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Dear Praying Friends,

I just wanted to let you know that Ron was promoted to heaven on Saturday, October 12. He is now where he has wanted to be for three years. He fought a good fight and finished well. He was teasing right up to the end of his life. It is hard for me to be sad as I know he is pain free and with the Lord we served. We have 60 years of marriage, a wonderful family, and a life of being in the Lord's service. I am attaching his obituary and want to invite you to watch his uplifting funeral service, which you can find on YouTube at Crossroads Baptist Church, Carthage, MO. God brought many friends, family, pastors and missionaries from all over the US. We love each of you and so appreciate your faithful prayers and support.

## Obituary for Dr. Larry Ronald Bragg "Ron"

Larry Ronald Bragg "Ron," age 81, ended his earthly ministry and was welcomed into Heaven on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Ron is preceded in death by his mother, Lena, and his father, August Bragg, six brothers and five sisters, as well as one grandson, Trace Stephenson.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, three sons Kory Bragg (Angie), Hiram Bragg (April), and Luke Bragg (Amy) and two daughters Kelly Hook (Greg) and Hannah Townsley (Luke) as well as fifteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren who know him fondly as grandpa, gramps and g-pop. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who call him Uncle Ron.

Ron graduated from Carthage Senior High in 1961 and then served in the US Navy. He was saved and called into the Lord's service under the ministry of Dr. J. Harold Smith in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The family sold their home and possessions and left for Bible College in Greenville, South Carolina. God led Brother Bragg to the African country of Senegal, where he and his family served for 16 years before becoming the Africa Director in 1991, of Baptist International Missions, Inc., Chattanooga, TN. Not only did he visit and help missionaries on the field of Africa, but also did many training of missionary candidates stateside preparing them for the field. He was also busy preaching mission's conferences all over the US. Brother Bragg had a big heart for missions and seeing others come to Christ. He received his 50 year pin from BIMi for his service.

In 1994, the Lord led Brother Bragg to help organized Crossroads Baptist Church in Carthage, MO, which has been in existence for 30 years.

In his later years he enjoyed spending time in his shop at the farm in Carthage, making birdhouses, cutting boards, and clocks to give away. He was always busy with a project and loved to ride around with his trusty dog, Jack, to see what needed fixing. He also was blessed teaching his college and career Sunday school class at Crossroads Baptist Church right up to a few weeks before he passed away. He also loved having missionary families visit the farm and stay awhile, always entertaining them with his mission stories and encouraging them to stay on the firing line for the Lord.

Ron loved Jesus and loved others. He never missed a chance to make someone smile or laugh. He will be greatly missed by many and left a legacy of love, faith, family and service that will be remembered for years to come.

To God be the glory,

*Donna Bragg*

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