



Mr. David Holmes

September 27, 1957 - July 27, 2021

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants. Psalm 116:15 NIV. David Robert Holmes, age 63 of Lexington was indeed a faithful servant who died early Tuesday morning, July 27, 2021, at 6:14 am after a valiant battle with Covid-19 in Nashville. It's fitting that he died early in the morning because David was always an early riser. Tuesday, he got up early to go and be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

David was born on Friday, September 27, 1957, to Connie Lou and the late Ollie D. Holmes in Lexington at the Conger Clinic. He became a Christian at age nine, graduated from the Lexington school system and received his bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from Union University. Called to ministry at an early age, he served as a worship and student minister throughout college. Soon after his graduation, he joined the staff of First Baptist Church of Lexington and served twenty-nine years as the Minister of Music and Youth. During this time, David touched the lives of many and challenged them to love God and live life to its fullest. His passion for worship and choir will be remembered through all the rehearsals, performances, and individuals he led and encouraged to pursue their musical talent for the Lord. There was no end to his creativity in challenging youth and others to step out of their comfort zones and explore the world and cultures around them. As a PADI Master Dive Trainer, he trained youth and adults to scuba dive, and countless memories were formed around the pool and the dive trips that followed. Many

youth credit David with their first trip to the ocean and out of the country. From repelling to white-water rafting to snow skiing to hiking to safaris to pyramids and more, David shared his life and his love for Christ in these activities with those he loved, and these memories will linger forever. He played a significant role in the life of hundreds maybe thousands by sharing profound biblical truths that are now being passed down to new generations. The youth that traveled with him will always remember his words, "Remember, wherever you go and whatever you do, you first of all represent the Lord Jesus Christ and second the First Baptist Church, so act accordingly."

After retiring from the music and youth ministry, David partnered as a Global Missions Strategist with the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. As a member of Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, TN, David also served as the Global Missions Pastor. His entire life was about helping people and spreading Christ's kingdom through evangelism, discipleship, and missions. Over the years, he ministered in hundreds of revivals, funerals and weddings. Beyond touching thousands through church ministry, he led hundreds of people on mission projects in over fifteen countries all over the world. He went to some of the most challenging and strategic mission fields on earth. David never met a stranger, and he lived to share Christ's love with every person and nation. David was passionate about sharing the gospel and teaching others that they were capable of doing it too. Following are just a few examples:

"He pushed me, and I know many others, to do things out of their comfort zone, which I will forever be thankful for. He taught me to travel the world. He put me in situations to share my faith. It is because of him I know how to Scuba dive, repel from cliffs, drive a car on the wrong side of the road in a foreign country, and most of all, step out in faith. He made me braver than I would have been without him."

“He has been the single most influential person in my spiritual development. That alone, has shaped all the decisions in my life. To this day, when trying to find a church where my kids will grow up, I compare all youth ministers to him. Needless to say, no one is ever good enough!”

“He trusted us, he loved us and he believed in us. He was a gift to my family, and I pray he knew how thankful we are for him.”

“He encouraged me and pushed me beyond my comfortable place to share Jesus with others. He taught me to love all Nations, literally every tribe and tongue, but he especially set my heart on fire for the people of Kenya... His heart was as big as they come, and generosity was one of his best virtues.”

“He was assuring. He spoke hope and life into shaky legs and a trembling mouth. David trusted me, pushed me, sent me on planes, shoved me into classrooms in Kenya, told me to climb camels and pyramids in Egypt. He knew the importance of what truly mattered Souls knowing Jesus and spending eternity with him.”

“There are not enough ‘thank yous’ for how you made me a better person. I want to take others to the nations as you did for me.”

“What a great guy who led so many to Christ”

“He was an encourager and loved nothing more than to see people set on fire for the gospel and putting their ‘Yes’ on the table for Jesus. I can’t even tell you the things he taught me through the years, I learned so much about the cultures of the world.”

Surviving David is his wife of 37 years, Tracey June Holmes, his faithful partner who shared his vision, and who together touched the world. After 37

years, they still refer to one another as “boyfriend” and “girlfriend.” David’s love for Tracey was always evident. Their respect, openness and total support for one another is something rarely seen and will forever be a model for a Godly marriage. He is also survived by his sister, Lona Carol Webb and his mother, Connie Lou Holmes. David was a major influence in the lives of his nieces and nephews: Hilary, Aaron, Gabe and Samantha Grissom; Sunnie, James ‘Buddy’, Sophia and Lincoln Dickson; Steven Williams, Cyndal Storey and Nova; Kris, Robin, Willow and Nora Kelley; and Brandie, Konner and Mason Kelley and Lacie Dyer.

David’s funeral will be held at 9:00 AM Friday, outdoors on the lawn of his home at 691 Crazy Doe Road in Lexington with Dr. Hoyt Wilson and Dr. Gregory Frizzell officiating. Interment will follow at Lexington Cemetery.

His love of missions was a driving force in David’s life, and his family asks that donations be made to the non-profit organization, Mission Projects in lieu of flowers. Checks can be mailed to: Mission Projects, 691 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351. Let’s close with one of David’s favorite Bible passages, “Well done, good and faithful servant! Matthew 25:23

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Natchez Trace Drive
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Service

JUL 30. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

Home of David and Tracey Holmes
691 Crazy Doe Road
Lexington, TN 38351

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Ricky D Henry lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Holmes*



Ricky D Henry - August 08, 2021 at 11:23 PM

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Holmes*



Linda Elam - August 02, 2021 at 12:26 AM

RF

“ *Tracey, so grateful to you and David for your faith in Jesus influence on our sons, Bill and Brad Filiatreault, during our 4 years in Lexington TN back in the 80s. David has been promoted to his heavenly home*

Rhonda Filiatreault - August 01, 2021 at 07:20 AM

PW

“ *Tracey, Connie Lou and Lo Patti Teague Wilsonna Carol, Lee and I were saddened to hear of David's passing. We will be praying for the God of all comfort to provide all you will be needing in your grief. We did not know the full extent of David's global ministry and it was a joy to read about it in his obituary.*

Patti Teague Wilson - July 29, 2021 at 10:28 PM

RH

“ Rodney And Missi Hardin lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Holmes



Rodney and Missi Hardin - July 29, 2021 at 08:46 PM

JT

“ Joe And Cathy Turnbow lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Holmes



Joe and Cathy Turnbow - July 29, 2021 at 08:19 PM

JH

“ Janice Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Holmes



Janice Houston - July 29, 2021 at 12:27 PM

KL

“ We met David through our niece Lisa Cashion. He was a very gentle person and as soon as you met him you are part of his family. He will be missed by more people than we will ever know.
The Lodes Family

Karen Lodes - July 29, 2021 at 11:44 AM

CP

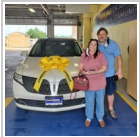
“ David was our youth minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson Tennessee while I was in my early teens. He was the one who prayed with me the night I accepted Christ as my Savior. I am forever grateful that GOD brought David into my life. I will see you again my friend.

Cynthia “Dailey” Pesce - July 29, 2021 at 11:17 AM

JB

“ I travelled with David on missions and he supported me, challenged me, and showed me a true love of people--all people--that is rarely seen. His smile was contagious and his relaxed, joyful demeanor made others comfortable around him immediately. I will always remember him. He is where we all, who love the Lord , will be eventually. He was truly a faithful, obedient servant of our Lord. He will be missed by all who knew him and others will one day be with the Lord in Heaven because he shared Jesus with them. Praying God's comfort for each of his family members in this time of great loss.

Jackie Baker - July 29, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ David was one of the first to make me feel welcome when i moved to Lexington. We had some good times together.

Larry Huckabee - July 29, 2021 at 10:17 AM

RO

“ From the moment I met David Holmes at age 13, he had a positive influence in my life. He was one of those constant rocks we could stand and depend on. He was an excellent mentor that devoted his entire life to caring for us kids. Some of the fondest childhood memories I have are directly the result of David's leadership and influence. Slow to judge and quick to praise, He and Tracey impacted so many lives in such a positive way. He was a warrior for Jesus and will forever be missed. I look forward to seeing him again one day and experiencing his quick wit and genuine spirit. Rest In Peace my friend.

Robby Owens - July 29, 2021 at 10:02 AM

MC

“ David played an indelible role in my life as I grew up in the '70s and '80s. He served as leader, role model, friend, mentor, and guide. I could not tell of my childhood, adolescence, and early adulthood without telling of David Holmes, for I am who I am today in no small part due to his influence. An adventurous man of integrity and faith, I am eternally grateful for David's presence in my life. And I look forward to seeing him again.

Michael Creasy - July 29, 2021 at 08:19 AM

TH

“ Tracy Hollis lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Holmes



Tracy Hollis - July 28, 2021 at 11:45 PM

AW

“ *Fly high & sing with all your might! You will be missed by so many.*



Amy D Williams - July 28, 2021 at 10:52 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Holmes*



Barbara Willis - July 28, 2021 at 10:40 PM

BW

So sorry for your loss David was A great man.

Barbara Willis - July 28, 2021 at 10:42 PM

TS

“ *David had such a profound impact on my life and spirit. He showed me what I had to offer the world. He and Tracey were like family to us kids. They both taught us a love of life and adventure that all lives with me today. Rest in peace my friend and mentor.*

Tony Sheppard - July 28, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. David Holmes.*



July 28, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *Praying for you and your Family Mrs. Tracy.*

Kimberly Myrick - July 28, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *Tracey..I'm so sorry to hear about David. You and his family are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Linda Mcillwain

Linda Mcillwain - July 28, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Patsy Coffman lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Holmes*



patsy coffman - July 28, 2021 at 04:45 PM

SS

“ David and his family brought great joy and love to my life. Outside of my own family, David was the single most pivotal influence for me during my younger years. He will forever remain deep in my heart. Tracey, Connie Lou and Lona, my deepest prayers for you will continue and I will always love you like family. Thank you for loving me.
Sylvia

Sylvia Stone - July 28, 2021 at 03:09 PM

LP

“ My sincerest sympathies to Tracy and all of David's family. There are just no words to express my gratitude to David for the impact he made in so many lives. I am forever grateful for the influence in my boys lives. His influence and leadership were immeasurable. He was a shining example of how we should love and honor our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He leaves a legacy that we should all strive to leave. I never saw David without a smile. You can't say David without saying Tracy as well. It was always David and Tracy. They were a driving force for Jesus. They were always there for the youth day or night. He will be greatly missed but oh what memories he left. David will never be forgotten in our family.

Lori Parker - July 28, 2021 at 03:08 PM

DH

“ A genuine Christian individual!



Darlene Sellers Hendrix - July 28, 2021 at 02:28 PM

T(

“ David you was the one that helped me in so many ways growing up I remember my first trip with the church and you like it was yesterday we always had so much fun you was a amazing guy and will be missed

tina (nikki) alimenti (miller) - July 28, 2021 at 02:03 PM

BC

“ There isn't words I know, that can express, my admiration for David and Tracey. Hilary's words were inspired to honor her uncle. Every time I read them, I have to reach for the Kleenex, thanks to her words, others can have a insight to what a great Christian man, David Holmes was. Shirley and I will have all of David' family in our prayers. He will always be in our memory.

Bobby and Shirley Cogdell - July 28, 2021 at 01:22 PM

SW

“ David and I were classmate throughout elementary school and high school. A lot of precious memories come to mind. All the family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Steve Wilkinson

Steve Wilkinson - July 28, 2021 at 01:18 PM

CH

“ David was a good man. He always had a smile on his face. His servant's heart showed kindness and concern throughout his life for others. Our sympathy and prayers for his wife and all of his family.
Dan and Cheryl Hughes

Cheryl Hughes - July 28, 2021 at 12:01 PM

RS

Sandy and I first met David and Tracy when I came to First Baptist Church in Lexington for staff interview. Little did we know what an impact this couple would make on our life. My last conversation with David, he spoke to me about how much he missed no longer being able to go on mission trips due to COVID lockdown . However, David was always on mission for Jesus. David is now in the presence of Jesus! Richard and Sandy Savage

Richard & Sandy Savage - July 28, 2021 at 02:41 PM

JC

“ I was very fortunate to have grown up in FBC Lexington with Lona Carol, David, and their parents. And as an adult to have been under his direction in the Choir. David had a love for life and for Christ larger than life. He had a beautiful voice and I loved to hear him do specials on Sunday morning. He had a love for the Youth Dept and he and Tracey gave hours devoted to them and carrying them on trips that some would have never made. No doubt he is in the Heavenly choir singing and praising The Lord. My prayers are with Tracey, Connie Lou and Lona Carol.

Jennifer Choate - July 28, 2021 at 11:18 AM

KP

“ Keith & Debbie Patterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Holmes



Keith & Debbie Patterson - July 28, 2021 at 11:07 AM

KP

So sorry for your loss prayers for the family during this difficult time

Keith & Debbie Patterson - July 28, 2021 at 11:11 AM

BT

“ David was good to our four boys who was in the Youth Department under him. They talk about him to this day all the fun they had on retreats, camping outings, mission trips or where ever they may plan to go. Thank you David for the influence you had on them.

The Tarters

Brenda & David Tarter - July 28, 2021 at 02:03 AM

HM

“ I would like to say i remeber David as my youth pastor and us going white water rafting he was a good youth pastor.

Holly mullins - July 27, 2021 at 06:51 PM