



Rev. D. Morris Chalfant

March 16, 1921 - May 10, 2010

At 10:30 p.m. on May 10, 2010, Jesus came and took Morris home to heaven. This transition from earth to heaven culminated 66 years of sharing God's word around the world. Rev. D. Morris Chalfant, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, mentor, and friend preached again and again about the realities of heaven. "Heaven is a real place for real people," he said often. Now, Rev. Chalfant is experiencing heaven's reality for himself. The second son of Everette O. and Eliza B. Watts Chalfant, he was born on March 16, 1921, in Indianapolis, Ind. He grew up in Olivet, Ill., with his brother, Fred, and sister, Betty Jean (Bonney), where their father served the Church of the Nazarene. A consummate athlete, Rev. Chalfant excelled in basketball, tennis, softball, and track and field and set many longstanding records in these sports in high school and college. He began his undergraduate work at Olivet Nazarene College (now Olivet Nazarene University) transferred to Bethany Nazarene College (now Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla.), and graduated from Northwestern Nazarene College (now Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho). Rev. Chalfant attended graduate school at Eureka College (Eureka, Ill.). He was an ordained minister and a licensed evangelist with the Church of the Nazarene. In August 1943, he married Margaret Attebury, and they had four children: William E. (Van Nuys, Calif.), David M. (Chicago), Nancy J. (Indianapolis), and Theodore "Ted" (Nashville, Tenn.). They had four grandchildren: Rodney, Mark, Michelle, and Jeremy. In 1946, Rev. Chalfant and his family were assigned as missionaries to

Swaziland, South Africa. They were transferred to Johannesburg, where he served until 1953. After the death of his first wife, Rev. Chalfant married Yvonne Vollman of Evansville, Ind., in 1968. They have one son, Erik D., who resides in San Francisco, Calif. Throughout his ministry, he mentored many young ministers. To Rev. Rick Hosterman (New Jersey), Rev. Ray Grilliot (Ohio), and Rev. Billy Huddleston (Ohio), he continued to be "Pastor Chalfant." He also enjoyed sharing his faith with special family friend Antony deAngelo (Chicago). Following his retirement from pastoral ministry in 1989, Rev. Chalfant served as associate pastor of College Church of the Nazarene (Bourbonnais) and was active in the Retired Ministers Fellowship. He served as a chaplain at Provena Heritage Village from 1997-2009. Rev. Chalfant is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, and his first wife. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; five children; sister Betty Jean (Rev. Harry) Bonney; sisters-in-law Martha Chalfant and Lillian Vollman; brother and sisters-in-law Paul Vollman (Nancy) and Clifford Vollman (Carolyn); grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee (1480 W. Court Street) on Sunday, May 16, from 2-7 p.m., and at College Church of the Nazarene in Bourbonnais (200 University Avenue) on Monday, May 17, from 10-11 a.m. Services will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at College Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Kendal Franklin, Rev. Deborah Bell, Dr. Brian Wilson, and Dr. John C. Bowling will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Park. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Chalfant Family Scholarship at Olivet Nazarene University or to Provena St. Mary's Foundation for the Palliative Care Unit (5E).

Tribute Wall

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“ I have saved an article written by Morris Chalfant that I cut out of the Cincinnati Enquirer many years ago. I keep it in my daily journal. It's one of the best examples of how Christ changed the world. This is without dispute. More people should read it. God bless him.



jeff meiller - February 16 at 12:43 PM

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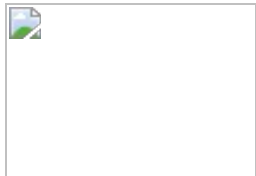
“ Julie sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. D. Morris Chalfant



Julie - February 12, 2018 at 04:47 PM



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“ Rev. Chalfant was a godly man who got a vision from God, followed His command, and sought after right. He was well respected and loved by most everyone who met him. He had but one enemy, Terry Anglea of Bourbonnais, who attempted to engage Rev. Chalfant's friendship in hope of soliciting his money and followship for his own cult. Rejoicing to say, God showed Rev. Chalfant the true colors of this "man," and he separated himself from contact.

We appreciate the encouragement Rev. Chalfant was to our family. He taught our four boys character in his words and actions. He was a friend to my wife and I through many years. He will be missed by all. We will see you in Heaven one day, Rev. Chalfant!###imported-begin##Christian Family##imported-end##

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“ Yvonne: ĩ½So sorry to hear about Morris. ĩ½He was such a great man. ĩ½I will be praying for you and the family.
ĩ½Debra###imported-begin##Debra Marvel Adamson##imported-end##

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“ Morris was my pastor in Seattle when I was a teenager. He made a lasting, indelible impression on my life. I remember the first sermon I heard him preach, on the danger of losing our first love for God. He never lost his, that is for sure. His preaching scared me sometimes but I guess that is what I needed. I loved the man and have always been grateful for his influence on my life.###imported-begin##Richard Gammill##imported-end##

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“ Yvonne, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Pat i ½Donath##imported-end##

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“ My Condolences go out to Yvonne & Family during this time. May God comfort all of you and may Morris rest in Peace. God Bless.##imported-begin##Vickie Bertrand##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry for your loss and your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers!

Jaclyn and Michael Roof##imported-begin##Jaclyn Dugan-Roof##imported-end##

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“ It was a pleasure to have known Morris and we are blessed to have had our time with him. We're always here if you need us...##imported-begin##Rachel Fruehling##imported-end##

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“ Yvonne and Erik,

Know that you have been very much in thought and prayer.

A very good man has returned to his God.

He is now at peace and enjoying the rewards of his labor.

You have beautiful memories...Hold on to them...they will become more precious with each new day.

My deepest sympathy.

Love,

Claire##imported-begin##Claire McElroy##imported-end##

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“ Yvonne,

We are saddened to hear of Rev. Chalfants passing, yet we are confident he is at peace in heaven. We think of you often Yvonne, and pray that God will watch over you and your family at this difficult time.

With Love, Benny & Charlene
Benny & Charlene Skeldon

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“ Dear family of Rev. Morris Chalfant,

Our hearts were grieved to hear of the loss of this wonderful man. For five summers we had the honor of traveling in city wide tent crusades together. Rev. Chalfant helped us get our start in music evangelism. We will always be grateful for his impact on our lives and ministry. We were together during happy times as well as sad times. We watched his consistent life. We will never forget his messages..his humor..his laugh...his compassion and integrity. We were blessed to have known him.

God bless and comfort each of your hearts. We plan on attending the celebration on Monday. Our prayers are with you.
Patty & Keith Showalter

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“ REV. MORRIS WAS A VERY GOOD FRIEND. HE WAS EVER ENCOURAGING AND HAD A LOVING ATTITUDE TOWARD ALL PEOPLE. HE WROTE WONDERFUL ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSPAPER IN KANKAKEE AND FOR THE NAZARENE PUB. HOUSE. HE KNEW JESUS, LOVED HIM AND LIVE OUT HIS LIFE WORTHILY SO. YES, HE'S CERTAINLY ENJOYING HEAVEN TODAY. WHAT A WONDERFUL PERSON TO HAVE KNOWN IN MY LIFE. MARILYN STARK-HUFFMAN##imported-begin##MARILYN STARK-HUFFMAN##imported-end##

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“ Yvonne: may God grant you peace and comfort at time. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and Erik in the coming days.##imported-begin##Rita Morris & Family##imported-end##

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“ Morris and I had chats when I took him to therapy when you (Yvonne) where in Sweden to the Zonta convention. It was a pleasure to be able to do that for him otherwise I don't know if our paths would have crossed.

Interesting time and he will be missed.

If we could all have the deep faith he did it would be a wonderful world.

My sympathy to all of his family. ##imported-begin##Marjorie Berry##imported-end##

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