



## Mr. William Earl Forehand

December 5, 1935 - October 16, 2013

William Earl Forehand, 77, of Weaverville, NC, was escorted by Jesus on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, through the Valley into the lush green pastures. He was ushered into the presence of God as he trusted confidently in Our Lord's words "You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." He was born on December 5, 1935 in Hickory, Virginia and was the son of the late Walter and Pearl Forehand.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his first wife, Janet Mary Forehand, three sisters and four brothers. He worked as a painter for Ford Motor Company in Mahwah, New Jersey for thirty years. Later, he shared his skills training others at the Vocational Workshop of Statesville, NC. Bill loved the Lord and served countless hours in many capacities from Usher to Elder at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Statesville, NC.

Bill was a man of many gifts. He loved singing in the choir, visiting friends in the hospital and working with his hands. He was a talented carpenter, and was instrumental in helping to remodel the church and build the new Fellowship Hall. He also made many beautiful pieces of furniture.

Bill is survived by his wife Ardell Forehand, brothers John and Lawrence and his children Kathleen Fort, Karen and Brian Beikirch, William and Daveen Forehand, Jo-Ann and Stephen Blackstock, as well as three step-children,

Angela and Mike Dunham, Eric and Thomas Koenig; fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service celebrating God's grace in the life of Bill will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 19th, at Weaverville United Methodist Church, 85 North Main Street, Weaverville. Rev. Linda Kelly will officiate. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

Additionally, a memorial service will be held 4:00 PM, Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 465 Hartness Road, Statesville. Rev. Robert Dovenmuehle will officiate. The family will receive friends immediately following the service and a light supper will be served.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Four Seasons Compassion for Life, 571 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731. The Forehand family extends their deepest gratitude to the staff of Four Seasons Hospice for their loving care for Bill in his last days.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Weaverville United Methodist Church  
85 North Main Street  
Weaverville, NC 28787  
<http://www.weavervilleumc.org/>

### Memorial Service

OCT 26. 4:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
465 Hartness Road  
Statesville, NC 28677  
<http://www.holytrinitylc.org/index.html>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Earl Forehand*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Have insomnia and was on Face book and saw this site. I am so sorry. I know how it feels to have your Father move on to be with the Lord. We will always remember how welcome he made us feel at Holy Trinity. Our prayers are with the whole family as they go through this time of mourning. The Steinhaus Family*



**Debra Steinhaus** - November 08, 2013 at 01:55 AM



“ *I remember the day so clearly. It was graduation day and I was in the garage setting up for my party. I went to move the extension cord and grabbed a hold of it and immediately starting vibrating! I was electrocuted and could not shake the cord. I screamed as loud and as long as I could for my mom to come. But it was Mr Forehand who heard my screams and came to my rescue!!! He ran and unplugged the cord and my life was spared! Thank you Mr Forehand ??*

**linda** - November 01, 2013 at 06:47 AM

**KB**

*I remember that day Linda, he also carried Linda Johnston out of the swamp when she cut her foot on glass. thank you for your comment*

**Karen Beikirch** - November 01, 2013 at 06:11 PM

KF

*Thanks for posting, Linda. I had forgotten about that day! It was scary.*

**Kathleen Forehand Fort** - November 30, 2013 at 03:52 PM

AN

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away”. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.*

**Ana** - October 20, 2013 at 06:09 PM

KF

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**Kathleen Forehand Fort** - October 22, 2013 at 02:15 PM

KB

*Amen*

**Karen Beikirch** - November 01, 2013 at 06:11 PM

JS

“ *Mr. Forehand certainly was a great neighbor for a kid to have growing up. I remember how he used to press me over his head and give me "airplane spins" and then laugh uncontrollably when he put me down and watch me stumble and fall completely off balance. I remember how he always bought whatever I was selling for whatever fundraiser (school, Little League, Boy Scouts, etc..) even if he didn't need it. And I remember how he drove me to the hospital in a blizzard when I was 12 and had the croup. I wouldn't be surprised if it was his hand that reaches down and pulls me up when my time on earth is up.. great person..*

**J Snow** - October 17, 2013 at 06:10 PM

KB

*Jay thank you for sharing that great memory with us, it means so much to us!*

**karen Beikirch** - October 17, 2013 at 06:45 PM

KF

*Jay: So wonderful to hear these memories of our dad from a childhood friend and neighbor. We had some great days growing up on High Ridge Road.*

**Kathleen (Kathy) Forehand Fort** - October 17, 2013 at 07:18 PM

JO

*Thank you Jay I appreciate you sharing you memories of my Dad. :)*

**Jo-Ann** - October 17, 2013 at 07:37 PM

KK

“ *such a kind spirit*

**Kristen Kuchtjak** - October 17, 2013 at 05:53 PM

KB

*Thank you Kristen*

**Karen Beikirch** - October 17, 2013 at 05:55 PM

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**Karen Beikirch** - October 17, 2013 at 10:13 AM

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**Karen Beikirch** - October 17, 2013 at 10:03 AM

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“ *I plan to add something here in a bit when I have more time to think about it, but I would like to say how much we all would love to hear your memories of our dad. Thanks.*

*~Kathleen (Kathy) Forehand Fort*

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**Kathleen Fort** - October 17, 2013 at 08:12 AM