



Donald Love

September 29, 2021

Don Love, 71, passed away peacefully at home on September 29, 2021. His wife, all of his children and their spouses and children were tenderly caring for him up until his passing.. He was constantly surrounded by their faithful presence and love.

Don grew up in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He naturalized as a citizen of the United States in March 1989. However, his upbringing in a big city like Toronto made him feel at home in other large cities that he and his wife travelled to. He was able to easily use subways, busses, and more, on travels with his small town wife. It seemed like he had a superpower to her because of the ease with which he got his bearings and navigated new places.

After High School, Don went to college to prepare for Christian ministry. He graduated from the Apostolic Missionary Institute in Picton, Ontario, Canada. Upon graduation, he struck out to evangelize and quickly was booked by pastors across the United States to hold revivals in their churches. It was at one of these revivals in California that he met his wife, Candace, as her father had invited him to hold a revival at the church he pastored. They were married February 1, 1974 and she joined him in his evangelistic travel and ministry.

Don was in full time ministry for over 35 years. First, a young evangelist, then as an assistant pastor to Pastor David Gray in San Diego, California for over 2

years. During that time he was also the youth secretary for the entire Western District of our church organization which included several states, youth president of our local district, and principal of the Christian School associated with the church.

In January 1976, Don, Candace and their infant son Dustin, became pastors of a small church in Monterey, California. They lived in the Sunday School rooms that had been turned into living quarters above the church. Because the church had only 17 people, Don worked as a school teacher to pay the bills. He also went door to door to offer people Bible studies in their homes and to invite them to our church. The church began to grow and it was so fulfilling to him to minister to people and see lives growing spiritually.

Early on in his pastorate we became a non-denominational church and God blessed us to minister with a new freedom and purpose untainted by legalism, reaching many people with the love and light of God's unconditional, non-judgmental love. During that time, we were inspired by pastors like Jack Hayford to grow in our understanding and way of pastoring. His father-in-law, Robert Lineberry, was also a major influence in his ministry.

Don truly loved people. His gifts were faith, humility, patience, counselling, listening and non-judgmentalism. He was a Shepherd pastor and his presence alone built and encouraged those blessed enough to know him. Don's sermons were practical and powerful. He could also be very funny and he delivered truths that changed lives in a natural and engaging way. He was definitely not boring, and even children would pay attention. He did not minister from pride or to be thought smart by other theologians. He ministered to lift, refresh and point people to God.

After moving to The Woodlands, Texas in 2007, Don was able to become successful in an entirely new area. The same gifts that were evident in his

pastoring were again the strengths that built strong relationships with business partners and clients.

Don had many interests and enthusiasms in his life. He was a competitive racquetball player, winning tournaments and trophies. He also loved baseball and football, and as his sons grew up they became his cohorts. He loved his Starbucks coffee and had his own special “recipe” that he ordered regularly, as well as chocolate and caramel candy. He enjoyed travelling with his wife and his kids. He loved cruising and also could get around European cities in a car. But most of all, he loved people and was enthusiastic about their life, their future, and their ability to overcome and rise again. His belief in others was contagious.

Don is predeceased by his father, Stuart Love. His father was an assistant pastor and his life, as well as his mother’s, greatly influenced Don’s decision to pursue ministry as a vocation. He is survived by his mother, Dorine Love, 90 years old.

He is also survived by his wife, Candace and his six children, Dustin, Chelsea, Jordan, Landon, Brendan and Christian, and his daughters-in-law, Heather (Jordan’s wife) and Karla (Brendan’s wife).

His grandchildren were blessed to have a grandfather that loved them so selflessly. They are Cicely (18), Ella (9), Asher (4), Grayson (3) and Judah (2).

We invite all of Don’s loved ones, family and friends, as well as those who love and know his surviving family to join us in remembering his beautiful life.

We will honor Don and celebrate his life at a memorial service on Tuesday,

October 26, 2021 at 1:00pm.

Chapel in The Woods - Woodlands Church.

1 Fellowship Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77384

Please enter the long driveway and follow the signs to the Chapel. It is a bit away from the large auditorium and other buildings of the Campus.

The service will be live streamed.

Tribute Wall

MI

“ Pastor Love baptized me when I was 20 yrs old. He was a great teacher and I will never forget how he taught me to love God as my friend. I have had to pray through many things in my life and he gave me the tools to survive. Thank you for your commitment to others and sharing God's love. Never forgotten my forever Pastor 🙏 Mitzi

Mitzi - April 14, 2024 at 12:29 AM

VS

“ I remember Pastor Love and have never forgotten him as the person that remind me of Jesus in many ways. I had great times as his Sunday School director, song leader, assistant minister and soloist back in the 70s. He was a real and sincere pastor who will hear, Well done good and faithful servant!! May the Lord bless and comfort you Sister Love and children. I miss and love you all, Vincent Speight



Vincent T. Speight - October 14, 2023 at 12:32 PM

GM

“ Donnie is my cousin whom we have been trying to get in touch with for years. His father, Stuart, is my father's brother, Murray Love. We spent time together as kids and my family is on touch and visited my family throughout the years but haven't heard from Dorine for years. My sincere condolences to the family and would love to hear from them and to find out about Dorine. My name is Gail Love Sloan Malcolm and my email is gaillovesloan@gmail.com God bless you all and thank you in advance if you get this message and respond back to me.

Gail Love Sloan Malcolm - July 23, 2023 at 12:11 PM

PQ

“ So very sad to find this. I met Don and Candy in 1979 right after being saved by our lord. I have always missed the company and shared love of the church when I left in 1980 due to Army moving me to Germany. God Bless!

PTL

Peter Quick

PETER J QUICK - January 02, 2022 at 12:17 PM

MD

Hi Peter, Was the little Church name New Life Fellowship on Virgin Ave ? If so, my Husband and I attended and served 15 years. Everyone knew me as Gypsy back then. My Husband's name is Kenny. We started with just a handful of people and The Lord Blessed and we out grew the little building and we moved to a building in Seaside. Such fond memories.

My condolences to The Love Family. My Husband now lives in Heaven so Pastor and him have been united 😊

Maryanne Deering - January 12, 2022 at 08:48 PM

PQ

` Yes, your right. I drove a Harley Davidson back then. I was Stationed at Ft. Ord in the 2/10 Air Cav... My fondest memories are of the small church in Monterey Ca...

Peter Quick - January 15, 2022 at 11:48 AM

KT

“ Pastor Love and Candy took me in and brought me to the Lord in 1979 I never forgot what they did for me and have and will continue my testimony of two of the greatest people ever in my Life. Thank you Jesus for this wonderful Man and having the chance to know him. BIG XO Kristy Talley

Kristy K Talley - November 04, 2021 at 10:01 PM

JE

“ Wow. Can't believe this! Incredibly sad and my heart goes out to Candy and the entire family. I grew up attending New Life Fellowship. Pastor Don was such a genuine soul with the kindest eyes. My entire family was involved with the church and as a youth, I was overjoyed every time Pastor Don asked me to sing special music on Sundays during worship. I really loved that family and used to babysit the the older kids before Brendan & Christian were born. My heart goes out to you all. Praying for peace in your hearts during this difficult time. Hugs & immeasurable blessings, Jodi Essex

Jodi Essex - October 26, 2021 at 05:34 PM

AV

WOW!!!!!! SO SORRY 🌹🌹💋🙌 as a kid i attended the Pentecostal church ic castroville, ca. They joys of knowing Candice and her family. 🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹💕💋 only god knows your love for him.. Then one year Brother Don Love , came with "THE SINGING PARKER'S," Never seen a couple so in love. Thank u Jesus for u all. And your shared love of god. 🌹🌹🌹🌹💋💋💋 Annette Voorhees

Annette Voorhees - March 29, 2022 at 12:17 PM

RP

I only just heard about Don's passing today. I truly loved his church, New Life Fellowship and his whole family. He was definitely anointed by God, he touch my soul with his sermons and changed my life forever.....he was a special man and one that I will miss....condolences to Candy and the whole family
Rick Phinney

Rick Phinney - September 26, 2022 at 11:26 PM

DM

My name was Darlene McDaniel back in 1986-1990 when I attended New Life Fellowship. My husband was in the military and that is what brought me to Monterey! Pastor Don Love and his beautiful family loved on us and today I am an ordained minister. Pastor Don Love truly spoke into my life and his words laid a foundation in my life that has shaped me all these years later. I thought of him today as I am preparing to minister at a women's retreat! What he said to me way back then, one more after 6:00 am prayer...I will share with the ladies..."do what you know to do"...I continue to do what I know to do as a believer, as a pastor, as a leader! My heart is sad to know this soldier, Pastor Don Love has stepped into glory! Know this, his legacy lives on in me! Blessings to Candace, and his children! May they continue to run after God!

Darlene S. Marshall - September 20, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Love.*



October 24, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Donald Love.*



October 20, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald Love.



October 20, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Donald Love.



October 18, 2021 at 02:24 PM

CC

“ I was a client of Don's for many years. We talked on the phone not infrequently and we met for dinner more than once. I enjoyed working with him. He was honest, energetic, enthusiastic and always helpful. When he struck out on his own I took my business with him and I advocated for others to do the same. The last time we spoke, I told him of my cancer diagnosis and how it played into my decision to retire. He revealed to me his cancer diagnosis at that time and we commiserated. I recently had the need to call him on his cell phone. I left a message that was not returned. Don always returned my calls. I searched his name and found this recent Memorial notice. I never had the pleasure of meeting his wife or family but my heart goes out to you all at the news of Don's passing. He was a great business partner and a good friend, so open about himself, his life and tribulations and accepting of others at all times. He had a hugely positive impact on my life. I will miss him. I am quite sure that anyone who knew him feels the same.

Cam Carmody - October 15, 2021 at 02:01 PM

DS

“ I remember well when Don began ministry and alao when he brought Candy home to Toronto for the first time....my father told her we would have snow the next day and sure enough we did. Although distance has kept us from being close I have followed his exploits from afar and thank God for every moment that we were able to share, even if it was by way of the internet. My sincere condolences to Candy, the children, and the grands and especially to Don's mom Doreen who was always so kind to our family. Go rest high on that mountain....not goodbye, but see you later.

David Stephenson - October 11, 2021 at 08:13 PM

OR

“ Olen & Karen Crabtree, Ron & Julie Royal purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Donald Love.



Olen & Karen Crabtree, Ron & Julie Royal - October 11, 2021
at 02:39 PM

BF

“ Oh, Candy, you said you lost your sun, moon, and stars. My heart goes out to you during this extremely difficult time of loss and I'm praying that God will comfort and encourage you and your family with His supernatural touch. I have wonderful, treasured memories and feel so blessed to have been under Pastor Don's and your leadership. I valued his teachings and encouragement in ministry so very much! You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Foerster - October 10, 2021 at 12:17 AM

Jl

“ My deepest condolences to Candace Love and family I will treasure my founders memories of Pastor Love,he was truly for the people ,you both made shine church my safe haven

Joann Ibarra - October 08, 2021 at 02:16 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Love.



October 07, 2021 at 06:23 PM

CF

“ Candy, i am so sorry to hear about Don. I do think about the both of you at times and remember the times playing softball and silly things I did in church. Don was a very good roll model as a man of God. I can't imagine what your heart feels but I do know Don is in Heaven. God bless you and the family. Chuck

Chuck Forbes - October 06, 2021 at 11:38 PM

DR

“ Dear Candace: My heart breaks for you. The love between you and Pastor Don is what movies are made of. I am eternally grateful to have known you both and I continue to pray for you and your family. God bless and comfort all of you.

Deborah Rasul Romoleroux - October 06, 2021 at 08:16 PM

NC

“ Its been too many yrs since we have seen each other or talked, but each time you've been in my thoughts, i have prayed. I learned yesterday of Don's passing, and his battle the last yr. He blessed so many lives, and such a great example of a father and husband. I have so many great memories of the yrs at New Life. After i retired, i moved to Oregon, and within 11 months i lost my parents and a brother. I am so sorry of your loss. I know time is the healer. Just know Im praying!!

Nancy Carroll - October 04, 2021 at 02:25 AM