



## Rev. Samuel Lee Latta

August 25, 1936 - July 1, 2019

Rev. Samuel Lee Latta, age 82 of Stockbridge, passed away July 1, 2019. Sam attended Hampton Heights Fellowship. He spent his life serving as a missionary and pastor, building churches all over the world. He was preceded in death by his parents: Thomas & Lorene Latta; sister: Beverly Ford; beloved wife of 61 years: Joyce Latta and grandson: Tyler Blake Latta. He is survived by his wife: Shirley Hicks Welch Latta; his children: Alan Latta (Yvette) of Granbury, TX, Gayla Holley (Greg) of Spring, TX, Marvin Latta (Lisa) of Rex and Regan Latta (Kerri) of Willis, TX; 4 step-children; his sisters: Hilda Trapani of OH and Della Huff of IL; 8 grandchildren and 11 step-grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren and 10 step-great grandchildren; and spiritual children all over the world. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM, Tuesday, July 9th, 2019 at Oak Park Church in Jonesboro. Burial will follow at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens in McDonough. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM, Monday, July 8th, 2019 at Ford-Stewart Funeral Home in Jonesboro. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to UPCI Global Missions, 36 Research Park Court, Weldon Spring, MO 63304, (636) 229-7900 or Gideons International, [www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org) Ford-Stewart Funeral Home, Inc., Jonesboro/Stockbridge 770-210-2700. [www.fordstewartfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordstewartfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

PK

“ We were so sorry to hear of Samuel's passing. We've been neighbors for many years & had a great time sharing meals and conversation. May God provide comfort to your family in the days ahead.

Philip & Marcia Kouns - July 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Sam Latta was my friend and a great man of God. We met and worked together on the IL district campground in 1972. What great friends the Latta's were to us. My condolences to the family.

Rev and Mrs John Boyd - July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Sorry for all your loss.

Patricia Welch Adams - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We are sorry to hear of Bro. Latta's passing. He was one of my father's (Rev. Ernest J. Maki) best friends and I have only happy memories of the times we visited the Lattas, or when they visited us. It didn't matter how many years passed between our meetings. Bro. Latta (as well as Sis. Joyce Latta) always greeted us with joyful warmth and made us feel so welcome! Joyce and Sam (or "Doc", as my father called him) were lovely people, and I'm sure my father and he are up in Heaven right now telling jokes to each other.

Dana (Maki) Knapp and Evelyn R. Maki - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Remembering my beloved Pastor Latta, who was my pastor at Landmark/Greater Landmark Pentecostal Church in the late 1980s. Words cannot describe the great influence he had in my spiritual development.

He is a great man of God who was used to make great strides for the Kingdom of Heaven all over the world. My sorrow over this loss is comforted by the sure knowledge that he is resting in the Arms of Jesus, reunited with Sis Joyce Latta, and is in the company of a multitude of saints. Rest in peace, Bishop. Much love in Jesus' Name.



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**Jim Tyler** - July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Such a great man of God. Who will fill the shoes of his burden?

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**Gary and Faye Welborn** - July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Wonderful man of God ! So privileged to get to know them (Bro. Sam and Sis. Joyce) and for their visits and ministry in Lebanon and beyond.

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**The Mark Starin Family** - July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ A great man of God who had a significant influence on my life. God, please, give us great leaders in this hour with the intestinal fortitude of these men who have passed. It's the struggle that makes us strong and these men were no strangers to struggle.

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**Phillip Royer** - July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ A Great Man has gone to be with the Lord. "To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord ". Our prayers are with Marvin/Lisa and the family during this time of transition.

Gregory Stanley - July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We are just devastated to hear Pastor Latta passed away. The first time we met Pastor Latta was in Houston, Texas at Pastor Erman Davidson's home in 1976. We were so blessed to have this man of God in our life through the years. Pryor to our meeting the Latta Family, He was a Missionary to Africa for many years, building many churches with thousands of souls saved. He will be missed greatly by everyone who knew and respected this great man. Our loss is Heaven's gain!



Spencer Selph - July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ So sorry for your loss,he was a great man and a great friend!



Stephen LaRue - July 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Saddened to hear that my friend preceded me to the finish line. "I'll Meet You In The Morning!"

Donald Haymon, Sr. - July 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ I met Pastor Latta in 2007 he was a great man of God . He was my Pastor for awhile and I love him and will miss seeing him. I will keep all of you in my prayers. So sorry for your loss.



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**Felicia Bacon** - July 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ With alot of sadness I bid you farewell Pastor Latta and I thank you for obeying God's call to bring the Gospel truth to Zimbabwe. You will always be remembered by how you lived ,preached ,taught and led by example. "Well done thou good and faithfull servant" God has called you home.



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**Wynfor MacDonald** - July 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ It was 1957 when Sam and Joyce Latta came to a little town called Sesser, Illinois. I was 16 years old. Brother Latta became a friend to me, taught me through the scriptures, and baptized me more than 62 years ago. We remained friends and our paths crossed again when the Lattas answered the call to missions work in Africa. My wife and I were soon to follow as missionaries to West Africa. Years later, while serving as the Regional Director for Europe/Middle East Region, the Lattas came E/ME as International Evangelists and furlough replacements. This gave me the opportunity to honor my first pastor in their final years of missionary ministry. I can say that I am a life that was changed by Sam and Joyce Latta. I will forever be grateful for his friendship and influence on my life and ministry! Life's work well done! Life's crown well won!  
*Robert K. Rodenbush*

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**Robert K. Rodenbush** - July 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Great Uncle Sam was always someone my siblings and I looked up to. My sister and I are currently on the missions field and to be able to follow the legacy Uncle Sam left is truly something amazing. I loved Uncle Sam very much and I will be praying for all of you in this time of loss. Send my love, and God bless you all.



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**Molly Trapani** - July 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ With all our love and prayers to y'all  
The Parkers (Talbots)

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**Cheryl Parker , Talbot** - July 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My friend went ahead and I will follow. I love this family and my prayers are with them.

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**James F. Richter** - July 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ We'll be praying for you all. Jesus bless you ❤️ Thank you for your service to the King!

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**Karina Mason** - July 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM