



Thomas C. Webb

October 23, 1936 - July 23, 2023

Rev. Thomas C. Webb, 86, of Liberty Valley Road, Ickesburg, went from the arms of his family to the arms of Jesus on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at his Saville Twp. home.

Born October 23, 1936 in Baltimore, Md., he was the son of the late Homer Hammond Webb and Adelaide (Mahugh) Webb.

A devout Christian, Rev. Webb was God's man. His credo: "My personal mission and goal in life is to love and serve God in Christ, to follow truth wherever it leads and to live with integrity, serendipity and good humor." He spent a lifetime in Christian service to his denomination, the United Methodist church. He was a student pastor at Shenandoah E.U.B , PA, as well as West Manchester, Ohio. He went on to pastor churches in Marysville, York, Chambersburg, and Dallastown, PA. He also served six years as District Superintendent of Harrisburg District UMC.

His pastoral journey began in Howard County High School in 1955. He then graduated from Albright College in Reading, PA and United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He continued his studies at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, PA and obtained his Honorary Doctorate from Albright College in 1993. In addition to his many official pastoral duties, he mentored and disciplined many into the ministry and Christian service.

He is survived by the love of his life, Miriam Ardella Gerwig. Their journey

together began when Dell invited Tom to a Future Nurses' Sadie Hawkins dance. After that, he didn't stand a chance! They were married for 64 years. It goes without saying that a strong man always has a loving, caring dedicated wife backing him up! Also surviving are two sons, Andrew Webb and wife Linda of Maryland, Glenn Webb and wife Katy of Texas. Three daughters, Hope Webb of New Jersey, Kathleen Webb of Ickesburg and Julie Byers and husband Marvin of Shippensburg. A brother, Ralph Webb and wife June of Maryland. 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Tom was a man undaunted in his pursuit of learning, unstoppable in physical endeavors (handball, farm labor, running, hiking, biking, carpentry), unchained in his love for people (traveling to Selma to march in the civil rights march with Martin Luther King, Jr; trips to Israel, of which one he was the leader; as well as helping the stranger on the street), unafraid to be creative (writing, playing guitar and trombone, singing, telling stories, creatively teasing), unleashed as a faithful prayer warrior, and most of all unashamed of his love for and commitment to following Jesus.

A service celebrating his life and ministry will be held at 3 PM on Saturday, August 19, 2023 in the Saville Brethren in Christ Church, 2105 Liberty Valley Road, Ickesburg, Pa. Pastor Andrew Meiser assisted by Rev. Lee Ellenberger will officiate. A visitation will be held from 2-3 PM. Meal and fellowship to follow the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saville Brethren in Christ Church, 2501 Liberty Valley Road, Ickesburg, Pa. 17037

The Boyer Family is honored to handle the arrangements for the Webb Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Saville Brethren in Christ Church
2105 Liberty Valley Road
Ickesburg, PA

Celebration of Life

AUG 19. 3:00 PM (ET)

Saville Brethren in Christ Church
2105 Liberty Valley Road
Ickesburg, PA

Tribute Wall



“ Boyer Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas C. Webb



Boyer Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc - August 04, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas C. Webb.

August 17, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas C. Webb.



August 17, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ Linda and Chuck and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas C. Webb.



Linda and Chuck and Family - August 14, 2023 at 10:56 AM

JS

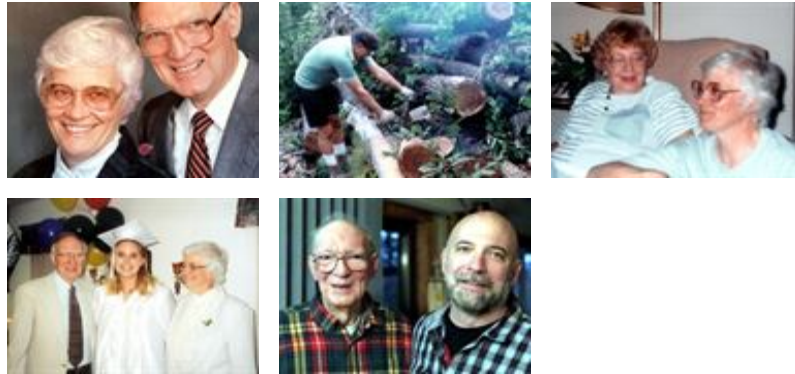
“ *Judy Gerwig and sons purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas C. Webb.*



Judy Gerwig and sons - August 13, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ *189 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Boyer Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc - August 04, 2023 at 02:04 PM

SM

“ *I had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Webb on an invite to the home he built on Racoon Ridge. It was a lovely weekend. A few stories and discussions about Gods word were shared and though the encounter was brief it was evident that Gods hand spilt over onto his family and for that I am so grateful!*

Sharon Magee - July 31, 2023 at 09:56 AM

CR

“ Carl R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas C. Webb.

Carl R. - July 27, 2023 at 05:36 PM

RK

“ Ardella : Sorry for yoieur loss.We always enjoyed You and Tom and his ministry. He was a great representative for God. Sending our love and Prayers. Ray and Georgia Kauffman

Ray and Georgia Kauffman - July 27, 2023 at 04:31 PM

DS

“ I first met Tom at Church Camp many years ago when I was an adult counselor. We became friends immediately and we shared many serious and many more hilarious moments when we would see each other through the years, He was always my 'go to' guy if I need some O.T. guidance for church or Sunday School teaching in years past. I just loved Tom and Dell and was welcomed in their home when they were in Marysville or York. I was fortunate to finally get to phone chat occasionally after their retirement to Ickesburg. I was fortunate to know him as a pastor, teacher, counselor and friend. He was a true brother in Christ and will be missed. Many Blessings and love go out to Dell and the family.

In Christ,
Denny Slenker, Red Lion, PA

Dennis Slenker - July 27, 2023 at 08:31 AM

SB

“ I always enjoyed his sermons. He made things relatable when he spoke. To Dell and the family my sympathies.

Stephanie Barshinger - July 27, 2023 at 07:26 AM

HW

“ So sorry for your loss. He will be receiving his rewards. Always loved his sermons. Rev. Tom knew his history.

Hazerl Wood - July 26, 2023 at 10:35 PM

J(

“ John and Kathy Bardenhagen (Reese) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas C. Webb.



John and Kathy Bardenhagen (Reese) - July 26, 2023 at 08:06 AM

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“ John and Kathy Bardenhagen (Reese) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas C. Webb.

John and Kathy Bardenhagen (Reese) - July 26, 2023 at 08:06 AM

KW

“Dad made things come to life: when he explained something from the Bible, he had such a grasp on its breadth and depth that you felt like you were walking out history and truth as you listened. Same with history itself.

Riding in a car with him with his classical music playing brought the scenes around me to life.

Time with family became adventure, as we scrambled up mountains, or rescued discarded “treasures” from wilderness ventures.

Road trips became repositories for stories he created on the fly to entertain us 5 kids.

And he brought to life the love of Jesus his Lord as he counseled people, helped strangers on the street, and poured himself out for others.

I love you Dad!

Kathleen Webb - July 26, 2023 at 07:04 AM

HO

Random memories come to mind. Dad with a mustache and playing and singing One Eyed Flying Purple People Eater as us raggamuffins laughed and sang along. Dad taking each of us our individually on our birthdays for pizza. I still remember wondering if the lever on the car seat in the VW would really propel the seat out the roof if I pulled it, like he said. The twinkle in his eye when he was joking or playing something with us. The time he and his friend tricked mom that they had been hurt after climbing a mountain. And later, as a teen, his understanding and the Thunder Promise I had to make to him after being caught drinking. His passion for many things and knowledge about everything. Seeing him sitting and reading and underlining and writing notes in the books as he read. His ability to write so small but to still make it legible. His self-discipline to stay in shape. I always knew that he loved me even S life became busy and contact was less frequent. At the end, his appreciation for small kindnesses. A life well-lives. Love you, Dad! .

Hope - July 26, 2023 at 07:34 AM

RH

I know how much Kathleen loves the Lord! Sorry for the loss but so happy for him to be with Jesus! Praise the Lord

Rurh Harvey - July 26, 2023 at 08:29 AM

LA

I see him bathing in God's Glory and singing Hallelujah! What a wonderful life and legacy.

Linda Abato - July 26, 2023 at 09:15 AM

SS

My Dear Kath and Family, sorry for the loss of your Dad . You were blessed with awesome parents, know he will be watching and loving you all from the Heavens. Hugs to you and Mom and my condolences to the rest of Family. Love you Kathleen

Sue Shearer - July 26, 2023 at 09:19 AM

RS

More than four decades ago I was assigned to Pastor Webb for Candidacy Studies when first contemplating entering the Holy Ministry.

He was a kind and encouraging teacher. Somewhere along the way he described me as having a "homeletical eye"

How blessed that this servant of Christ would enter into Life on the Lord's Day; on the Sunday on which this hymn was sung in the Orthodox Church:

"When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!"

--Sixth Tone hymn of the Resurrection

Rev. Deacon Thomas Shelley - July 27, 2023 at 03:57 PM