



William David Hempfling

February 11, 1926 - May 14, 2014

William David Hempfling, 88, had his heavenly homegoing on Wednesday, May 14th at Carolinas Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 11, 1926 in Indianapolis, Ind. He was the son of the late William C. and Genevra Hempfling. He was a WWII Veteran, where he served in the Navy as a Gunner's Mate aboard the USS Pennsylvania. After the war Mr. Hempfling enjoyed a prolific career in radio and television. He sang with big bands such as Horace Heidt, appeared on Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts and was one of the featured soloists on the Ruth Lyons 50-50 Club in Cincinnati, Ohio which has been called the pioneer show for daytime talk shows. He worked as a National Sales Rep for Word Records for several years. He retired in the early 80's after hosting "Talk Back with David" on Charlotte's WHVN 1240 Radio. He has been an active member of Calvary Church since 1976.

Mr. Hempfling is survived by his wife of 63 years, Pauline M. Hempfling, Sister Essilee Hamilton (Indianapolis, Indiana), sons Ralph David (Chillicothe, Ohio), Craig Alan (Charlotte), and daughter, Pamela Crenshaw (Cramerton). Mr. Hempfling was preceded in death by two sons, William Stephen and Jeffrey Alan. He has 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren with two more due in July. He dearly loved his children, grandchildren and great-grand children and prayed for them constantly.

A memorial celebration of his life will be in held in the Chapel at Calvary Church 5801 Pineville Matthews Rd. Charlotte, NC on Saturday, June 7th at 10am. Interment will follow the memorial service at Magnolia Gardens located at Calvary Church. The family will greet friends in the Chapel prior to the service. Dr. John Munro will be officiating. Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home of Matthews, NC, www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, David's family would gratefully appreciate memorials in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project. You may donate directly online at <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Memorial Gardens

5801 Pineville–Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/18_150_112.cfm

Previous Events

Service

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Church
5801 Pineville-Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
info@calvarychurch.com
<http://www.calvarychurch.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *William David Hempfling*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *William David Hempfling*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *David called me every birthday and began singing Happy Birthday. The talking about how is the family, especially Donnie whom he had special love for. I know where he is today.*

Ray Floyd - June 04, 2014 at 05:02 PM



“ *DAVID HAS BEEN A VERY SPECIAL PERSON IN MY CHRISTIAN LIFE. I MET DAVID ON SARDIS ROAD WHEN HE BROUGHT TEARS TO MY EYES CHOOSING THE HYMN "TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS". DAVID WAS SONG LEADER IN THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETING IN THE OLD CHOIR ROOM. THAT SONG HAS STAYED WITH ME THRU THE YEARS. WHENEVER I NEED A COMFORT I SING THIS SONG IN MY HEART AND THINGS JUST SEEM BETTER. DAVID SANG AT MY MOTHER-IN-LAWS FUNERAL AND I HAD HOPES OF HIM SINGING AT MINE.*

PAULINE, OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. THANK YOU BOTH FOR MAKING CALVARY HOME FOR ME., MY HUSBAND, SON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, GRANDDAUGHTER, DAUGHTER, SON-IN-LAW, MOTHER-IN -LAW AND AUNT.

PEGGY STEELE GRIFFIN

PEGGY S GRIFFIN - May 27, 2014 at 01:55 PM

JF

“ What a blessing David has been to our family for MANY years - so fondly I remember the hours he spent week after week with my husband in the last months of Larry's time on this earth - he read the Bible and sung to him - they had great discussions together - they laughed together, they cried together and David was there for his weekly time with him when the Lord called Larry home. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord," David boldly exclaimed - then he held my hand and the hand of my daughter and prayed. Today, David & Larry are together - at the feet of Jesus - rejoicing and praising God! Amen! Our prayers are with Pauline, Pam and the entire family during this difficult time. Love & Hugs, Joyce Staley Ford

Joyce Staley Ford - May 27, 2014 at 12:13 PM

TD

“ David sang "Surely the Lord is in this Place" twenty two years ago at my wedding to Guy. My eyes still fill with tears when I remember David's beautiful voice..what a gift!

Our prayers are with Pauline and the family.
Blessings,
Terry Rhodes Dancy

Terry Dancy - May 26, 2014 at 08:50 AM

CL

“ David was very special with an amazing gift of music. But his greatest gift was making everyone he encountered daily feel that THEY were very special. We will miss you....

Carole (Elliott) Laughlin

Carole (Elliott) Laughlin - May 25, 2014 at 06:04 PM

CA

“ I remember David being at my Mother-in-Law's holiday drop-in. He would call me up and talk about everything. He always enjoyed the drop-in and always talked about how he wished they were more frequent. He enjoyed seeing everyone and catching up.

Your family is in our prayers.

Cathy Cox (Daughter-in-Law of the late Margaret Cox).

Cathy - May 25, 2014 at 03:48 PM

SH

“ I will always remember David singing at my Grandmother's Christmas party (which was always in January? :). Each year, as everyone sat around talking, someone would suggest Christmas carols. The room would go silent as David began to sing.

Our thoughts are with your family.

Shannon Cleaton (Granddaughter of the late Margaret Cox.).

Shannon - May 25, 2014 at 03:42 PM

DM

“ David touched so many lives with his warm loving spirit and his beautiful voice. I too fondly remember David singing "Move Me Closer" in a Christmas concert years ago. David certainly is enjoying being closer to Jesus now!

Move me closer, move me closer

Move me closer to the Child.

Let me see Him, let me hold His hand.

Move me closer to the Child.

Dan Miller - May 21, 2014 at 10:59 PM



“ I will greatly miss him singing songs to me. I loved going on or trips to get ice cream and him telling me not to tell grandma haha. I love you grandpa.

*You are my sunshine my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away....*

Love you :-)

Rachel Leniger - May 21, 2014 at 08:29 PM

AT

“ One of my(Alicia) favorite memories of Mr. Hempfling is when I would talk on the phone to Pauline and he would be in the background talking to me. What joy he would bring to every conversation! My love to Pauline and the family. Our hearts are with you.

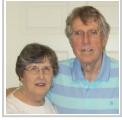
Alicia and Chet Turk and family

Alicia Turk - May 21, 2014 at 06:53 PM

FD

“ My favorite memory of David is from a Christmas concert when we were still at Sardis & Randolph he sang "Move Me Closer"

Florence DesAutels - May 21, 2014 at 03:45 PM



David had such a thoughtful, caring way about him. I will miss his singing Happy Birthday to me each year.

Verna and Leon Mitchell

Verna Mitchell - May 25, 2014 at 07:49 AM