

Rev. Lorne Burton

The Rev. Lorne Wilson Burton, 82, of Clarksburg, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at Surburban Hospital, Bethesda. He was the husband of Mary Dorsey Burton.

Born Feb. 3, 1926, in Littleton, W.Va., he was the son of the late Rev. Lindsay W. and Irsel Echols Burton.

He graduated from high school in 1944 and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He graduated from Morris Harvey College, now a part of the University of Charleston, and in 1951 he entered Wesley Seminary in Westminster.

He served as a student pastor at Park Place Church in Cumberland, while attending seminary. After ordination in 1954, he was appointed to the Hancock United Methodist Church. He served as pastor of Clarksburg and Trinity United Methodist churches in Montgomery county.

He left the active ministry in 1972 due to his health. He was a retired member of the Baltimore Washington Conference.

Surviving besides his wife, Mary, are a sister, Martha Jane Burton Chudina of Clemmons, N.C.; three nieces; and one nephew.

Friends may call from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Molesworth-Williams, P.A., Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Damascus United Methodist Church, 9700 New Church St., Damascus, MD 20872. Rev. Walter Edmonds will officiate.

Interment with military honors, will be in Neelsville Presbyterian Cemetery, Germantown.

The family ask that in lieu of flowers, donation be made to the Damascus United Methodist Church Building Fund and mailed to the address above.