



Chaplain William D. (Bill) Barton had extensive experience that dates back to the 1960s-1970s as a firefighter for Fairfax County where he retired with the rank of lieutenant. Bill was ordained as a minister by Duke University where he majored in Hospital Chaplaincy and Theology. Bill was a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors serving as a pastoral care specialist. When Bill lived in Front Royal, VA, he continued serving as a volunteer chaplain for the Front Royal Police Department and the Warren County Fire Service. He also served as the Director for Spiritual Care for the Front Royal Hospital and the Winchester Rehabilitation Hospital. In addition, he was the assistant to the Director of the Winchester Medical Center. Bill was an active member of the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team for Winchester, VA. He has served during many disaster situations for the International Conference of Police Chaplains/American Red Cross such as at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center after September 11 and also after Hurricane Katrina.

Obituary

Chaplain William "Bill" D. Barton, 88, of Alexandria, Virginia passed away on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at his home.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Front Royal, Virginia.

A memorial service will be held at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, 2006 Belleview Blvd., Alexandria on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 1 p.m.

Mr. Barton was born on November 19, 1931 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania to the late Paul D. and Ruby Seekman Barton. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Mary Katherine Deavers Barton and brother, Harold "Corky" Barton.

He attended school in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania and received his General Education Diploma from Annandale High School. He is a veteran of the United States Navy and served from January 1, 1948 until August 17, 1953. He was a firefighter with the Fairfax County Fire Department from August 28, 1967 until his retirement on July 2, 1976.

Following this he became a Chaplain and worked with the American Red Cross, Winchester Medical Center and Warren Memorial Hospital. During this time he served at the Pentagon and Ground Zero following the September 11 attack and also served in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Following the passing of his wife, he resumed working with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue as a Volunteer Chaplain with the 6th Battalion from 2011 until 2018.

Bill was a member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains, American Red

Cross, Masonic Lodge #219 in Alexandria and the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Kathy Barton Ripley and her husband, Alfred "Chip" Ripley of Alexandria, Virginia; granddaughter, Heather Ripley Cooke and her husband Trevor Cooke of Culebra, Puerto Rico; sister, Sharon Barton Dawson and her husband Ed Dawson and numerous nieces and nephews in Pennsylvania, Ohio and California. The family will receive friends on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Maddox Funeral Home, 105 West Main Street, Front Royal.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, the International Conference of Police Chaplains of Destin, Florida or please plant a tree in his memory.

Arrangements are being handled by Maddox Funeral Home, Front Royal, Virginia.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.maddoxfuneralhome.com

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