



## Pastor David Carl Baird

March 31, 1957 - April 11, 2021

Pastor David Carl Baird, 64, of Amissville, VA passed away on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at his home with his wife and sons by his side.

David was born on March 31, 1957 in Petersburg, VA and grew up in Ebony, Virginia. His parents were the late Etta Fleming Baird and Lonnie Baird. He is preceded in death by his brother, Dale Baird.

He graduated from Brunswick County High School in 1975 and Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia in 1979.

David is survived by his wife of 35 years, Jo Ann Grizzle Baird and his three sons, Josh, Jordan and Justin along with their wives and children. Josh and Brittney, of Amissville, and their children Raylee, Roman, Judah, and Izzy. Jordan and Michelle, of Amissville, and their daughter Lyla. Justin and Emily, of Warrenton, and their children Kingston, Nareine, and Noa. Other survivors include his father and mother-in-law, Joel and Landra Grizzle of Amissville, Virginia; a sister-in-law, Sheryl Baird of Ebony Virginia, nephew Shawn and wife, Jenny, and sons, Alex and Jax of Stephens City, Virginia; a niece, Kristin Gulbranson and husband, Michael, daughter, Madyson and son, London of Clayton, North Carolina; a sister-in-law, Kelly Grizzle Woods and husband, Ron, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; a niece, Lindsay Woods Hill and husband, Wes, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; nephew, Ryan Woods and his wife, Danya, of Bristow, Virginia and Connor and his wife, Abbie, of Warrenton, Virginia; a brother-in-law, Eddie Grizzle and wife, Lily; niece, Olivia and nephew, Jay, of Remington, Virginia.

David was called to preach as a teenager and his love for the Word of God was the guiding influence of his life. He devoted himself to his family and to planting and building churches. He began his ministry as an evangelist and transitioned to pastoral ministry at Vienna Assembly of God in 1985. In 1999, he would plant what many people in the community would come to know and love as The Life Church (now, Love Church), which became a pillar church in the northern Virginia area for the last decade and is now led by

his oldest son and daughter-in-law, Josh and Brittney.

For those who knew Pastor David, they knew how much he loved JoAnn and the life they enjoyed with their kids and grandkids. Whether he was coaching, cheering or yelling at the refs, he was an active, passionate part of all of the sports and activities in which they participated and never missed a game nor an opportunity to show his support for them.

Not only did he coach many teams, he also served on the boards of both the Gainesville District Basketball Association as well as the Gainesville District Little League.

Pastor David left an indelible impact on thousands of lives with his larger than life personality and deep love for people. He poured his knowledge and experience into thousands of pastors in ministry networks around the world. At the time of his death, he was serving on the board of Mighty Oaks Foundation, a faith-based, non-profit organization reaching our nation's veterans, active duty servicemen and their families who are dealing with combat trauma. He was also giving spiritual oversight to two church congregations in their leadership transitions.

His legacy lives on through his wife, his sons and their wives, his grandchildren, his spiritual sons and daughters and his church family.

A Celebration of Life in-person service will be held at Love Church, 11234 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, Virginia, on Saturday, April 24 2021 at 11:00am. The service will be live-streamed via the Love Church Facebook page. The graveside service will take place on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 2:00 pm at Canaan Cemetery in Brodnax, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Love Church, David Baird Memorial Fund. All other correspondence may be sent to 11234 Balls Ford Road, Manassas VA, 20109.

# Cemetery Details

## Canaan Cemetery

Brodnax, VA

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Love Church  
11234 Balls Ford Road  
Manassas, VA 20109

## Burial

APR 25. 2:00 PM.

Canaan Cemetery  
Brodnax, VA

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ Joel & Landra & extended family of David,  
Sincere condolences in the passing of your loved one 🙏,  
May God be with all of you and bring you comfort.  
Donna Hume Olinger  
(Friend & past coworker of Landra @ FNB)



Donna Hume Olinger - April 25, 2021 at 07:57 AM

JF

“ So, so sorry to hear of such sad news. Prayers of Comfort and Condolences to  
the family, church family, and friends. Heaven has gained!  
Respectfully,  
Janice S. Farrar - BHS Class of 1975

Janice S. Farrar - April 24, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of  
Pastor David Carl Baird.



April 22, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of  
Pastor David Carl Baird.



April 21, 2021 at 08:50 PM

JC

“ Josh & Crystal Whitlow, Heights Church purchased the Sentim  
ents of Serenity Spray for the family of Pastor David Carl Baird.



Josh & Crystal Whitlow, Heights Church - April 21, 2021 at 05:36 PM

LW

“ David Baird - one of a kind! My Bible Quiz competitor, my friend with memories from Lake Gaston to Manassas, my boss when you were District Youth Director. You were always willing to assist in any way needed, and definitely always good for a laugh. Plus you married up when you married Jo Ann and became part of our family. :)  
Love you lots and see you later. Linda

Linda Whorton Winstead - April 21, 2021 at 03:27 PM

JL

“ Joanne, it is with heavy heart that I just now saw that David has passed. I saw all the recent pictures and must have missed something. God called him home early because he was very special. J P and I will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Joyce P. Landahl - April 20, 2021 at 08:33 PM

TW

“ Dear Joanne,  
I was really sad to hear about the passing of David. You and your family are in our prayers.  
Tommy & Ruth Winstead

Thomas L Winstead - April 20, 2021 at 08:21 PM

LO

“ Joanne, Josh, Jordan & Justin, we were terribly sadden to hear of David's passing. He was a wonderful person, husband, father, and a friend and especially a man of God. He and Joanne raised 3 wonderful boys who grew up to carry on his love of God. The reunions we have had brings back so many memories. They won't be the same without David. He loved to tease, laugh and enjoy life. Buddy & I will always be sorry for the lost of your husband, father, grandfather and our friend. God bless all of your family.  
Buddy & Loretta Croushorn.

Loretta - April 20, 2021 at 09:26 AM

FJ

“ We love this family and though our hearts are broken, we rejoice for David, for he is in the presence of the one he lived his life for! Love and Prayers, Frank and Judy

Frank and Judy - April 20, 2021 at 07:33 AM

RS

“ To the Baird family, I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. I didn't see David much after highschool. But I heard a lot about him. I considered him to be one of my best friends in highschool. I have very fond memories of spending weekends with his family. Especially eating Sister Baird's home cooking. It was amazing to listen to him quote whole chapters from the Bible. He loved basketball and we played many a pickup game. He was the mainstay of our Bible quiz team. I could go on, but I'll just say my prayers are for his family. May they find comfort and peace in God's Holy Spirit.

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**Ross Stroud** - April 19, 2021 at 10:45 PM

GK

“ JoAnn and Family, David is no longer in PAIN. RIP David.

*Fondly, Ginger and Charlie*

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**Ginger Russell Kidwell and Charlie Kidwe** - April 19, 2021 at 08:37 PM

JT

*To the entire Baird family my condolences go out to you and your entire family.may God comfort you in your time of need.may God continue to wrap his loving arms around you and your beautiful family*

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**jean Thomas** - April 22, 2021 at 08:21 AM