



Dr. Neville Edward Gritt

February 12, 1939 - June 6, 2020

Dr. Neville Edward Gritt, 81, of Sarasota, Florida passed away on June 6, 2020. Born in Aldershot, England to Mr. & Mrs. Gritt, Neville has been a permanent resident of the United States since 1963, becoming a naturalized U.S. Citizen in 1983.

He served in the Royal Air Force from 1957 until 1961 as a Senior Aircraftsman, Radar Technician.

In 1959 Neville married his beloved Lorette, and began a career as a corporate executive and manager, ultimately serving as Owner and President of the Standard Steel Corporation in Columbus, Ohio.

His call to ministry began in 1956 when he was converted at Youth for Christ in Bournemouth, England, serving as a youth evangelist and lay preacher in Cornwall, England, a Sunday School teacher in Bournemouth, England, Columbus, Ohio, and Lakeland, Florida. He also served as a Deacon at Redeemer Church in Columbus, Ohio, and organized the Bus Ministry, Prison Ministry, and Junior Church at Faith Assembly of God Church in Sarasota, Florida and First Assembly of God Church in Lakeland, Florida. In his last appointment Dr. Gritt served as the Pastor at The Tabernacle Church in Sarasota, Florida, retiring in 2005.

He is survived by his loving wife Lorette, son Andrew Neville Gritt, daughter Michelle Joy Gritt, 10 cherished grandchildren, and 6 precious great grandchildren.

A celebration of Pastor Gritt's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27th at The Tabernacle Church, 4141 DeSoto Road, Sarasota, FL 34235.

His family requests memorial contributions be made to the church at the above address.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

JUN 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Tabernacle Church
4141 Desoto Road
Sarasota, FL 34235

Tribute Wall



“ I’m just discovering this obituary. I served as Music Director at The Tabernacle Church with Pastor Neville in 1990. Seems like such a long time ago. I loved Pastor and Lorette. He was one of the finest bible teachers I was ever privileged to sit under. Rest in peace Pastor until we meet again on the other side.
Jim Jordan

Jim Jordan - July 18, 2022 at 04:16 AM



Michelle Cooper

Thank you Jim and much love to your family

Michelle Cooper - December 05, 2022 at 09:06 PM



I remember Neville Gritt very well, and I appreciate the way he reached out to my father after he had open heart surgery in 1978 and the big part that The Tabernacle played in showing me the way to Jesus in order for me to come to know him. I t was also such a blessing to get to know Michelle later.

Freddy Jones - August 14, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Pastor Neville was a great man of God. He was my pastor for over 20 years. I loved his preaching, his love for the King James Bible, his sweet loving spirit that was shown to everyone he came in contact with. Though we will all miss him here we will rejoice with him in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ.*
Jon Brewer

Jon Brewer - June 25, 2020 at 03:54 PM



Michelle Cooper

Thank you Jon and much love to your family

Michelle Cooper - December 05, 2022 at 09:06 PM

LF

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Gritt family. I have many fond memories of Neville. Probably the best is when he performed the wedding vow renewal ceremony for my husband, who had never attended the Tabernacle up to that point, and me. Neville was very welcoming to him, which witnessed powerfully to my husband. Blessings to the Gritt family.*

Linda Franklin - June 17, 2020 at 12:11 PM



thank you Linda

Michelle Cooper - June 17, 2020 at 03:53 PM

MM

“ *Pastor Gritt was very close to my parents. The last time I saw him he came to see Mom in a rehab center. They both had Parkinson's Disease. I was so touched to see how upbeat he was and gave Mom joy and comfort even though his condition was as bad as hers. God bless you Pastor Gritt. May you Rest In Peace. Melinda Cooley Major*

melinda major - June 17, 2020 at 05:21 AM



thank you melinda

Michelle Cooper - June 17, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Neville Edward Gritt.*



June 17, 2020 at 05:13 AM

LR

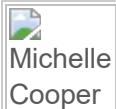
“ I broke off my engagement to my now wife a month before the wedding. Seven months later we got back together and I wanted to marry her and she gave me three weeks to get it together. I called Neville and he said well let's do this. He gave us the honor Of being the first couple to be married in the new Tabernacle which is the old church now. That was 44 years ago and I will always be grateful for never pulling that off. We moved to Tennessee where my wife is from and it was very lonely up there Which put me into a type of depression. One day in the afternoon I answered the phone and it was never asking me how I was doing and is everything OK. Never moved in the spirit and always knew the right things to say to me. He loves apple pie and said from the pulpit One day that he loved it so much he would like to lick the plate but Loretta wouldn't let him lol. He was sincerely my brother it was always there for me, Even if I hadn't seen him in a couple years we would pick up right Where we left off, as if we had seen each other every day. I truly love that man

lewey rawlinson - June 16, 2020 at 10:25 PM

LR

My dictation is bad on my phone it spelled Neville's name wrong. I am sorry about that

lewey rawlinson - June 16, 2020 at 10:29 PM



thank you lewey love and blessing to your family

Michelle Cooper - June 17, 2020 at 03:55 PM



I remember you and your family and i remember the apple pie story too!

Michelle Cooper - June 17, 2020 at 03:58 PM

DM

“ *Pastor Neville has influenced, inspired, and empowered home and foreign missionaries around the world. His vision helped us to establish two churches in the Florida Keys and a French Bible college overseas, but our story is only one of many. He loved God and those God him to serve. He is and will always be a treasured friend and colleague; our family was blessed to have known him and his lovely family.*

David & Shirley Martz - June 16, 2020 at 11:10 AM

GV

What a wonderful man of God. He had such a profound effect on my life and thousands more. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Georg Valla - June 16, 2020 at 12:11 PM


Michelle
Cooper

thank you David and Shirley

Michelle Cooper - June 17, 2020 at 03:56 PM


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thank you Georg

Michelle Cooper - June 17, 2020 at 03:56 PM