



## A. W. Ishee

January 12, 1924 - June 28, 2012

Rev. A. W. Ishee, 88, of Laurel went home to be with His Lord and Savior on Thursday, June 28, 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2012 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel.

Rev. Ishee was founder and pastor of the First Pentecostal Church of Laurel for 41 ½ years. He was a veteran of World War II and an ex-prisoner of war. He wrote a book, *Stalag IV-B* detailing his experiences. He loved to tell his story to church groups and schools.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Amos Winfred and Daisy Ishee; his brother, Paul E. Ishee; his sister, Katherine Bishop; and granddaughter, Julie Culpepper Luker.

He is survived by his wife of almost 67 years, Norma E. Baggett Ishee; three daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and William "Bill" Culpepper of Laurel, Kathy and Rev. Allen Shortridge of Meridian and Joanna and Chris Buffington of Petal. He is also survived by one grandson, Stephen Culpepper and great grandchildren, Andrew Luker, and Nathaniel, Bethany and Tori Culpepper. He was a loving husband, father, pastor, and friend. He will be sorely missed. He was a true model of a soldier for Christ.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Davis, Robert White, Andrew Luker, Stephen Dunn, Charles Gibson, and Joshua Fitzgerald.

Visitation will be held from 4 until 8 p.m. Sunday, July 1, 2012 at Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements.



# Tribute Wall

CS

“ *My Uncle Edward Donald Sitko was also a POW in the Battle of the Bulge. After all the torture he experienced, he returned home to Hiram, Ohio, non-verbal and spent the rest of his life in Veteran's Hospitals Institutionalized.*

*I still don't have a lot of information on what he endured, and don't know how I can find out more about his capture. But I did put A W Ishee's book on my list to purchase on Amazon sometime in the near future. RIP A W Ishee for all that you endured.*

*C A Sitko, Kent, Ohio*

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**C A Sitko** - March 03, 2020 at 12:24 PM

MI

“ *I will love and miss you very much! My dad, Paul Ishee loved his brother very much! I have admired you all of my life. I want you to know that I credit you for getting me through Viet Nam in one peace. Everytime things got bad, I remembered thinking "This is nothing, My Uncle was a prisoner of war in Germany!" Thanks for standing up for the Veterans! Thanks for sharing your belief in God with me.*  
*Mike Ishee*

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**Mike Ishee** - July 02, 2012 at 04:40 PM

SB

“ To the Family of Rev. Ishee I offer my thoughts & prayers. I believe that I went to USM with Mrs. Janet Ishee Culpepper. I would like to make contact with a family member at an appropriate time. You see my father, John Cecil Thead, was a veteran of World War II and an ex-POW confined at Stalag IV on the Baltic. I would like so very much to read your father's book & have someone share memories of your father with me. My father passed away on Nov.22,1986. I can be reached at my business cell# 601-433-4261 or through my e-mail address. Your husband & father must have been a remarkable man. I am saddened that I never knew him. I am working out of town tomorrow or I would be in attendance at your father's service. I will be thinking & praying for this special family.  
Sincerely, Susan T. Bass

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**Susan Thead Bass** - July 01, 2012 at 11:52 PM

TI

“ I love and will miss you very much! My dad loved you so much! I want you to know that you got me through the Viet nam war, because I had an uncle who suffered so much! I always wanted to be half as brave as you! Thanks for your belief in god! Thanks for always standing up for all veterans! I love you so much!!c Mike Ishee

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**Thomas Ishee** - July 01, 2012 at 10:04 PM

VB

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY;  
VERNON & ANNE BYRD

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**Vernon & Anne Byrd** - July 01, 2012 at 06:21 PM

BS

“ *Bro. Ishee was an inspiration to me ever since I met him. He will be missed.*

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**Breta Clark Smith** - July 01, 2012 at 04:58 PM

KG

“ *Kathy & family, Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, Deepest Sympathy, Kristy Christiansen Graves*

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**Kristy Christiansen Graves** - June 29, 2012 at 08:46 AM

VT

“ *My father, D.W. Clingon, and A.W. were 1st cousins. I remember hearing stories of his time as a prisoner of war. I know my father respects him as the Christian example he was to us all..as did my aunt, Alice Clingon Parish. Heaven is brighter today!! God bless!!*

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**Vicki Clingon Town** - June 28, 2012 at 06:32 PM