



Randell Lawless

January 21, 1933 - November 13, 2012

Conway...Randell O. Lawless, 79, of Singleton Ridge Road, died Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at Conway Medical Center.

Mr. Lawless was born in Wayne County, KY, a son of the late O. Granville Lawless and Montie Beatrice Neal Lawless. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Lawless sang in The Virginia Men's Choir. He started the Waynesboro Choral Society. Mr. Lawless started Rockbridge Area Vocal Ensemble, and directed the VMI Glee Club. He was a minister of music for 60 years. Prior to retirement, he was employed by Trinity United Methodist Church in Lexington, VA as Music Director.

Surviving are: his wife, Melanie Patricia Lawless of Conway; three sons, Matthew Utz of Atlanta, GA, Nathan Utz of Little River, SC and Billy Utz of Roanoke, VA; three daughters, Sandi Rutan of Conway, Kathy Franz of Nashville, TN and Karen Mitchell of Hendersonville, TN; 15 grandchildren; one step brother, John Lawless of Nashville, TN; and his step mother, Pearlina Lawless of Nashville, TN.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Pat...I don't know if you will remember me but I spent a lot of time with your family when you all lived in West Point. I thought the world of Randy and certainly enjoyed his friendship and leadership....as well as you and the rest of the family. I have thought of you guys many times over the past. Randy had a huge impact on the youth in W.P. and as many have commented, he made a world of difference at First Baptist Church. I will forever remember and keep those special times...as well as you all...close to my heart. I attempted to reconnect with Randy several years ago and never followed through. I so regret that now!! I am so sorry for your loss as I know it is huge! I also apologize for not knowing...I am just now finding out by accident as I cleared some old info from my computer. I was shocked to say the least. I'm so sorry that I have failed to keep in touch. I hope you get this. If so, please contact me if you can. I would love to hear from you. I love you all and I hope Randy is singing in heaven with all the angels that have gone before him...my parents included. With much love...Ruthie Norman (Burks) (rburks01@comcast.net)

Ruth Burks - December 05, 2013 at 04:23 PM

TS

“ I will never forget Randy and his kindness he showed. He was a mentor to me as I was growing up in the church. I have never enjoyed choir as much as I did when Randy was directing it. We had so much fun with him during our choir tours. Love and Prayers to all of the Lawless family.
Tina Gay Stokes

Tina Gay Stokes - November 19, 2012 at 08:36 AM

GD

“ My thoughts and prayers for the Lawless/Utz family. I have such cherished memories of Pat, Randy, and the children. I was a part of the Adult Choir at First Baptist Church and I learned so much about music under Randy's direction. My husband and I got to go as Chaperones with our children Angela and Troy, on one of Sonlight's choir tours when they visited the northeastern states. Then I got to be a part of the Enthusiastix singing group in West Point. All were loving, memorable times.

Much love and heartfelt sympathy to you and the family.

Gloria Couch Foster Daniel - November 18, 2012 at 07:07 AM

ME

“ I know that God's choir has a little more quality now that Randy is there singing in it. Sorry for your loss and we will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers. Fond memories of the whole family while working and sharing your talents in West Point.

Margie and Jimmy Elliott

Margie Elliott - November 17, 2012 at 07:13 PM

PE

“ Prayer's for the Lawless family. Randy made such an impact on the First Baptist Church in West Point and all the children of the community. May your memories comfort you during this time.

Paula Pillsbury Ellis

Paula Pillsbury Ellis - November 17, 2012 at 06:49 PM

PJ

“ Thinking and praying for the Lawless and Utz family. I have very fond memories of all you at from our days growing up in First Baptist Church. The time we spent together was joyous. I hope your memories help ease your pain.

Much love,
Pamela Hogge Jackowski
West Point, Va.

Pamela Hogge Jackowski - November 17, 2012 at 06:10 PM



“ A very sad day to hear of Randy's passing! He was such a big part of our pre-teen and teen years in West Point. He brought us all together and made it fun to be in church and sing in the choir. What fond memories I have of all the summers we spent together crowded on a bus, traveling the country side. God certainly took another angel to Heaven.

Anne Johnson - November 17, 2012 at 04:31 PM

DM

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Doug Murray - November 17, 2012 at 03:17 PM

DM

“ Randy changed my life, the life of our church and life of our community in West Point, VA. His voice reached out to all members of our community and encouraged young people to participate in our choir- Sonlight. Our small choir tripled/quadrupled in size. We witnessed a true leader ... we learned that one voice can make a huge difference ... and we found our own voices. Thank you for sharing your voice and heart with us.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKPWzLgvgW4&feature=fvwrel>

Doug Murray - November 17, 2012 at 03:16 PM

SB

“ *To the Lawless Family:*

May the memories of a life well-lived, help comfort you during this difficult time. And may the "peace of God that excels all thought", sustain you in the days ahead. (Philippians 4:7)

*My condolences,
SJB.*

S.J. BROWN - November 15, 2012 at 11:16 AM

KH

“ *I served in Randy's choir from 87-90 at Broadus Memorial Baptist church in Richmond, VA. He taught me alot and encouraged me in music. I'll always remember his fun spirit and am thankful for him teaching me a love of singing for Jesus Christ. God bless the entire family. Randy will be missed here, but I know he is singing with the angels now praising Jesus!*

Keith Horner - November 15, 2012 at 08:36 AM