



# **Pastor Vivian Patrick Laird** **"Pastor Viv"**

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**L**aird, Mr. Vivian P, "Pastor Viv", 89, of Pinellas Park went to be with his Gracious, Loving Heavenly Father on October 3, 2013. Pastor Viv, known to many as "Bro", was born in Northern Ireland on June 5, 1924. He was schooled in Glasgow, Scotland and was invited to the USA by Rev. Billy Graham to attend Northwestern College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He went on to be a Missionary in Africa with his beloved wife Marilyn from 1955 to 1989. He learned to speak Arabic and worked in the Sudan for 7 years, Nigeria for 6 years, Ethiopia for 2 years, and ended his mission career in Kenya where he spent 12 years. For health reasons, he returned to the US and joined the Pastoral staff at Calvary Chapel in St. Pete in 1989 and maintained that position until his death. The Church was his extended family and the love he shared with others and that which has been shown to him and his wife Marilyn is beyond measure. He loved everyone - just the way they were, and in return, he was a father to many! He suffered a stroke in 2011 that changed his ability to do some of the things he loved doing, but he never lost his wonderful sense of humor, his love of the simple things in life, his pure joy to be alive, his incredible and strong faith in God, his contagious positive energy and genuine love for everyone, and especially for his beloved wife. His tender love and mutual adoration for his children and grandchildren will leave a lasting memory in their hearts forever. His legacy - one of Love, Joy and Faith is what those who knew and loved him most will remember his by. We all miss him so much already but know he is rejoicing in Heaven.



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Our trip to Ireland was one of my favorites then Africa on a mission trip and lion safari but praying over me on our knees at church was also memorable. Pastor Viv was the finest/best man I ever knew. Looking forward to reuniting in heaven!! It's All Grace, Bro! -Dan Shock



October 4 at 5:16 PM



**Janis Dee** posted:

I met Pastor Vivian & Marilyn at prayer when they first came to the warehouse. From the moment I met them I thought "I have to be near this man." I have never found another that was so filled with the Holy Spirit. We went on vacation together and I was blessed to pray with them at least three times a week until God called him home. I don't remember my father but Vivian and Marilyn let me adopt them. It was a pleasure to be of service to them as they got older. Precious Holy Abba I wait on the day when we will spend eternity in praise and adoration of our precious Messiah together!! 🙏🙏

September 10 at 11:13 AM



**Dan & Valmae Oksanen** posted:

we have a great memory of him because he married Valmae (Halling) and me in Nairobi Baptist Church on May 31 1987.

July 6 at 9:54 AM



**Becky Schmidt** posted:

Much, much love. I'm praying for you all--especially Aunt "Monnie".

November 4 at 9:58 AM



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DS

**Dan Shock** posted:

Dear Marilyn and family of Pastor Viv; I was privileged to know him. My life was enhanced as a result of his shepherding, friendship and love. We enjoyed adventures together and I was given a first hand account of what a servant of Jesus Christ looks and acts like. He was the real deal and has left a multi-generational spiritual legacy spanning the globe. Truly this was a man of God and if he heard this praise he would gently deflect it back to the glory of Christ telling us its Him we should focus on bro...I am heart broken at losing the dearest man I've ever known yet deeply convinced and encouraged I will be able to spend so much more time with him in eternity...

October 9 at 2:26 AM

JL

**John Lee** posted:

Loving Heavenly Father welcome your faithful Servant, Vivian Laird. Thank you for being a great example to me and my family. You will be missed.

October 7 at 4:50 PM

KW

**Kathy West** posted:

May our precious Lord be near you during the difficult days ahead, Marilyn, & give you His peace. I will always remember Wed. a.m. Bible Study at Calvary Chapel that Pastor Viv taught.

October 7 at 11:36 AM

AB

**Ashley Braband** posted:

Dear Pastor Viv, May our Lord and Savior welcome you with all of His love and grace, as only He can. You have truly been a bright shining light under our Lord's guidance. Thank you for your years of serving Jesus. You did make a difference even if there were times you didn't think so. May everyone remember you for "The Light That Never Goes Out"! Blessed is he who gets to see His face! We'll all see you soon!

October 6 at 10:57 AM



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**Cathy Singleton** posted:

Dear Marilyn, I have never met a couple like you and Vivian. Words can't express my respect and fondness for you both. Calvary Chapel has lost its father and grandfather, and we will never be the same without him. God's timing bringing you to Calvary Chapel was wonderful for all of us. We will always be thankful for his love, smiles and handshakes, attitude and direction, which was always to the Lord and to His Word. I pray the Lord keeps you in His perfect peace, and the same for your whole family. With much love in Jesus, Cathy Singleton

October 6 at 2:55 AM



## Media

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