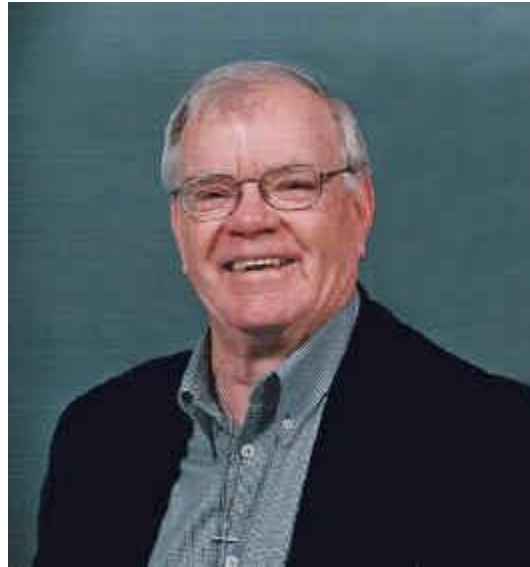


## **Lion Clarence Mullie Coleman Mulheren, Jr.**



**Clarence (Mullie) Coleman Mulheren, Jr., 85, of Pearisburg, VA.**, passed away in his home surrounded by loving family and friends on October 27, 2009. Mullie was born on February 7, 1924 in Hinton, WV. to the late Clarence Coleman Mulheren, Sr. and Ethel Mary Hornbarger Mulheren. Mullie was very proud to have served his country in the Pacific Theater during World War II and the Korean Conflict as a member of Underwater Demolition Team 3, which later became the Navy SEALs. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with the Combat "V"; Pacific Theater Ribbon; American Theater Ribbon; Victory Medal; and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. He was made an Honorary Seal in 2002 and served as Honorary Chaplain of the UDT-SEAL Association on Little Creek Base in Virginia Beach. He was the Secretary-Treasurer of UDT 3 and enjoyed attending UDT-SEAL reunions through the years.

Mullie was a graduate of Concord College where he played Varsity football and where he met his soul mate and wife-to-be. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pearisburg for 52 years and enjoyed singing in the Chancel Choir all of those years. He served as a lay speaker for church. Mullie was a teacher in Physical Education and Business for 34 years. He was Head of the Business Education Department at Giles High School. Mullie coached football, basketball, cross country, and track. He coached two state championship cross-country teams. Mullie served as a leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Giles High School. He mentored and encouraged many students and athletes who have kept in touch with him through the years. Mullie served 22 years as Recreation Director for the Town of Pearisburg, where he taught thousands to swim.

He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion. He was a 50-year member of the Lions Club where he served many years as secretary. He was a member of Giles Masonic Lodge #106 in Pearisburg, served on the Board of Directors and as Secretary

of the Giles Education Association Federal Credit Union. Mullie was Secretary of the Retired Teachers Association. He was a member of the Auxiliary at Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital.

In addition to his parents, Mullie was predeceased by one sister, Helen M. Ney. Surviving Mullie is his beloved and devoted wife, Ann Yeager Mulheren, to whom he was married for 56 ½ years. He is also survived by son, Kelly C. Mulheren, of Mechanicsville, son, M. Patrick Mulheren, of Costa Rica, daughter, Kimberly M. Norton and son-in-law Raymond J. Norton, of Norfolk; sister, Shirley M. Kincaid, of Manassas; granddaughter, Rachel Mulheren, of Harrisonburg; grandson, John Mulheren, of Blacksburg, and granddaughter, Ann Grace Norton, of Norfolk; a special nephew, Clarence Ney, and his family; many other family members, and a multitude of friends.

Mullie was devoted to God, family, and friends. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, October 31, 2009 at 2:00 pm on the First United Methodist Church in Pearisburg, VA with Dr. Brad Scott officiating with interment following at Birchlawn Burial Park in Pearisburg, VA. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 6 – 8 pm at the Givens Funeral Home in Pearisburg.

The family wishes to express sincere gratitude to their Hospice team and to all of their friends who supported them so lovingly and generously.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial gifts be made to the First United Methodist Church in Pearisburg, VA. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [givensfuneralhome.com](http://givensfuneralhome.com).