

Larry Gene Graham

March 14, 1950 - August 5, 2020

Reverend Larry Gene Graham, 70, of Webb City, MO, received his Heavenly reward on August 5, 2020 after a valiant battle against cancer.

Larry was born in El Paso, TX to his beloved parents, Howard Ralph and Betty Ruth “Thompson” Graham on March 14, 1950. In 1967, at age 17, he preached his first revival in Kauai and continued in the ministry for the next 53 years. Throughout his college years, Larry preached revivals and participated in domestic and foreign missions trips. He completed his Bachelor of Science Cum Laude as his Class Salutatorian from Southern Bible College in 1972. He later completed a Master of Arts from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary and was ordained in August 1974. After college, he served as a youth pastor and district youth director in Kansas. He would go on to serve full-time as a missionary in Honduras, Guatemala, Indonesia and Trinidad and Tobago.

After rekindling their college romance in late 1977, Larry and Donna Elaine Lawrence married on February 11, 1978, in Houston, TX. They set up a home in Bellflower, CA, where they welcomed their first child, Larry Paul, in 1979. They served as youth pastors and associate pastors until 1981 when they moved to Asuncion, Paraguay to serve as church planters. There they welcomed their daughter, Andrea, to the family in 1982. They continued church planting, teaching in Bible Schools and hosting TV and Radio shows

until 1988, when they moved to Carthage, MO. There, he served as interim pastor of Oak Street Tabernacle Church and continued to raise missionary support until 1992 when they moved to Tarragona, Spain. They planted a church and remained in Spain until 1996. Larry and Donna participated in Home Missions with the Assemblies of God until 1998 when they became associate pastors at Willowbrook Assembly of God in Houston, TX. In December of 1999, they returned to Carthage, MO, where they pastored Grace Pointe Assembly of God until retirement in July of 2018. While pastoring, Larry traveled on a series of mission trips to Paraguay, Ecuador, Peru and Equatorial, Guinea. After retirement he and Donna settled in Webb City, MO, and he traveled on one last mission trip to Africa's Ivory Coast in January of 2020.

Larry was saved at a tender age and remained a devoted follower of Christ throughout his life. He was exemplary in his humility, compassion, kindness and authenticity, and he knew no stranger.

Larry delighted in his family and friends and dearly loved to laugh! He adored his wife of almost 43 years. They enjoyed many adventures and laughs throughout the years; they were true teammates in life and ministry. He was a devoted father to his beloved children and he lit up when speaking of them. As a grandfather, he had a wonderful relationship with all nine of his grandchildren; they were his true delight.

He shared a close relationship with his brother, Stanley, with whom he enjoyed a standing appointment for Saturday phone calls. Over the years, he shared great relationships with his sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Donna; one son, Major Larry P. Graham (Kim) of Raeford, NC and their children, Isaiah, Jackson, Scarlett and Warner;

one daughter, Andrea Gaither (Jim) of Joplin, MO and their children, Alexis, Faith, Taylor, Carter and Jace.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Stanley Graham.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020 at Christpoint Church, 1500 E. 7th Street, Galena, KS, with a host of ministerial colleagues and friends officiating. Service will be streamed live on Facebook / Christpoint Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Assemblies of God at sendersfund.ag.org to enable missionaries to meet their budgets.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **14**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Christpoint Church
1500 E. 7th St.
Galena, KS

Tribute Wall

EK

“ We have dined sufficiently together for many many years. We so enjoyed our fellowship, the laughter, the fun. We appreciate both of you so very much. We will remain in prayer with the family for months to come. Love you!

Evangelist Marcus & Lorretta Kelley - August 15, 2020 at 06:45 PM

RS

“ It was my privilege to know Pastor Larry Graham. Every Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. we have prayer for the City of Carthage. Larry was faithful for many years to those prayer meetings. His prayers revealed his heart for the people of this area. The depth of his relationship with Jesus was very evident, and his influence will continue to produce fruit for the Kingdom of God. Blessings to the family.

Mick and Regina Shank, Carthage, MO

Regina Shank - August 14, 2020 at 02:28 PM

TH

“ *Ruthanne and I will be forever grateful to Pastor Larry for the prayer, relational and financial support that he provided to us. He was a missionary at heart and thus he was always hoping that he could help every missionary that came his way.*

He loved God passionately, served his family faithfully and gave himself wholeheartedly every ministry assignment or task that was ordained for him by God.

We join our voices to the many who will be celebrating his life.

His life and legacy will live on and we know that one day we will be United again, never to be separated anymore.

Our prayers are with family and friends

*Terry and Ruthanne Hoggard
Assemblies of God World Missionaries*

Terry Hoggard - August 12, 2020 at 12:49 PM

RD

“ *We were so grateful to know Larry. We first meet him in Paraguay in 1984. We were serving as short term missionary evangelists ministering in the crusades nightly. He and Donna were such an encouragement to a young minister. We were blessed to know him and thankful for his tender spirit and love for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Love and prayers to the family!!*

Rocco DiTrollo - August 12, 2020 at 12:45 PM

BW

“ We will forever cherish the times we shared in neighborly conversations and watching Larry as he loved being in and taking care of His yard. It was often we were mowing together and stopped for a breather and for conversation. Joe became a good friend and we will miss him dearly. In every conversation he would mention his love and dear Donna. We will be praying for Donna’s comfort and strength in these days ahead as well for Larry’s Dear children and grandchildren. Bill and Pam Wooldridge

Bill Wooldridge - August 12, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ I’m so sorry the miracle we prayed for didn’t come. God wanted him more. Praying for the family.

Melva Borland - August 11, 2020 at 11:09 PM

MB

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I prayed for that miracle. God wanted him more. The last time I seen him was at Joes funeral. He done an amazing job. Joe liked Larry so much. I did to. God had told you to come by and pray with him when you got back from Branson. You were going to come on Monday but something or of course someone told you to come by I think it was Friday or Saturday and thank the Lord you did. He was gone Monday. I pray for the Lord to wrap his arms around your Family and hold you tight. Heaven got a great Angel. Love you guys and praying for you. Melva Borland and Family.

Melva Borland - August 11, 2020 at 02:54 PM

BB

“ Larry was a dear friend, fellow missionary, fellow pastor. He was a joy to be around. Always funny, always laughing but always caring. Our paths crossed many times and many ways and when we saw each other it was as if we had never been apart. His life was inspiring and authentic. I will miss being able to send him a message or give him a call. I am praying for his family. Boyd Brooks

Boyd Brooks - August 11, 2020 at 02:12 PM

JN

“ We remember Larry's years in Spain where he served. As his Area Directors with AGWM, we so enjoyed, appreciated, and respected his life and ministry. He was a tremendous blessing to the work of building God's church. Our prayers go up to the Lord for Donna and all the family as they grieve the loss of dear Larry.

Jim and Eloise Neely

James Neely - August 11, 2020 at 11:56 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss of Larry he was such a wonderful person. He was so good to my family will always remember his kindness to my family/

sharon bowles - August 11, 2020 at 11:17 AM

KF

“ Kathy Beltran and Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" for the family of Larry Gene Graham.



Kathy Beltran and Family - August 11, 2020 at 07:46 AM

HB


“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for you daily.*

Hillary Bokker - August 11, 2020 at 07:36 AM

DP

“ *Such a loving compassionate man of God. May God bless you even more in Heaven Pastor Larry.*

David Plunkett - August 11, 2020 at 01:40 AM

 Lauren
Thomas

“ *The first time I met Pastor Larry was when I was invited to play Monday night basketball at First Assembly of God (now Grace Pointe). I remember being impressed that he was running up and down the court and out rebounding some of the younger guys. I guess that's why his passing comes as a shock to me. I just remember him being so vibrant and full of life.*

I think the thing I will remember most about Pastor Larry is just how much he believed in people and how he saw everyone's gift. I remember him telling me that I was a powerful prayer. I guess he heard me praying at a Wednesday night pre-service prayer meeting. I didn't think it was anything special, but Pastor seemed to think it was good.

I also remember Pastor Larry and Larry Linn coming to watch me play tennis while I was playing for Missouri Southern. He even used my tennis playing in a Wednesday night sermon talking about meekness. He said that meekness is power under control, and compared it to my ground strokes. Pastor Larry just took an interest in peoples' lives. He really didn't need to come watch me play tennis, but him taking the time to come really did mean a lot to me.

I remember he just had a heart for the lost. His love for people really was genuine. I remember services where we would be singing "God of this City" and Pastor would be crying in front of the congregation. He was just so passionate about seeing the lost come to know The Lord.

I will never forget this man. It's not everyday you come across someone so genuine. He truly was a treasure.

*Wishing his family love,
Lauren Thomas*

Lauren Thomas - August 11, 2020 at 12:48 AM

GW

“ Legacy. What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see. I know on the day I wake up in Heaven, Pastor Graham will be waiting at the gates, along with many friends and family to welcome me to the Kingdom. He's in my cloud of witnesses....cheering me on to the finish line.

Gemma Wrighton - August 11, 2020 at 12:21 AM

LC

“ Our hearts were saddened to hear about Larry leaving us so soon. We know his entrance into Heaven was sweet and special. We were so honored to have you, Larry and Donna in our lives. Your Ministry all around the World has been a blessing to people who accepted the Lord into their lives by your ministry and your love and caring ways. Our love and prayers are with you, Donna and your family and may God's surrounding love and peace be yours now and in the days to come.



Lorin and Donna Chester

Lorin and Donna Chester - August 10, 2020 at 10:22 PM

EK

“ Donna, we shall forever cherish our wonderful time together over the meals we shared together. The many times we joked and laughed together still bring a smile to our hearts. You both have blessed us beyond measure. You are in our hearts forever. Love you.

Evg. Marcus and Lorretta Kelley - August 10, 2020 at 10:13 PM

CB

“ Cynthia Bowling lit a candle in memory of Larry Gene Graham



Cynthia Bowling - August 10, 2020 at 09:59 PM

LP

“ The first message I ever heard Larry preach was New Year’s Day 1969. His topic was “Do it again Lord in 69” going through the Bible recalling the miracles of Jesus. San Raphael Indian mission conference. Loved to hear him sing and enjoyed singing with him in Spanish. A great friend and man of God

Latina Thomas Palmer - August 10, 2020 at 09:20 PM

 John Martin

“ LARRY ALWAYS HAD A SMILE AND TIME FOR ANYONE,,, PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS,, GOD BLESS.

John Martin - August 10, 2020 at 09:15 PM