



Reverend Larry A. Downum

November 16, 1939 - February 16, 2016

' Rev. Larry Allen Downum, pastor of the Oologah First Baptist Church, passed from this life on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at the age of 76 years. Larry was born November 16, 1939 at Salina, OK to Lester Jefferson and Eula Esther (Strickland) Downum. He was raised and received his education there, graduating from Salina high school. He continued his education first at Northeastern A&M in Miami, OK and received his bachelor's degree in business from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. On December 28, 1961 in the First Baptist Church of Salina, he and Cecilia Ann Hoag were united in marriage. To this union, three children were born. Following their marriage, they made their home in Salina before moving to Tulsa where he worked for Bill White Chevrolet in the parts department. It was while in Tulsa that Larry received his call to the ministry. His first pastorate was with the Mingo Baptist Church, Tulsa from 1970 to 1972; he then pastored at Cincinnati Ave. Baptist Church, Tulsa for a year before moving to Locust Grove where he pastored from 1973 to 1980. In 1980, they moved to Mannford where he pastored Mannford First Baptist and in 1985 moved to his present church Oologah First Baptist Church. While in these locations, Larry also was a school bus driver, the sports announcer for the school's various sporting events; also worked part-time with Mowery Funeral Service. Larry enjoyed southern gospel music and for a time had a gospel radio show through Rogers State University. Larry is survived by his wife Ann of the home; children Julie McCuistian and husband Bob of Claremore, Daniel

Downum and fiancée Marsha Whalen of Locust Grove, and Charles Downum of Claremore. He is also survived by a daughter-in-law Emily Downum of Claremore; seven grandchildren — Ryan Vincent and wife Rachel of Stillwater, OK, Rachel Vincent and fiancé Owen Howlett of New Haven, CT, C.J., Carson and Madelyn Downum all of Claremore and Jessica Downum of Oologah; also three great grandchildren — Matthew Vincent, Audrey Vincent and Nicole Downum; brother Gordon Downum of Lubbock, TX and numerous nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Lester Jr. and Bill, and sister Doris. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM — Monday, February 22, 2016 in the sanctuary of his church — Oologah First Baptist with Pastors Sam Nichols, Weldon Foster and Jody Bentley officiating. Burial will take place at the Ross Mayes Cemetery, Salina, OK at 2:00 PM Monday afternoon. Visitation will be on Sunday, February 21st from 1pm — 6pm at Mowery Funeral Service, Owasso. The family prefers memorial donations in Larry's memory to the Oologah First Baptist Church, 105 South Pine Street, Oologah, OK 74053. Arrangements and services have been entrusted to the Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. www.moweryfs.com

Tribute Wall

HD

“ *'Our thoughts and prayers are with the Downum family. Larry was a good friend to all of us. He will be missed.'*

Helen Davis - February 22, 2016 at 02:29 PM

WD

“ *'I am the daughter of W.A. Downum, and Larry's first cousin. I have many memories of childhood days visiting the family in Salina, and am sorry to hear of Larry's death. My thoughts will be with you at this time. Wilma Hill'*

Wilma Downum-Hill - February 20, 2016 at 02:15 AM

DD

Hi I am Larry's son so was WA downum Lesters brother?

Danny downum - December 27, 2021 at 02:21 AM

JB

“ *'We extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of Larry. We are grieving with you, Ann, and your family. You will be in our prayers.'*

John and Retha Burrus - February 19, 2016 at 07:08 PM

PB

“ *'I send my condolences and love for all of the Family and Larry's church family. You all are very special Brothers and Sisters in Christ...my memories when I was at Oolagah First Baptist are very Special...Larry sees Our Lord face to face.. GOD BLESS you all... PAULETTE BROWN'*

PAULETTE BROWN - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 PM

LS

“ ‘Ann I always knew we would have eternity together. Larry is just getting a head start. You know how much we love you and yours. We will see you Sunday. ’

Leon and Sherry - February 18, 2016 at 05:57 PM

JK

“ ‘We are so very saddened to hear of your Larry's passing. We are praying for God's peace, which passes all understanding, to keep and comfort you during this time. Through Charles and Dan, we have heard such wonderful things about him! Please know that you and your family will be in our prayers. ’

Joe & Becky KAYS - February 18, 2016 at 04:39 PM

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“ ‘We are so sorry for your loss. May each of you find comfort in wonderful family times together as well as memories. May God's word give you peace as well as God's grace for you in the days ahead.’

Clay Earl and Tonda Rice - February 18, 2016 at 12:30 AM