



## Daryl E. Billings

October 20, 1951 - January 2, 2020

Joplin, MO- Daryl Eugene Billings passed away on Thursday, January 2nd, at his home in Joplin surrounded by his family.

Daryl was born on October 20, 1951 in Kansas City, Missouri, the second son of Dudley and Jane Billings. He graduated from Oak Park High School in 1969 and received a BS in Science from William Jewel College in 1973. He married Pamela Holloway on August 19, 1972 and together they moved to Melvern, Kansas where Daryl taught high school science and continued his education. He received a Masters Degree from Emporia State University in 1975. While in Kansas, Daryl and Pam were blessed by the birth of their daughter, Carrie Lynn.

Daryl began his “dream job” with the Missouri Department of Conservation in 1977 and spent 17 years in various locations in the state. While living in Columbia, Missouri, their family was completed by the birth of their son, Dustin Russell. Daryl retired from MDC in 1994 as Supervisor of the Southwest Regional District in Springfield.

Daryl had been actively involved in church for several years, but transitioned to full time ministry in 1994 as Associate Pastor at Christ Community United Methodist Church. While at CCUMC, Daryl lost the wife of his youth, Pam, to non-hodgkin lymphoma.

In answer to Pam's prayer, Jesus brought Daryl a new wife. He married Deborah (Price) Wilson on September 6, 1997. The marriage added four more children to the family – Jacob Ray, Nathaniel Eli, Hayley Ruth, and Lucas Price Wilson.

Daryl continued in the ministry for several years including planting a new church and establishing CrossRoads International House of Prayer, both in Joplin. He also returned to teaching and taught at Joplin Alternative High School, Carthage High School, and Labette County High School. Daryl loved teaching and loved his students. He was open and honest with his students about being a pastor and, as a result, performed weddings for many of his former students.

In addition to his wife, Pam, Daryl was preceded in death by both parents.

Daryl is survived by the wife of his mid-life, Deborah; children Carrie O'Neal (Darrell), Republic MO and Dustin Billings (Brooks), Joplin; and step-children Jacob Wilson, Joplin, Nathaniel Wilson (Idella), Richlands NC, Hayley Kahler (Clint), Carthage, and Lucas Wilson, Joplin. Additional survivors include 21 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, that are literally scattered from coast to coast, as well as one brother, Dudley Ray Billings (Sharon), Liberty MO and nephews David Billings (Pam), Lees Summit MO and Brandon (Larissa), Gladstone MO.

A celebration of Daryl's life will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at Joplin Family Worship Center, 5290 E 7th St, in Joplin. The auditorium will be available for seating at 12:30 PM with the service starting promptly at 1:00 PM. A time of visitation and fellowship will be held immediately afterward.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to one of the following

organizations:

Dwelling Place Ministries ([www.dpmkc.org](http://www.dpmkc.org))

NextGen Worship ([www.nextgenworship.com](http://www.nextgenworship.com))

Prostate Cancer Foundation ([www.pcf.org](http://www.pcf.org))

American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org))


Arrangements are by Midland Cremation Society of Joplin.

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