



Pastor Ronald Richard Lilley

October 20, 1935 - September 8, 2020

Ronald R. Lilley was born on October 20, 1935 to Clarence and Lona Lilley in Buffalo, MO. He went to be with the Lord peacefully in his home on September 8, 2020.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, and three sisters and brothers-in-law; Maxine (Earl) Nicodemus; Elizabeth (Buck) Booth; Genelle (Orvid) Spoering. He is survived by his wife Pauline Lilley (Buffalo) and his children; Craig (Debbie) Lilley, Weldon Spring, MO; Rhonda (Rick) Wright, Buffalo, MO; Chad (Trudy) Lilley, Bon Aqua, TN; Robin (Ernie) Stewart, Oklahoma City, OK; Lajeana Lackey, Springfield, MO; Steven Lackey, Fayetteville, AR. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

In 1954 Ronald was married to Marilyn Harmon and to this union four children were born. In 1982 Ronald married Pauline Lackey in Fayetteville, AR.

Ronald grew up in the Buffalo area where he did what he loved best – farming. However, Ronald was called to the ministry in 1966 and began his pursuit of his calling. He started with his education by completing studies at Oklahoma Baptist University and then Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served the Lord for over 50 years serving churches in Missouri and Arkansas. His first church was Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Edgerton, MO where he served from 1972 – 1977. He was then called to Macedonia Baptist Church in Springfield, MO where he served from 1977 – 1982. He moved to Arkansas and served at the Mountain Springs Baptist Church in Hindsville

until 1987, and then Calvary Baptist in Fayetteville until 1993. He then retired and moved back to his farm in Buffalo. He and Pauline loved to take long road trips across the country. The Lord was not done with him, though. He pastored Church Grove until they outgrew the building and built what is now Legacy Baptist Church (formerly Crossroads Baptist Church) on land donated by the Spoering family. He retired from the Church in 2013 due to health reasons. He is a member of Urbana First Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School class.

Ronald's top priority was doing the Lord's work either through preaching or teaching. His desire was to witness to everyone he touched and for them to know the Lord as their Savior. He performed countless baptisms, weddings, funerals, visitations, and counseling sessions. He performed many of his family's wedding ceremonies and baptisms. He was a servant of the Lord and will be greatly missed; however, he is now with his heavenly father.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2020 in the Legacy Baptist Church with Dr. Russell Adams and Pastor Ron Canell officiating. Escorts will be Derek Lilley, Clint Wright, Brad Lilley, Blake Lilley, Court Stewart, and Steven Lackey, Jr. Honorary escorts will be Tommy Klasener, Johnny Dickherber, Lucas Barnett, James Henderson, Felipe Sepulveda, Brandon Phipps, and Kevin Hattabaugh.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Legacy Baptist in his memory.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of Memory

1510 N. Ash Street
Buffalo, MO 65622

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Legacy Baptist Church
1935 South Ash Street
Buffalo, MO 65622

Service

SEP 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Ronald Richard Lilley*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Pastor Ronald Richard Lilley*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Pastor Ronald Richard Lilley*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Pastor Ronald Richard Lilley*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Pastor Ronald Richard Lilley*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM

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“ I am so sorry for the loss of this servant of God. May the good Lord comfort family and friends.. Mom and Ron are in heaven waiting for our arrive. Are you ready?

Terry L. Nicodemus



Terry L. Nicodemus - September 11, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Pastor Ronald Richard Lilley.



September 10, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Ronald Richard Lilley.



September 10, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Ronald Richard Lilley.*



September 10, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Ronald Richard Lilley.*



September 10, 2020 at 11:05 AM