

Arthur Queen

The Rev. Arthur Queen, 89, of Lavalette, W.Va., went to sleep in the Lord on Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, at the Emogene Dolin Hospice House in Huntington, W. Va.

The Rev. Queen was born the son of Noah and Tennessee Queen in Kiah's Creek, W.Va., Oct. 8, 1920. Following the death of his mother, he at 12 years of age helped raise his younger brothers, including the baby. Arthur married Sarah Pack at age 16 and together raised seven children of their own. He was ordained in 1953 and helped many people find their way to the Lord. In the '60s he owned and operated Queen's Paradise Inc., which built the subdivisions of Oak Ridge Park, Lakeview Estates, Laka-Wana Lake Gardens and Orange Blossom Estates. In 1972 he founded the Oak Ridge Chapel Baptist Church. He was larger than life and beloved by his family. Arthur will be sorely missed by one and all.

In addition to his parents, the Rev. Queen was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Sarah Pack Queen; brothers, Howard, Normal, Nelvin, Paul and Nolan; sisters, Ethyl, Nary and Bertha; and a grandson, Greg Queen.

Surviving are his wife, Frankie Queen of Lavalette, W.Va.; sons and daughters-in-law, Dallas and Edith Queen of Interlachen, A.G. Queen, Bob and Teresa Queen, and Kenneth and Susan Queen all of Lavalette and Tim and Anne Queen of Gainesville; daughters and sons-in-law, Tennessee and Golden Ramey of Interlachen, and Bonnie and Larry Ross of Newberry; brothers, Newman Queen and Johnson Queen, both of Wayne, W.Va., and Noah Queen of Ceredo, W.Va.; daughters-in-law, Vickie Queen of Interlachen and Lynn Queen of Gainesville; stepsons and spouses, Greg and Robin Queen of Huntington, W.Va. and Josh and Tiffany Queen of Lavalette; stepdaughters and spouses, Diane and Gary Adkins and Angie and Ricky Maynard, all of Lavalette; 26 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday Dec. 19, at the Oak Ridge Chapel Baptist Church. Entombment will follow in the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be sent to Director of Development, Hospice of Huntington, P.O. Box 464, Huntington, WV 25709.

Messages of sympathy may be sent to mastersobit@hotmail.com