



Harold Wayne Bass

December 31, 1934 - August 6, 2021

Harold Wayne Bass passed away Friday evening, August 6, 2021, at Alive Hospice in Nashville. He was born on December 31, 1934 in Pulaski and was 86 years old.

Harold, along with his wife Sara, were committed to serving Giles County in many capacities. Their devotion to sharing their love to so many families in times of need was evident in their presence and outpouring of support.

Harold graduated from Giles County High School (Class of 1953), Martin Methodist College (1955), Middle Tennessee State University (BS 1957 & MA 1962), additional graduate study at George Peabody College for Teachers (1966-1967). He graduated from American Bankers Association's Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University and American Bankers Association's Graduate School of Human Resources Management at University of Colorado.

Harold taught mathematics at Bodenham High School, Athens College, Martin Methodist College, Richland High School. He served as Academic Dean and as Registrar and was founding sponsor of Gamma Beta Phi Society while at Martin Methodist College.

He was employed at First National Bank of Pulaski 1978-2003; originally hired

as bank auditor, retired as Vice-President and member of Executive Management Team and Secretary/Treasurer of First Pulaski National Corporation; was founding coordinator of the First National Bank Student Advisory Board; named Employee of the Year, 1983.

Examples of Harold's accomplishments and commitment to the community are as follows. Member of the Rotary for over 50 years and the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow. Past President of Pulaski Rotary Club, 1970-1971; named Rotarian of the Year, 1974-1975, 1997-1998 & 2008-2009. President of the Giles County Chapter of American Red Cross, 1996-1999. President of Pulaski Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization, 1979-1980. President of Pulaski-Giles County Chamber of Commerce, 1986. President of Giles County National Little League Softball Program, 1986-1987. Chairman of Administrative Board, First United Methodist Church, 1972 & 1973; served as delegate to Annual Conference 1972, 1973 & 2006; Chairman of Council on Ministries, 1974 & 1975. Stephen Minister, First United Methodist Church, 2005-2011. President of Giles County United Methodist Laity Club, 1976-1977. Member of Southside Elementary School's Southside Buddy mentoring program, 2008-2013 Member of J. Marlin Goodman Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, 2000-present.

Visitation will be Monday, August 9, 2021, from 4:00pm-7:00pm at the First United Methodist Church in Pulaski.

The funeral service will be 11:00am Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at the First United Methodist Church.

The burial will follow in Maplewood Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the First United Methodist Church c/o 200 West Jefferson Street Pulaski, TN 38478 or The University of Tennessee Southern c/o 433 West Madison Street Pulaski, TN 38478 or Alive Hospice c/o 1718 Patterson Street Nashville, TN 37203.

He was preceded in death by his parents Edgar Reed Bass & Rosa Mae Paysinger Bass. Sister: Martha Scales & husband, Robert E. "Buster" Scales. Brother: Thurman "Biley" Bass & wife Elise. Brother: Paul Hix Bass and wife Mary Ann.

He is survived by his,

Wife of 58 years Sara White Bass of Pulaski. Son: Bob Bass of Nashville.

Daughter Nancy Bass of Nashville. Daughter Amy Woodard & husband Shane of Pulaski. Grandchildren: Sara Woodard & Luke Woodard.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements for Harold Wayne Bass.

Cemetery Details

Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentine Street
Pulaski, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
200 West Jefferson Street
Pulaski, TN

Funeral Service

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
200 West Jefferson Street
Pulaski, TN

Tribute Wall

CE

“ One of the best teachers I've ever had.
He made me understand and love Trig.
Sara and family, please know that I loved him also..besides being my favorite teacher, I thought he was the most gracious, full of wit, generous and special man I have met in my life.
Please know you have my condolences and prayers through this hard time.
Claire Elliott

Claire Elliott - August 10, 2021 at 05:23 PM

NO

Just found out now that our beloved Dean Bass is gone. He was very good and helpful to me and my Huntlea friends at Martin when there was a horrible mix up with our grades.
He was calm, cared, and his door was always open if you needed him.
A mighty oak has fallen, yet is haven's gain.
My deepest sympathy.
Nancy Olson, 1973 grad

Nancy Rebecca Olson - September 21, 2021 at 10:10 PM

LP

“ As a student at Martin Methodist while Mr. Bass taught there, I will say that he was one of the most ethical, professional, and moral men I have ever known. May God comfort the family now and in the days to come.

Larry Parrott - August 09, 2021 at 11:48 PM

MP

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers.
With love,
The Princes
(Matt, Claire, Colin, & Charlie)



Matt Prince - August 09, 2021 at 07:35 PM

JH

“ Sara, I am thinking of you at this time of loss. I pray your heart will find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Jane Cardin Hicks, Huntsville, Alabama

Jane Hicks - August 09, 2021 at 01:09 PM

LC

“ Harold was my math teacher at Martin. He was a wonderful teacher. Much later in life, I had the pleasure of getting to know him again when we were in the same Sunday School class at church. He was a fine man.

Linda Shannon Crone - August 09, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ Harold and I worked together at First National Bank. He was a great guy. We discovered that we are 3rd cousins and our common ancestor was James Abernathy that help build Bethesda Methodist Church. My deepest sympathy to Sarah and his children.

Aubrey Tycer - August 09, 2021 at 06:20 AM

EF

“ I remember when Sarah and Harold began dating the summer I worked at the Pulaski Electric Department with her. I also have pleasant memories of being in his math class at Martin College. I am sad to learn of Harold's passing.

Evelyn Farish - August 09, 2021 at 12:18 AM

SW

“ Such a sweet man! I am grateful to know both he and Sara! Thank you for being my friend!

sheila wells - August 08, 2021 at 08:08 PM

HB

“ Harold and Sara are both a staple of my childhood memories. I thank God for their faithfulness, their commitment and devotion, and for all of the ways they have poured into my life. I am a better person and a more faithful disciple because of their witness (and I always think of the two of them together at Pulaski FUMC).

Harriet Bryan - August 08, 2021 at 06:53 PM