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Dale Eugene Grinstead, 93, was called home to be with Jesus on March 27, 2026, in Lakeland, Florida.

Dale was born on August 19, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Otti R. and Jewell Grinstead. He grew up in Detroit, Michigan, along with five siblings in a home filled with love and faith.

Dale enlisted in the Air Force when he was nineteen years old and served for four years. He was stationed in the upper peninsula of Michigan at a Northern Defense Radar Base, where he was in the Air Police and also worked in the Motor Pool. He also served a tour in Korea for a year before he was discharged, returning back to Detroit.

In 1952, Dale met the love of his life, Eileen F. Martin at the wedding of a mutual friend. They were later married in December 1952 in Calumet, MI. where they had their son, Norman Grinstead. Dale and Eileen have been blessed with two grandsons, Dennis (Kate) Grinstead of Longs, SC, and Chris Grinstead of Lakeland, FL. He was the proud great-grandfather of five and great-great-grandfather of two.

He also had five step-great grandkids and one step-great-great grandchild. Dale also had many very dear friends which are also family.

Prior to moving to Florida in 1966, Dale attended Brightmoor Tabernacle from birth and sat under the ministry of Rev. Bond Bowman, the only pastor he ever knew for 33 years. He ministered in the church choir, mixed quartettes, and was a soloist. He then ministered with the Brightmoor quartette for 10 years. Also, he was active with the CA's (youth group) as an officer and worship leader.

Dale established and operated a successful architectural and engineering supply business throughout central Florida for over thirty years.

Dale was an active and faithful member of Southside Assembly, Lakeland, FL. He served in almost every area of church ministry including 20 years on the church



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board, many years as a member and soloist of the church choir as well as singing in various quartettes. Dale finally, after many years, had the opportunity to sing with his son Norman in a quartette at Southside Assembly which was something near and dear to both of their hearts. Dale sang for many weddings, funerals, and special occasions including singing The Lord's Prayer for both of his grandson's, Dennis and Chris' weddings.

For seventeen years Dale worked with Pastor Don Richardson and the Super Seniors. He was a church greeter, Sunday School teacher and assistant, worked maintenance and any other assignments he was asked to do. He worked in Men's Ministries, trips and worked on thirteen overseas missions' trips, and faithfully unlocked the church doors for the men's prayer and study group until his death.

Dale loved Jesus with his whole heart and was passionate about sharing Jesus with everyone he met. He studied his Bible and prayed daily for his family, friends, church family, missionaries, and any other needs he was aware of. He was a man of God...strong in faith, trust and love. He left a legacy and an example that will live into eternity.

A memorial service for Dale will be held on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at Southside Assembly of God, 4750 Cleveland Heights Boulevard, Lakeland, FL, 33813. At the request of the family, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Southside Assembly Missions or Legacy Funds.

After the service, everyone is invited to remain for a time of visitation with Eileen, Norm, family, and friends. A light meal will be provided.

Interment will be family only on a different date.




Events


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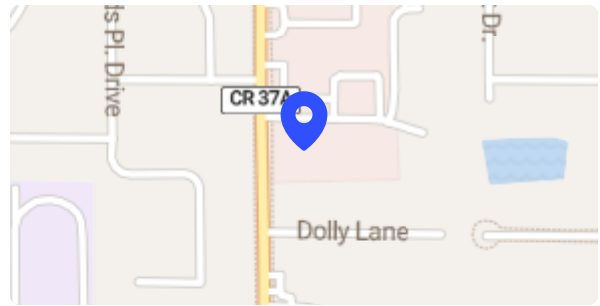
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 3:00 PM ET

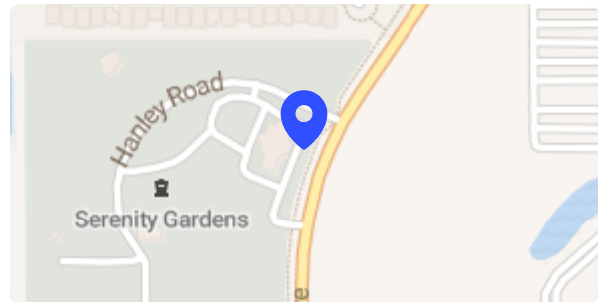
 **Southside Assembly of God**
4750 Cleveland Heights Blvd., Lakeland FL
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Cemetery Details

 **Serenity Gardens - Cemetery**
3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland FL 33810

 **863-853-5959**





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Leo Gillman posted:

When my wife, Carolyn, and I were lay ministers of music at Mt. Zion Assembly of God in Plant City, Dale and Eileen moved from Michigan and attended Mt. Zion. We immediately found him to be a talented vocalist and willing participant in almost anything musical or ministry related at the church. They sang for several years in the Choir and he also sang solos often and sang in a mixed quartette there. As a practicing C.P.A., I also had the privilege of working with Dale annually to prepare his tax returns. When Carolyn and I started a contemporary Christian singing group, Revelation, Dale and Eileen's son, Norm, sang with us for a few years, this helped us stay in touch with the Grinsteads even after we did not attend the same church any longer. Dale was a kind and easy to love spirit-filled Christian, who worked tirelessly for the Lord. I lost my wife, Carolyn, Christmas eve of 2024, so I know the feeling of loss the family has. I will pray for them and encourage each one I know to do the same Until we all meet again and can join Carolyn and Dale around that great throne of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, singing and worshipping together again.

April 11 at 10:23 PM



Randy Patrick posted:

Dale and Eileen Grinstead and John and Mary Murray were the first ones to greet and befriend us when we first moved to Florida and visited Southside Assembly of God. They always made us feel welcome and special. Randy and Cathy Patrick

April 5 at 8:07 AM



Gary Kirchoff posted:

Dale was my bowling buddy and a good friend. We could and did talk about anything and everything. He would do a great happy dance when he got a strike! It was an expression of great joy and fun to watch. Imagine his happy dance when he saw Jesus! He would say often, "Top O' the mornin' to you and the rest of the day for meself," and greet you with a big smile and a hearty handshake. Dale will be missed on earth but I have great confidence he is singing all over heaven. Psalm 116:15 says "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."

April 2 at 5:21 PM



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Rick Lukens posted:

I loved his smile, his peaceful and welcoming demeanor, and his hugs. He loved Jesus and he loved people. I think everyone that met Dale made a new friend. He was s blessing and a good example. - Rick Lukens

April 1 at 6:17 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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