

Edgar W. Webb

January 9, 1930 – December 13, 2015

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NEWPORT NEWS - Edgar W. Webb, aged 85, of Newport News passed away at Riverside Hospital on December 13th, 2015.

He was born on January 9th, 1930 to parents Edgar W. Webb, Sr. and Clara Weeks in Hinton, West Virginia. A lifelong student of music, he began playing the trumpet in the seventh grade, and would eventually go on to earn his BS Degree in Music Education in 1958.

His first classroom was in a log cabin complete with pot belly stove in Baileysville, West Virginia. In June of 1958 he moved on to Christiansburg High School in Christiansburg, Virginia where he taught beginning, intermediate, and high school bands. Each summer he held a band camp for his students along the Greenbriar River in West Virginia. In June of 1965 he became the band director at Ferguson High School in Newport News, Virginia, where he built an award winning band and music program. In 1972 he moved to Denbigh High School and continued his successful music education career. He remained at Denbigh High for the next 18 years until his retirement in 1989.

He leaves behind him a legacy of successful students who would go on to become teachers and professional musicians everywhere from New York and Broadway to Las Vegas, Nashville, Europe, the Armed Forces and many other places throughout the United States. Eight of his students were members of the McDonald's All American Band. He also served as Director of the Summer Music Program Jazz Ensembles at the College of William and Mary for four years. He was a member of and served on various state and local music and education associations throughout his career.

In addition to his many accolades as a music educator, his professional performances as a trumpet player included Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, the Ice Capades, Roanoke and Bluefield Symphonies and many other local groups, including the Hampton Jazz Festival. Not one to let retirement get in the way of a full life, Edgar continued to volunteer at concerts and events at the

Ferguson Center for the Arts, as well as spending leisure time with his grandchildren, sailing the Chesapeake Bay, golfing, and traveling.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Deloris Webb, his sister, Barbara McSweeney and husband Dan, son Sonny and his wife, Valerie, and his two grandsons Andy and Robby. A Celebration of Life is being held on January 30th, 2015 beginning at 1pm, at the Kiln Creek Country Club in Newport News, Virginia. All who wish to celebrate his life are welcome to attend.