

Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner

August 16, 1929 - March 15, 2014

II Tim. 4:7 "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

LASHMEET – Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner, 84, of Lashmeet, peacefully went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at his home with his children by his side. He ended his suffering on this earth receiving a brand new body that he so longed for. Born August 6, 1929 at Widemouth, he was the son of the late Jeff Dishner and Gladys Davis Dishner.

Jill attended Matoaka High School. Prior to graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army for two years and was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. Jill then worked for the City of Princeton for several years. In 1972 he was blessed with the opportunity to work for N&W Railroad until his retirement. Jill served Lashmeet Freewill Baptist Church in many capacities. He was chosen as a deacon in 1959, taught a Sunday School class and served as Sunday School Superintendent. In August 1977 he was chosen as the pastor. He was honored with that position for 36 years until God took him home. His conversations would always be about the Lord and how important it was to serve Him. He touched so many lives in so many ways. Jill was a beacon of light to his family whom he loved so much, and to the community, the church and anyone he met. Jill's shining example of a true Christian left a road map behind on how to make Heaven your eternal home. He will be truly missed by

his family and the church family that he loved.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Norma Delp Dishner; two brothers, Jack Dishner and David Dishner; a son-in-law whom he loved like a son, Alan White; a great-granddaughter, Mercy Dickerson; two sisters-in-law, Maude Dishner and Cosbie Dishner; and a step-granddaughter, Denise Sparks.

Left to cherish his precious memories are his two sons, Anthony Dishner of Lashmeet and Mark Dishner and his wife Robin of Gibsonville, NC; one daughter, Tina White of Lashmeet; seven grandchildren, Brandon Dishner, Jennifer Dickerson and her husband Scott, Justin White and his wife Kala, Joshua White, Lindsey Dishner, Alexis Dishner and Tyler Dishner; seven great-grandchildren, Maddie, Grace, Eli and Sophia Dickerson, Anaston and Creston Dishner and Jaxson White; four sisters, Peggy Dishner, Shelby Dishner, Phyllis Thomason and her husband Sonny and Debbie Thorn and her husband Steve; two brothers, Bob Dishner and Lynn Dishner and his wife Loma; sister-in-law, Pat Dishner; and his church family that he loved so much and so many friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2014 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with the Rev. Frank Lyons and Pastor Delmer Stilwell officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton where military rites will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard.

Serving as pallbearers will be Justin White, Joshua White, Steve Thorn, Tyler Dishner, Sonny Thomason and Scott Dickerson. Honorary pallbearers will be Keith Wiley, Jim Dunn and Lester Coomes.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 19, 2014 from 6-8 p.m. at

the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mr. Dishner, or send the family online condolences, please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
info@bailey-kirk.com
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Roy & Mona Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner



Roy & Mona Edmonds - April 09, 2014 at 07:45 AM



“ Edna And Fred Browning lit a candle in memory of Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner



Edna And Fred Browning - March 20, 2014 at 06:33 PM

DE

“ *Diana Elledge lit a candle in memory of Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner*



Diana Elledge - March 20, 2014 at 05:56 PM

LS

“ *Tina, Justin and Family, so sorry to hear about your dad(granddad). I am so thankful our Pastor's wife sent me the obit. Just received it today, too late to send flowers but wanted you to know that we were thinking about you and especially praying for you and the church family. He was such an incredible man. He had such a sweet heart and plowed through so much pain to be there for his church family. He WILL be remembered! We look forward to seeing him again! Love and Prayers, Stephen and Linda Short, His Majesty's Ministries*

Linda Short - March 20, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TC

“ The tears we have shed this week and in the future for this Great Man of God are not only tears of sorrow for our loss in this physical world but also of joy knowing this sweet loving man is dancing with his wife again, meeting up with family and friends that went on before him and shaking hands with his Creator. Heaven is richer today with Pastor Jill. My family and I are not able to attend the service today and were not able to even get in the parking lot last night because of all the people this wonderful man has touched. We are grateful to have known him and been inspired by him. Our world will never be the same again. I still remember the day his beloved Church collapsed all those years ago from the heavy snow. I stood beside him (as a member of the fire department at that time) and shared in his grief and astoundment of the devastation. But, in all that was lost that day on that cold, snowy, beautiful Sunday morning, Jill found the positive, he found something to be thankful for and rejoice in and that was the fact that Church had been cancelled that morning and no one was in the sanctuary when the roof fell in!! This was Jill; always positive, always grateful, always thankful and always rejoicing to the Lord!!! We love you Jill! We rejoice that you are in Heaven with Norma, family, friends, and God today!!

Teresa Sexton Cochran - March 20, 2014 at 09:50 AM

TM

“ God received an angel when he brought you home brother Jill. You brought me and mom to the Lord. I will be forever grateful for that. You were an inspiration to Mr and so many people. Grandpa Willis Akers loved you to. I hope to see you in heaven. I love you so much. You are missed and loved. Condolences to all the family.

Trina Thomas Mathena - March 20, 2014 at 06:32 AM

LF

“ When I think of people who have truly inspired me, my whole life, I always think of Jill Dishner. He always had a bright smile, a kind word, and an amazing sense of humor. He was always a wonderful friend to me and my family. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I can say that Heaven will welcome a true angel.
Laymon Farmer

Laymon Farmer - March 19, 2014 at 07:30 PM

AB

“ Jill was my pastor as a little girl and I have wonderful memories of him when I was that age. Later in life, he was still the same good man I had always remembered. He was a good friend to my family and everyone in the community. I will always hold the Dishner family near and dear to my heart as you all in some way touched my life whether it be in school or church. I am grateful to have been in that church as a young girl and grateful for the seed that was planted in my life by Jill. The Dishner family and the Lashmeet Freewill Baptist Church will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Alecia Sanders - Bailey

Alecia Bailey - March 19, 2014 at 07:09 PM



Rhonda
Vaughan

“ I am unable to attend Jill's wake or funeral, but I wanted you to know how much I think of Jill. He has been a godly example for many years. He has been a friend, a listener, a trusted advisor, and a soft place to land when you are hurting. I loved him dearly.

Jill was a good friend to dad. Dad had great respect for him and requested that Jill speak at his funeral. My dad told Jill along with the immediate family members that he did not want tears at his funeral. He wanted Christians to rejoice because he was at home with the Lord. I did well heeding that request until the grave side, then slowly the tears began to flow. As Jill was speaking he saw my tears, caught my attention, and slowly brought that beautiful smile across his face. I felt a calm strength in his unspoken command. "No tears," my daddy had said. Jill, in his precious, sweet way was reminding me of why daddy had ask for no tears.

Jill will be greatly missed here, but rejoicing is going on in Heaven.

Love and prayers,
Rhonda Vaughan

Rhonda Vaughan - March 19, 2014 at 06:56 PM

SF

“ I was his neighbor for many years. Jill was such a good man and a comfort when things were bad in your life. When you were in his presence you felt that God was using Jill's earthly body to reach out and touch you. He was such a comfort when my mother passed and he lead her funeral service. I hope that God will comfort his family in this difficult time. You will be missed.

Sarah Farmer

Sarah Farmer - March 19, 2014 at 01:30 PM

SV

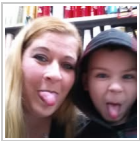
“ *Jill has been a friend to our family as long as I can remember. I was a little girl when we left here in the 60's but I could remember him even then. When I returned to Mercer County in the 80's he was still the same...just more seasoned with Lord. My love and prayers to his family who have been an influence on my children. As we say our good byes to this great man of God let's remember he will be in the biggest Easter Celebration of all this year!* ”

Sandy Jessee Vestal - March 19, 2014 at 11:32 AM

DH

“ *Sorry to hear of you loss. Thoughts and Prayers are with you all!* ”

Doug Hale - March 19, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *Jill has been a part of my life since I have been alive. He and Rev. Lyons are also the ones that bapitized me on May 5th 1985. I will miss him dearly.
With love
John and Debbie Evans* ”



Debbie Evans - March 19, 2014 at 09:14 AM

WS

“ *He will be greatly missed
Jill was such a blessing to others.
Condolences
Larry and Wilma Sexton* ”



wilma sexton - March 19, 2014 at 09:04 AM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner.



March 19, 2014 at 09:00 AM



“ Bro. Jill was one of God's best he was everything you could want to see as a Preacher of the gospel and a friend who could brighten your day. We were always Blessed to see him at the hospital working for his Lord. The church will be a standing monument of Bro. Jill. He will surely be missed but I know he is happy there. They are gathering there and one day soon we will be there too.

Rev. Kenneth and Brenda Abram - March 19, 2014 at 08:25 AM



“ Mr. Dishner was a very special person. He was always so kind and concerned about how everyone was doing. We love him and his family very much. Love and prayers. Larry and Phyllis Johnson and family, Cindy Michalsky and family, Michelle Reid and family, Lee Johnson and family

Michelle Reid - March 19, 2014 at 08:14 AM



“ Betty Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner



Betty Gillespie - March 18, 2014 at 11:03 PM

LC

“ dear friends. we have always appreciated brother jill"s ministry to the dophus and gladys cole family. he was a special friend and a dear brother in the lord.our prayers are with you . the cole famiy--leroy cole-port matilda,pa.

leroy cole&family - March 18, 2014 at 09:52 PM

JD

“ I never did know the exact relationship between my Dad and Jeff. All I knew was that they were cousins. What I do know is that after my Dads' tragic death. Jill periodically visited my mother. He visited as family and as a minister and his visits were greatly appreciated. I extend to you my deepest sympathies in your loss but I believe that Jill as was with my mother in December, when he left this life, the next words he heard"Well done my good and faithful servant."

John Dishner

John Dishner - March 18, 2014 at 05:30 PM

DB

“ Our sympathy to the family of Brother Jill...may God hold you and give you peace.

Delma Walker Birchfield, Buddy Birchfield, and children, Debbie, Doug, and Linda

Delma W. Birchfield - March 18, 2014 at 04:31 PM

SA

“ Even when you were not feeling your best you always had a kind word, and funny joke you always made me smile. I know how much you missed your wife. See ya again one day when the Lord brings the rest of us home. I know you will remember me when you see me and the joke we shared about my hair. You were a great man of God influencing so many lives many hearts saddened by your departure from this ole earth but many rejoicing in heaven as you have made it home. Love and miss you dear friend...

Sherry Agnew - March 18, 2014 at 12:39 PM

BM

“ He used to hold camp meetings around the loop when I attended Fairview. The lil church that stood up on the hill. Larry Dyer and several people would attend and Jill always preached and he would get your attention.

Beth Morehead - March 18, 2014 at 09:39 AM

LC

“ An amazing and God fearing man who meant so much to my family. It seems in the darkest times he was there for so many. Jill, I hope you and my precious father have had time to catch up in your heavenly home. This world is a little less without you, and my prayers go out to those who are missing you so.

Loressa Cole - March 18, 2014 at 07:42 AM

BG

To all the Dishner Family, thoughts & prayers go out to you, my Mother Lena Dillon loved all your family, I . she will greet Jill in Heaven

Betty Gillespie - March 18, 2014 at 11:01 PM

GC

“ Gay Clay lit a candle in memory of Rev. A.R.
"Jill" Dishner



Gay Clay - March 18, 2014 at 07:40 AM

GC

My prayers to all of the Dishner Family. I know Brother Jill will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My husband Jay (who went home to be with the Lord in Dec.) and I always enjoyed our visits to the church there and hearing his sermons. Such a loving, humble man. I know there is a wonderful celebration going on in Heaven!

Gay Clay - March 18, 2014 at 07:47 AM

PJ

“ *To Anthony, Tina and Mark; I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. He was an inspiration to me and my mentor in the early years of my Christian walk. He would take me with him on hospital visitations and I did my best to be like him but there was only one Jill Dishner. His devotion to God and to the people the Lord allowed him to serve was greatly amplified by the love he had for both. Please know that only eternity will reveal how many lives he really touched. God bless you all.*

Pastor John (Boo) Jenkins - March 18, 2014 at 06:55 AM



“ *Jill was Truly a Soldier of God. He dedicated his life to the Lord, He has touched so many lives. I am sure he had no idea how much he was loved and admired by so many, nor the impact he had on peoples lives. He stood by my family during the most difficult times of our lives, and his prayers and words of encouragement I will carry with me all the days of my life. He once told me to always be prepared to do the Lords work. And I will never forget that! As much as it saddens me to know he is departed from us, I am so Happy for him, knowing he has finally been held in the arms of the one, he loved so dear. His Lord! And is reunited with his Precious Wife Norma and all that has gone on before him. See you in Glory Jill. You will be missed Greatly!*

Samantha Walker - March 17, 2014 at 09:47 PM



“ *Samantha Walker lit a candle in memory of Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner*



Samantha Walker - March 17, 2014 at 09:34 PM



“ *Teresa Carter lit a candle in memory of Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner*



Teresa Carter - March 17, 2014 at 09:26 PM

TC

I can't even start to tell how much you mean to me and my family. I thank God everyday that you were my pastor for 41 yrs. You have made a difference in my life. Thank you for teaching me the truth about Heaven. I will see you again. Love you Teresa, Randy, Shawn, & Matthew Carter

Teresa Carter - March 17, 2014 at 09:38 PM

VJ

“ Vanessa Jones lit a candle in memory of Rev. A.R. "Jill" Dishner



Vanessa Jones - March 17, 2014 at 09:19 PM

VJ

Heaven is brighter and our earthly world a little sadder for we have lost a beautiful person.

Vanessa Jones - March 17, 2014 at 09:21 PM

AC

“ We love you Jill, i will so miss that smiling face. You were such a blessing to our family, you touched our lives in so many ways, and showed such an example of what a Christian truly is. Im happy you are finally with Norma but we sure miss you both here!

Amanda Cecil - March 17, 2014 at 08:04 PM

EB

“ God has took the best he is rejoicing in heaven with the lord and lovely wife he has been such a blessing in my life always a smile on his face. True man of god I'm sad but no he's were he has strived to be with his lord and savior!

edna Blevins - March 17, 2014 at 07:31 PM

DG

“ Words cannot describe what this precious man meant to me. I loved him so; not just as a loving family member, but more importantly a love and respect for a man that was the epitome of a devoted servant of Christ. He was never without a smile on his face through all the pain and heartache of life, and was always concerned for the spiritual needs of others. Our world has lost a prayer warrior. Heaven welcomed home a devoted servant. Heaven rejoiced, another child has gone home.

*Much love to all,
Dawn Gearhart Green*

Dawn Green - March 17, 2014 at 07:01 PM

JM

“ ANOTHER MAN GAINED HIS HEAVENLY HOME THIS PAST WEEK, I CAN STILL SEE HIM PREACHING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, JUMPING IN THE AISLE BETWEEN THE PEWS, DELIVERING GOD'S MESSAGE TO US ALL, JILL WAS ALSO ONE OF THE FINEST MEN I KNEW, ALWAYS A SMILE AND A KIND WORD, HE TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT THE LORD, HE BAPTISED ME AT THE OL MILL POND BACK IN 1988, AS HE DID SEVERAL OTHERS THERE, HIS WORK HERE ON THIS EARTH IS FINISHED AND NOW HE HAS HIS HOME WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU WILL BE MISSED JILL AND ALWAYS LOVED....JACKIE MILLS AND DAUGHTERS, KAYLA AND KELLY

Jackie Mills - March 17, 2014 at 03:47 PM

AE

“ Dean and I are so sorry for your loss. My Mother Louise Kinser and sister Cosbie Dishner loved Jill so much. He was such a comfort to our family when Mother was so ill He came to the hospital numerous times to visit her before she passed. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go thru this difficult time. God bless each and every one of the family Dean and Althea Eubanks Marshalltown Iowa

Althea Eubanks - March 17, 2014 at 03:45 PM

AM

“ What a remarkable man God put on this earth . And that smile he had , just made you feel special. Will always Love and Miss You Jill



Arlene & Buddy Midkiff - March 17, 2014 at 01:42 PM

VA

“ To the family of Brother Jill.



Through the years I has called up on Brother Jill for guidance. Jill was a true man of the lord! Jill would pray for me when I had down days. He comforted me when I was sick! Brother Jill and Earl was the ones at my baptism. Back in the 1980's. Jill had a heart of gold! I recall him setting in his auto. I thought something was wrong with him. I stopped and knocked on his window. He was just sleeping. He told me he was so tired. That smile at me was enough to know he was alright! My grandma loved him too. He preached her passing. Brother Jill was her great nephew! It was so special that he was there for us to say her good byes. To the family Brother Jill was a fine man! We know he is in heaven with his wife and my love ones and yours that has gone. He will be sadly missed! We have all blessed to have him so long!

I am praying for all of you. I love you all dearly, God bless,

Violet (Nattie) Walker Akers

violet Nattie Walker Akers - March 17, 2014 at 10:29 AM

MH

To the family of Bro. Jill, I can not add anything else to what has already been said, and it's all true. we all loved and admired Bro. Jill for who he was in Christ Jesus. He loved everyone, and everyone loved him. May he forever rest in the arms of love. we will all miss you, Bro. Jill. Mary Hill, Zina and Jody and family. God Bless all of Bro. Jill's family.

Mary Hill - March 18, 2014 at 11:22 AM