



Rex Carroll Parnell

June 19, 1932 - March 23, 2019

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MISSIONARY-EVANGELIST REX PARNELL

Rex Carroll Parnell came into this world on June 19, 1932 in Hagerman, New Mexico to the late Ernest Oliver Parnell and Camilla Lea (Patterson) Parnell. He was affectionately called “Papa Rex” or “old man”. He made his triumphant transition to glory on 5:48 March 23, 2019 in the comfort of his own home in Enid Oklahoma.

Rex Parnell grew up in a pioneer traveling ministry with his Evangelist father, mother and 5 siblings and was drafted to the military in 1952. He met and married Wilma Jolene Wilson-Parnell on November 25, 1969 and they were about to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They have 1 daughter, Jill Reed, of Hunt, TX. In addition, he leaves five grandchildren, Danielle Renee Parnell- Floyd and husband, Benjamin; Shaleen Nicole Cleary and husband, Jonathan; Rance Wayne Wilson II and wife Randi and O’Tika Lynn Arnold, and Hannah Whitney Reed to cherish his memory. He also leaves eleven great grandchildren who were close at his side during his last days.

Rex Parnell is survived by two sisters; Phyllis Parnell-Jackson, St Louis, Missouri and Tamara Parnell Williams and husband Donnie, Coweta, Oklahoma.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Doyle, his twin, Roy, and Guy Neal; and sisters Bonnie Hinkle and Sharon Erwin. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews, extended family, his missions family and many many friends across the world.

Rex became CEO of Tower of Faith World Missions in 1980. He helped establish a faith foundation in churches in the United States and Belize, Mexico and Uganda, E. Africa. He has written three books in English: "Our Place in Him", "Walking in the Steps of that Faith", also in Spanish, and "Power to Become Sons". His first mission trip was to Haiti in the 70's and then later to Mexico where 4 churches were established. He went to Belize, Central America for 17 years and established 24 churches then went to Uganda, Africa for 14 years where he helped establish 18 churches.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 29, 2019, at World Harvest Church, 1419 S. Garland Rd. Enid, OK. For out of town guests, dinner will be provided at 12:30 PM at World Harvest Church. Visitation with family will be Thursday from 6:00-8:00 PM at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory.

The family requests that any correspondence or memorial donations be designated for Tower of Faith Community Churches in Uganda E. Africa, attention Anderson Burriss Funeral Home, 3002 N Van Buren Enid, OK 73703.

Previous Events

Visitation with Family & Friends

MAR **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory
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Funeral Service

MAR **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

World Harvest Church
1417 S. Garland Rd.
Enid, OK

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Thinking about Rex today. I miss him. He told such great stories and had a robust personality. I remember fondly him giving me a hard time about my pocket knife needing to be sharpened. I am so deeply grateful to have the honor and privilege to have had him marry me and my wife (his granddaughter) in his home back in July of 2017. Thank you Rex for all of your wisdom and encouragement. Thank you for accepting me into the family. Thank you for dedicating your life in the service of others. Thank you for being a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather.

Jonathan M Cleary - October 20, 2023 at 02:07 PM

FC

“ So sorry I can't be at your service~~ a great man of God~~ you will be missed by many many people~~ my thoughts and prayers are with Sis Wilma and all the family~~ #gonebutneverforgotten~~ we will definitely miss you coming to Kerrville, Tx..but one day there will be a great reunion~~What a day that will be~~

Frances Ross Craig - March 28, 2019 at 09:11 PM

CW

“ Aunt Wilma, I sent you a Facebook message but also wanted to add to Rex's tribute too. He was my favorite uncle, especially when I was a teenager, in that he always took time to guide me, give sage, spiritual advice and listened, as well. The twinkle in his eyes when he teased me is an indelible memory. He loved you to the moon, which was obvious in the way he looked at you and always saying how beautiful you are. We all know he is with our Lord, no doubt about that! He apparently has impacted so many lives in a positive way. We were blessed to have him in our family. You may not recall, Uncle Rex baptized me in DeQueen, AR when I was 14 years old. I remember it was in a small church next to a hill. Such good memories. Ones that put a smile on my face when I think of him. Love you and my heart aches for you at this bittersweet time--- you not having him in the physical but knowing he is with God, no pain, and rejoicing. I may not be at the funeral, but I'll be thinking of y'all, praying for you and all who loved (and still love) Rex.

Christi Wilson-Fager - March 26, 2019 at 10:52 PM

JW

“ I first met you at Christmas 1993 after Dean and I married in September that year. You made a comment to Dean and said, "She's really young", I remember feeling a little embarrassed but that didn't last long. You and Dean could talk for hours about the Word and usually would move into a corner to talk. Dean loved you and so do I. After Dean passed you gave me a scripture that I still read every now and again. I remember the time I read it and I called you to tell you, "I Get It"! Thank you Rex. You are missed already but we all know that you are in heaven with your family and the Wilson's who have gone before you, give Dean a hug for me. I will see you all on the other side and can't wait to get there! Memories are sweet, but you will always be in my heart along with Dean. Love you sweet brother.
Janet Wilson



Janet Wilson - March 26, 2019 at 05:13 PM

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“ I LOVED YOU AND WISH I COULD BE AT YOUR SERVICE. I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU. SAD THAT YOU HAD TO GO BUT HOPE TO SEE YOU IN HEAVEN SOMEDAY. YOU WERE A GREAT PERSON AND YOU BROUGHT SO MUCH JOY TO ME. YOU WAS THE BEST PREACHER I EVER EVER KNEW AND YOU AND ROY WAS THE ONLY ONES I LIKED LISTENING TO AND I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ARE GONE BUT LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN HEAVEN ONE DAY, YOUR FRIEND ALAINAMARIE AND MARY LOVE.

ALAINAMARIE LOVE - March 26, 2019 at 03:16 PM

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