

Dr. David Robert Osborn

Dr. David Robert Osborn, D. Min, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 14, 2023, in Lone Tree, Colorado. David was born on March 30, 1941 to John Robert Osborn and Margaret Ethel Stout Osborn, in Windfall, Tipton County, Indiana.

During his youth David excelled in school, especially athletics, holding an unbroken state track record for decades. Despite having a full ride athletic scholarship to attend Purdue University, he chose to attend Johnson Bible College (now Johnson University) in Knoxville, Tennessee to pursue a calling to the ministry. While at Johnson, David met Mattie Jane Williams, and the two were married on July 1, 1962.

During his senior year at Johnson, David served at West Village Christian Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and at First Christian Church in Madisonville, Tennessee. In 1962, he graduated with a Bachelor of Theology from Johnson, after which David and Jane moved to Tupelo, Mississippi to begin full time ministry at Oak Ridge Christian Church. During their time in Tupelo, two children were born to David and Jane, Cynthia Carol "Cindy" in 1965, and David Matthew "Matt" in 1967. In 1970 the family moved to Jacksonville, Florida where David pastored at Fort Caroline Christian Church until 1978. In 1974 he earned a Master of Arts from Harding College in Memphis, Tennessee, which included an internship in Israel doing research in biblical archeology under Dr. Jack P Lewis.

David became involved with the South Pacific Christian Fellowship and was called to pastor Rutherford Street Church of Christ in Nelson, New Zealand from 1979 to 1986. In 1986 the family returned to the United States and settled in Denver, Colorado where David completed a Master of Divinity at Denver Seminary, going on to earn a Doctor of Ministry degree, became a member of the faculty and eventually the Director of the Doctor of Ministry program. After retirement he retained a position as Professor Emeritus of Christian Leadership. David and Jane were deeply involved at Southeast Christian Church in Parker, Colorado where David served as an elder and teacher, most notably to the Singled Out for God singles' ministry. David and Jane were also part of the Prayer Ministry at Southeast and had a major impact on many people there and around the world.

David's life mission was to point people to Jesus and to help them develop a relationship with Him, and relationships with others by mentoring, teaching, encouraging and praying. No one who knew David Osborn went away without hearing, "Why don't we have a word of prayer?" If you asked for prayer (or didn't, for that matter) you got it right then!

David was predeceased by his parents, and his older sister Rebecca Osborn Lowe. He is survived by a younger sister, Linda Osborn Castor (David), his beloved wife, Jane, daughter Cynthia Carol Osborn Mullen (Dennis), his son David Matthew Osborn (Karen), grandchildren Liesl Elizabeth Osborn, Shasteen Rosina Osborn, David Kaylor Osborn (Ashley), and great grandson David Aurelius Osborn.

A memorial service and reception will be held at Southeast Christian Church, 9650 Jordan Rd., Parker, CO 80134, Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 1:00 pm. All are welcome. A private family interment service will be held at the JS Parker Cemetery in Parker, Colorado following the service and reception.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in David's name to one or both of the following:

Johnson University - checks should be made payable to JOHNSON UNIVERSITY and mailed to 7900 Johnson Drive, Knoxville, TN 37998, with a note that it is in memory of David R Osborn. Contributions can also be made online at www.JohnsonU.edu/donate/tennessee and under the "Designate my gift to" drop-down menu, choose "named scholarship fund," and type in John and Margaret Osborn Scholarship Fund, choose Tribute Gift, 1 person, and then fill in David R Osborn, and memorial gift.

Denver Seminary – checks should be made payable to DENVER SEMINARY and mailed to 6399 S. Santa Fe Dr., Littleton, Colorado, USA 80120, with a note that it is in memory of David R Osborn for the Doctor of Ministry Scholarship Fund. Contributions can also be made online at www.denverseminary.edu/giving/give-now/ and under the drop-down menu for "I want to support" choose Doctor of Ministry Scholarship, and notate in the comment section that it is in memory of David R Osborn.