



Rev. Donald Ray Spradling

August 7, 1943 - June 23, 2025

Celebration of Life for Rev. Donald Ray Spradling, 82, will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM at CrossPointe Church in Tyler, TX. Rev. Johnathan Ellison of CrossPointe Church & Rev. Dusty Dean of Heartland Church will officiate the service.

Pastor Don left this earth for his heavenly home surrounded by his family on June 23rd, 2025. He was born into humble beginnings on August 7th, 1943 in Honobia, OK. He grew up in a family rich in relationship and full of faith. In 1963, he married the love of his life, Kay Spradling, in Springfield Oregon. He had a deep love of learning and in 1966 graduated from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. Don started his career teaching high school English. In 1966, He was called to teach and preach the Gospel vocationally.

In the early years of his ministry, he pastored various churches in Oregon, Texas, and Oklahoma. While he loved his church family, he treasured the arrival of both his children, Greg & Stephanie Spradling above all else. In 1974, he boldly followed his calling to Concord, California to lead Calvary Temple. At Calvary Temple, he nurtured his children through their formative

years and left an eternal impact on many. He then pastored Christian Life Church in Long Beach, CA. During his 19-year tenure, Pastor Don served this vibrant community and dedicated all 3 of his grandchildren to the Lord at CLC.

After moving to Tyler TX, Pastor Don's retirement turned into one of the greatest joys of his ministry. He founded CrossPointe Church in 2007. During the next decade of ministry, he demonstrated how Godly obedience could impact countless lives. From 50 people meeting in the Ramada Inn Ballroom, he had a vision to see a packed-out sanctuary and the faithfulness to see it happen on the FM2813 campus in 2010.

In 2015, he entrusted the leadership of CrossPointe to Pastor Jonathan & Andrea Ellison. Under this new generation of leadership, Pastor Don celebrated how God continued to bless and expand this ministry to new bounds.

He was called Pastor Don to his church family, Brother to his 8 siblings, Papa to his 3 grandchildren, Daddy to his children, & Honey to his wife Kay. Whether in the sanctuary, on the golf course, or at the corner table at Starbucks; Don looked for ways to love people like Jesus.

As an avid runner & believer in Christ, Pastor Don fought the good fight, he finished the race, and he kept the faith.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Kay Spradling, Hickory Creek, TX; his Children, Stephanie & Rex Shook, Hickory Creek, TX, Greg & Tracey Spradling, Sparks, NV; grandchildren, Morgan & Ruben Cabrera, Lewisville, TX, Maddison Shook, Lewisville, TX, Gregory & Alexis Starling, Newport Beach, CA; siblings; Darrell & Terri Spradling, Broken Bow, OK, Rev. Walt & Veronica Spradling, Ardmore, OK, Joe & Beverly Spradling, Battiest, OK, Beverly Ann Stuart, Idabel, OK, Sharlot Engler, Cleveland, OK, Peggy

Treanor, Pocahontas, AK as well as, his many extended family members.

He was Preceded in death by; sisters, Winnie Carter, Fairfield, CA, Mildred & Delmer Harder, Battiest, OK, parents; E.D. (Buster) & Edith Spradling McCurtain County, OK.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

CrossPointe Church
4642 Fm 2813
Flint, TX 75762

Tribute Wall

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“ Loved working with Don and Kay at CLC in Long Beach. Warm, caring, and committed people...at a time of transition in my life. God bless you, Kay and may you find comfort in wonderful memories of your life in ministry together. Rev. Dan Burchett (San Luis Obispo, CA)

Daniel Burchett - September 26, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Donald Ray Spradling.

June 27, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Donald Ray Spradling.



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“ 64 files added to the album LifeTributes



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - June 26, 2025 at 04:56 PM

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“ My family and I offer our sincerest condolences to the close knit and loving family of Reverend Don Spradling. His life and ministry has touched a countless number of souls for Jesus’ Kingdom sake. Pastor’s warm, authentic and sincere loving kindness impacted my life without a doubt. When I was struggling in my walk with Christ in the church, our thoughtful neighbors directed Pastor Don to a hospital ER to pray for and check on my status following a serious car crash on December 30, 2010. During that same time, my wife, youngest daughter and I had just experienced a faith challenging circumstance in a church we belonged & were faithful to and serving in. His charismatic personality was matched by his joyful smile which consistently reflected the fruit of The Spirit. Pastor Don gently but firmly shepherded us back into the sheepfold. I will forever cherish those exuberant, weekly sermons, which he passionately preached utilizing outlines that included blanks in which we, the congregation could follow and fill in the blanks. I was always and will continue to be impressed with Reverend Don’s gift of remembering people personally, especially me. As his daughter Stephanie has already stated: “he finished the course and his race.” A crown of righteousness now awaits this faithful servant of God. I love and miss you, Pastor Don. Until I reunite with you in Glory alongside Jesus, our Savior. Thank you for obeying the call of the Lord over six decades ago. Again, my family’s deepest sympathies to all (especially Mrs. Kay) who grieve Reverend Don’s Spradling’s passing from mortality to immortality. Our Heavenly Father, in the person of The Holy Spirit, please cover each loved one with the cozy blanket of peace and comfort now that passes all human understanding.



Jeff Paul Campbell - June 26, 2025 at 01:21 PM