



Reverend Thomas Loren Potter

March 5, 1941 - July 11, 2021

On Sunday July 11, 2021, Reverend Thomas Loren Potter, loving husband and beloved father of four children, passed away at the age of 80.

Tom was born on March 5, 1941, in Valley Wells, Texas to Hazel and Samuel Potter. He grew up in Victoria, Texas along with his three brothers and four sisters. He later served in the United States Army, and then on March 9, 1968, he married the love of his life Linda Rose Delgado in Victoria, Texas.

Tom was called into the ministry, and later that year, Tom and Linda welcomed their first child Thomas Loren Potter, Jr. on December 23, 1968. Their second son, Lawrence Edward Potter was born on January 4, 1972, and the third son, James Allen Potter was born on September 22, 1974. Finally, Julie Ann Potter Hume was enthusiastically welcomed on June 8, 1982, and Tom finally had his little girl.

Tom was known as Brother Potter and Pastor Potter to countless people across the United States and abroad. He started multiple churches and was a missionary to Ireland for almost 20 years. The impact of his ministry has been felt and continues to influence literally thousands of people and the loss is truly indescribable.

Tom and Linda were married for 53 years, and their example of true love and

marriage was extraordinary and truly a blessing to everyone who knew them. Tom loved his children with his entire heart and soul, and his main goal in life was to make sure his children were ok and would be all together in Heaven someday. He had a love for fishing, gardening, building, and his dogs. He was a jokester and always had a "Dad joke" for almost every occasion and was an avid storyteller.

Tom is survived by his wife Linda Rose Potter of Arp, Texas, Thomas Loren Potter Jr. family of Rancho Santa Fe, California, Lawrence Edward Potter Family of San Diego, California, James Allen Potter family of Temecula, California, Julie Ann Potter Hume family of The Republic of Ireland. He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Brianna Jazzlyn Potter of Temecula, California, Savannah Ashley Potter of Temecula, California, David Samuel Woodson Hume of The Republic of Ireland, Isabella Marie Moya Potter of Rancho Santa Fe, California. He is survived by his two sisters, Barbara Jean Potter Burt of Lindale, Texas and Nona Mae Potter Buchanan of Houston, Texas.

Tom devoted his entire life to his calling as a minister of the gospel and the work of the Lord, sharing his testimony around the world. He passed from us and into the next life while preaching and encouraging us all to go up to the mountain with Jesus. His final words spoken on this Earth were "I am so blessed."

Funeral services for Reverend Potter will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021, at First United Pentecostal Church in Henderson with Rev. M.L. Walls officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Thomas Loren Potter Jr., Lawrence Edward Potter, James Allen Potter, Britt Hume, Tracy Warren Burt, and Stacy Edward Burt.

The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, July 18, at the funeral home.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

JUL 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Pentecostal Church
1800 Jacksonville Drive
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

DS

“ So sorry to hear of Bro. Potter’s passing. He was our pastor in Fallbrook, CA while my husband was stationed at Camp Pendleton. May God bless his family- Rick & Debbie Skelton

Deborah Skelton - September 23, 2024 at 11:43 AM

SA

“ It's so hard to even find the words. So many memories of this amazing man. Not just the fact that he married my husband and I or that he helped name our daughter (standing in my hospital room, his words were "I've always loved the name Heather", and that was it, we named her Heather). His smile, his infectious laugh, his heart and the way he spoke. He was always such a hard worker. Nothing was beneath him as a Pastor. He was not too good to clean a bathroom, build sets for a Christmas play that he wrote & directed or work in the church Thrift Shop. He would never ask anyone to do anything he wouldn't do himself. I will never forget a 2-week revival that ended up in years of Pastoring a church in a place you had no idea you would be, Fallbrook, CA. The love you had for people knew no bounds. You will never be forgotten Bro. Potter. I am so thankful that you will now enjoy the fruits of your labor, in the arms of Jesus. You were truly one-of-a-kind and you will live on in our hearts forever.

Stacy Adame - July 19, 2021 at 11:44 AM

CM

“ A TRIBUTE TO MY PASTOR

Many years ago I moved to Waterford God knew I needed a father and you became that. Life had left me broken, bruised confused and battered beyond recognition. You took me in your home & family and you became my family and poured love into me. You fed me Gods word and nurtured me in the things of God. You literally breathed life into that wounded little girl.

You were there with Mummy in those maternity wards, social offices, estate agents, I mean one phone call we knew Mummy and Daddy are there. You became the Grandfather to my children.

You loved like no other and gave your time, your energy and resources like no other. I saw you go above and beyond just to be there for many. You became a father of many nations but mostly you became my father. You modelled to us what a marriage was and was not. I can testify you lived what you preached!

You have fought a good fight Daddy left for us to run this race and as you always said “Oh we gotta make it!” I know you are dancing away with Jesus and the Angels my Pastor.

Forever in our hearts ❤️

Carol Mhlanga - July 18, 2021 at 08:10 PM

CH

“ We were so shocked and saddened by the passing of this great man of God. While our hearts go out to the grieving family, we rejoice with him because he has attained what we are all reaching for.

Our love and prayers for all, especially Sis. Linda Potter. We enjoyed our times with you both while you were in MO. I'll always remember Bro. Potter's big smile, and I loved hearing him speak with his Irish accent.

We'll see you over there, Bro. Potter, meanwhile rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus....

Charles & Donna Hancock - July 16, 2021 at 02:10 PM

JP

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



James Potter - July 16, 2021 at 02:10 PM

FU

“ There was never a dull moment with you daddy potter, when my mother passed, you and mommy potter kept me strong and you guys became that mother and father figure that I needed. I still remember the day you left Ireland, it felt like my whole world was leaving too. To this day I haven't found anybody who could live up to the parental figure you were to me. You are truly one of a kind. My children are where they are now because of your positive influence and the important values you instilled in their lives from a young age. I couldn't have wished for a better pastor.

Funmi - July 14, 2021 at 06:10 AM

TK

“ I'm so heartbroken, you are all like family to me for 42 years, I love you all very much thanks for being a part of my life



Tammy Gregg King - July 13, 2021 at 10:17 PM

RE

“ The Potter's were wonderful missionaries to Ireland. There was no doubt as to his calling to Ireland. I enjoyed working with them as their Secretary/treasurer of World Missions during their time in Ireland. Considered myself privileged to visit Ireland while they were there.

Russell Elkins

Russell Elkins - July 13, 2021 at 05:20 PM