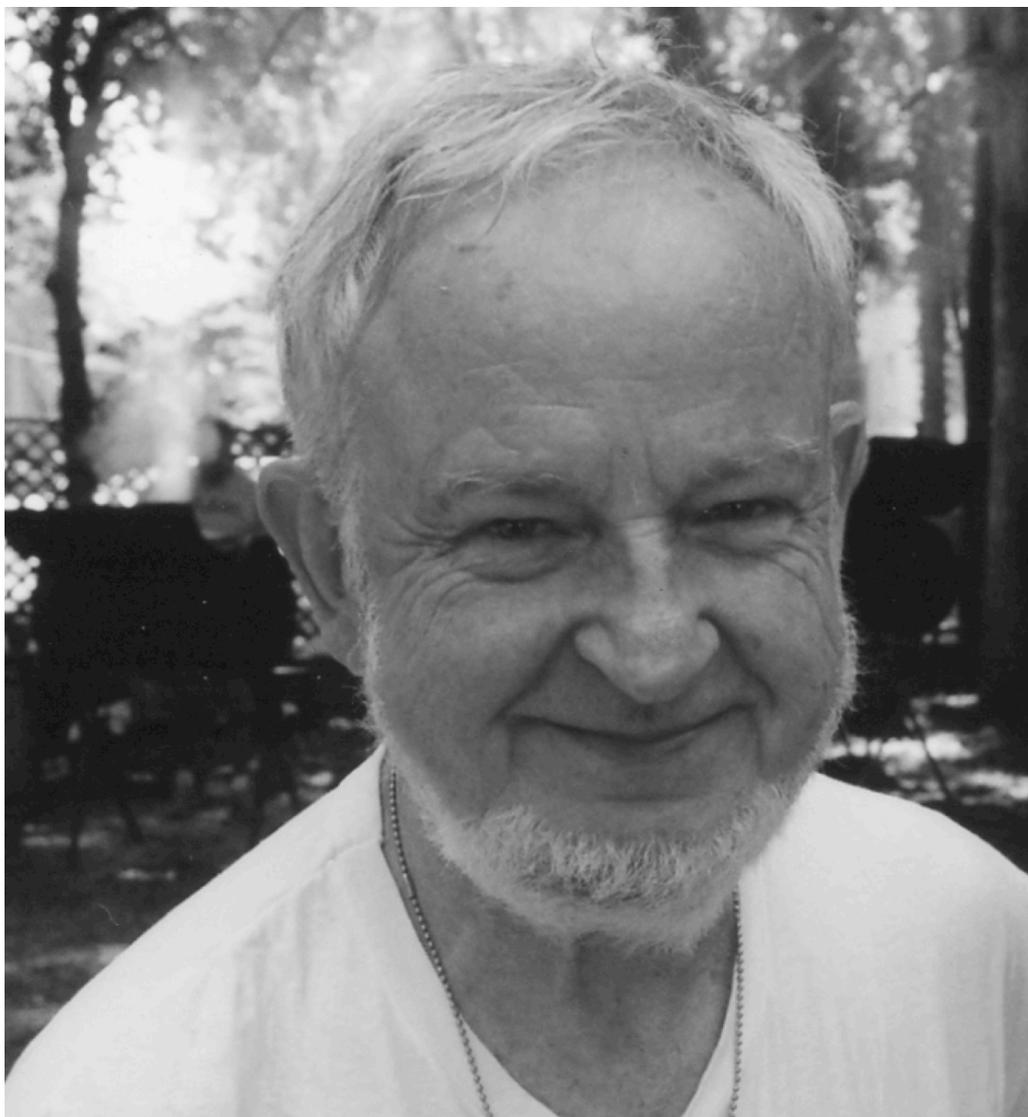


NEW HOPE HOUSE

Support for People on Georgia's Death Row and Their Families



Winter 2017



Calvin Kimbrough

ED WEIR

January 22, 1942 – January 7, 2017

¡Presente!

MY LOVED ONE HAS GONE TO HEAVEN

by Lora Weir

On January 7th Ed died very peacefully at Eternal Hope Hospice in Griffin. He had been hospitalized on December 29th with renal failure. His one kidney had failed. (At 2 years old Ed had surgery to remove an infected kidney. He lived for almost 73 years with one kidney.) When a kidney fails the toxins in the body can't get released and the body shuts down. After going to hospice on January 2nd he lived just 5 days. He died very peacefully at 5:30 a.m. on January 7th. I was very blessed to be able to stay with him the whole time. The hospice staff gave me a cot to sleep on, for which I am very appreciative. All of Ed's kids and grandkids were able to see him and give him a final hug. They were very supportive of me, for which I am very grateful.



I was very privileged to be Ed's wife for 7+ years. Ed was a wonderful husband and friend. We had lots of fun together going to cemeteries for our genealogy work and also doing lots of birding. We worked together here at New Hope House doing death penalty work. We visited together at the prison with death row prisoners and helped offer hospitality to families of those on death row, especially at execution time. We had a beautiful graveside service at Jubilee Partners. The Weir and Shain families and many of our wonderful friends attended. I will miss him terribly and I still have trouble believing he is gone. I talk to him every day and have his picture on my desk so I can see his beautiful face.

I want to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers. It has been very comforting to hear from so many friends through phone calls, cards, letters and e-mails.



January 9, 2017. Ed Weir's beloved family on the day of his funeral at Jubilee. Front row: Christopher Weir, Lora Weir, Brendan Brunet, Rachel Weir, Andrew Brunet; middle row: Sabrina Weir, Miriam Brunet, Grace Marie Brunet, Mari Ohta-Weir, Dawn Weir Brunet, Joe Brunet; back row: Jesse Brunet, Hershey Phelps, Nicholas Brunet, Bill Weir, Shogo Weir, Taro Weir.

Ed Weir: A Life of Fierce Witness and Loving Service



Holding vigil outside Georgia's death row during an execution.



Fellowship with a death row family.



**The original four residents of New Hope House:
(left to right) MaryRuth Weir, Ed Weir, Lora Shain and Bill Shain.**

~ GRATITUDE ~

We were deeply moved by the incredible response that we received to our 2016 Annual Appeal. Every time we saw a donation in our mailbox, our hearts leapt with joy and gratitude.

We continue to need your assistance in 2017 to help us pay for Ed's final days of medical care, as well as to support our ministry. As we face the coming year without Ed, we are also bracing ourselves for a tough year of four to six more executions and several death penalty trials. One trial is already underway in LaGrange, Georgia, and one more is scheduled for June.

We are so grateful for the loving and supportive community that surrounds us, and with your help in 2017 we will continue to face down the death penalty and serve those who suffer the most from its application.

Peace and love,
Lora & Mary Catherine

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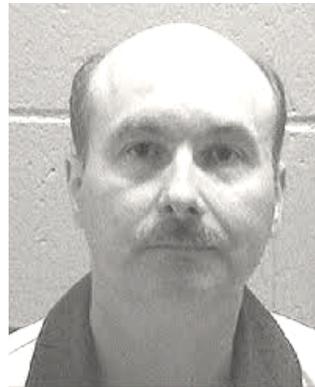
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OUR MINISTRY

New Hope House is a Christian community offering hospitality to families of people on Georgia's death row and support to people whose family members are involved in death penalty trials. We also visit people on death row and work to replace the death penalty with just alternatives.

New Hope House is part of Possum Trot Ministries, a nonprofit (501c4) organization. We are financially dependent on gifts (not tax deductible).

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William Cary Sallie, ¡Presente!

Bill Sallie was executed by the state of Georgia on December 6, 2016. Ed Weir had visited Bill for 26 years, and the Sallie family had been staying with us at New Hope House throughout that time. Being present with the Sallie family during the week of Bill's execution was one of Ed's last great works of hospitality before God called both Bill and Ed home.