



## Pastor Robert E. Berger

August 11, 1929 - May 29, 2017

Pastor Robert E. Berger, 87, of Wolf Twp. died Monday, May 29, 2017 at home. His wife of 56 years, Eileen Mae (Berger) Berger, preceded him in death on October 21, 2011.

Born August 11, 1929, in Muncy, he is the son of the late Charles and Martha (Harpster) Berger. Robert was a graduate of Temple University and received a master's degree at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. Pastor Berger pursued his doctoral degree at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and also studied at Regents Park College, Oxford and Baptist Seminary, London, England. He was pastor at Hughesville Baptist Church from 1951 to 1986, and also at Picture Rocks Baptist Church. After his retirement he served as interim pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Williamsport, and was interim area minister for Wilkes-Barre, Scranton Churches. He was Pastor Emeritus at Hughesville Baptist Church and celebrated his 60th Anniversary of Ordination in 2014. He was an avid reader and life-long student of history, and continued to take college courses at Bucknell University up to this past spring. He planned and organized approximately 12 trips to Israel.

He is survived by a son, William C. (Leslie) Berger of Millville; a daughter-in-law, Sarah Berger of Hughesville; grandchildren, Nathanael Mailleue, Isaac (Katybeth) Mailleue, Samuel (Brittany) Mailleue, Karl Berger, Mackenzie (Dylan) Berger Farr, Katherine Berger, Dorothy Berger; and 2 Great Grandchildren, Malcolm and Ian Mailleue.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by a Son, James R. Berger; a Daughter, Victoria E. Mailleue; a Brother, Richard Berger; and Sister, Bonnie Berger Stengel.

Funeral services will be held 11a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Hughesville Baptist Church, 37 North Third Street, Hughesville, with Pastor Thomas M. Brokaw officiating. Burial will be private in White Deer Valley Baptist Church Cemetery, Allenwood. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 2, at Hughesville Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Hughesville Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 37 N. Third Street, Hughesville, PA 17737.

Services are entrusted to McCarty-Thomas Funeral Home, Hughesville.

Arrangements are entrusted to McCarty-Thomas Funeral Home, Hughesville.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at <http://www.mccartythomas.com>

# Cemetery

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## White Deer Valley Baptist Church Cemetery

572 White Deer Baptist Church Road  
Allewood, PA, 17810

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Hughesville Baptist Church  
37 N. Third Street, Hughesville, PA, US,  
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**JUN** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Just found out about Pastor Berger's passing. So very sorry for your loss and our tardiness. We first met Pastor and Mrs. Berger in 1986 through my husband's grandfather, Glennis Rickert. We met at our family farm in Sonestown, and in August of that year, Pastor Berger married us there. We always enjoyed meeting up with him and Mrs. Berger whenever we were in the area. He will always have a special place in our hearts.  
Kelly Rickert

**Kelly Rickert** - October 04, 2019 at 12:47 PM

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“ Bob commonly called me his "adopted grandson" and for that I am ever thankful. He always took time to see me and talk. He took me on my first college visit, and made me realize how beautiful our God is and how he loves us in the hardest of mans times. He was a person no one could speak poorly of and he certainly spoke poorly on no one. I cannot imagine if his heart attack in 86' would have taken him for I would have never known him. He and my father were the two biggest male influences in my life and I owe them all that is good in me. I miss him dearly and only wish he was here to answer all the historical and biblical questions I will continue to ask for the rest of my life. What a good and faithful servant he was. Prayers to Bill and family in a time of lose and heavens gain.

**Jared Snyder** - June 05, 2017 at 09:15 AM

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“ Family of Bob my sympathy is with you this morning. My family and I appreciate Bob Berger very much. As a very green seminary graduate, I became pastor at East End Baptist Church in Williamsport. There I came under the watchful and care eye of Bob. Bob was in my corner for the Ordination Council in November of 1969. He way always one I could turn to for Prayer, advise...counsel. I wanted to be there today...I planned to come up, but my body was telling me not to. In the 30 years I have pastored in Hope Memorial Baptist Church in Camden, New Jersey, I have had the privilege of meeting Bill Berger, with whom I have shared many stories concerning Bob. Please know that I have a warm spot in my heart, and a deep appreciation for the way Bob helped out o bewildered young pastor. Praise God. Shalom!

**G. Kent Walmsley** - June 03, 2017 at 10:44 AM

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“ Our condolences are with the Rev. Bob Berger family. He will be missed by the whole community of Hughesville. He has contributed much to our area. Hang on to those great memories we have of this man and his work throughout our community over many, many years. Thank you, Bob! Shirley Crawley and Bob Franklin

**Shirley Crawley** - June 02, 2017 at 07:56 PM

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“ Pastor Bob was a model of Christianity. He was a big influence in our lives. When he preached a sermon, it meant something. We--as well as our whole church--will miss him. Harriet and Wayne Watts

**Harriet & Wayne Watts** - June 02, 2017 at 04:03 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Robert E. Berger.



June 02, 2017 at 11:45 AM

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“ Pastor Bob Berger was a man of great faith, wisdom, and love that was shared with us as we began our ministry in the Cedar Run Baptist Church. He influenced my ministry for the Lord in many ways. His knowledge of the Holy Lands, history of the Bible and love for the flock was imparted to me as a new preacher. We will miss him and find comfort in the special memories he gave us. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Gary and Kathy Messinger

**Gary and Kathy Messinger** - June 01, 2017 at 10:50 PM

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“ 32 files added to the album LifeTributes



McCarty-Thomas Funeral Home - May 31, 2017 at 12:21 PM

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“ Bill & Leslie and the rest of the family. I will always cherish the memories I have of your entire family. From the days of babysitting and making divinity fudge to the day Eileen did our blood test so we could get married. All of our outings with the Baptist Youth Fellowship and trips to Atlantic City. Also, the opportunity to teach Sunday school classes for over 30 years and the many many Christmas plays we participated in. These memories will be with me forever. So sorry for the loss of Bob and the rest of the family.. They all are greatly missed. Shirley & Stan Glidewell

Shirley Glidewell - May 31, 2017 at 10:49 AM

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“ I have known Pastor Berger since I was a little girl. Too many memories. Bob's passing will leave a hole at our church. I will miss his searching for me to give me the booklets he passes out to deacons. Esp will miss the cards he always sent for birthdays, anniversaries.  
Prayers for the family.  
Linda and Jamie Bower



Linda Bower - May 31, 2017 at 09:53 AM

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“ What an exemplary man of God Rev. Berger was! His intelligence, his faith, his leadership in the community and his kindness have touched us all. We extend our sorrow and love to his remaining family; you are in our hearts and prayers...~Christine Rogers Kindon and family



**Christine Rogers Kindon** - May 31, 2017 at 09:07 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss! Rev. Berger was always very kind to us. He performed both my baptism and marriage ceremonies. He will be missed!

Linda Watts Herzog

**Linda Watts Herzog** - May 31, 2017 at 07:12 AM