



Ron Byron Halvorsen, Sr.

January 18, 1938 - May 15, 2015

Ron B. Halvorsen (Halversen), Sr., 77, of Crystal River, Florida passed away Friday, May 15, 2015. Ron was born January 18, 1938 in Brooklyn, New York to William and Adele "Jones" Halvorsen.

Elder Halvorsen grew up in the asphalt jungle of New York City where he waged turf wars on its brutal streets in the notorious Beachcomber Gang, and boxed his way to a Golden Glove Championship in the ring. Although he spent his early years on the run, the one thing he couldn't outrun was he unconditional love and grace of Jesus Christ, giving his heart to God in 1954.

Ron attended Atlantic Union College and studied to become a minister. While there, a young woman named Carrol LaMountain captured his heart and became the love of his life; they married in 1957. In September of this year, they would have celebrated fifty-eight yearsof {years of} wedded bliss.

Despite his sortied {storied} early years, Elder Halvorsen wanted people to focus on the story of how Jesus redeemed his life from the dead-end street to give him the gift of eternal life-a life filled with abundant hope and a future.

His obsession for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ made Elder Halvorsen a force for God. But it was his love for people that made him a force for good. He and Carrol traveled timelessly {tirelessly} around the world as a team for

fifty-eight years sharing the Good News, resulting in thousands of people giving their hearts to God and living with the hope of Christ's soon return.

Elder Halvorsen served the Lord as a dynamic preacher, author, and prayer warrior. His life and work were authentic; he was real. He spoke the truth, and lived with passion. He was a lover of God, people and life. Everyone from old to the young considered him a friend. His love for Christ never waned or wavered even during life's darkest moments. His faith was unshakable because his love for Jesus was undying.

His love for family was generous {generous} faithful and constant. He was their leader, shepherd, protector, mentor, hero, and friend. He was an outstanding husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a friend to anyone searching for the hope of a better life.

He is survived by his wife Carrol LaMountain Halvorsen and two children, Ron Byron Halvorsen Jr., spouse Buffy Vercio Halvorsen; daughter Diane Caryl Halvorsen, spouse Peter Tsichlis. Four grandchildren: Ronnie Byron Halvorsen III, spouse Josie Thamas Halvorsen; William Byron Halvorsen, spouse Donielle Anavitarte Halvorsen; Kelsey Diane Halvorsen Berkihiser, spouse Ricky Berkihiser; Stephanie Beth Halvorsen Parrish, spouse Doug Parrish. Great grandchildren: Noah Grey Halvorsen, two years old; Katelynne Diane Halvorsen, two years old.

Elder Halvorsen fought the good fight and finished the race. And now there is stored up for him in heaven a crown with many stars, a testament to the grace of Jesus Christ and a life well-lived in humble service to our Lord. The next sound he will hear is the voice of his Forever Friend calling him forth from the grave victorious over death. On that day, Elder Halvorsen will be reunited with Carrol to celebrate the joy of eternity with his family and the countless thousands who called him friend.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to:

c/o Evangelism

Ohio Conference of SDA

PO Box 1230

Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

Prior to sending any flowers or gifts to the family -- Please call DeGusipe
Funeral Home at 407-695-2273.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 4:00 PM (ET)

Forest Lake SDA Church
515 Harley Lester Lane
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall



Richard
Jones

“ *I watched him and listened to him. I never heard the Gospel. Jesus died on the cross 'Was buried spent 3 days and 3 nights in the earth. Rose from the dead. And all we have to do is believe that then we are saved. Then we repent. After Salvation not before.*

Richard Jones - January 20, 2017 at 04:41 PM

DV

“ *Ron has done so much for me on his TV ministry. He makes so much sense and makes the truth so clear. I will continue to watch him and he will save people even though he has passed onto to a greater glory. I praise God for letting me find him.*

David Vesf - October 14, 2015 at 09:09 PM

LC

“ *A true man of GOD. He loved GOD's people and I could always see his love for JESUS. He spent his life seeking the lost, sharing the truth, and inviting all to come into the FOLD. His service to the LORD is over here on earth. HIS REWARD is waiting for him upon the return of our King, Savior, Redeemer, JESUS CHRIST. To his family, my deepest sympathy. You can be proud of your father and husband, he did the work he was called to do. Today, Sabbath, I received the Pastor Ron Halvorsen, SR memorial bible from IT IS WRITTEN. Prior to today, I did not know of pastor's passing. Louella Cruz*

Louella Cruz - October 03, 2015 at 01:55 PM

MD

“ I heard about him only after his death. I was looking for a pastor like him all my life but God showed me there are people who can reach the lost in the gutter. When we have Ph.Ds we cannot go and meet the people where only Jesus would go. Ph.Ds think they are too good to go to the gutter and praise God this man was chosen by God and his light shined in dark places. I watched all his sermons on line. What a great servant of God! Praise God he did not choose to go to Conference office and count money. He did God wants him to do. He left a great legacy for all of us to walk in his step as our Savior. Great will be your reward in heaven Ron. May you Rest in Peace until the Lord comes to take us to our eternal home.

Moni Dominic - September 02, 2015 at 07:40 PM

JD

“ My friend at church told me Ron Halvorsen had died. I had never heard him speak and I was curious. My husband was gone for the week-end so I spent Sabbath and Sunday googling and listening to his sermons. His sermons touched me so much. I felt renewed in my faith in Jesus and have been on fire ever since. My heart goes out to the Halvorsen family. Please know Pastor Halvorsen still speaks through his sermons. Jeri

Jeri Dostie - June 14, 2015 at 10:55 PM

DC

“ My husband and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Pastor Halvorsen! We did not have the pleasure of meeting or hearing him in person. We've seen him on TV. We are praying for the family. We eagerly await the coming of Jesus!

Timothy & Deborah Cockfield

Deborah Cockfield - June 13, 2015 at 01:46 PM

RK

“ To the Halvorsen Family,

Ruthie, Dave and I were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of a beloved husband, a respected father, a formidable evangelist for God, an inspiring fellow worker, and a warm affectionate friend, We shall miss his warm smile and positive outlook on life in whatever situation in which he found himself. His reliance on the Lord was strong and very reassuring.

God will resurrect him in that special resurrection and he will witness the coming of his dearly beloved Savior, King, and Creator. And it will not be long hence!

We pray that the God of all comfort will be very near to you and bless you with His grace and enduring comfort of hope!

R J Kloosterhuis Family

R J Kloosterhuis - June 09, 2015 at 08:28 PM

HA

“ So sad to hear of Pr. Ron Halvorsen’s death. We used to listen or watch his sermons – He was like a Daddy to us – looking forward to meeting him in heaven – hope you put his pulpit and Bible in his coffin as he always said

*– so that when he rises up he may start preaching again..... we had good laughs when listening to his sermons – fortunately we can still watch them. sharing in your sorrow Halvorsen’s family!
Mahen and Havila Neeliah – Mauritius*



Havila - June 05, 2015 at 02:05 PM

BM

“ Pastor Ron Halversen did not know me, but I was a tremendous admirer of his due to the love he had for Jesus, the gentle forwardness, yet strength of his speaking to people who gathered to hear his word. I was one of the prayers when he came to San Bernardino, CA to do a much needed evangelistic series many years ago. I have his book on spiritual warfare. If he has a CD series I'd love to purchase one to listen to as I travel. I knew when he spoke I was getting the straight truth and plenty of it. Like I said, I never met him, but it broke my heart to hear that he was ill, and then that he passed away. My deepest condolences to his family. God go with you and uphold you with His righteous right hand. Blessings and courage to you all.

Betty McAllister

Betty McAllister - May 28, 2015 at 03:22 PM

DH

He has many CDs and I would encourage you to contact my mother or me in July after things settle down. And then we can see which of his series of CDs you would like. I am Diane Halvorsen Rons daughter. You may contact me at 407.748.2849. I am grateful for my fathers ministry and how he has blessed so many with the message of Jesus! I look forward to hearing from you. Prayers.

Diane Halvorsen - May 29, 2015 at 07:53 AM

JM

Ron and Buffie, we won't be able to make it to the memorial service for your dad but will watch it live stream. Our prayers are with you. John and Jan McCoy

john mccoy - June 12, 2015 at 08:24 PM

 Jill
Sellers
Maxwell

“ *Jill Sellers Maxwell lit a candle in memory of
Ron Byron Halvorsen, Sr.*



Jill Sellers Maxwell - May 28, 2015 at 02:15 PM

SF

“ *Susana Figueiredo lit a candle in memory of
Ron Byron Halvorsen, Sr.*



Susana Figueiredo - May 25, 2015 at 10:12 PM

SF

Our deepest sympathies to you, Pastor Dian, and the rest of your family. May you all find comfort in God's love for his children. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless! The Figueiredos

Susana Figueiredo - May 25, 2015 at 10:15 PM

 Jill
Sellers
Maxwell

Sending hugs, love, and prayers to the Halvorsen family. Pastor Halvorsen was an inspiration and man of God. He will be missed. Longing for the day when Jesus comes and we will be reunited with our loved ones. Oh what a day that will be. God bless you.

Jill Sellers Maxwell - May 28, 2015 at 02:18 PM

RC

“ My heart goes out to the family and especially his beloved wife. I was blessed to work with him in the summer of 1991 in Tampa. He took us out fishing. And when I called on him to come to my church, he remembered me. I can't wait for Jesus to come and we'll see our beloved Pastor Ron again. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Roberto Cepeda - May 23, 2015 at 09:06 PM

JO

“ I was very fortunate to meet Ron Halvorsen over 7 years ago and was his part time fishing partner in Crystal River, FL. I quickly learned what a god inspired man he really was, and have never met anyone who had the Holy Spirit as Ron did. He loved getting out on the water to experience nature at its finest and even like to be called Red Fish Ron. I will truly miss him and feel I was blessed by knowing him.

John Olenik



John Olenik - May 23, 2015 at 06:49 PM

TR

“ Today we lift the Halvorsen family in prayer. Thank you for sharing him with so many of us throughout the many years of his ministry. I was just watching a program featuring the pastor on 3ABN last night. We have lost a faithful servant of the Lord but through our faith, hope and the ministry he dedicated his life to, we know that we will see him again. May knowing of Christ's soon return bring you all comfort. God bless. Tricia Ferrell and family

tricia - May 23, 2015 at 08:03 AM

LO

“ I am so sad to hear that Pastor Ron has gone to sleep. I know it may be a little selfish but we were always so encouraged by his sermons and always looked forward to hearing his words, which touched the hearts of all who were listening. What a wonderful testimony he had. I think he was easier to relate to because of the life he had lived and what he had been through, and how he could speak to you as if he had known you all your life. He was such a wonderful example of Jesus' love and was one of my favorite speakers. I still remember him saying one day he wanted a 'snikers tree'. and I stillsmile at that. His warmth and sense of humor and genuine love for all people, in wanting to tell them that Jesus loved them, just made him one of the most effective servants of God I have ever seen. My prayers are for comfort and peace for all who loved him, especially his wife and children. Even knowing we will see our loved ones again, we still have such a terrible hurt that we will not be with them any longer now. We will not hear him again until we meet him in the coming Kingdom and what a glorious reunion that will be when we all get to be with loved ones again. Let us honor him by sharing the love of Jesus, as he did, and by loving one another.

Louise - May 21, 2015 at 09:45 PM

CB

“ I heard Pastor Ron preach here in Los Angeles California at the Convention Center one year. He was like a gentle giant!! While he was preaching about Satan, one of the huge lights in the ceiling exploded and the bits of glass fell on us. None of us were hurt and he didn't miss a beat telling Satan to leave the building. It was quite an experience and fabulous sermon!! He will truly be missed. I love his stories and can't wait for Jesus to come so I can hear more!!
May God Bless his memory!!
Cheryll Bedney-Moore
West Covina, CA

Cheryll Bedney-Moore - May 21, 2015 at 09:23 PM

RB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Ron Halverson was a great spiritual warrior who inspired and led more people than he could have ever known. He will be greatly missed by many. Keeping you in prayer.
Ray & Carol Bok, Palm Coast, FL

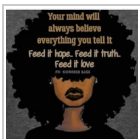
Ray & Carol Bok - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 PM

MH

“ We will miss your guiding presence. My favorite quote: "It is my job to be a fisher of men, not to clean them. That is the job of the holy spirit." I wish he had spent more time home so my father and he could have gone fishing more often with him, but he understood that Ron was always driven to work for the Lord.



Michael Harris - May 21, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ We remember Padtor Halvorsen & his family as he was our pastor in New London, Ct. My sisters and I & the Burgis sisters sang for him at his evangelistic meetings there in New London, CT The Lord truly used Pastor Halvorsen !!! He was such a powerful speaker for the gospel.. He will be missed but he is now resting as our Parents are resting waiting for that "Great Gettin' Up Morning"!!! Please know Mrs. Halvorsen & Children & Families that you all are in our thoughts & prayers. Love, the Bryant sisters & brothers & families



Queen James - May 21, 2015 at 08:38 AM

CA

“ I got to know about Ron when he was presenting in the hope channel. I must say he was and is a powerful pastor. He called people for baptism and reminded us that during Christ's crucifixion, two people died that day. Christ died on the cross of sacrifice whilst Judas died on the cross of shame. The earth was made spherical in shape, the further you move from home, the nearer you get to home.

catherine - May 21, 2015 at 04:58 AM

DM

“ Pastor Ron spoke several times in our church in Ft. pierce, Fl. He also led the Lay Pastor training for FL Conference back in the 90's that my husband attended. That is where my husband grew to love Pastor Ron as a mentor and Pastor. May God comfort the family as we wait for the reunion at resurrection. The Meliti's.

D Meliti - May 20, 2015 at 04:51 AM

PC

“ I am so sadden to hearing of Elder Ron passing. I enjoyed listening to him, such a blessing in how he deliver his messages. I remember listening to him a few years ago on Metro World Ministry one morning and he told a story of how this bird had been wash, put through the wringer and hung out to dry in relation to how some of us today feel when going through our trails, it's not exactly how he shared it, his was such a beautiful rendition. His message and he have stayed in my memory ever since. Sister Patricia Chappell



Patricia Chappell - May 19, 2015 at 08:47 PM

JW

“ Thank God for the reality of the resurrection that Ron believed and preached! May this "blessed hope" provide comfort and healing from the pain of this loss for all his family members and thousand of friends. Looking forward to seeing Ron again when his friend, Jesus, returns to call him from the grave and invites Ron home for Eternity.

John & Lilya Wagner

John Wagner - May 19, 2015 at 06:07 PM

JG

“ He loved Jesus, he liked to pray, he loved people, he reached out to the unreachables and those others scorned, he led them to Jesus. What a great follower of Jesus! Such a disciple I am still striving to be. We miss Pastor Ron but we do not weep as those without hope. Praise God for the life of Pastor Ron.
To his family I say continue to grow in the Lord. You will meet him again for eternity.

Joy Grant - May 19, 2015 at 05:18 PM

DH

“ I remember hearing Pastor Ron's sermon one Friday night on 3ABN.....I said 'this guy is good and funny'. I could have listened to him forever. My condolences to his family. God bless



Dee Higgins - May 19, 2015 at 02:47 PM

PF

“ Dear Lord, Thank you for pastor Ron's life. He truly loved you and served you with passion. He was genuine and kind and fearless. He was my teacher and my friend. In Tampa, Florida, as we were holding an evangelistic series, we bonded together and he taught me that we had to work with great diligence and not allow the nonsense of bureaucracy to hinder the work of saving souls. During the few times off, he took me on his boat for what was to be my first boat ride ever. Sorry that I broke the windshield on the boat. The water was choppy and I did not know what to hold on to.

Lord, please comfort the family and many friends all over and please help us to one day soon be reunited with you in your kingdom. In Jesus name, Amen.

*Pastor Rafael Fernandez
Lake Placid/Okeechobee SDA Church*

Pastor Rafael Fernandez - May 19, 2015 at 11:26 AM

NE

“ Nerine lit a candle in memory of Ron Byron Halvorsen, Sr.



Nerine - May 19, 2015 at 11:10 AM

BB

“ It was our blessing to have Pastor Ron preach at the College Park Church in Oshawa, Ontario a few years ago. We fondly remember his encouraging message of hope!
Barry & LaVonna Bussey

Barry W Bussey - May 19, 2015 at 09:56 AM

BM

“ He really was concerned for the souls of people, a wonderful evangelist .

Bonnie Mitctchell - May 18, 2015 at 10:24 PM

CD

“ Elder Halvorsen came to Memphis to speak years ago. I was new to the faith and was so impressed by the story he shared about his conversion. It was clear: If he could change, any one of us could change. What a blessing! Praying for the Halvorsen family....

C. G. Davis - May 18, 2015 at 09:40 PM

DB

“ I'm sorry to hear of this loss. I first heard him in the evangelist meeting in Chattanooga in the early 80's...but things, people and places have changed and he for sure has left a big impact on people all over the country in their own special way with their journey with God. \ I pray that God will wrap His comforting arms around each of them during this loss. The great day will come when all our love ones will be called up ...



I have my son's ashes near me...I plan to hitch hike by grabbing onto his legs when he is called to heaven since I know the dead will be resurrected first. (wink! wink!)

Oh God loves our sense of humor!

Dee Bird - May 18, 2015 at 08:35 PM

LH

“ Thoughts and prayers your way Ron and Buffy. Feel so blessed to have met your dad and been inspired by his testimony. A great warrior for God at rest until Jesus comes - may it be soon. Love Linda and Murray Hunter xo

Linda Hunter - May 18, 2015 at 07:27 PM

RB

“ Ron was fearless in his preaching. He was bold for Jesus!



Ron Bortmas - May 18, 2015 at 05:10 PM

HD

I am so sad to hear the news that Pastor Halvosen has fallen asleep. I never met him, but he was my favourite speaker, I loved to watch & hear him preach, he was true representative of Jesus, he loved Jesus and he wanted everyone to know how much Jesus loved them. I look forward to meeting him when the trumpet is sounded. Prayers are going up for Pastor Halvorsen's family. Hilda Debono, Simcoe, Ontario Canada

Hilda DEBONO - May 18, 2015 at 07:45 PM

WC

“ Washington Conference joins in the tributes for Ron Halvorsen, Sr., (1938-2015). Through his life and ministry, Halvorsen showed us "Snapshots of the Savior." We appreciate him sharing this message in Auburn, Washington, in 2007, and partnering with us in prayer, evangelism, and ministry.



Washington Conference - May 18, 2015 at 03:24 PM

MM

“ Thinking and praying of and for you, Carrol, Ron, Jr. and Diane. There will be joy in the morning.

maxine malmstrom - May 18, 2015 at 01:17 PM

MM

“ Maxine Malmstrom lit a candle in memory of Ron Byron Halvorsen, Sr.



maxine malmstrom - May 18, 2015 at 01:05 PM

CK

“ What a mighty preacher for God! He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.



Charlene Kinne - May 18, 2015 at 12:12 PM

ER

“ I so appreciated the preaching of Pastor Halvorsen Sr. The down to earth sermons and outreaches are so sincere and his relationship with God was so open, so honest, and he wanted everyone to have that same thing. It's such a comfort to know that when Christ calls for all those asleep in Him to awake that Ron will be obedient. Praise God.

Elaine Rosenberry - May 18, 2015 at 10:32 AM

LN

“ In 1993, he lost his voice after preaching the Church Service at the Worship Hour in Louisville, KY. I told him about a potion of Lavender tea, a lime and salt. He was told to gargle with it and not swallow it! He swallowed some of it while gargle with it. He got his voice back and was able to preach that night for the opening service, but when I had him come up to Michigan to talk with our pastors at our evangelism council he told all the pastors here that I tried to kill him and that his toes were reamed out! Something we laughed about for years! Loved him for his fun loving personality!!!

Loren Nelson - May 18, 2015 at 10:19 AM

SW

“ I remember first meeting him, at Pugwash camp meeting, many years ago, he was such an awesome speaker, every time I have seen him preach on 3 ABN he got my attention, he was so humble & his foundation was the word of God, he gave such courage to everyone & his stories were awesome, regarding to how he met his lovely wife, his his family. What a great blessing he was. Love & Blessings to his family..



Hugs from Sadie & Ken

Sadie Williams - May 18, 2015 at 09:20 AM

FA

“ *Frances Arthur lit a candle in memory of Ron
Byron Halvorsen, Sr.*



Frances Arthur - May 18, 2015 at 04:20 AM

DV

“ Pastor Ron first my mother when they attended Greater New York Academy when she was in Woodside, NY. He enjoyed Sabbath lunches in my grandmother's kitchen. Imagine the surprise on his face when I introduced myself to him in 2003 when he held an Evangelistic series at The Glendale Church in Glendale, AZ. I described to him our original meeting in 1972 at Jackson Heights Church ~ I was the little kid who stuffed the box with my name on raffle tickets to win Bibles and other prizes ... Ron kept calling my name several nights with the winning tickets until my parents caught on and put a stop to it I told him "the Queens Kid got over the Brooklyn Kid"-- he laughed so hard, began asking about my family and then he smiled and said "hey...any place we could go out here for some real New York/Brooklyn pizza?" Off we went - Ron, Carroll, me and my wife for the best NY pizza and we remained good friends ever since. I enjoyed speaking with him on the phone and seeing him when he came to AZ to preach or at Camp Meeting and of course going out for pizza etc.

I am so sorry to hear of this great loss to you Carrol, Ron Jr and Dianne. Pastor Ron was and will always be my favorite Preacher and will be greatly missed. My wife and I are so happy and have known him and so very blessed to have called him my friend. I look forward to seeing him again

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."
~ 2 Timothy 4:7-8*



Danny Vitorovich - May 18, 2015 at 01:07 AM

EM

*Danny, you would probably love to hear Ron's old sermon *The Gospel and the Peanut Butter Sandwich*. He talks about your grandmother's godly influence on him as a young convert.*

Ethan Muse - May 21, 2015 at 06:19 PM

DV

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Danny Vitorovich - May 18, 2015 at 12:42 AM

CD

“ *My condolences to your family~your dad touched many lives. I was always blessed by his talent and he used that talent beautifully for Jesus.*

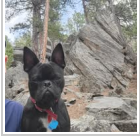
Cheryl Deuel - May 17, 2015 at 11:33 PM

DL

“ *It was always a blessing to hear Elder Holvorsen, speak. I was blessed to share the pulpit with him at the memorial service of Dr. Alex Bokovoy! Elder Holvorsen, was an Amazing Man of God! We look forward to that great and glorious golden morning when our Lord returns. You will always be remembered for your words of wisdom!*



Derek Lazarus - May 17, 2015 at 11:24 PM



“ I was Baptized on 9/14/13. Pastor Ron has helped my growth and faith so very much by his tireless ministry and service to the King and Kingdom. His " six gun delivery" of the good news speaks plainly and powerfully to my heart. I am very very sorry that he now must rest but look forward to meeting him on a street of gold one fine day. What a treasure he has been to his family and so many across this world. Love this guy! May the Lord comfort and strengthen his beloved family in this difficult time.

Most Sincerely,

Jason Beard

Jason Beard - May 17, 2015 at 10:08 PM

LK

“ We were at a preachers conference together. 2nd Baptist Church of Houston. (We were probably the only Adventist clergy there!) I was going through some tough times. He placed his big hand on my shoulder and whispered in my ear, "Grace my little preacher, (that's what he called me) Grace"

Lester Keizer

Lester Keizer - May 17, 2015 at 09:05 PM



“ I first heard of Ron Halvorson when I found a set of his tapes when I was a student missionary in Costa Rica, it transformed my view of prayer. I have since seen him a couple times in person and video. Every time he spoke it touched me on a deep level.

Ron was so real about his faith and his doctrine.

Paula Graham - May 17, 2015 at 08:46 PM

WP

“ I was privileged to meet Ron Halvorsen at campmeeting in Pugwash, Nova Scotia a few years ago. I was so impressed with his sermons. I have his book "Prayer Warriors" and he inspired me to become a prayer warrior for 3ABN. I am sure that he will be greatly missed but know that we will see him again.

Winona Pierce - May 17, 2015 at 08:06 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Worked with Ron many years ago when he first started his ministry. His heart felt evangelism will never be forgotten. I have such warm memories of him and how he was able to touch my heart through his ministry. Prayers and hugs to all his family and loved ones who knew him

Lynda Krenzler - May 17, 2015 at 07:31 PM

TH

“My first glimpse of Pastor Ron Halversen so startled me that the event made me sit straight up in my seat with eyes wide open, and I'm sure my mouth was agape. He was larger than life and it was mesmerizing to watch him. He was a huge bear of a man lunging back and forth upon the platform, lifting his arms up and down with the Bible in one or the other of his hands. His powerful Brooklyn accented voice was matched only by the message he presented about his life story from gangs and guns to become a spokesperson for the Lord Jesus. He understood the street life and could relate to those who are mired in the pollution of their sinful state. He was self-effacing and inserted humor proficiently. He masterfully strode back and forth across the platform as though he was a man obsessed with an important message to share of how His Savior found him and lifted him out of his wayward path; a Savior that could do the same for anyone - no one was too far gone to be rescued. He gave hope to the audience.

His sermons on the life of Christ, Creation vs. Evolution, and on Daniel and Revelation were particularly all encompassing, clear, succinct, and passionate. You just knew that he knew his Savior; and that he enjoyed a very close relationship with Him.

He was a plain talker, he never minced words, but spoke from the heart, a heart softened by the love of His Savior, a heart of flesh. He always had things in perspective. He said on more than one occasion that one needed to give their life to Jesus and then they could learn the 28 pillars of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. He touched so many thousands of lives, mine included. He especially touched the lives of his wife and children. They had such a special relationship and he cherished them so very much. Our deepest condolences and prayers are with the entire family for their intense loss. May the Lord send the Comforter and the heavenly angels to help the family and the many friends to know that God's will has been carried out for the glory and honor of His Holy name.

Pastor Halversen was a true believer, and he led thousands to

Jesus Christ. He was a tireless worker for the Lord who loved God and His created beings. He will be missed on this earth until Jesus comes to take His faithful home. I believe Pastor Ron Halversen, Sr. will be among those who will be raised at the trump of God. Praying that God will look after Pastor Halversen's family as he sleeps. It is my hope that we will remain faithful to God so that we will be reunited with Pastor Halversen and all of the saints when Jesus comes to take us home. It won't be long now, the signs are clear, Jesus is coming soon.

Terry Heinz - May 17, 2015 at 07:29 PM

NG

“ *I didn't personally know Pastor Ron but I watched him so much on 3 A B N he felt like he was family to me. I am saddened to hear of his passing . God knows what is best in all situations. It is just sad to see him leave us. We can rejoice we will see him again one day soon. God bless all the family left behind. Nancy Goss, Arlington , Texas*

NANCY GOSS - May 17, 2015 at 07:00 PM

 Sibyl Bare

“ *Sibyl Bare lit a candle in memory of Ron Byron Halvorsen, Sr.*



Sibyl Bare - May 17, 2015 at 06:19 PM

 Sibyl Bare

may god bless and comfort your family during this difficult time.

Sibyl Bare - May 17, 2015 at 06:20 PM

FP

“ We first knew Pastor Ron in Lincoln, NE, when we all worked in the Mid-America Union, and later in the Texas Conference. We've attended many of his series of meetings, and been blessed each time. I always looked forward to his story of "Goldie", checking on him to see if he told it the same way every time, and sure enough, he did! He will be missed as the rest of us hold forth to meet him in the New Jerusalem! Thankfully, we still have Pastor Ron, Jr., to carry the message--and continue to tell the story of "Goldie"! --Frank and Jean Peterson, Keene, TX.

Frank and Jean Peterson - May 17, 2015 at 06:14 PM

MB

“ My heart goes out to the family of Pastor Halverson, I met Pastor since his illness and this man of God is as passionate for his God just as if he was not sick, this was not a fake Christian he was a true follower of Christ, and I am truly blessed that I had an opportunity to assist in his care during his illness, I will say one thing after talking to him, and hearing how positive and encouraging he was, cancer didn't beat him, he beat cancer, he fell asleep, because he has finished his course, and waiting for the first resurrection, take your rest my brother, when the first trumpet sound, you will awake.



Melita Brown - May 17, 2015 at 05:52 PM

BM

“ I am indebted to Ron Halvorsen, Sr. for his instructions for doing lay pastoral work and lay evangelism. He was very instrumental in getting me several hours of experiential credit and seeing that I was exempted from taking several classes when I enrolled at Southwestern Adventist University to finish my theology degree.

I was always blessed by the messages that he presented. He had a way of using humor to drive home a very serious point. I pray to God that I can be just half as effective as he was in doing ministry.

I am looking for the day when Jesus returns and we can all be reunited once again! What a day, glorious day, that will be!

Bryan A. Myers - May 17, 2015 at 05:01 PM

VA

“ saw your dad for fist time c.2001 at keene church; reindin us we were lil'jerusalem; loved to hear about jesus. god bless!

val angasan - May 17, 2015 at 04:13 PM

GM

“ This man and his son, Ron Jr. were responsible for me being baptized and officially becoming a member of the College View SDA Church. I had seen Ron Sr. on 3ABN and when I found out his son was the new pastor at "my" church I couldn't wait to meet him. Then when Ron Sr came to Lincoln for a series on Revelation, I was so blessed to see and hear him in person. What a true "man of God" he was. I recorded his Anchors of Truth on 3ABN so I can still watch them and remember. Words can't express the respect I have for Ron Sr and his whole family. I am so sad, but have faith that we will see him again. Bless you Pastor Ron B Halvorsen, one of God's good and faithful servants. I am sure God is very pleased with you.



Georgia Miller - May 17, 2015 at 03:40 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Ron Byron Halvorsen, Sr..



May 17, 2015 at 03:04 PM

RG

“ The story of how Ron, Sr. found Jesus or rather how Jesus found him, is forever burned into my memory, as are Ron, Jr.'s childhood memories of growing up in NYC and his Dad taking him on visits to see Goldie, a colorful woman on more ways than one, who ultimately gave her heart to God. Praying for the family.

Russ Gilbert - May 17, 2015 at 01:55 PM

RH

“ Pastor Ron was the first preacher to hold my attention in church as a young person in Keene, TX. His evangelistic passion and enthusiasm for the gospel was singularly captivating. The way that he crafted the words was amazing as well. The memory of wonderful worship hours were the genesis of my interest in becoming a Theology major.

Many years later, it was my privilege to read the scripture reading during his return visit to Takoma Park, MD. For some reason, I read the wrong verse. Pastor Ron never called out my mistake as he started his message "A River Runs Through It", I realized my mistake as he read the intended passage as he got into his message.

I will never forget his fondness for alliteration and his habit of pressing a point home with three descriptive phrases. His messages were well thought out and presented with power.

Ronald Hoehn - May 17, 2015 at 01:48 PM

MC

“ He led me to a closer walk with Jesus during a tough time in my life. His Keene, Texas prayer meetings were so powerful and inspirational, I was drawn to it like a magnet. Sabbath sermons, too. He was so real & humble. It felt like we were in the presence of God when he was preaching. Such a powerful man of God. Your journey is over. We will meet again when Jesus comes.

Marcia Cooper - May 17, 2015 at 11:55 AM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Ron Byron Halvorsen, Sr..*



May 17, 2015 at 11:24 AM



“ *I was a 15 year old girl and Pr. Ron came to week of prayer at MHA in Colorado. He convinced me of Christs love for me. I sought him out each time he would come this way. I had the privilege to sing at the last meetings he had here. Im heart broken with his passing but rejoice to know I will see him again.*

Tammy Romero - May 17, 2015 at 11:14 AM

DT

“ Your Dad was a wonderful man...and we were proud to know him. His whole life was saving souls for Jesus so they would could KNOW BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT, that if they gave their hearts to Him, like he did, that they would HAVE eternal life with Him and death would lose it's sting forever. I know how you must be hurting at losing him, but just think of the day when Jesus puts the crown of victory on your Dad's head. How wonderful to see all the stars in your Dad's crown when we get to heaven. Each one representing a soul that has been brought to Jesus with his testimony and love. I bet the stars in his crown will be like Abraham's descendants....they will be like the sand of the sea...uncountable! Jesus will tell him. "Well, done, my good and faithful servant." It's so nice that you have followed after your Dad's footsteps. We love you and pray for you. You have BIG feet to fill; but your own agenda that God has for YOU alone. Love you, Ron & Buffy!!! Keep up the good work for the Lord. So sorry for your loss...but your Dad's ministry will go on forever!!! Hugs, Dear Friends!!! Love each other through this! Jesus will come soon!

Donna Blanscet Thall - May 17, 2015 at 11:06 AM

RB

“ I have fond memories of the young Ron at AUC who murdered the king's English, but overcame it all to become one of the most effective evangelists for the Adventist Church. I followed him as pastor in Willimantic and again in Norwich and I learned to value his evangelistic zeal. Hopefully some of it rubbed off on me as well. His life is a tremendous testimony to the power of the Holy Spirit to change lives and turn enemies into powerful instruments to win the lost to Jesus. Our deepest sympathies go out to your family on this great loss. We look forward to seeing the renewed resurrected Ron on the day Jesus comes, which we trust is soon. May the rich blessings of the Holy Spirit be on all of you as you remember this wonderful life for God.

Russell and Cynthia Burrill

Russell Burrill - May 17, 2015 at 11:03 AM

JH

I had the privilege of seeing and hearing Pr Ron Sr in Spokane WA several years back. His testimony has had a lasting impact on my life. I still find hope in what he shared. Pastor Burrill you had a lasting impact on my life as well. You had a series at Spokane Central church in 1976. I was baptized after those meetings and am still actively following after Jesus. My name then was Julie Paige Anderson. Now Houston. Thank you for grounding me in Biblical truth.

Julie Paige Houston - May 17, 2015 at 11:50 AM

ED

He always preached about Jesus. So thankful for the kind words. Prayers for your family. He was loved very much.

eva davis - May 19, 2015 at 08:26 PM

ML

“ Ron brought many, many people to Jesus. I never had the opportunity to meet him in person, but definitely received a blessing every time I heard him speak. I look forward to meeting him in person. Praying for your family.

Mike Little - May 17, 2015 at 10:56 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. Pastor Ron was a wonderful man of God and a giant in the faith. He touched so many. I love you all. Darlene Bruce.

Darlene Bruce - May 17, 2015 at 10:46 AM

TT

“ I never knew Pastor Ron, but watched him present several series, including the last one for It Is Written. His brother was the associate pastor just before we joined the church in Jacksonville, FL and his daughter Diane was the associate pastor just after I left Apopka, FL, so I never had the privilege of getting to meet him. I will rejoice when I get to meet him in heaven and thank him for the inspiration he was to my life!

Trish Turner - May 17, 2015 at 10:46 AM

JF

“ I shared the below story on another site, but I will post it here as well:

I was a 16 year old teenager attending chapel at Mount Ellis Academy one fine morning in Montana many years ago. There was a man speaking for week of prayer by the name of Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Sr. At the time I would rather shoot the breeze with my friends around me than pay attention to the speaker. Usually this was kept to a whisper here, or a snicker there. However, that morning I must have let out a chuckle a bit louder than intended... Many speakers would have simply ignored the rude interruption and continued talking, but not Sr. In fact, he stopped mid-sentence, looked directly at me and said, "You can disrespect me, you can disrespect my friends, but don't disrespect my God!" The look on his face made me wonder if I was going to spontaneously combust with the wrath of God--something akin to the end scenes of "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Nothing of that sort happened, but I did sink deeper into my pew seat and tried to disappear. Not only that, but I was dead silent for the rest of the service.

I tried to avoid him on my way out the door, but had no such luck. He caught my eye and stuck out his hand. As a parting gift on my way out the door he laid hands on me in the form of a nice "firm" smack on the back for good measure.

Since that day I have had many opportunities to hear Ron Sr. speak, especially his Revelation seminars. I learned a lot about God, and needless to say, I was always quiet at all of them! He may have been an intimidating figure on stage, but on a personal level he was a gentle giant who loved his God and cared about others. He will be missed.

Josh F. - May 17, 2015 at 10:42 AM

LC

“ *Linda Conway lit a candle in memory of Ron Byron Halvorsen, Sr.*



Linda Conway - May 17, 2015 at 10:36 AM

MM

“ *Pastor Halvorsen was the Senior Pastor at the Keene Church when we first moved to Keene. His sermons were so uplifting, sincere and penetrating. The church was not only full on Sabbath, but also on Wednesday nights. I never missed any of his sermons. Our family had been blessed for a number of years. He had impacted so many lives not only here in Keene, but throughout the world where his sermons were broadcasted. He is resting in Jesus now, but a wonderful crown is waiting for him in heaven. May we all be ready to have a wonderful reunion one day soon. THE LORD IS COMING!*

Marianne Medina - May 17, 2015 at 10:32 AM

KB

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Kelsey Halvorsen Berkihiser - May 17, 2015 at 10:29 AM

JL

I remember these sweet days...with Carrol and Ron...

Joy LaMountain - May 17, 2015 at 05:22 PM

DP

“If I was able to see far, its because I stood on the shoulders of giants.”, and one of my giants has passed away. Pastor Ron Halvorsen brought me to Christ in NYC, he encouraged me to go into the ministry. I did. We always kept in contact even when he and Carol would be miles away across the country. During my parish ministry I would seek his counsel every time a difficult case came my way. Once I needed to hold a private baptism, the candidate and is wife wanted a private ceremony. I called Ron and explained. He asked me, "Do you have a bath tub at home?" When I answered yes, he said.."There you go". I remember when we went fishing once down in FL On tis particular ocassion, and after he had caught 6 -and me cero- he looked back at me and said: "Whats the matter Dan,..fish don't like you?....So far I have caught six and you are zip." I replied, "How do you know is not the same fish you keep on catching over and over?" -as it was his custom to throw the fish back into the water every time he caught one-, then Ron answered "it will take a good two hours for the same fish to bite again after having such a sore mouth."...Now that's logic!Good night Ron, We'll see you in the morning my good friend and mentor. Today I promise to be faithful so I can see you in the Kingdom. Love you man! --Dan and Milca Pabon, Silver Spring, MD

Dan Pabon - May 17, 2015 at 10:18 AM



“ My words fail me to say what I really feel. I loved, respected Ron. Richard and I have so many memories of our brother Ron. We worked together. Laughed together. He was a pillar of faith and stability in our life. Oh how we will miss him. We love you Carrol and want to be there for you. Call on us anytime. Our prayers are with you Dianne and Ronnie and your families. I know The Lord is coming soon because he let his faithful servant go to sleep and rest. May we all be faithful so we can be reunited with Ron. I know he will be looking for each one of us. Love. Aunt Mary Halvorsen.

Mary Halvorsen - May 17, 2015 at 10:14 AM

MP

“ Dear Halvorsen Family: May you find comfort in the loving memories you have of Pastor Ron. He was our pastor at Takoma Park Church and a blessing to all our family. We look forward to resurrection morning reunion with all of our loved ones. Blessings,
Martha Sue Potts

Martha Sue Potts - May 17, 2015 at 09:53 AM

KB

“ There are so many memories of such a great friend. I mostly remember the times Sherry and I would come to Crystal River to work on the house, fish and eat together, and just chill out. Kelse and Ricky's wedding, the pictures of Ron wearing the hog nose are just so cool. Being able to learn from the best preacher evangelist soul winner to me was priceless! I am so thankful that Ron and Carol included us into their wonderful crazy family
O yes Go Giants. Go Dodgers. GO NICKS...
RON YOU ARE A GIANT FOR JESUS WHO NEVER DODGED AN OPPORTUNITY. TO WIN A SOUL FOR CHRIST AND THE NICKS TIME I SEE YOU WILL BE WHEN JESUS COMES. EVEN SO COMES LORD JESUS. THAT IS OUR HOPE. so happy to have been your timothy!
Ken and Sherry

Ken Blundell - May 17, 2015 at 09:30 AM

TV

I got to only be around him a few times, but in those few times my kids and myself grew very fond of him! He was a likeable man! May he rest in peace

Tiffiney Voorhees - May 17, 2015 at 12:46 PM

RS

Will miss you, Elder Ron Halvorsen, hugs and much love to all the family -- Carol, Ron and Buffy, Dianne, Stephanie, Ronnie, all the grands and greats!

rose shultz - May 17, 2015 at 01:38 PM

JB

Ron's wife Carrol is my first Cousin, and I was about 9 when I went to their wedding in upstate NY. I remember their joy on their wedding day, and mine to be able to touch Carrol's pretty gown in the reception line. That was a beautiful day on Mim and Pips front lawn... They were a match made in heaven, as I just told them last summer when they visited Massachusetts on one of their many many trips... thousands of miles of driving and traveling doing "retired" preaching!! (They never stopped)! Both were dedicated to serve their Saviour! Never have I seen more exuberance and selfless love toward winning souls for Jesus than these two people during their entire lives! I saw them in their first little apartment in South Lancaster. Then we rejoiced with them when their first baby "Little" Ronnie came along and then their second little girl Diane. Our family shared many holidays and visits together at Mim and Pips...(short for Gram and Grampa) Ron would go fishing with whoever would go with him to Chateaugay Lake NY right behind Mim and Pips house! (that was one fishing place) I remember Ron mentioning the huge difference between NYC and the Adirondacks! He loved the beauty of the mountains and trees, but, also loved the memories of his humble home in Brooklyn too. About 35 years ago now, I went to listen to him preach...I had stopped going to church...and when he was done speaking, I asked him some questions, and he said, "Joy, there is nothing else that matters in this world but, Jesus." Thankfully, I've been serving the Lord for many years since that day. His love for Christ fell out of his mouth and all over you when he spoke of Him. What a gift to fish for men he was given! Where ever he was, people and even little kids liked to be around him. He was SO funny, happy, sometimes serious, loving, and he made you feel GOOD about yourself! There is too much to tell, so I'll let Ron and Carrol tell you the rest in heaven one day. It really is their story, a love story between themselves and also their Savior. Truly a selfless team who brought thousands to the foot of Jesus. We will always love Ron, and can't wait to see him run to meet Jesus and boy will he run with the new vigor of life and eternal health!! (I'm sure we will all be running in the same direction and then to greet each other after we see Jesus)! He LOVED to talk about his Lord, and he knew Him well! For now we will have to say goodbye to this wonderful christian, but, it will be for just a short time! With love to Big Ronnie, Cousin Carrol, "Little" Ronnie, Diane and their families. See you at Jesus' feet! Remember everyone! Ron will be looking for each and every one of us!! So you'd best get there!! Love you now and for eternity to come, Howard Emile LaMountain, Winnie Pacheco LaMountain, and Joylynn LaMountain
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Joy LaMountain Buck - May 17, 2015 at 03:54 PM

RR

A mighty Warrior has gone to sleep in Jesus. His crown will be heavily laden with jewels. So will the crown of his wife! Til that Day dawn....

Roberta Record - May 17, 2015 at 08:43 PM

EB

Our prayers are with your family. Pastor Ron has been a blessing to many and will be dearly missed. May God Bless him for all his work in saving lost souls.

Elizabeth & Wayne Bordelon - May 17, 2015 at 08:55 PM



The first time I met him was at AUC. He was a striking figure with his distinctive gait, walking about the campus, slightly hunched over and weaving and bobbing - somewhat like a Boxer, but out of the Ring. The streets of New York were still on him. - I met him again about 25 years later at Missouri Campmeeting. He remembered me from AUC! I was impressed. - I next ran into Ron at the New York Campmeeting. I was shooting their video and approached him to hang a mic on him for sound to the camera. When I got close to him I realized there were already about four mics already there! Ron made a characteristic remark like, "Dan, if I get any more of these things I'll be electrocuted!!" He then went on to preach his usual Spirit filled sermon. The man was a warrior for God and one loved by God and man. He will be missed. "...rest, quiet heart, you shall not slumber long!"

Dan Kelly - May 17, 2015 at 09:02 PM

JH

I met Ron when I was ten years old in 1980 at Minnesota Campmeeting and then at College View Church at Union. Pastor Ron gave his Gangs to God Testimony and kept me glued to my seat! The next time I listened to him was at Union College a few months later. Ron's sermon title was Giants in the Land. I will never forget that series of sermons. I still listen to them on the original cassette tapes. Even from a chair at this last Christmas Ron was a powerful speaker!! I will never forget the Halverson family. Ronnie and Diane you are very fortunate to have to have had such a giant of a dad! His shadow is cast around the world in the SDA denomination. Ronnie I remember a couple of years ago I met you before you got up to speak at Minnesota campmeeting and shared that 30 years ago your dad was speaking in this building. Carrol we will keep praying in our Minnesota church for you and your family and the comfort of the Holy Spirit! I want to see Ron on resurrection day!! I want to hear Jesus say Well done my good and faithful servant yes you are a good boy and have Ron's grandmother hear these words!! But most of all I want to see the 15,000 plus baptized souls because of Ron, crowd around him and hear him preach one more time on the LOVE OF JESUS!! I can't wait!! Love to you all

Jimmy & Sarah Hansen and girls

Jimmy Hansen - May 17, 2015 at 09:45 PM

ND

He was a man of God! He worked in spreading the Lord's word! Let's hang in there and do our part in His vineyard and someday meet one and all in heaven. God bless us all is my prayer today to the loved ones and friends of Pastor Ron Halvorson.

Naomi P. Dhason - May 18, 2015 at 07:34 AM

JE

Pastor Ron will be greatly missed. I loved to hear him preach. Our prayers are with you and the family. I really believe Jesus is coming soon.

Juanita Elsberry - May 18, 2015 at 03:20 PM

EH

*Dear Carrol, Ron, and Dianne,
I have such fond memories of meeting you all when you came to Keene. Pastor Ron was my Christian Beliefs teacher there in college, and of course pastor. God has used him in amazing ways. Carrol, you have so faithfully stood beside him. He could not have done it without your faithful support. And blessings to you Ron and Dianne as you continue to carry the torch until Jesus comes. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know you will all miss him terribly, but it is not for long. Jesus is coming soon.*

*With Love,
Esther Tanksley Hilde*

Esther Hilde - May 19, 2015 at 10:43 PM

MA

My family and I had the privilege to hear him speak in Charlotte, NC several years back...what a powerful speaker, filled with God's Love and Spirit. May God raise more men like Pastor Ron in these last days!

Michael Alvarez - May 21, 2015 at 06:18 AM

ML

So many remember Ron so fondly! My first contact with him was soon after he became a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, back in about 1954, I think. What a joy it has been to see how the Lord has blessed his ministry over the years. We shared laughs and classes, challenges, and friends at AUC and went on into ministry. He became a marvelous soul winner than whom I've known no better. Always an encouraging word and a huge Brooklyn smile to all of us who knew him. Rest in peace, dear friend - there will be JOY in the morning, coming very soon. May God bless, comfort and strengthen your family now and until then. May we all be faithful so we can all meet Jesus with you.

Blessings to all as we all mourn his loss together. Michael (and Marilyn) Lay

Michael Lay - May 21, 2015 at 07:39 PM

DS

*A great loss! Brother Ron was a man after God's own heart!
My prayer to the family is that God's presence will be felt among you,
to give you PEACE, which only comes from God, when you believe.
We look forward to seeing him when Jesus comes again God LOVES
you!*

John and Dora Streetmaker

Dora Streetmaker - May 22, 2015 at 08:58 PM

PT

*On behalf of the Torres brothers who grew up in Brooklyn N.Y. He
baptized Freddy and our Mother who passed away in 2000 Ron had
her service, we are forever grateful to God for his ministry. We have
good memories as members of the Italian-Norwegian S.D.A. church in
Bay Ridge Bklyn and the Viking Hall were he and singing Evangelist
George White held meetings over 45 years ago. May the Lord comfort
your family, looking forward to the blessed HOPE Pastor Eugene &
Myrta Torres*

Pastor Eugene & Myrta Torres - June 03, 2015 at 02:28 PM

WB

*The first time i heard Pastor Halvorson preach was at the age of 15 at
the City Tabernacle SDA Church in New York City. He made an
impression in my life when he talked about his life from Gangs to God.
He surely was a man of God. May his soul RIP. My prayers are with the
family.*

Winsome Bromfield - July 22, 2015 at 09:22 PM