

Rev. Hunter D. Griffin, 87, formerly of Otto, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, at Brooks Howell Home in Asheville.

Hunter was born Aug. 26, 1920, at home in Mannington, W.Va. He was the son of the late Loy and Nellie Griffin. Hunter was a WWII veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. A graduate of Berea College, he dedicated his life to missionary service. He, with his wife Beth, served the United Methodist Church in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, for more than 17 years. In 1968, he began serving the church with the General Board of Global Ministries in New York City. Retirement years were spent in Florida and North Carolina.

Hunter is survived by his wife of 62 years, Beth Griffin; daughters, Peggy Griffin-Jackman (Ron), Nancy Robinson (Kip), Joanna Griffin (Dawn), and Sandra Wilson (Wayne); 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Jean Baughman.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, at Brooks Howell Chapel in Asheville. Visitation with the family will be at 1 p.m., prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Scholarship Fund at Africa University in Zimbabwe, a United Methodist Related Institution, at Africa University Development Office, P.O. Box 340007, Nashville, TN 37203-0007; or www.audo.umc.org; or Brooks Howell Home, 266 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, NC 28801.

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