



## Hugh Charles Green Jr.

September 12, 1946 - June 15, 2017

The Reverend Dr. Hugh Charles (Chuck) Green, Jr., beloved son, husband, father and founding Pastor of Orangewood Presbyterian Church in Maitland, FL passed away on Thursday, June 15, 2017. Born on September 12, 1946 in Huntington West Virginia, Chuck was raised in Ft. Madison, IA, where at 16 he incurred a paralyzing trampoline accident. Chuck would go on to graduate from Jacksonville University earning a degree in marketing. He took his first job with Merrill Lynch as a stock broker in Miami where he heard and faithfully answered God's call on his life. Chuck earned his Master of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS, and subsequently started Orangewood in 1976 in downtown Orlando. Moving the church to Maitland a few years later, God used Chuck to touch countless lives during his 20 years of service as Senior Pastor. He faithfully maintained his commitment to the Lord in the years to follow.

Chuck is predeceased in life by his parents, Hugh and Eloise Green. He is survived by his wife Linda, his son David Green, his daughter Holly Wheeler and her husband Kevin, his grandchildren Chloe Green, Cason and Charis Wheeler, his sisters Kelly Trabucco and husband Larry, Bette Goldmann and her husband Steve, his nephew Matt Trabucco and wife Tina, their two children Tyler and Colin, and many other extended members of his cherished family.

A celebration of Chuck's life will be held Saturday, June 24 at 1:00pm at Orangewood Presbyterian Church. Donations can be made to the church in memory of Chuck Green.

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory**

JUN **24.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Orangewood Presbyterian Church  
1300 W. Maitland Boulevard  
Maitland, FL 32751

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ I had the privilege of getting to know Chuck and Linda Green over the last year of his life. I was one of his nurses attending to his needs on his last day on earth. We discovered together that we knew a mutual friend/pastor in Winter Springs who Chuck had mentored from Orange wood to Willow Creek Presbyterian Church. That fellow pastor became my families senior pastor for 25 years. Chuck Green was first and foremost a Man of God who shared a sense of humor, even in light of his decades long paralysis. I witnessed immense devotion from his wife and lifelong partner/caretaker Linda. She worked tirelessly while caring round the clock for Chuck. I am glad that he is finally at peace for I know that his earthly body was so very tired. He fought many battles due to paralysis. I look forward to meeting him one day in Heaven!

*Duane Latimer*

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**Duane Latimer** - June 24, 2017 at 10:01 PM

RL

“ Chuck was a wonderful friend and a man that God used greatly to bless all of those who were so fortunate to have known him. He will be missed dearly.

*Rick & Margaret Lane*

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**Rick Lane** - June 23, 2017 at 07:42 AM

SO

“ 1984 was a time before the internet, when we got our information from the phone book, left messages on tape-based answering machines, and referenced paper maps for locations. On a Saturday night in that year around 10:00 pm, Holly and I pulled out the Yellow Pages and continued our search for a Presbyterian Church in the area, having just moved to Central Florida. I found the Orangewood ad, noticed it was nearby, but could not find Trinity Woods Lane on my map. So I called the church expecting to get a recording with service times and directions to the church. To my surprise, Chuck answered the phone! We talked for about 30 minutes about the church, Jesus Christ, and our lives.

Over the years that followed, Chuck had a significant impact in developing our relationship Jesus Christ and His Church. His sermons touched every facet of life and I always thought he was speaking directly to me, which was comforting but at time bothersome. Being a builder, we referred to the individual experience of Chuck's sermons as being "hit with a 2x4" by the Pastor. In other words, Chuck knocked us back on course. Of the many life lessons he presented from the pulpit, our entire family remembers his message to teenagers, which also was prudent for the entire congregation: "If you think something is wrong...it's wrong."

We are so deeply saddened to find out about Chuck's passing. However, we know where he is now. Upon hearing of this, Holly said, "God welcomed a true Saint to heaven last week. Chuck led so many people to Christ that when he arrived, God probably had named one of those magnificent heavenly streets after Chuck!" Amen!

Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the memorial service on Saturday, as we will be out of the country. We will be there in spirit.

Our prayers for peace and comfort continue for Linda and the family. May God bless you and hold you close to Him.

-- Steve and Holly O'Dowd

Steve O'Dowd - June 22, 2017 at 08:09 AM

BM

“ His Name - "Chuck Green". Disciple of Jesus, Pastor Extraordinaire, Loving Husband, Proud Father and Grandfather, Church and Community Leader, and one of my Best Friends of 35 years who led me into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. While we will miss him deeply here on earth, the impact Chuck had on my life and thousands of others will be remembered for years to come. My heartfelt condolences to Linda and the family. To God be the Glory for the life and memory of Chuck Green, a true Servant Leader for the Lord.

Bruce May - June 21, 2017 at 01:39 PM

CG

Chuck was a boy I grew up with, and looked up to. What I remember most, though, is a single day, when he returned to the pool where he'd been a lifeguard, and I now was.

He talked about God. That God had seen him through his darkest days and his physical rehab.

Chuck didn't yet know what this meant for his future. But he knew it would include God. He hoped one day to dedicate his life to doing God's work. Perhaps as a minister.

It was a beautiful afternoon. And the first time I'd heard anyone talk this way. His testimony was pure and joyous.

I see now from the photo, that he regained that beautiful, strong face he'd had before. I'm so glad also to know his dream of service to God came true.

I'm a Christian, too, now. His testimony then, while still struggling to regain health, lives with me still.

I'm so proud of him. And very glad he lead such a wonderful life.

cynthia guercio - October 21, 2025 at 09:15 AM

CG

Sorry. My name was Cynthia Kokjohn. Guercio is my married name.

cynthia guercio - October 21, 2025 at 09:16 AM