



Ronnie W. Starr

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Lifetime servant of our Lord and Savior, Reverend Ronnie W. Starr closed his eyes here on earth and opened them to see the majesty of Heaven on November 4, 2013. Ronnie gave his heart to Christ at the tender age of 15 and felt the Lord's calling upon his life to preach the gospel at age 17. Pastoring churches in Dallas, Houston and the East Texas area, Ronnie humbly served his beloved Heavenly Father for over 50 years. During that time, Ronnie traveled many states, preaching the gospel through the ministry of evangelism. He was instrumental in mentoring many young pastors as his door was always open, to assist or give spiritual guidance to those who sought to serve the Lord. Known as one of the greatest church builders of his time, Ronnie was used by the Lord to increase membership through numerical growth and record baptisms. And yet when asked of this supernatural blessing, Ronnie would always answer, "To God be the Glory, to God be the Glory!"

Ronnie retired from the pastorate in 2002 yet continued to serve his Lord by preaching and teaching the gospel until his illness. In the midst of his battle, the presence of the Lord could be felt by those all around him, including the precious staff of Good Shepherd Medical Center, who so graciously cared for him in his final days.

Surviving Ronnie are his wife, June Thurman Starr; two daughters and sons in law, Cheryl and Eric Radford, April and Bart Kendall; six grandchildren, Erica, Houston and Noah Radford, Collin, Conner and Christopher Kendall; one Brother in law and wife, Les and Cindy Thurman; one nephew and wife, Jay and Sherri Thurman; and one cousin and husband, Doris and Johnny Davenport.

Visitation will be at Rader Funeral Home, Longview on Friday, November 8, from 5-7 p.m. Funeral service will be held at Forest Home Baptist Church, Kilgore on Saturday, November 9, at 10 a.m. with Reverend Earl "Buddy" Duggins and Reverend Ray Tenpenny officiating.



Events

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Visitation

- Friday**, November 8, 2013
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601



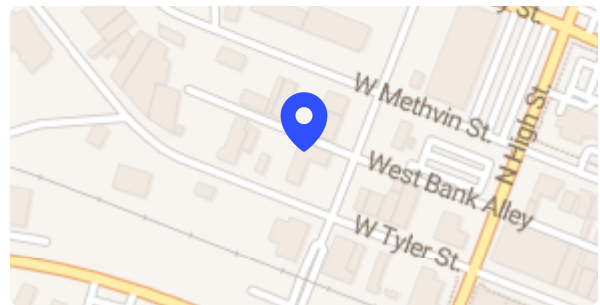
Service

- Saturday**, November 9, 2013
- 10:00 AM CT
- Forest Home Baptist Church**
Danville Road, Kilgore TX



Cemetery Details

- Grace Hill Cemetery**
HWY 80 & Tyler St., Longview TX





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Kathleen Young (Kathy Richardson) posted:

Bro. Ronnie was my pastor during my junior high and high school years. Mrs. June Starr taught one of my Sunday school classes. Years later, Bro. Ronnie helped me see a dark time in my life for what it was. And later still, I was privileged to hear him preach again at Trinity Baptist. He was truly a man of God and someone I respected very much. I am grateful to have been a lamb in his flock.

November 19 at 8:32 AM



Betty Weaver, Henderson lit a candle in honor of Ronnie.



November 12 at 3:57 PM



Leroy & Ann Hassler posted:

Dear June & family, My wife and I were both tremendously blessed by Bro. Ronnie's ministry. He was the first pastor to invite me to preach a revival meeting in Longview at Trinity Baptist Church in 1979 and I met him in 1977 at a youth retreat when I was on the program with him at Lone Star. My wife and I have driven many miles to hear Bro. Ronnie preach and he was one of the most effective preachers we have ever heard. We will be praying for his family. Leroy & Ann Hassler, Gladewater, Texas

November 9 at 12:24 PM



Ruth Sullivan Kay posted:

Dear June and family, I will always remember the friendship and kindness from all of you to my family and I for so many years. It was always a pleasure to visit with Bro. Ronnie and to assist him when he would come to the grocery store. I know my dad is waiting for Bro. Ronnie in Heaven with his smile and hearty hand shake. Please know of my love and prayers for all of you. Your friend, Ruth Sullivan Kay (Albertson's Grocery)

November 9 at 4:18 AM



Connie Murdock lit a candle in honor of Ronnie.



November 9 at 1:45 AM



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RW

Roy Whitehurst sent a virtual gift in honor of Ronnie.

To June and girls. We are so sorry to hear of Bro. Ronnie passing away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless and comfort you. Roy & Evelyn Whitehurst

November 8 at 4:05 PM



SB

Stacy (Williams) Brumley posted:

To April and your sweet family. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort during this time! Love and hugs from Kevin, Stacy (Williams), and Chloe Brumley

November 8 at 2:43 PM

DS

David And Diann Smith sent a virtual gift in honor of Ronnie.

The candle reminds me of Christmas carols at church June would have to remind me and Ronnie how to hold our candles for the carols and candle lights when we would light them, we always mess them up. You will be miss our friend, God bless you June and April and Cheryl and your families, Ronnie will never ever be forgotten in our lives. We love you. David and Diann Smith

November 8 at 10:04 AM



DS

David And Diann Smith lit a candle in honor of Ronnie.

November 8 at 9:55 AM



SC

Sherry Cornett posted:

I am so sorry to be about Bro. Ronnie. He was a very precious man. I so enjoyed growing up at Trinity Baptist with him, Ms. Starr, Cheryl & April. Bro. Ronnie married me and my husband 20 years ago. It makes me smile everytime I think about the days leading up to my wedding and the counseling sessions my husband and I went through with him. He would always make my laugh and would try to put me at ease. He will always hold a special place in my heart forever. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family during this time. Sherry (Jones) Cornett

November 8 at 8:06 AM



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BK

Bart And Renee' Kendall sent a Basket of Memories to the Starr family.



November 8 at 6:33 AM

DR

David R. Richardson posted:

Dear June and Family - I am so sorry to hear about Brother Ronnie passing away. I sure loved to hear him preach the word of God. He touched my life as well as so many more. May God wrap his loving arms around each of you now and forever to comfort you and show his endless love. What is wonderful to know is that we will see Brother Ronnie again "when we all get to heaven". My love to each of you and call upon me if I can doing anything for you. David R. Richardson

November 8 at 1:18 AM

NH

Norma Hill posted:

How sad we are to learn Bro. Ronnie has passed. We knew him in his early ministry and were blessed to have him as pastor for several years. Our hearts ache for June and the children. We had hoped to hear him preach one more time. We have many good memories of his time in Mesquite. May God Bless and comfort the family. Joe and Norma Hill

November 7 at 1:02 PM

GT

Gene Turner posted:

Sorry to hear of his passing. Ronnie has touched thousands of lives. My family and I are blessed to know him and have a multitude of great memories. He was the Billy Graham of East Texas. Loves the Starrs. God Bless and prayers to all the family. Gene Turner

November 7 at 9:18 AM

DD

Dan Droege posted:

Dear April and family, I am so sorry to see that your father has passed away. I have known him for several years now. I got to know him when we loaned his church some money to add on to the previous facility. While working with him on that project, I got to know him on a personal level that I really enjoyed. He was always welcome to come and sit in my office and talk about anything and everything. He will be missed. God bless you and your family. Our prayers are with all of you. Dan Droege

November 7 at 8:58 AM



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TW

Thurman & Carol (Jones) Williamson posted:

We just saw this in the paper. We are so sorry to hear of his passing. I have known Bro. Starr since I was 17. I worked with his daughter Cheryl at Brookshires. They invited me to their church. Trinity Baptist, were I became a member. When I became engaged, my fiancée' and I both attended, and he led my husband to christ and baptized him. He also performed our wedding in 1984. Always remember him wearing his white suit on Easter services. Our sincere condolences to his family. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow. Thurman & Carol (Jones) Williamson

November 7 at 8:41 AM

WS

W.C. Starr, Jr. posted:

Sorry to hear of his passing. I have not seen him since 1958 when he was just getting started. I am his first cousin but our families were never close. He and my brother Larry were about the same age. Larry died from brain cancer in 1979. I knew him best from the old days. I am very pleased that he led a life that helped and inspired many people.

November 7 at 4:54 AM

PB

Paula Burt posted:

Love you Paula (Turner) Burt

November 7 at 4:31 AM

CA

Cindy (Hudman) Adams posted:

June and girls, I am so sorry to hear that Brother Ronnie passed away. I am happy to have been in the flock whenever Brother Ronnie pastored at Trinity Baptist and Woodland Hills here in Longview. His messages always made a huge impact on me, my family, and so many others. I pray that you will feel the peace that passes all understanding. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

November 6 at 2:36 PM



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DW

Diane Wilson posted:

June, Cheryl, April and families I am so blessed to have been touched by your sweet family. My heart is heavy in your loss. As a teenager at Emmanuel I heard MANY sermons from Bro Ronnie that set in my heart a hunger and passion for following Christ. He had a way of proclaiming the Word of God. I am sooo thankful. I know that he prayed for dad in those years that he would come to Christ and because of those prayers and MANY othersGod answered! I pray that you will be comforted by family and friends, but mostly that you will find STRENGTH in these days from The Lord. Deuteronomy 33:26-27 There is NO ONE like the God of Israel. He rides across the heavens to help you, across the skies in majestic splendor. The eternal God is your refuge, and his everlasting arms are under you. We will pray That God will meet you at your deepest need, and be very near. Much love Larry & Diane (Pendleton) Wilson Portland, MEA memory that I have is during a Christmas season Donnie took the youth caroling and of course we came to your house. While singing our hearts out in the front yard Bro Ronnie through firecrackers over the roof that nearly set our hair on fire!!

November 6 at 11:38 AM

CP

Charlie Penny posted:

June and girls, we love you so much! .We all know Ronnie is walking with Jesus at this very moment. Ronnie has blessed so many lives over the years. He bless us in our Sunday School Class at Forest Home Baptist Church. Ronnie will never be forgotten. To Cheryl and April and grandchildren, in Proverbs it says "children are the jewels in the crown and the glory of old men", What Brother Ronnie taught you and you do is to his glory....We love you June. Charlie and John Penny

November 6 at 5:58 AM

NR

Nancy Robbins posted:

JUNE AND GIRLS--I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS..GOD BLESS YOU EACH ONE. I LOVED THE YEARS THAT RONNIE WAS MY PASTOR,,WE HAD SUCH GREAT TIMES TOGETHER-- HE WAS ALWAYS AND FOREVER MY FRIEND. I LOVED HIS SPUNK, I KNOW HE TOUCHED ALOT OF LIVES.

November 6 at 4:16 AM



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CN

Carrie Garcia Nutt posted:

Mrs. Starr, Cheryl, and April I am sorry to hear about Bro. Ronnie passing. I have shared this with Cheryl but would like to share it again. I am at lost for words. Your dad was an amazing, wonderful talented man of God. Out of all the preachers at Woodland Hills your daddy and Bro. Mills were my favorites. There is no one that could get the word of God to you like your dad did. As Johnathan once said, Brother Ronnie could step on some toes when he preached the word of God. He touched many lives that we will never know. He preached the word of God at Jennifer's funeral and as a result of that a very close friend of Jennifer's was saved that day. He accepted Jesus into his heart. Johnathan will be heartbroken when I tell him. He thought the world of your daddy, as well as I did. You and your family will always hold a very special place in our hearts. Love in Christ Carrie Garcia Nutt

November 5 at 4:56 PM

JB

Joni And Billie November 6 at 4:37 AM

Mrs. Starr, Cheryl and April, I'm so sorry to hear about Bro. Ronnie. My family loved him as our preacher at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Mom was just telling me yesterday about the first time she and Dad met him. What an amazing man. He touched so many lives...You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ronnie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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