

Thomas William Diener

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Mr. Thomas William Diener age 82, of Whispering Pines Road, Boone, passed Thursday evening, January 17, 2013 at the Glenbridge Health and Rehabilitation.

Born March 16, 1930 in Berks County Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late Leroy Boyer Diener and Alice Irene Palm Diener. Tom received his undergraduate degree in music from Murray State University; and his master's degree from Appalachian State University. Mr. Diener taught music for 30 years in Winston-Salem. He was a US Army Veteran and served during the Korean Conflict. Tom was a member of the Winston-Salem Symphony for 30 years. He was an accomplished weaver, sweater knitter and enjoyed tating and crocheting. He was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dora Belle Phillips Diener, and his caregiver, Earl Welborn, both of the home, three brothers; Richard Diener of Kissimmee, Florida, Joseph Diener and wife Christine of Perkasio, Pennsylvania, David Diener and wife Brenda of Concord, five sisters; Jane Wilkinson of Florida, Margaret Popp of husband Earl of Lancaster, PA, Bettina Whetstone of Lancaster, PA, Sara Small and husband Charles of Henderson, Nevada; and Elsie Snyder of Reading, PA, and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; Leroy Boyer and Alice Irene Palm Diener, his first wife; Eva Mae Diener, and two brothers; James and John Diener.

Funeral services for Mr. Thomas William Diener will be conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Laurel Springs Baptist Church. Officiating will be Rev. Brent Bolick and Rev. Burl

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Greer. Burial will follow in the Laurel Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday prior to the service from 1 o'clock until 2 at the church. Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to the Laurel Springs Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, in care of Stewart Rhymer, 6596 Old US Hwy 421 South, Deep Gap, NC 28618 or to Medi-Home Hospice, PO Box 1357, Newland, NC 28657. Online condolences may be shared with the Diener family at www.austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com

Austin & Barnes Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Diener family.