

REV. JOSEPH B MORRIS  
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Dear Paul:

The following is a resume of my experience from the days of Primary Training at Douglas, Georgia.

Leaving Douglas I went to Cochran Field, Macon, Georgia for Basic Training and then on to Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia. At Moultrie I transitioned into P40's (some of Clair Chanault's returned fighters) and from there to Perry, Florida where I began to fly P47"s.

After two months there I was assigned to the 9th Air Force in England where I was stationed at Andover, west of London with the 366th Fighter Group, 389th Fighter Squadron. We moved to France D+20, and then on through France and then to Belgium and Germany. I flew my first combat mission the day after D-Day and continued with this group flying mostly dive bombing, strafing and bomber escort missions. I have one unconfirmed kill, an F.W. 190 and have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, The Air Medal with 13 oak leaf clusters and the Purple Heart. I flew 72 combat missions, was shot down once, survived the crash, returned to the U.S. in 1945 and was discharged in July 1945 as 1st Lt.

I continued to fly after coming back to the U.S. and instructed as C.F.I. for some years. Two years after coming home I was born again, became a Christian and was called by God into the ministry in 1956. I served as pastor under the Christian and Missionary Alliance until 1987, retired as pastor and for the past 4 1/2 years have served as interim pastor at a small church. I am presently 70, have a wife (Betty) and three sons and a daughter. I still hold a commercial rating as pilot and am instrument rated. I've left my physical lapse. I enjoy flying and am still in good physical health.



**Rev. Joseph B. Morris**

**NEW CASTLE** - The Rev. Joseph B. Morris, 71, of R.D. 6, New Castle, died Thursday, April 28, 1994, at 6:45 p.m., at his residence, following an illness since December 1993.

Born May 9, 1922, in Irvona, he was a son of Oscar M. and Mary (Irvin) Morris.

He was a minister, serving 39 years with the Christian Missionary & Alliance churches.

Rev. Morris studied at the Nyack Bible College, Nyack, N.Y., graduating in 1951. He then began a pastorate with the Croft & Egypt Christian Missionary & Alliance churches in Clearfield County.

He was then pastor at the Latrobe C.M.A. Church, and then served at the Portersville C.M.A. Church.

Rev. Morris, with his wife, founded the Portersville Christian School, where he served as teacher, principal and chairman of the board for 25 years. Following his retirement from the school, he served as the interim pastor at the New Galilee C.M.A. Church in Lawrence County.

Rev. Morris received an Honorary Doctorate degree, conferred by The Manahath Theological School at Hollidaysburg.

He was a veteran, serving with the 9th Air Force as a fighter pilot, serving in the European Theatre. His aircraft was downed in Belgium. He escaped to France with the help of the Belgium people.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Jane Morris, whom he married March 21, 1944; one daughter, Jandice K. Morris of Polk; three sons, Joseph B. Morris II of Prospect, Dennis K. Morris of Portersville, and Jeffrey T. Morris of Grove City; six grandchildren; one brother, Clifford T. Morris of West Jefferson, N.C.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Faith Fellowship Alliance Church, 200 Fared Dr., Butler, with the Rev. Paul Cope of Mars C.M.A., the Rev. Richard P. Jenks of Faith Fellowship Alliance in Butler, and the Rev. Jerry McCauley of First Alliance Church of New Castle officiating.

Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, LaJose, on Monday.

Friends will be received Saturday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Thompson-Miller Funeral Home Inc., Butler.



