



## Mr. Vaughn E. Cornell

October 15, 1950 - January 2, 2021

Vaughn Edward Cornell, 70, went home to be with his Lord on January 2, 2021. He graduated from Edgewater High School and attended University of Central Florida where he met his wife of 45 years, Susan Pfantz Cornell. He held many jobs over the years, but his true calling was that of a Pastor. He was a faithful member and servant of Starlight Baptist Church. Whether he was leading singing, teaching Sunday School, or encouraging those in his Nursing Home ministry, Vaughn always had a story to tell that would make you laugh. His Christian character, conviction, and compassion for others will long be remembered by family and friends. Vaughn was preceded in death by his parents John E. Cornell and M. Edna Cornell. He is survived by his wife Susan Cornell of Maitland, FL; daughter Rebecca Gilmer (Scott Gilmer) of Leesburg, GA; daughter Deborah Stock (Robert Stock) of Lady Lake, FL; and 2 granddaughters. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers,

please make donations in memory of Vaughn Cornell to Gideons International  
at  
<https://www.gideons.org/donate#>.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 2pm at  
Starlight Baptist Church located at 350 Hayes Road, Winter Springs, FL  
32708.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Vaughn as a 13 year old pastor’s daughter in 1974. Vaughn was the minister of music, or song leader, as one was called back then! The current piano player was, I believe, 88 years old! He walked up to me after my Dad’s 1st Sunday as pastor and informed me that I would be the new church pianist! WHAT?! Vaughn instilled a “you can do this, Suzan” excitement in me! He handed me choir octavos with accompaniment ps that I’d never tried before! He was diligent in working with me on tempos, dynamics and the all-important page turning! Vaughn was a bachelor at that time, riding his bicycle to church with his sport coat wadded up in a bag on the back of his bike! The ladies at church were SO thankful when he and his beautiful Susan got engaged! They promptly let her know about the wrinkled sport coats! Vaughn was also my church bus captain. This meant that we visited our bus riders every Saturday, knocked on doors to invite new folks and handed out gum or candy to all the kids. Yes, this was a real thing! After visiting, Vaughn would almost always treat me to a Beefy King or Burger King lunch. As the oldest of 4 kids, his actions and kindness truly made me feel special. As months went on, we added many more bus routes and workers! We saw many children come to know Jesus, baptized and stay faithful to church!

Vaughn and Susan....they love singing! Accompanying either, both and even singing with them was an honor. In 1978, Jerry had Vaughn as his best man and I had Susan as my matron of honor. However, our time in ministry together ended in March, 1980.

I only remember Vaughn with a mischief smile on his face. His unique laugh was contagious and my hubs and him could get in a bit of mischief! However, you always knew where Vaughn’s dedication was. Jesus and his young family were first.

Adults in ministry are in a place to help shape young folks’ lives. I am thankful that God used Vaughn to help mold mine! He will be missed! ~ Suzan Hanson.

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**Suzan Hanson** - February 13, 2021 at 03:01 PM

SM

“ *My most heartfelt condolences to the Cornell family. I know Vaughn will be missed tremendously. I will miss hearing about the weekends spent fishing, the frequent road trips and so much more. You continue to be in my family's prayers.*

- Shush Mohammed

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**Shushilya Mohammed** - January 20, 2021 at 01:25 PM

JS

“ *My heart goes out to Susan and all the Cornell family.*

*May the memories you have of Vaughn bring you comfort.*

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**Jay Stein** - January 12, 2021 at 07:40 AM

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**Deborah Stock** - January 10, 2021 at 02:43 PM

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**Deborah Stock** - January 10, 2021 at 02:42 PM

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Deborah Stock - January 10, 2021 at 02:41 PM

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*Vaughn teaching his Sunday School class at Starlight Baptist. He had to teach sitting, when the side effects of his cancer treatments were bad. He wouldn't give up and continued to serve God.*

Susan Cornell - January 16, 2021 at 09:48 PM

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Deborah Stock - January 10, 2021 at 02:40 PM

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Deborah Stock - January 10, 2021 at 02:37 PM

OR

“ A great man. Fantastic Christian. A wonderful person and it was a pleasure to have known Vaughn and his wife Susan. I am sorry for your lost Susan and family. Starlight will surely miss Vaughn. Sister-In-Christ, Oneida Rodriguez

oneida rodriguez - January 04, 2021 at 03:58 PM

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Prayers for Vaughn and his family. Larry Lamb Edgewater 68

Larry Lamb - January 05, 2021 at 02:23 PM

JS

He was a wonderful man and we were glad to have known him. Prayers for his family.

Jim and Sue Stock - January 05, 2021 at 04:09 PM



*Joe and I are so sorry to hear of Vaughn's passing. May God grant peace and comfort to Susan and family.*

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**Linda Puryea** - January 10, 2021 at 12:33 PM