



Steven R. Seagraves

May 29, 1955 - February 15, 2019

On Sunday, May 29, 1955, Rev. Paul and Elva (Jones) Seagraves of Dumas, Texas welcomed their fourth child, Steven Randal into the world. He made the statement many times, he was born on a Sunday, in church the next Sunday, and has been partial to Sunday ever since! He joined his three brothers and one sister, and later another brother came along. They all became a part of an exciting journey that had originated in Arkansas, had already been through New Mexico, and would take the family from Texas, to California, British Columbia, Canada and Washington state, as their minister father followed the call of God on his life, establishing and pastoring churches. Steven viewed life as an exciting experience and made lifelong friends in each place the family went. When they moved to Seattle when he was 15 years old, he fell in love with the area. Steven also accepted the call of God on his life for ministry, joining not only his father, but his two older brothers in serving God in this capacity. Later, his sister became an ordained minister, and his younger brother a Bible teacher.

In 1982, Steven was elected the pastor of the church his father founded in south Seattle, Washington, now the city of SeaTac. He was still the pastor of Christian Life Center at the time of his death. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching and preaching the Infallible Truth of the Word of God to the church family he loved, and always kept everyone's attention and interest with his quirky sense of humor and made up words!

In 1983, he married Leah Oakes of Bald Knob, Arkansas, and she gladly joined him in calling Washington home, even creating Toothpick tours to show visitors the beautiful and historical features of the Seattle area. They took as many opportunities to travel as time, commitments and finances would allow. He loved to find the different and unusual. Even taking the time on one trip through Idaho and Washington to stop at every historical marker on the road that just happened to be part of the Lewis and Clark trail. In December, to celebrate their 35th Anniversary, they went on a 15 day Panama Canal Cruise, a dream of Steven's for many years.

Steven was an ordained minister with the United Pentecostal Church International. He

loved the work of the church and had a passion for service. Throughout the past 35 years of his ministry, he has served in Washington District as Sectional Youth Director, District Youth Secretary, and District Youth President; District Sunday School Director, Sectional Secretary, and District Harvestime to Media Missions Director. He and Leah established the Washington District P K program sponsoring and directing the program for 25 years. His love for Preachers Kids was always evident in his ongoing relationship to them and continued prayers for them. The Seagraves were also invited to other districts to hold PK events. They created FYI, a local informational program for young ministers and wives to understand the mechanics of ministry and working of the organizational structure. He played the organ or piano at many sectional and district events beginning not long after the family moved into Washington. On the National level, Steven served as Regional Youth Director. He served as the UPCI Scouting Director, and established the Pentecostal Churches in Scouting Association. This also placed him in the position of liaison to Boy Scouts of America for all Pentecostal churches, and a national planning board member of Boy Scouts of America for religious chartered groups. The friendships he established in those various departments were still a major part of his life. Though he refused to get on social media, everyone knew he could always be reached by email or text. He was happiest at District and General Conferences if he had a job to do!

Steven's favorite hobby was genealogy, if anyone needed an answer about the family; he usually had it and the documentation to prove it. This also kept him connected to cousins all over the United States, and he thoroughly enjoyed emailing them and visiting with them every chance he could. Steven was very civic minded and involved with events as the city of SeaTac was formed and continued to grow. He graduated from two informational academies sponsored by the city: Citizen's Police Academy and Citizen's City Leadership Academy. He always said the best way to reach a city was to know, live and work in that city.

Though Steven and Leah never had natural children, In 1991, his first spiritual son came into his life, Evangelist Robert Tisdale. He was the first of many who began to call the Seagraves Dad and Mom. The most recent just April of this past year. God blessed him, by extension to be Papa, Papa Steve Uncle Steven, or whatever interesting name each of their children chose to give him.

Steven left us suddenly in the early morning of February 15, 2019. He was preceded in death by all four of his grandparents, and his parents. He is survived by the wife he adored and his best friend, Leah. He also leaves behind all of his siblings. Ron (Barbara) of Renton, WA; Paulette, of Inglewood, CA; Gary (Carol) of Everett, WA; Paul (Stephanie) of Gig Harbor, WA. Many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews will miss

their Uncle Steven's corny jokes. The church family, many extended family members and a world of friends will miss him greatly, but will remember him with a smile, because what he loved best in life was to make others laugh.

Cemetery

Events

Carter Cemetery

Russell, AR,

FEB **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Powell Funeral Homes

2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy, Searcy, AR, US, 72143

FEB **Funeral Service** 07:00PM

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FEB **Interment** 10:00AM

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Carter Cemetery

Russell, AR, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 25 at 09:18 AM



“ My dear Leah,

I know it has been a few months since you lost your beloved Steven. I wanted to take a moment to reach out to you and let you know that he was such a joy to have for a friend. Our relationship was tied with the chord of friendship through music. When we were both young, I sat on the piano bench many times listening to his original music. He had an amazing talent for writing beautiful songs. I know you must miss hearing that beautiful voice of his.

I was so saddened to hear of his passing. For some reason it missed my attention until just recently when my husband was talking with his brother. I want you to know that I love you dearly and cannot imagine what you have been going through. Know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. You are welcome to call me anytime. My number is 480-650-2351. I love you my dear friend.

Love,
Gayla Baughman

Gayla Baughman - May 31 at 08:09 AM



“ Sis. Seagraves, family and The members of the Christian Life of Sea-Tac. So, sorry for your loss. Bro. Seagraves was a great and wonderful person. Even though I had only known you all for a short period of time, you open hearts and made me feel at home. Thank you. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bro. Seagraves ...no goodbyes but see you later on the other side. You will truly be missed.





“ Heather Harter lit a candle in memory of Steven R. Seagraves



Heather Harter - March 02 at 11:40 AM



“ I have many fond memories of Bro Steve Seagraves. His love and support for us PKs has always meant a lot to me (even though I'm 31 and I've been married for almost 11 years). His corny jokes and his desire to worship God and his love for his wife are three things that stood out to me. I haven't seen him for roughly 20 years, but I have thought of he and Sis Leah Seagraves many many times throughout the years. Love and appreciate him for everything he's done and love and appreciate Sis Leah very much!!!! *Side note* I LOVE that she sang at his memorial service
I wasn't going to record it on my phone, but I decided to and oh so thankful I did. It was amazing.

Tiffany Rucker (Sirstad) - March 02 at 05:33 AM



“ Leah and all the family - we are so profoundly sad for the loss of an angel on earth - Steve . A dear friend to many - who always lit up the room wherever he went and always had a big smile , kind word and funny joke to share !

He will be greatly missed ! I remember him as a teenager coming to our BC camps - and his friendship all these years has been a blessing

God rest his soul and we look forward to meeting on the other side . Prayers & much love

The Hansen's

Hansens - March 01 at 12:36 AM



“ Some of our most treasured memories are visits we would make up to SeaTac to be with our dear friends, Steve and Leah. From walking all over Seattle Center to deep discussions attempting to solve the world's problems, our time together was precious. My friend, my

brother, rest in peace, and we'll see you soon, rejoicing! May God bless, comfort, and hold close our sweet Sis. Leah.

Carl - March 02 at 11:36 PM



“ Rachel Varnell lit a candle in memory of Steven R. Seagraves



Rachel Varnell - February 26 at 09:37 PM



“ Leah, I am so sorry for your loss. I watched the video and could see what a beautiful life you shared and how much in love the two of you were. You will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days to come.

Rachel Burns Varnell, daughter of Cheryl Burns

Rachel Varnell - February 26 at 09:35 PM



“ Today I miss my "Little Brother" Steven. His was a life well lived, in full service of God. A shining light to congregations, family, extended family and beloved friends. Always providing laughter, for example, Steve(n) told Mother that HE had "more of the Holy Ghost" in HIM. Mother, of course, was aghast and appalled! Then, Steve(n) said, "I'm big! It takes more of the Holy Ghost to fill me." Like Mother, ALL others laugh. In life, and in Celebration of Life, we laugh with My Dear Beloved Brother. Can you hear the angels laughing?

Paulette

Paulette Seagraves - February 26 at 06:36 PM



“ Sister Paulette, may your brother gentle soul rest in the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ almighty Amen. May the good Lord comfort you and your entire family on your loss and may God almighty shines his light upon everyone in your family in Jesus mighty Amen.

From Joy Koomson

Joy Koomson - February 27 at 12:38 PM



“ Paulette, so sorry for your loss. May the good Lord bless you and your family in your time of grief.

Mary Eheler - February 27 at 02:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven R. Seagraves.



February 26 at 10:47 AM



“ My BNL Steven Seagraves passed away yesterday, We're going to miss his laughter, kindness, always willing to help attitude, and most of all we will miss him singing duets with his "Babydoll" Leah Seagraves. I look forward to seeing him rock the organ and singing in Heaven some day!



Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 08:46 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Barbara Knudson - My heart aches today for the passing of a great friend, Pastor Steven Seagraves. He was a teenager when we first meet him at Black Lake Camp ground, been friends since then,. My heart and prayers go out to Sister Leah today. Heaven gains a great man.

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 01:06 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Rick Abbott - Dearest Sister we will be there.....you and "Uncle Steven" have been a precious part of our family and truly are grateful to be able to be there for of his Memorial.....though our hearts hurt from his departure we are looking forward to seeing him again IN GLORY!!!! Rick and Phoebe

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:59 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Boe Van Vlack - God has called another amazing child home we will never forget
Brother Steve Seagraves prayers for Sister Leah

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:58 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Marilyn Kay Owens-Gemeinhardt - I regret that Ron and I will not be able to attend.
We are praying for you Leah and all of the Seagraves family. Sending love and
prayers.

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:56 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Leila Maldonado - I so wish I could come! He will be greatly missed! Praying for all of
you during this time!!!! Love y'all!!!!

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:55 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Michael C. Houston - Wish I could be there. I remember him when I was a teenager
at church camp. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:54 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Joyce Smith - A great man of God who is loved by all! Prayers for Sis Leah and the
entire family. We love you and have great memories that we cherish. The loving arms
of Jesus will wrap around you and comfort you at this difficult time



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Connie Rowe - I'm so sorry we won't be able to be there. Our sincere condolences for your loss. Seagraves family and church family will be in our prayers. We love you.

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:52 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Lynn Waite Davenport -
Dear Leah Seagraves, my prayers have been going up for you. You have stood strong during the death of your most beloved ones in the last year. I can't even begin to know your pain. But, know you are loved and we are praying daily for you. I, unfortunately, will not be able to attend the celebration service as I'll be in San Diego caring for my Dad who will just be getting home from his hospital stay. I will miss being with you and remembering the legacy he left. I love you and will continue to hold you up in prayer.

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:51 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Linda Buxton - Just saw this. When we moved to Ontario CA and my Dad became the pastor the Seagraves became my friends

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:50 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Sherry Ricks - Sending love and hugs

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:49 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:

Honey Baker -
Sis Leah,

My heart breaks for you and the rest of the precious Seagraves family. Bro Steve was a hero of the faith. I struggle to wrap my head around his death... I will always remember his secret to successfully living for God... Minute by minute.

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:48 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:
James Lagate - Love him so much

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:46 PM



“ Sharing Facebook comments from Memorial event:
Nathan Kern - Steve had an impact on my life growing up. He was very encouraging and helpful when I was going to play the drums. He always had a smile on his face and nobody could come off a organ bench shouting like him. I still remember Him giving tongue's interpretation from the organ bench. He always had a powerful anointing on him. He was an awesome example of true Christian principles, examples and temperament. I still remember the PK retreats that he used to host at the church. What a blessing it was to all those around him. Sorry to hear about his passing. He will be missed, but in a better place. My condolences to the family and Sis Leah Seagraves. May God give you peace in this time

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:45 PM



“ Ale Moose: Hi sister Seagraves, our heart is with you especially these days. We all believe pastor is with our Lord Jesus now but we miss his presence. We love you both. We will miss his presence so much

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:36 PM



“ sharing facebook posts from memorial event

Stephanie Seagraves - February 25 at 12:37 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. He was a good man and he will be missed. You & he were always kind to us and a good friend. Love & prayers. Shelia Sims

Shelia Sims - February 24 at 11:17 PM



“ A quick smile and lots of laughter. Joy personafied through Jesus Holy Spirit. What a precious soul we enjoyed for such a short time.
Steve and Karin Clemetson

Steve Clemetson - February 23 at 09:57 PM



“ I was at Senior Camp when he sat down by me and put his hand on my shoulder to prayer for me and tell me that my issue will always look the biggest right before I got the answer to solve the issue. Thank you Leah and Steve Seagrave's for always Praying for us kids and dedicating your lives to us. Jolie

Jolie Waldrop - February 23 at 06:36 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven R. Seagraves.



February 23 at 06:35 PM



“ I will always remember him and his wife singing together. He was a wonderful man of God he will be truly missed



Cinda Almaraz - February 23 at 06:26 PM



“ This man was the purest, honest, Godly, perfect example of a Pentecostal preacher. He and Sis. Leah claimed me as their kid and let me tell you that is a HUGE honor. My heart is shattered into a million pieces, but I know he is no longer in pain. He will forever be my "dad," and hold a very special place in my heart. I love you always dad.

Your adopted kid,
Taylor Campbell

Taylor Campbell - February 23 at 01:19 AM



“ Indiana Ladies Committee purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Steven R. Seagraves.



Denise L Addison - February 22 at 04:02 PM



“ Linda Wright lit a candle in memory of Steven R. Seagraves



Linda Wright - February 21 at 08:02 PM



“ Rocky Wright lit a candle in memory of Steven R. Seagraves



Rocky Wright - February 21 at 08:00 PM