



Lawrence Edward "Bud" Garland

May 26, 1931 - September 13, 2019

Lawrence Edward "Bud" Garland, age 88, of Blountville, TN, passed away on Friday, September 13, 2019 at Christian Care Center of Bristol, TN following a brief illness. He was born in Kingsport, TN on May 26, 1931, a son of the late Wesley and Beulah Garland. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his "Little Brother", George Nathan Garland, and daughter, Elizabeth Susan "Beth" Griffin.

Bud attended Doby's Bennett High School, but relocated to Blountville with his parents, graduating from Bluff City High School where he played basketball and baseball. He graduated from East Tennessee State University with a M.S. plus 45 hours in school administration and was a member of the school baseball team. He retired after working in the Sullivan County School System for 37 years, with his last position serving as principal of Blountville Junior High School. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. Bud was a member of Blountville United Methodist Church where he and his wife Betty were married March 21, 1951. He was also a member of The Bethany Sunday School Class of which he served as teacher for approximately 32 years. His church family was always an important part of his life, and he truly valued his time spent and conversations with Pastor Susan Arnold. He served in the Bluff City Chapter of the Masonic Lodge.

Bud truly valued the importance of an education. He was a voracious reader, always looking up definitions to words he wasn't familiar with. When his health allowed, he routinely played golf, a sport he dearly loved, at Tri-Cities Golf Course, which originally was part of his family farm. He and wife Betty enjoyed many years of camping, square dancing and ballroom dancing. He will forever be remembered for his love of washing his car, and mowing his yard every third day whether it needed it or not.

Bud is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Betty Jean; daughters, Becky Cummings (Steve) of Atlanta, GA, and Rachel Forbush (Dr. Alan) of Johnson City, TN; grandchildren, Tara Koury, Leah Dye, Blake Cummings, Grant Cummings, Niki Schwenke, Wesley Forbush, Hope Forbush and Matt Forbush. He is also survived by several great grandchildren, nephew, Craig Morrell; and numerous cousins including cousin and special

friend, Bill Akard and wife Donna who regularly visited and shared many a laugh.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Monday, September 16, 2019 in the sanctuary of Blountville United Methodist Church in Blountville, TN. The committal and interment service will follow at Gunnings Cemetery in Blountville, TN. Pallbearers will be Wesley Forbush, Alan Forbush, Blake Cummings, Grant Cummings, Steve Cummings and Craig Morrell.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donation considerations to Blountville United Methodist Church (General Fund), 3390 Highway 126, Blountville, TN 37617, or to Meals of Good Will, Wheeler United Methodist Church, 211 N. Sanders Street, Blountville, TN 37617, in Bud's Memory.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Michael Grosserode for his wonderful care of Bud thru the years; to the entire staff at Christian Care Center of Bristol for their care and compassion; and to Pastor Susan Arnold of Blountville United Methodist Church.

Arrangements for Mr. Garland and his family have been made through Oakley-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery

Gunnings Cemetery

Highway 126 / Interstate 81
(Exit 66)

Blountville, TN, 37617

Events

SEP **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Blountville United Methodist Church

3390 Highway 126, Blountville, TN, US, 37617

SEP **Committal Service and Interment**

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Gunnings Cemetery

Highway 126 / Interstate 81 (Exit 66), Blountville,
TN, US, 37617

Comments



“ Mr. Garland was an exceptional principal. He was very kind and concerned when I was in school at Cedar Grove. He was a friend to my father who worked there for several years. He was also the reason all the rocks, holes and pits on the playground got filled in so that it became a beautiful field. He made such a positive impact on all of his students.

Jo McDavid (Jeannie Collins)

Jo E McDavid - September 18, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ He was a really good man and principal. I had him in Blountville Junior High and I knew his kids, too. Love and prayers to his family.

Cheryl Rutherford (my mom worked in the cafeteria)

cheryl Rutherford ford - September 21, 2019 at 12:45 AM



“ Mr. Garland was such an amazing man. A wonderful principal/friend to his students. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Becky Doyle Nidiffer



Becky Nidiffer - September 18, 2019 at 05:23 AM



“ I remember him as the scary, stern principal all three years at Blountville Junior High. He truly had "eyes in the back of his head." I graduated with Rachel and always wondered where life took her. My dad, Benny Chappell, would come to your home and your grandmother's home to repair things. He respected your father. My prayers are with you in the days ahead.

Sharon Chappell Lauderbaugh
Jacksonville, FL

Sharon Chappell Lauderbaugh - September 17, 2019 at 08:17 PM



“ Carson Lawson lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Edward "Bud" Garland



Carson Lawson - September 16, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ Mr Garland was a good man. He was a great principal and friend at Blountville High School. Many good memories. Mr. Garland, you will be missed. Prayers to you all. I know you will miss him terribly. God bless

Carson Lawson - September 16, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ Betty, Becky and Rachel,
I'm so sorry about your husband and father. I knew him by working close to Betty at work. I could say anything to Bud and get away with it, because he knew I was kidding, most of the time. I sure enjoyed working with the family and we had some great times. You have lots of great memories to share with one another.
Love you all,
Charles and Carol Glover

Carol Glover - September 16, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ I remember and enjoyed mowing school yards with Bud. We are sending love and prayers for the family.
Roy and Pat Moore



Roy Moore - September 16, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ Of course to me, he will always be Mr. Garland because he was my principal when I attended Blountville Junior High School from 1975-1977. He signed my junior high yearbook and said, "to a young man who could be called Mr. Personality." I always had such great respect for him. His passing on September 13th will have a special meaning for me since it was my 58th birthday.

Enjoy your heavenly peace Mr. Garland,
Ray Dobbs

Ray Dobbs - September 16, 2019 at 07:29 AM



“ Dear Garland family,
I was so saddened to hear of Mr. Garland's passing. I worked for Mr. Garland at Blountville Middle School from 1988--1990. What a great man he was and gave me wonderful advice as a new teacher. I think back to those early days of teaching with great fondness and the great advice he gave as I began my teaching career. I have now been teaching for over 26 years and still use a lot of his advice and still enjoy it as much as I did then. I believe that he helped instill that love for teaching in me during my time working with and for him. I will be praying for your family during this time, but please remember the wonderful legacy he has left your family. Thank you Mr. Lawrence Garland.

Sincerely,
F. Scot Fleming
Gate City Middle School Band Director

F. Scot Fleming - September 15, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ I am so sorry to read about Mr. Garland's passing. He was Principal at Cedar Grove Elementary School when I was a student there. He was loved and respected by the students. I have thought of him often and wondered if he knew what a positive impact he made on us. May your memories comfort you. God bless your family.

Vickie (Mullins) Moore

vickie moore - September 15, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.

Penny Humphrey Bishop - September 15, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ Deepest Thoughts and Prayers for the Family.

Mildred G Groseclose - September 15, 2019 at 06:55 AM



“ Mr. Garland was a great principal at Blountville school. He was a compassionate man. I loved him, and he made a impression on my life. At 58, I still think of him. God bless, and prayers for the family.

Carson Lawson - September 15, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ He was my Jr. High School principal. He always had a smile and would say hello in the hallways.

Beverly Gregg - September 14, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ I attended Blountville Middle School in the 80's and Mr. Garland was always nice to me. I was a troubled teen and he would tell me everything will work out and his door was always open to anyone who needed him. He was dear man and I'm sorry for your loss.

Carol Byington Carr - September 14, 2019 at 10:15 PM



“ Betty, Becky and Rachel I am so sorry to hear about "Bud" your Dad passing. He was a great father and husband but he was also a wonderful man. I remember him from church and being principal when I was in Blountville Jr. High School. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
God Bless You All

Sandra Edson - September 14, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ Mr. Garland was so kind to me as my principal for the three years. I went to Blountville Junior High. I attended school with both his daughters Beth...who was a bit ahead of me, and Rachel, who was a bit behind me. I would like to extend my condolences to the entire Garland family. May the Lord give you peace and comfort.



Renha Turbyville - September 14, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ Rachel, I do not know if you remember me from the Health Dept., but I wanted to tell you how sorry I am to hear of your father's passing. I will keep you and your family in my prayers during this difficult time. I remember your Dad when we audited schools and he was a super nice man to work with. He always had a good sense of humor.

-Bill Devault

william I devault - September 17, 2019 at 07:37 PM