



## Reverend A.J. Maggos

November 9, 1935 - February 6, 2012

Reverend A.J. “Antone” Maggos, 76, with his family by his side, passed peaceably to meet his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at 8:48 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2012 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. He was born November 9, 1935 in Alton the son of John N. and Alverna (Rausch) Maggos. He worked at H&R Meat Supply, a family owned business in downtown Alton, until he was called to full time ministry. Early on in his ministry, he worked as a traveling evangelist. Reverend Maggos established his first church in Nutwood and later founded Bible Deliverance Church in East Alton. In 1980, the church moved to Alton and is now known as Open Door Fellowship Church. He volunteered for many years as a prison chaplain at Menard and John Graham Prisons. He also had a radio broadcast ministry. He was a strong advocate for the civil rights movement. Reverend Maggos was a man who knew God’s word and had a very special personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He devoted his whole life to his Lord and Savior and lived what he believed. He touched many lives while on this earth and now can hear “Well done my good and faithful servant.” He will be greatly missed by his immediate, extended and church family and extended friends. On June 7, 1952 he married the former Betty L. Moore. She survives. Also surviving are three sons; John Maggos (Gretel) of Vista, Ca, Rev. Paul Maggos (Judy) of Alton, and Stephen Maggos of Edwardsville, three daughters, Bethany Weber (Frank) of Fosterburg, Sarah Ruppert (Steve) of Fosterburg, and Anna Casey (Sean) of Pacific, MO, 14 grandchildren, Rachel, Matt, Erin, Alex, David, Victoria,

Richard, Ellen, Ariel, Nikolaos, Daniel, Camden, Atticus, and Adin, nine great grandchildren, two brothers-in-law, Jim Siatos of Alton and Malcolm and Charlene Anders of Dorsey, and a sister-in-law, Mary Margaret Cox of Alton. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen J. Siatos and Diane Anders and two grandchildren, Ben Maggos and Andrew Eichen. Visitation will be from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday, February 12, 2012 at the Open Door Fellowship Church and will continue from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 13, 2012 at the church. Reverend Paul Maggos will officiate. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Alton. Memorials may be made to the Open Door Fellowship Benevolent Fund.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend A.J. Maggos*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *lone Snow lit a candle in memory of Reverend A.J. Maggos*



**lone Snow** - September 18, 2020 at 06:46 PM



*I posted this candle to honor Brother Maggos's memory.*

**lone Snow** - September 18, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ *Brother Maggos was a very faithful and loving minister of God.  
He will be greatly missed.  
Blessings to dear Betty and their children.*

**lone Snow** - September 18, 2020 at 05:27 PM

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“ I love bro. Maggos so so much. Words can't express the the impact he and his wife have had on my life. Every time he prayed for me all I could see in his eyes was the Love of God, never Judgmental in anyway. Can't wait to see him again

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**Dawn Oleiki (Kreisman)** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Greatest man I have ever known. He once told me " If you do whats right all of heaven will back you up. I,m going to miss you so much. You were a part of my life i will never forget . I'm looking forward to the day I will see you again . My life has truely been touched by your awesome love for our great God..

John 11:23-26 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

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**Jerry Molly angela albert Newby** - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I went to Brother Maggos' church for several years w/my dad. Brother Maggos was an amazing man & one of the best preachers I've ever known. He baptized me when I was 15 years old & I'm now 42. I will never forget him. My thoughts & prayers to his family, friends, & church family.

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**Leigh Gomer Harris** - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our love and prays are with you and our family at Open Door fellowship we love u all

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**Darrell &Norma Whitfield** - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Dear Beth and family. We were so sorry to learn of your Father's passing. May your faith give you strength and comfort during this most difficult time. Our prayers are with you all.

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**Eric & Connie Nilsson** - February 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ You are Loved, you will be missed, rest in peace brother!

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**lee sylvia @ joshua** - February 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ BETTY AND FAMILY: SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT TONY, HE WAS ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS. I REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS WHEN WE PLAYED TOGETHER, ALSO THE WILD RIDE TO ST. LOUIS TO SEE AHMAD JAMAL AND WHO CAN FORGET THE H & R HAMS. WE ARE IN KEY WEST AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL, BUT WE WILL BE THINKING OF YOU.

DENNY & RITA

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**DENNY AND RITA MAGGOS** - February 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Paul. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family during this time. Having lost my mom recently, I personally know just how difficult this is for you. May the Lord be with you and grant you the peace and contentment you need to heal from this loss.

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**Shelly (Dix) Croxton** - February 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Beth Maggos*  
*I am sorry to hear of the death of your Father. I will be praying strength for you and your family in the coming days.*

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**Dennis Hardy** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *I use to attend church there with my Grandmother Sister Carroll.*

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**Janet (Schlottner) Green** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *OUR PRAYERA ARE WITH THE MAGGOS FAMILY. GOD BLESS*

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**Dean and Laura Garrett** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *sorry to hear cousin Tony passed away Betty Lou. my t houghts and prayers are with your family. I'm in Va so I won't be able to make funeral. I will always remember Tony coming to our house on Edsall and making Thanksgiving dinner for the family. May God bless all of you. cousin Jeanie*

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**Jean Choat(frohock)** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Our prayers are with you during these times. I cannot say in your loss, because when you know where to find something it is not lost, but in your time of grief - remember that this is the same God that heals, delivers and sets free that will see you through. You are in our prayers.*

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**Bishop Charles E Glenn** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To my dear friends in the Maggos family. I am so sorry for your loss. The lives that Antone touched are for eternity, so he definitely made each day count for the things that truly matter. I pray that this will give you great comfort in the days and months to go.

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**Diane Busch** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I JUST WANTED TO PUT THIS DOWN ON E-MAIL FOR YOU WILL NOT REMEMBER THE NIGHT OF VISITATION. I ALWAYS HAVE THIS POEM THAT I FOUND WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU. "YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE LOVE AND THE MEMORIES IN YOUR HEART AND IT WILL NEVER GO AWAY." THIS IS SO TRUE FOR MANY PEOPLE SAID TO ME THAT YOU ARE RIGHT ON THAT IT WILL NEVER GO AWAY AND WE LOVE THEM SO MUCH. I KNOW THAT HE UP THERE WITH THE LORD BUT ALSO HE UP THERE WITH HIS PARENTS AND SISTERS THAT HE HASN'T SEEN FOR VERY LONG TIME. I WILL SEE YOU ALL ON THE NIGHT OF VISITATION..

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**ROBERT & DARLA McPHERSON & GIRLS** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Pastor Maggos and all of your family were an important part of my life growing up. The love your family shared with us carried with us throughout our lives.

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**Elaina Flynn Osterbur & Family** - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. will always cherish his friendship, fellowship and his love for christ. Love all of you.

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**Barry & Cindy Bloodworth & family** - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ We love you, Betty, and will miss Tony. We continue to think of him and rejoice that he is with his Lord. If you need anything, please let us know. We hold up the family with prayer.

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**Lamoine & Connie Tinnin** - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM