



Lonzo Richard Wiggington

May 30, 1935 - January 24, 2022

Rev. Lonzo Richard Wiggington was born on May 30, 1935 in Jabez, Kentucky, and departed this life on January 24, 2022, at the age of 86. He was predeceased by his parents, Marley Ray and Elsie McGowan Wiggington, his youngest son, Jeffrey Jay Wiggington, and his brother, Dallus Glenn Wiggington.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Margaret Gwinn Polston Wiggington, his eldest son, Michael Ray (Theresa) Wiggington, grandson, James Richard (Sue Choi) Wiggington, granddaughter Amy Marissa Wiggington, brother, Donald Ray (Phyllis) Wiggington, two sisters, Hazel Martin and Doris Anderson, and several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Lonzo grew up on a farm, where they raised livestock, milked cows by hand, tilled the soil, worked tobacco, and cut timber. He learned the value of hard work and perseverance at an early age. He and his siblings were expected to pull their weight and complete their chores. He also learned the importance of having a close-knit family. They may have argued and quarreled with each other occasionally, but they would staunchly defend each other against anyone outside the family circle.

He married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Gwinn Polston, in 1954. They raised two rambunctious boys, welcomed a sweet daughter-in-law, and spoiled two grandchildren. He was proud to tell people that he had been married to the same woman for 67 years.

Lonzo was drafted into the Army and served from 1957 to 1959. He trained as

a tank operator and earned honors as a marksman, but most of his military time was served as a cook.

After he was discharged from the Army, Lonzo moved his family to Indianapolis to work in the automotive industry as a factory machinist. He was employed by International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1986 at the age of 51. He then launched himself into the business of buying, remodeling, and renting houses, and he was free to pursue his passion of working on lawnmowers and small tractors.

Lonzo accepted Christ on August 21, 1959. He yielded to the call to preach, and he delivered his first sermon at Mt. Hope Separate Baptist Church in Russell Springs, Kentucky December 21, 1963. Over the next 58 years, he preached 6,164 sermons -- all of which were meticulously chronicled by his wife, Margaret. He pastored churches in Franklin, Columbus, and Indianapolis, and he finished his pastorship at Fellowship of Christ Baptist Church in Beech Grove, Indiana where he served for over 30 years. He was proud to be called old-fashioned. He preached what he believed and practiced what he preached.

Lonzo lived life to its fullest. He knew great joy and loved being with family and friends. He was especially partial to children and was always delighted to be around them. He also knew sorrow and experienced every parent's worst nightmare, the loss of his youngest son, Jeffrey Jay, in 1998. His faith and the support of his family helped him cope with this sudden tragedy.

Lonzo loved John Deere tractors, biscuits & gravy, cornbread crumbled in buttermilk, and chocolate pie.

He leaves behind a legacy of steadfastness and faithfulness to God, his family, his church, and his country. His was a life well-lived. He will be sorely missed by all.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park

9350 E Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - February 07, 2022 at 09:36 AM

RH

“ What a great man thankful to have known him. Neighbor for 25 years always plowed are street when it snowed always willing to help. He will be missed.

*Sincerely
Randy and Dana Hankins*

Randy Hankins - February 03, 2022 at 02:48 PM

DF

“ So thankful to have been in many great meetings with Bro Alonzo and Sizter Margaret down through the years. We had great anticipation of the General Association to be held in North Carolina where Bro. London was to preach the introductory sermon. He will be missed. His strong gospel preaching will be missed. Jim and I send condolences and are praying for Margaret, Michael and all the family. It is Blessing to say his was a life well lived.and for the Hope that we will will meet again.
Jim, Dot Francis

Dot Francis - January 29, 2022 at 09:19 PM

MS

“ Oh, what a wonderful man! I enjoyed every visit I had with him and his sweet wife!! RIP my brother... I'll see you soon. Mark Smith

Mark Smith - January 28, 2022 at 09:00 AM

CT

“ Lonzo was a school mate and a lifelong friend Prayers for the family.

Claude Trimble - January 28, 2022 at 08:54 AM

LC

“ Sincere Sympathy. Linda and Anthony Carpenter



Linda Carpenter - January 27, 2022 at 12:43 PM

SP

“ I am so very sorry for this painful loss. My heart hurts with you. I have such wonderful, loving memories of my sweet Uncle Lonzo, even when he threatened to cut off my ears and said I was a "bad situation." :) I will miss his smile, his giggle, and his loving demeanor. Can you imagine the homecoming in Heaven when Lonzo and Jeff got to finally embrace again?!! Wow...What a reunion! I hate that I am not able to attend services and hug your neck but I am sending my love to you all, across the miles.

Sarah Polston

Sarah Polston - January 27, 2022 at 12:30 PM

MP

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Brother Lonzo. He was a friend and mentor in the ministry. He will be greatly missed.

Mike Perkins - January 27, 2022 at 04:01 PM

NP

My thoughts and prayers to your family to the family of Mr Wiggington.

Nancy Porter - January 28, 2022 at 03:20 AM

TB

“ *A great man of God. He will be missed. RIP Bro. Lonzo.*



Tim and Teresa Brock - January 27, 2022 at 10:54 AM

SW

“ *Bro Lonzo had a tremendous influence In my life from early age loved the time and memories I have from spending time in his home and church. Rip Bro Lonzo a life well lived, left a great example to a lost and dying world of all the things he loved his greatest desire was to see lost people saved. God Bless and comfort Sis Margaret and Mike and family during this time much love and prayers .. Until we meet again*

Steve Warner - January 27, 2022 at 09:55 AM

GP

“ *Lonzo was an old-time preacher of the gospel. He was a good brother-in-law to me. I have good memories of my preacher brother. Prayers for my sister Margaret and my nephew Mike and his family. I know this hurts, but heaven just got sweeter for you.*

Garry Polston - January 27, 2022 at 05:07 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lonzo Richard Wiggington.*



January 26, 2022 at 06:37 PM



“ *From your family at Lee and Lee, Lebanon purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lonzo Richard Wiggington.*



From your family at Lee and Lee, Lebanon - January 26, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Linda Warner lit a candle in memory of Lonzo Richard Wiggington*



Linda Warner - January 26, 2022 at 01:34 PM



From, Steve, Linda and the boys!

Linda Warner - January 26, 2022 at 01:34 PM

LP

“ Larry Polston purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Lonzo Richard Wiggington.



Larry Polston - January 26, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lonzo Richard Wiggington.



January 26, 2022 at 10:54 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lonzo Richard Wiggington.



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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lonzo Richard Wiggington.* ”



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