



## Rev. Dr. William Maynard Fountain Jr.

September 2, 1925 - November 1, 2017

Maynard Fountain was born on September 2, 1925 in Richmond, VA to Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Fountain, Sr. of Greenwood, MS. His early years were spent in Greenwood and after graduating from Greenwood High School, he graduated from Rhodes College (formerly Southwestern at Memphis) in 1947. While at Rhodes College, he served as President of the Student Body and President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He was also a member of ODK honorary fraternity and in later years served on the Board of Trustees at Rhodes. Upon his graduation, he felt a calling to the Presbyterian Church USA ministry. He graduated from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. Years later he earned a Doctorate of Divinity Degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL.

On February 9, 1951 he married Lilian Landrum Leavell of New Orleans, LA and they were blessed with three children, Dr. William Maynard Fountain, III (Cindy) of Lexington, KY; Dr. Beth Fountain of Montreat, NC; and Jan McRae of Montreat, NC. He also leaves behind five grandsons; William M. Fountain, IV (Jayme) of Circleville, OH; Heath B. Phillips of Atlanta, GA; Drew Fountain (Kelly) of Lexington, KY; 1st Lt. Robert F. McRae (Mariam) of Sneads Ferry, NC; and Wyatt E. McRae of Memphis, TN. He is also survived by one great granddaughter, Molly Caroline Fountain of Circleville, OH. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lilian Leavell Fountain; his sister, Janet Fountain McIntyre and his son-in-law, Robert E. McRae.

Dr. Fountain served as pastor of churches in North Carolina, Mississippi,

Tennessee and Louisiana. While in Louisiana, he served as General  
Presbyter of the Presbytery of South Louisiana and as President of the  
Louisiana Interchurch Council. He concluded his ministry by serving as the  
first Director of Development at Montreat Conference Center. His retirement  
years were spent in Montreat and Givens Highland Farms in Black Mountain.  
His Family wishes to express appreciation to all of the staff at Highland Farms  
and Interim Healthcare.

A memorial service will be held at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church in  
Black Mountain, NC Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The Revs. Mary  
Katherine Robinson and Keith Grogg will officiate.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church  
117 Montreat Road  
Black Mountain, NC 28711

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dr. William Maynard Fountain Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Though it's been more than a year since his passing, I just now discovered that Maynard is no longer with us on earth. He pastored our church at Malvern Hills Presbyterian in the late 1950s and remained a valuable friend for many years. I offer a very belated condolence and prayer for his remaining family and loved ones...*

*Mike Hughes  
Mount Holly, NC*

**Michael Hughes** - December 05, 2018 at 10:37 AM



“ *Maynard came to Union in the spring of 1968 looking for a summer intern at Shady Grove in Memphis and found me - I can still see him opening the door and entering my dorm room. He, Lillian, and kids welcomed me when I arrived on crutches for an eye opening summer with their youth and other duties as I searched for direction. A few years later I spent a weekend with them in New Orleans on a motorcycle visit from Florida where I was in the Air Force. Many years later he was a shoulder to lean in Charlotte and where I spent the night with them before bringing Joanne and new born Anna home to nearby Dallas. My last delightful contact was by mail after they moved to Black Mountain. I am grateful for the always warm welcome of both of them - and for the never absent twinkle in his eye. Walt King.*

**Walt King** - November 13, 2017 at 01:59 PM

SA

“ *Maynard will always have a special place in my heart. In a sense I owe my first call to Maynard. In 1976, He came up to Union Seminary trying to find students who might entertain the possibility of accepting a call in a small church in the Louisiana Bayous. Not long after Maynard's visit I found myself in the pulpit of the Abbeville Church and helping out the youth program at Grace Church in Lafayette. He charmed a few others as well for I was not the only young Union alum to find my way to southwest Louisiana. I appreciated his leadership, his faith, his patience, and his availability whenever I needed a bit of help. With so many others, I give thanks and praise to God for Maynard's life and ministry.*

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**Steve Aschmann** - November 06, 2017 at 09:39 PM

MC

“ *We just heard the news on our tv ministry First Presbyterian Church Charlotte. He was our minister in New Orleans at Woodland Presbyterian. Mom, Eloise Bailey age 97 Still living, and our father Dick Bailey were Deacons and Elders and very active in the church. Mom started choirs in the church. My brother Richard remembered him helping with his Scouts God and Country. I was a youth representative in the church. He was a foundation in our faith. Sending love! Martha Bailey Clark, Mooresville, nc*

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**martha bailey clark** - November 05, 2017 at 12:00 PM

NT

“ *My prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Dr. Fountain. He will be remembered for his wonderful and caring heart. It was my pleasure to have known Dr. Fountain for many years as a patron of my barber shop.*

*Neil Thagard  
Neil k's Hairstyling  
Asheville NC*

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**Neil K Thagard** - November 03, 2017 at 09:40 PM

BM

“ *I was a freshman at Rhodes (Southwestern) when Maynard was a senior. Everyone respected him and I did too. My father, then Secretary of Home Missions in New Orleans Presbytery, had told me to look him up. Maynard was always kind and friendly to me both in college and at Highland Farms. He almost always said something to lift the spirit and make me laugh. I will miss him very much. With love, Bob (Montgomery)*

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**Bob Montgomery** - November 03, 2017 at 02:40 PM