The Rev. Canon Frederick F. Valentine, Jr.
VTS Class of 1945

December 13, 1919 – March 16, 2006

The Rev. Canon Frederick Farwell Valentine, 86, a resident of the Crystal Springs community, Elkins, departed this life Thursday evening, March 16, 2006, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown following a brief illness.

He was born Saturday, Dec. 13, 1919, at Philadelphia, Pa., a son of the late Frederick Farwell Valentine Sr. and Elizabeth Devit Valentine.

He was twice married. First, on June 28, 1945, at Alexandria, Va., he was married to the former Virginia Louise Thompson, who preceded him in death March 30, 1980. Second, on Sept. 17, 1983, he was married to the former Patricia Smith, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Timothy Frederick Valentine of St. Albans; one daughter, Bridget Mauzy and husband, Charles, of Elkins; one stepson, Stephen Forsythe of Charleston; one stepdaughter, Susan Halterman of Warrenton, Va.; one sister, Margaret Bolgunas of Philadelphia, Pa.; four grandchildren, Aaron, Simon, Samuel and Isaac Mauzy; and three stepgrandchildren, David, Stephen and John Halterman.

Preceding him in death besides his parents and first wife were one son, Nathaniel John Valentine.

He graduated from high school at Philadelphia, Pa., attended Wharton Business School at Philadelphia, Pa., and was a graduate of the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va. He briefly worked in the banking business before becoming the rector of the Grace Episcopal Church in Elkins from 1950 to 1958. From 1958 to 1974, he served Episcopal churches in North and South Carolina. In 1974, he returned to Elkins, where he worked as director of the Adult Training Center for the Mentally Challenged with the Appalachian Mental Health Center. He was currently the rector of the Grace Episcopal Church in Elkins and the Saint Matthias Episcopal Church in Grafton. In August 2004, he was made the Canon of the West Virginia Diocese of Episcopal Churches and in 2005 attended the 60-year reunion of the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va., in which three members of his class attended.

He was an accomplished banjo player and was a member of the Appal Core Band. He was an exceptional artwork painter and loved animals, gardening, flowers, family and church.

The family will receive friends at the Grace Episcopal Church from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday. Final rites will be conducted at the church Monday, March 20, at 11 a.m. The Right Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer will officiate and interment will follow at the Heavner Cemetery in Buckhannon. The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Saint Matthias Episcopal Church, 627 Ona St., Grafton, W.Va. 26354; the Grace Episcopal Church, 212 John St., Elkins, W.Va. 26241; or to Mountain Hospice, 1600 Crim Ave., Belington, W.Va. 26250. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for the Rev. Canon Frederick Farwell Valentine. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com. From 18 Mar 2006.