follow at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap.

Pallbearers will be: Derrick Thompson, Norman Clifton, Chris Higgins, Aaron Price, Mike Allen and Kenny Spurlock. Honorary pallbearer will be: Bob Taylor.

Online condolences may be given at www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Berta family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Joseph "Joe" Berta*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Dear family, It was with a sad heart I heard of Joe's passing. I remember Joe as a humble man, kind to everyone he met. I enjoyed our visits thru the years while you all would visit Carrie and Bill in the Valley. Please accept our sincere sympathy in your loss and know he is now at peace with his Lord and Savior. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers.*

Janet & Sanford

Janet Bowling - December 10, 2013 at 08:14 AM



“ *I will always remember Uncle Joe, a tall strong man that had a big heart. Uncle Joe always made you fill at home when you visit him and his family. I remember coming as a kid with my father and remember the two of them speaking in their parent language Hungarian. I only wish that I had learned. I will always remember the phone conversation that we use to have and the family history that Uncle Joe told me. Joe you will always be in my thoughts.*

Aunt Doris may the peace which comes from memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead. My thoughts for you and your family are wrapped in little prayer for Heaven to smile on you, angels to will watch over you.

Pat

Pat Berta - December 10, 2013 at 08:14 AM

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“ *Billy Joe,*

I know you probably don't remember me, but we went to church camp together at Fort Blackmore back in the day. I am very sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in my prayers.

*God Bless
Kathy Bonham Harber*

Kathy Bonham Harber - December 10, 2013 at 08:14 AM