



J. Thomas Shuttlesworth

September 22, 1937 - April 9, 2022

J. Thomas Shuttlesworth, 84, of Leesburg, FL passed away on April 9, 2022 at the UFHealth Hospital in Leesburg.

Tom was born on Sept.22, 1937 in Brent, AL to John, Sr. and Aleese Shuttlesworth. Tom attended Central Wesleyan College, Salem Bible College and Indiana U of PA where he received a BS in Elementary Education and a MS in Education. He pastored for 10 years in the Wesleyan Methodist Church in PA - NuMine and Wilgus. After receiving his education degrees, he taught elementary school in Purchase Line School District, Commodore, PA for 27 ½ years while living in Hillsdale, PA. One student wrote" I will always remember you when another teacher loses their temper because you never lost your temper. You made my recess so fun when you played basketball with me. I can tell I really improved". Upon retirement, he and Lura moved to Highland Lakes in Leesburg, FL where they lived for 22 years. Through the years the couple were able to take tours to many states in the US and a cruise in Germany. Tom enjoyed being able to travel and see different parts of the country.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, the former Lura Blakeslee of Corry, PA. He is survived by a sister, Vallie Blake of Brent, AL, nephews John (friend Lisa) Shuttlesworth III and Scott Blake and niece Joy (Mark) Adcock.

A Celebration of Tom's Life will be held in MI at a later date. Burial will be in the McCray Methodist Cemetery in Corry, PA. Arrangements for his cremation were made with the Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg.