



Dr. Paul L. Saylor

February 6, 1954 - June 8, 2026

“Enter in good and faithful servant” are the words Dr. Paul L. Saylor heard God speak when he entered the gates of heaven on June 8th, 2026. He was 72.

Dr. Saylor was the youngest child of William M. Saylor, Sr. and Melba Blankenship Saylor and the younger brother of Patricia Saylor Luttrell and William M. Saylor, Jr.. All of Dr. Saylor’s immediate family have all preceded him in death. Several nieces and nephews from Dr. Saylor family survive him.

Dr. Saylor was married to, served with and is survived by Danita Ann Cash Saylor. They were married for 45 years. Their marriage was blessed with one child, a great joy, Chelsea Ann Saylor. Dr. Saylor father-in-law, Norris O. Cash preceded him in death. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Peggy Ann Prater Cash and two brothers-in-law and wives Randall and Sue Cash of Tyler, Texas and Bryan and Carol Cash of Cibolo, Texas. He is also survived by three nephews and spouses; Nathan and Molly Cash of Tyler, Texas, Jordan and Corrie Cash of New Braunfels, Jared and Jessica Cash of Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is also survived by nephew Ryan Cash of Tyler, Texas.

Dr. Saylor received his Associate of Arts degree from Gulf Coast Community

College in Panama City, Florida. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Texas. His Master of Arts and Doctor of Educational Ministry degrees were earned at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Beginning his career Dr. Saylor served as the Director of Activities at Central Baptist Church in Carthage, Texas. From there he became the Director of Admissions and then Associate Vice President for Development at East Texas Baptist University. In 1989 Dr. Saylor became the Pastor at Southern Oaks Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas where he served for over seven years. From there Dr. Saylor served as the Executive Director of Smith Baptist Association in Tyler, Texas and then on to the Baptist General Convention of Texas as the East Texas Regional Associate Executive Director. During his tenure at the BGCT Dr. Saylor earned and was awarded his Doctor of Educational Ministry degree. Dr. Saylor continued his career in ministry by serving as Pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, First Baptist Church of Troup, Texas and Liberty Baptist Church in Hawkins, Texas. He also served as the Interim Pastor of sixteen Texas Baptist churches.

The legacy of Dr. Saylor spread far and wide across the state of Texas. Through the work of his ministry as a pastor, preacher, teacher, neighbor, and friend, he served the Lord he loved faithfully and well. As he fought serious illness in the last few years of his life, he would pray and attempt to joke with the medical workers around him. Even as those who loved him here grieve his absence, we rejoice in his healing and in the knowledge that we will be reunited with him in eternity.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Paul Saylor Endowed Scholarship Fund at East Texas Baptist University, either online at <https://www.etbu.edu/about-etbu/give> or by mail to University Advancement, One Tiger Drive, Marshall, TX 75670.

Cemetery Details

Lindale City Cemetery

15241 County Road 467
Lindale, TX 75771

Previous Events

Interment

JUN 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lindale City Cemetery
15241 County Road 467
Lindale, TX 75771

Visitation

JUN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Tyler
301 W. Ferguson St.
Tyler, TX 75702

Celebration of Life

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 W. Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Paul L. Saylor

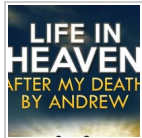


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Myself, Debra & our daughter Kristen loved Paul during his interim time at Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Diana. I'm so sorry to hear this news. My prayers are with his family - David Wootten

David Wootten - June 13 at 01:18 PM



“ Paul was such a special "Living Epistle read by all me..." to so many, in so many different ways, and levels. Ill see you soon enough, when my journey here on Earth is finished too, Paul.

Marvin Adkins - June 13 at 05:48 PM

GM

“ Paul was one of my best friends in high school. Even though we weren't perfect, I knew early on that God had his hand on my friend. We experienced a revival of youth in our small town in Florida which led to the formation of a teen ministry group. We went to other churches in the area and conducted youth-led services. Paul was our leader and often preached in these services. In high school Paul introduced me to country music, gospel music, and contemporary Christian music. He loved the Imperials, and I remember going to a concert with him to see them. In the summers, we went to a Christian camp in southern Alabama named Camp Victory. I can still remember Paul leading all of us at camp in the Jesus Cheer (“Give me a ‘J’, ...). Some evenings Paul would wanted to go to the unlocked Methodist church just to pray. Wow! Five of us boys from our church, including Paul, went to Bryan College in Dayton, TN after high school. While some of us stayed on, God had different plans for Paul, and he returned to Florida after one semester and then on to Texas. I lost track of Paul for most of his adult life, but did attend his wedding to Danita in Arlington, TX. I reached out to him last year, and we had plans to meet in Tyler but at the last minute he became unwell and we weren't able to see each other. I am so glad to read the tributes to Paul and his faithfulness and how the Lord worked in his life to impact so many lives. Well done, my friend!
George McLawhon, Fulshear, TX

George McLawhon - June 13 at 12:24 PM

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George,

Nice tribute for "PL"? Long time since 1972 PSJHS graduation. The ministry was TEAM, aka Teenagers Effective At Ministry i Believe. I too had hoped to meet together without avail. We lift all Paul's family and friends in prayer.

Marvin Lee Adkins - June 13 at 05:44 PM



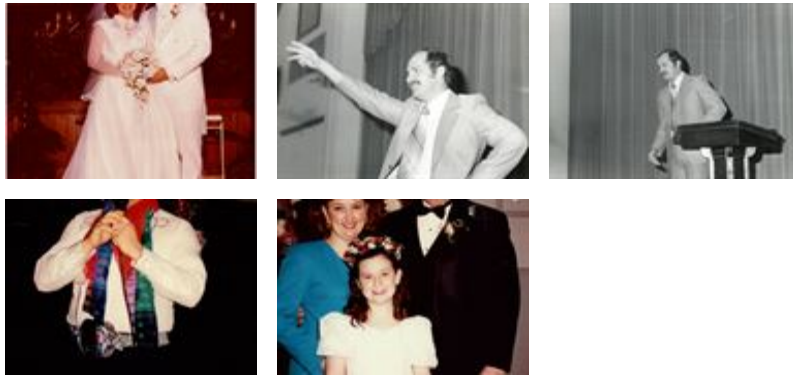
“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Saylor.



June 11 at 02:29 PM



“ 101 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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“ Paul came to Central Baptist Church as youth pastor when we were in high school, and had a profound impact on our faith. He wasn't much older than we were, and it was encouraging and impactful to see a cool guy who was sold out to Jesus. He was so much fun to be around and he challenged us make Jesus Christ the priority in our lives. He introduced me to contemporary Christian music. While in Carthage, Paul helped organize a week-long youth choir tour through Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida that still holds such fond memories for us. Six years later, he officiated our wedding, and I can still remember him saying " I don't tie slip-knots".. it's been 42 years, so I guess he was right. We've been blessed over the years with wonderful pastors, worship leaders, and Christian friends, all of whom poured into our lives, and some of whom are now in the presence of Jesus. Paul was one of the very best. I can't help but think what joy Paul is experiencing now in Heaven. He'll be missed here, but he left an impact on our lives, and a wonderful legacy of believers to follow. To a couple of high school kids, he was more than a youth pastor - he was our friend, mentor, and role model. He will forever have an imprint on our lives.

Love you brother!

Ron and Susie Roberson

Ron - June 11 at 10:14 AM

TC

“ Paul Saylor was at ETBU when my life intersected his. He was a spiritual mentor to a young knucklehead planning on going into ministry. He was patient and kind, but had no problem speaking the truth to me, but it was always in love.

Paul did me and my wife's pre-marriage counseling and 39 years later I still refer back to things he said to us.

Now... many years later, this knucklehead has been a pastor of a church for 30 yrs. And still going!! And I seriously can say that Paul Saylor played a part in my life... my ministry years and my personal legacy. I believe when he entered into heaven there were people there to greet him because he made a lasting impact in my life!

He was one of a kind!!

Tommy and Susan Clements

Tommy Clements - June 10 at 05:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Saylor.



June 10 at 01:15 PM

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“ GCS High School purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Paul L. Saylor.



GCS High School - June 10 at 01:01 PM

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“ GCS High School planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Paul L. Saylor.

GCS High School - June 10 at 01:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Saylor.



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