



## Rev. Karl D. Strader

June 16, 1929 - March 30, 2020

Rev. Karl D. Strader was born in the year 1929 to parents Arch & Cloa Strader of Homestead, Oklahoma. He graduated with a Master's degree of Theology from Bob Jones University in South Carolina, and also received an honorary doctorate degree from Oral Roberts University. He was an Assembly of God minister for over 65 years and had been active in ministry until the last few months, when he fully retired.

Pastor Strader went to be with the Lord peacefully on March 30th, 2020 in Lakeland, Florida, where he had been residing and ministering since 1966. He has touched many lives through the Gospel and has left a beautiful legacy of soul winning, discipleship and Scripture memorization. Many churches in the Lakeland and surrounding areas are filled with pastors and congregates who were once a part of his ministry.

He was preceded in death by his lovely wife, Joyce. He is survived by his children, Stephen, Daniel, Karla and Dawn; 10 grandchildren, five great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews-whom he loved and prayed for regularly.

It was Pastor Strader's desire to help ministers in need, especially during this current crisis. For this purpose and in lieu of flowers, a "Karl Strader Memorial Fund" has been set up through the Assemblies of God District (PO Box 24687, Lakeland, FL 33802).

A memorial service celebrating his life and ministry is planned for a later date.

# Cemetery

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## Oak Hill Burial Park

Lakeland, FL,

# Comments

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“ Pastor Strader was my family's pastor from the day he arrived at First Assembly of God on Main Street. My Grandparents were very involved with the church and as a result My Mother attended, taking all her children. I was in a loss of my own with the passing of my Mom and was so pleased that Pastor Strader presided over her Celebration of Life service and he gave a wonderful message of The Lords love and salvation (a message my Mom would have definitely agreed with). His sweet soft spoken way, it was about the need for Jesus! His anointed spirit, knowledge of Gods word and love for people will always be remembered with sweet, sweet memory. As my 1st Pastor (I was 1yr old) and my most favorite, loved Pastor... I have no doubt he is rejoicing in the Lord! Until we meet again

**Karen S** - April 26, 2020 at 09:41 AM

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“ He always said when he was preaching, 'with loooong life will God satisfy you "!



**Christina Weeks** - April 04, 2020 at 08:10 AM

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“ Jodi lit a candle in memory of Rev. Karl D. Strader



**Jodi** - April 03, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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“ Pastor Strader was the pastor of my family's church when I was a little girl. My father was a deacon at First Assembly of Lakeland and then at The Carpenter's Home Church. I have been blessed to see Pastor Strader in the past 6 months or so, as my mother lives at the Estates where he resides. When I see him, I am still struck with the air of grace that he conveys in his smile and demeanor. I will miss him, he affected the lives of many. He is with Joyce now, where he belongs. God bless his family

**Jodi** - April 03, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ So thankful for the true Humility and sense of Godliness, Pastor Strader exhibited in his daily life..

His witt..his sense of humor,I so appreciated as well.. Tommy Sloan

**Tommy Sloan** - April 08, 2020 at 05:48 PM

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“ I was a member at Carpenter's Home many years ago. I always enjoyed Pastor Karl's sermons. I sang in the choir under the leadership of David. I really loved the church and the people

**Amy Croft** - April 01, 2020 at 04:46 PM

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“ Eva Pearce lit a candle in memory of Rev. Karl D. Strader



**eva pearce** - April 01, 2020 at 02:36 AM



“ Pastor Strader was my pastor at Carpenter Home Church for many many years. I loved him and his wife Joyce. I grew up under a great pastor my dad in a different state and moved to Florida at a young age when I started attending Carpenter Home Church. When my parents would visit me in Florida, my dad always went with me to church. He very much respected Pastor Strader. He was a great spiritual teacher.

**eva pearce** - April 01, 2020 at 02:59 AM

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“ I have been blessed by the word that Pastor Strader delivered over the years. When Pastor came to Auburndale Life I was so excited! I would sit in the 9:00 am service and hung on to every word he spoke. He also did small groups on Wednesday nights and I was always in his class. I couldn't get enough of his messages. Pastor, I know you are in heaven rejoicing! Rest in sweet peace.

**Michelle Shirah** - March 31, 2020 at 06:02 PM

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“ He was a wonderful man of God. You won't find anyone better than this . He taught me tht God can use anyone in the ministry tht is an open willing vessel. Thank you for the years at Carpenter's Home Church

**Virginia Neu** - March 31, 2020 at 05:21 PM

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“ I was actually reading his book and had the book on my sofa with me when I got the news. I'm still studying his book. He was one of the greatest Bible teachers of all time. All The Commandments of The Bible for the past few days. My son heard the news and was very sad. We loved him very much.

**Evangelene Peack** - March 31, 2020 at 09:35 AM

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“ My prayers and love to you Sister Joyce  
Rev Linda Hilton-Ware

**Rev Linda Hilton Ware** - March 31, 2020 at 05:03 AM



“ Love and the Word Ministries P O Box 26424 Honolulu Hawaii 96825  
**Rev Linda Hilton Ware** - March 31, 2020 at 05:05 AM



“ So sorry I did not know Joyce had gone home, prayers and love to the family  
**Rev Linda Hilton Ware** - March 31, 2020 at 05:15 AM

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“ Thank you, Pastor Strader for your life, and the example you set for we who looked to you for guidance in this life. You gave us riches beyond compare in your teachings and showed us the way to follow Jesus in the examples you set by simply living. I know there's rejoicing in Heaven at your home going and being reunited with Sister Joyce. My condolences to your family.

**Stefanie Mackenzie** - March 31, 2020 at 04:44 AM

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“ So many fond memories of Rev. Stader.... I always loved listen to him preach.. I know he is now in glory with our Lord Jesus..

**Star Connell** - March 30, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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“ Nobody could preach and quote Scripture quite like Bro. Strader! He touched soooooo many lives, and will never be forgotten.

**Keith** - March 30, 2020 at 05:03 PM

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“ Prayer for the Strader Family, I remember when many of the local Churches attended Carpenters Home Church when Dr. Rodney Browne was speaking and other events. He was loved and respected by so many through the years. He is now in the forever place of love, totally healed and seeing his Heavenly Father Blessings,  
Deborah Hawkins  
Reach The Masses Ministry

**Deborah Hawkins** - March 30, 2020 at 04:54 PM

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“ Pastor Strader had a huge impact on my life and ministry! As a student at Southeastern I had the privilege to sit under his ministry. His love for the word of God and his desire for the Holy Spirit marked me and ignited a passion for God in my soul! I can still hear his voice as he quotes verse upon verse of scripture! It was Pastor Strader who laid hands on me when I was ordained! I will forever be grateful to the Lord for this amazing man of God!  
Sandy and I are praying for his entire family during this time of loss! Heaven is sweeter and the earth is poorer with his home-goin!  
Pastor Ron Johnson

**Ron Johnson** - March 30, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ Pastor Strader was my pastor at Carpenter Church for many years. I loved his messages. He will be missed by all his family and friends. My prayers are with his family. Lucille McCorriston Lakeland FL

**Lucille McCorriston Lakeland FL** - April 01, 2020 at 07:01 PM