



John E. Epperly

December 23, 1932 – February 28, 2006

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John E. Epperly, 73, of Elm Street, Belpre, Ohio, died February 28, 2006, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

He was born December 23, 1932, in Summers County, West Virginia, near Hinton, a son of the late Thomas A. and Mary E. Basham Epperly.

Mr. Epperly graduated from Hinton High School in 1950. He received his bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in music education and supervision from Ohio University. He later completed the course work for a major in school administration. While in college, he was a member of the OU band and orchestra, and Phi Mu Alpha and Kappa Kappi Psi fraternities.

Mr. Epperly began his teaching career at Glenford- Hopewell Schools in 1955 as band director. He moved to Belpre in 1956 where he served five years as band director. He then worked 13 years as high school principal and 13 years as assistant superintendent in charge of instruction. After 32 years' service, he retired from Belpre City Schools. For the next 8 years he worked part-time at Ohio University and Glenville State College in the teacher education programs. Mr. Epperly closed his 43 year career in education by working as a substitute teacher in Wood County Schools.

He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church where he was choir director for 23 years. He later served as choir director at Christ United Methodist Church, Parkersburg, for 20 years.

Surviving are Betty, whom he married June 12, 1953; two sons, John B. Epperly (Cheri) and Rick Epperly (Lori) of Belpre, two daughters, Lynne Bradley (Brad) of Morgantown and Resa Vavra (Harry) of Belpre; seven grandchildren, Matt Ameri of Morgantown, Alisha and Nikki Epperly of Belpre; Ashleigh and Devin Cumpston of Belpre; and Tarah and Ryan Epperly of Belpre; brothers Thomas A. Epperly, Jr. of Roanoke, VA and Charles L. Epperly of Covington, Virginia; sisters Anna Harvey, Rosemary Allman of Hinton, WV and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Carol Craft.

Services will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Leavitt Funeral Home, Belpre with Reverend Perry Stewart officiating. Burial will be at the Bartlett Cemetery in Bartlett, Ohio. Visitation will be Friday 2:00 – 4:00 and 6:00pm - 8:00 PM and up till service time on Saturday at the Leavitt Funeral Home in Belpre.

Memorials may be made to the Organ Fund at Christ United Methodist Church, 715 16th Street, Parkersburg, WV.

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