



Earl L. Potts

August 2, 2012

Earl L. Potts, 76, of Lancaster, died on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at Hospice of Lancaster County. Born in Pottsville, PA, he was the son of the late Austin Potts, Sr. & Grace Fisher Potts. He was married to Noreda Brown Potts with whom he celebrated 53 years of marriage.

Earl received a bachelor's degree in Bible from Philadelphia Biblical University, and bachelor's and master's degrees in Elementary Education from Millersville University. He retired in 1998 after 34 years as a teacher, most of them in the Lampeter-Strasburg School District where he taught 6th and 7th grade social studies and geography at Martin Meylin Middle School.

He was active in the Lancaster-Lebanon PSERS (for retired teachers), a volunteer at Lancaster General Hospital, and a retiree of the Strasburg Railroad. Earl was an active member of Calvary Church, which honored him in 1993 for 25 years of distinguished service that included service on the Official Board as Church Clerk and Deacon, member of the Missions Conference and Special Events team, Christian Education Committee, and Sunday School and Summer Bible School teacher. Earl also led workshops at Camp Nathanael's Outdoor Education program in Kentucky.

In addition to his wife, Earl is survived by his sons, Douglas E. Potts (Amy Weaver) of Philadelphia and Michael S. Potts of Mountville, PA; daughter Julia

Potts of Aurora, CO; granddaughter Hannah Grace Potts; and brother Wilbur L. Potts (Lydia Adams) of Lititz, PA. He was predeceased by three brothers: Austin H. Potts, William J. Potts, Orville Irvin Potts, and three sisters: Elaine Potts Mattice, Lillian Potts Heim, and Judith Potts Ritts.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Earl's Celebration of Life Service on Monday, August 6, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Church, 1052 Landis Valley Rd., Lancaster. The family will receive friends at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Private family interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Earl's name to the children's ministries of Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601, or Camp Nathanael, PO Box 129, Emmalena, KY 41740 or www.campnathanael.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl L. Potts*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Noreda and Family,
Although we all knew that Earl's death was near, it was still a shock when we received your phone call. From the time Doralyn introduced you to me, I have considered your family to be a part of our family. I have enjoyed every minute that I spent talking with Earl and sharing our faith. Earl and I had a similar sense of humor and neither of us took ourselves too seriously when discussing everyday occurrences, even when he was going through terrible pain. I will always keep in my heart and mind the memories of our times together in our homes, in our churches, at Camp Nathanael, and on vacations at the seashore. We share in your joy of knowing that our Earl is enjoying Heaven.*

*Love to you and the children,
Clarence*

Clarence Hurt - August 10, 2012 at 01:52 AM

DH

“ *My Dear Sister and Family,
May God comfort your hearts today and bless you with enduring memories that your hearts will always treasure. You're in my thoughts and prayers. I thank God for Earl's life and the joy of knowing him. He was my cousin, my friend, and my brother-in-Christ. We shared with each other our love for the Lord and the joy of serving our Savior. Earl's witness for his Lord encouraged me in my walk with the Lord. God will be with you, my dear Sister and family. I love you and will be praying for you.*

Doralyn Hurt - August 10, 2012 at 01:34 AM

BB

“ *Dear Mrs.Potts and Family,
We are praying for you all in your hours of sorrow, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy. May your hearts be filled with warm thoughts and treasured moments of your dearly departed love one, rejoicing with thankful hearts for these God-given experiences in the work of the Lord Jesus. Yes, he will be surly missed by all of us, but Earl's presence with the Lord Jesus is truly wonderful and majestic.
Sincerely, Bill and Audrey Benedick, Blue Ball, Pa.*

Bill and Audrey Benedick - August 04, 2012 at 04:06 AM

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“ *Dear Mrs. Potts and family,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your beloved husband/father. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will not be able to join you on Monday. I have treatment for my auto immune disorder. But I will have you in my heart. Your family holds a very special place in my life Noreda.*

*Much love,
Ellen Wascou*

Ellen Wascou (Weinhold) - August 04, 2012 at 12:31 AM

BS

“ Dear Noreda and Family,

Earl was a wonderful person. He loved his family, was a dedicated teacher, and a friend that left a big mark in life. He taught by example to everyone he met and always had a good word, a wonderful smile, or a quick witted comment for all occasions. His words of wisdom helped me get through many of my teaching days and for that I will always be grateful to him.

While we really can't understand all that you and your family are going through with Earl's passing, we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed and remembered fondly by many.

*May peace be with you at this time.
Darlene and Bob*

Bob and Darlene Shockey - August 03, 2012 at 07:57 PM

ML

“ *I worked with Earl for several years at Martin Meylin. He was a very positive man who always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. I know that he enjoyed his work with the students and always tried to bring something new and interesting to the classroom. Please accept my sympathies on your loss.*

Sincerely, Meg Lutz, Grade 5/6 Guidance Counselor

Meg Lutz - August 03, 2012 at 07:07 PM