



# Garry Lee Seitz PhD

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**G**arry Lee Seitz, Ph.D., 72

LAKELAND, FL. “To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.” His family and friends mourn the loss of Garry Seitz, 72, of Lakeland, who went to be with the Lord on January 8 as the result of Alzheimer’s Disease and Lewie Body Dementia.

Garry was born on September 28, 1945 in Columbus, Ohio to Dorotha Bagford and Robert Seitz. He married Jan Priday Kraus in 1975 and together they raised twenty children: David Brown, Sharon Bowden (Newton), Erich Kraus, Arunee Gierke (Willy), Cary Paul Seitz, Jennifer Winsor (Steve), Jeremiah Seitz (Thess), Luke Seitz (Stephanie), Bethany Arroyo (Georgie), Benjamin Seitz (Paige), Rachel, Rebekah, Joshua, Caleb, Hannah, Nathaniel, Noah, Abigail, Tabitha, and Phoebe Seitz. He is survived by his loving wife and companion of 42 years, his children, brothers Tom and Larry Seitz, thirteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren and three nieces. Garry was a 1963 graduate of Grove City High School in Ohio, and graduated from The Ohio State University in 1967. He went on to receive an MS from the University of Arizona in 1970 and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1974. He was employed by Chemlawn Corporation as the Southwest Regional Agronomist until he founded Green Pastures, Inc in 1980, which he owned and operated until 1996 in GA. Since 2003, he was President/owner/operator of Environmental Stewards, Inc., a landscape management company.

A man of faith, he was known for his kindness and generosity, as well as a servant’s heart. He served on the Board of Elders at Living Faith Fellowship in Athens, GA for ten years, where he also taught the men’s Sunday School Class. Since 2000, when the family moved to Lakeland, he was an active member of Victory Church. However, his greatest legacy is the family he leaves behind, adopting sixteen of their children from the US, Thailand, Vietnam, China, and Ethiopia. Besides being a loving and



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devoted husband, his children were his pride and joy and his life verse was, “to whom much is given, much will be required,” Luke 12:48. He believed this with all his heart and endeavored to teach and model this principle to his children. We are blessed to be a blessing.

A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary at Victory Church, 1401 Griffin Road, at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 13, with visitation from 10:00-11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations, in Garry’s honor, may be made to Victory Church missions, the Alzheimer’s Association or Good Shepherd Hospice.



# Tribute Wall

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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** shared a **Tribute Video**.



January 10 at 12:55 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Seitz family.



January 12 at 8:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Seitz family.



January 11 at 1:24 PM



**Edna Norman** posted:

Jan and family,Garry will be missed by many. We have many memories of your family during your years in Athens. We pray God's peace and comfort upon you and your family.Don & Edna Norman, Athens, GA.

January 11 at 7:43 AM



**Darryl & Rachael Lanker** posted:

We were so saddened to hear of Garry's passing. Our prayers are with you Jan, and the family as you grieve and pray you will continue to trust the Lord in all things. He will be missed by all. Darryl & Rachael Lanker

January 11 at 7:19 AM



**Infrastructure Corp. Of America-Lake City Staff** sent a Sapphire Skies Bouquet to the Seitz family.



January 11 at 4:52 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Seitz family.



January 10 at 9:26 PM



**Marie A Poon** posted:

Garry served as my Elder at LFF. He and Jan served the body of Christ with such love and devotion. Prayers and love for you, Jan, and all the family. Marie A. [Durden] Poon

January 10 at 5:42 PM



**From The Men & Women Of 927Th Maintenance Group** sent a Footprints Tribute Blanket to the Seitz family.



January 10 at 12:33 PM



**Susie Minish Groover** posted:

What a wonderful Godly man. I remember when we were all in church at LFF. My prayers are with the family. See you again my friend.

January 10 at 12:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Garden of Memories to the Seitz family.



January 10 at 10:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Seitz family.



January 10 at 9:09 AM



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Seitz family.



January 10 at 8:54 AM



**Emory Waller** posted:

im so sorry for the loose of my friend Garry....i remember him as a fine hard working man that loved his family tremendously.....i know he is home with the Lord and i look forward to seeing this man again....love and prayers to all the family

January 10 at 6:55 AM



**Your Loving Wife And Children** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Seitz family.



January 10 at 6:14 AM



## Media

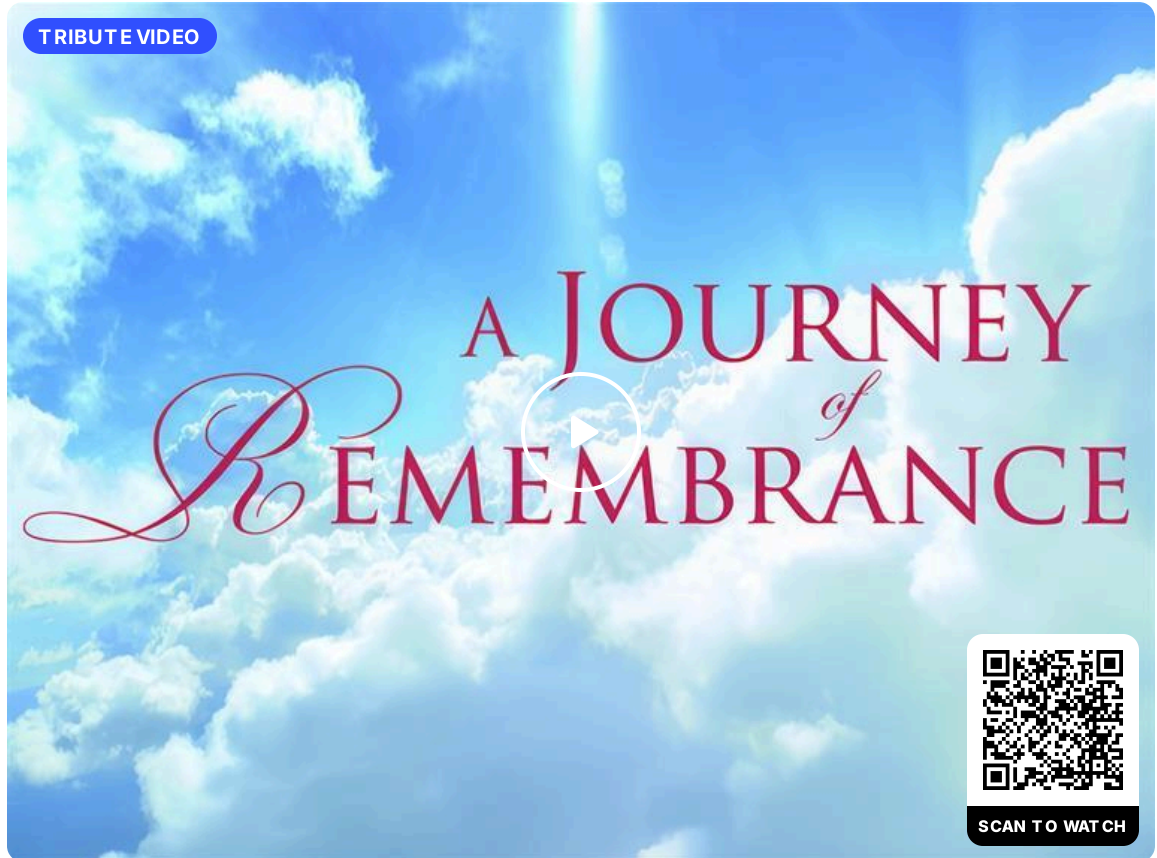
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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Garry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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