



## Rev. Dr. Paul Koonce

August 6, 1954 - July 10, 2016

Dr. Paul Alan Koonce, 61, pastor and missionary, passed away July 10, 2016 in Bartlesville.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 13 at First Baptist Church, Bartlesville with Dr. Michael Vallandingham and Rev. Keith Jordan officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Paul was born in Oklahoma City Aug. 6, 1954. He earned degrees from Oklahoma Baptist University, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Southern Baptist Seminary of Biblical Studies. He married Terri Belcher March 19, 1976. He ministered as pastor of three Southern Baptist churches in Oklahoma and Missouri, serving in various leadership positions in the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He then served the 37 Southern Baptist churches of Washington-Osage Baptist Association for 18 years as Director of Missions. In addition to preaching, he led students and adults from local churches on mission trips to Leon, Mexico and Malawi, Africa, sharing the Gospel, planting churches, and developing leaders.

Paul is survived by his wife, Terri; son Brian Koonce and his wife, Megan, of Jefferson City, Mo.; daughter Kelly Charles, her husband, Ryan, and grandson-on-the-way, Reed Daniel Charles, of Oklahoma City; mother, Opal Ashenbrenner, of Oklahoma City; and sister, Karen Sue Johnson and her

husband, Jack, of Texhoma. He is preceded in death by his father, Guy L. Koonce, Jr.

Memorial gifts honoring Paul may be given to Manna Ministries in Malawi – a ministry that provides food and hope for orphans and widows – in care of Washington-Osage Baptist Association, 3801 N. Maryland, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Viewing is available through Tuesday evening at Walker-Brown Funeral Home.

Pall Bearers are: Jack Johnson, Jordan Johnson, Greg Dalton, Lonnie Hoelscher, Artie Hudson and Willard Lyons.

Honorary Pall Bearers are: Pastors of Washington Osage Baptist Association Churches and Reverend Charles Malekano

# Tribute Wall



“ *Posted by Tim Green from Seminole, Oklahoma  
Terri, praying constantly for you and your precious family. May the  
Lord sustain and salve you by His Sweet Spirit!  
07/11/2016 at 07:17pm*

*Posted by Mary Allen from Paoli, Oklahoma  
Terri my heart goes out to you during this time.. We had worked so  
closely with Prevent Blindness and it was always a pleasure to see  
you. May God wrap his arms around you and your family. Paul  
faithful to The Lord even to the end. God bless. Love you. Mary A  
07/13/2016 at 03:38am*

*Posted by Lou Brock from Pawnee, Oklahoma  
I had the privilege of knowing this wonderful youngster as the  
pianist for Osage Indian Baptist Church in Pawhuska (2010-14), and  
enjoyed his friendship and love for everyone. He and his assistant  
at WOBAP are just the best. He will be missed, but knowing that he  
is with the Lord singing His praises. God Bless his family during this  
time of sorrow and healing.  
07/13/2016 at 12:58pm*

*Posted by Jim/wylene Brunk from Park Hill, Oklahoma  
Will always remember the first time we met at Falls Creek as new  
DOMs. Paul was a sweet and gentle giant! God has used his  
faithfulness in touching lives all over the world. Praying God will  
comfort your hearts and that his legacy will live on through all the  
lives he has touched and God has changed! 😊  
07/14/2016 at 12:19am*

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