



Reverend Gordon B. Littrell

August 1, 1933 - October 3, 2023

Reverend Gordon B. Littrell, 90, of Equality, Illinois, passed away on October 3, 2023 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Born in Hardin County on August 1, 1933.

He and his parents moved to Eldorado, Illinois in 1947 and has been a resident of Saline County ever since.

Gordon was preceded in death by his Parents; Willis Eschol Littrell and Goldie Mae (Baylous) Littrell, Sister; Mary Evelyn Prince, Brothers; Clarence Weldon Littrell and Leroy Faye Littrell.

He is survived by his Wife; Pamela (Perry) Littrell of 17 years, Step-Daughter; Andrea (Doug) Smiddy-Schlagel of Abilene, Texas, Step-Son; Daniel (Robin) Smiddy of Terre Haute, Indiana 4 Step-Grandchildren and 1 Great-Granddaughter Amelia Ruth Schlotta, Brother; Russell Glenn Littrell of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Nephews and Nieces; John David (Amy) Fox of Moline, Illinois, Michael Kline of Equality, Illinois, Kerry Kline of Los Angeles, California, David James (Heather) Kline of Zephyrhills, Florida, Donald Ray (Debbie Rexing) Prince of Equality, Illinois, Gayla Willis of Eldorado, Illinois, Beth Persinger, Toni Houseworth, Tawana Blackwell, Debby Cansler, Anna Mary Reliford, Shana Littrell, Donnie (Jaclyn Cowsert) Prince, Robbie (Lynda Morris) Prince of Equality, Illinois.

Gordon was first a “Man of the Gospel” and lived it every day. He was never afraid to witness for the Lord to everyone, whether he knew them or not.

He was a hardworking businessman with and putting most his own successful residential and commercial glass business in Florida. Gordon was a “hands on” type guy by doing most of the work and putting most of the money right back into the little church he built in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Gordon married Deline (Milliken) Littrell on July 25, 1958. They were happily married for 47 years until Deline’s death on January 20, 2005.

Gordon retired and was living on a 54-acre ranch in eastern Saline County and decided to just “play cowboy”, so Gordon got him a cattle and horse ranch, however, the lord had other plans for him.

He was the founder and builder of the Shawnee Hills Christian Retreat in. Gordon was the minister his entire life and although he never retired, he decided to step aside and become the senior pastor and hand the torch over to keep his legacy alive to Rev. Doyle Beck April 13, 2019, and it flourishes to this day.

Funeral Services for Rev. Littrell will be held 11:00am, Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Shawnee Hills Christian Retreat, 2015 Dog Walk Road, Equality, Illinois.

Burial will follow at the Wolf Creek Cemetery in Eldorado, Illinois.

Family will receive friends from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Friday, October 13, 2023 at the Shawnee Hills Christian Retreat.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Rev. Gordon Littrell to the Shawnee Hills Christian Retreat.

The family is being served by Gent Funeral Home 2409 State Street, Alton, Illinois (618) 466-5544.

Cemetery Details

Wolf Creek Cemetery

Eldorado, IL 62930

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shawnee Hills Christian Retreat
2015 Dog Walk Road
Equality, IL 62934

Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Shawnee Hills Christian Retreat
2015 Dog Walk Road
Equality, IL 62934

Tribute Wall



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Reverend Gordon B. Littrell.*



October 13, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Reverend Gordon B. Littrell.*



October 13, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reverend Gordon B. Littrell.*

October 13, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ *I will Always remember you Smile and your love that you gave to my Grandpa, and our Family.*

Anna Jean Smith - October 12, 2023 at 09:34 PM

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“ *There Comes a Time*

*There comes a time for all of us
When we must say good-bye,
But faith and hope and love and trust
Can never, never die.
Although the curtain falls at last
Is that a cause to grieve?
The future's fairer than the past
If only we believe.
Trust in God's eternal care –
So when the Master calls
Let's say that life is still more fair
Although the curtain falls.
- Unknown*



Benjamin Breese-Isley - October 12, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for
the family of Reverend Gordon B. Littrell.*



October 12, 2023 at 07:35 PM

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“ 1st Thessalonians Chapter 4

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.



14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Benjamin Breese-Isley - October 12, 2023 at 07:34 PM

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“ Many prayers for Sister Pamela Littrell, The family and Church Families.



Brother Littrell's memories shall remain in our hearts forever. Brother Littrell was a true Man of God.

I was blessed to attend a life changing tent meeting in 1976 This is where I realized how precious Brother Gordon and Sister Deline Littrell were. The Love of God and for The Body of Christ was so prevalent . After one of the day services I learned that Brother Littrell also had a fun loving jokester side. As we gathered under the Tent shooting off fireworks, Brother Littrell lit a firecracker and dropped it down beside my foot. We both got a real “bang” out of it after it exploded and my heart rate increased. We both laughed and laughed. Neither one of us had forgotten this memorable moment.

After the passing of Sister Deline the Lord blessed Brother Littrell with another wonderful Help meet, Sister Pamela Littrell . Brother Littrell and Sister Pamela Littrell took my Mom under their wings of love. My Mom always was so happy when Brother and Sister Littrell would visit Wichita. Mom also enjoyed the many phone calls. My Mom was blessed to go to Illinois for a visit. Brother Littrell always called my Mom Sister Jodi instead of her Name Dodie My Mom always got a huge smile when he called her Jodi.

Brother Littrell paved a way for each of us. Brother Littrell stayed true to the Word of God. Brother Littrell stayed firm with the revelations of Brother Sowders. Brother Littrell was always ready to share the Word of the Lord.

I can hear our dear Brother singing “Until you've known God and His Love. Brother Littrell your physical presence will be missed, although you shall remain in our hearts FOREVER

With my endless Love and prayers

Benjamin Breese Isley, Wichita, Kansas

Benjamin Breese-Isley - October 12, 2023 at 07:31 PM

DC

“ *My condolences to my Uncle Gordon's wife. I have so many memories of Uncle Gordon from my childhood. I can remember him singing How Great Thou Art and Amazing Grace. Him and Aunt Delline were so good to me and treated me like their own. Love you Uncle Gordon*

Debby Littrell Cansler - October 04, 2023 at 03:09 PM

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*To Uncle Gordon's wife, Pam~
I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I am his brother, Clarence's oldest child. He was a very good man to me. Love you, Uncle Gordon. Say Hi to Dad for me.*

Anna Littrell Reliford - October 04, 2023 at 08:49 PM



Condolences from Mark & Katherine Streit and Gospel Assembly in Kelowna, BC, Canada. I remember Brother Littrell, a friend of my late father, visiting us in Missoula, Montana in the mid-1970s. God keep and comfort Sister Littrell, the family and church.

Mark Streit - October 06, 2023 at 04:18 AM

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Gayla E Willis. I feel sad. My prayers are with your family.

Gayla Willis - October 08, 2023 at 10:42 PM