



A.P. Vohs

September 6, 1928 - January 28, 2012

A.P. Vohs of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, left this life on earth for his heavenly home on the 28th of January, 2012, at the Willard Walker Hospice Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was the only son of Albert Peter Vohs and Golda Irene Mann Vohs, born on September 6, 1928, in McDonald, Kansas.

He was born again on December 18, 1949, in Goodland, Kansas at Calvary Gospel Church. Reared on a farm near Edson, Kansas, he attended elementary and high school in Edson, graduating in 1946. Having rented his first 320 acres of land when he was 14, he continued farming with his dad on a large acreage. He owned and operated a Grade A dairy in addition to farming. Darline Roe from Oberlin, Kansas, moved to Goodland to work in a bank, they met and married a year and one day later on June 15, 1947. Their sons, Evan and Randy, were born while living on a farm near Edson. After he became a Christian he organized and directed Goodland Youth for Christ, holding rallies in various auditoriums on Saturday nights and singspirations on Monday evening in homes. Gideon's International became a part of his ministry and he was instrumental in organizing the St. Francis, Kansas Camp. In 1952, he answered God's call to the ministry of the Gospel. They had a farm auction and made the move to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he enrolled in St. Paul Bible College. Their only daughter, Jan, was born the first day he started college. Not being content to go to classes in the morning, studying in the afternoon and working at nights, and sleeping as time allowed, he began ministering as student

pastor at Faith Bible Church, in St. Paul, where he was ordained to the ministry in 1955, then became pastor of that church. He graduated from St. Paul Bible College in 1956, earning a diploma in Bible and Theology.

Realizing he needed to pursue further education to be able to support his family adequately, they moved to Denver, Colorado, where he became a student at the University of Denver. In 1958, the family moved to Greeley, Colorado, where he attended Northern Colorado University earning his bachelor's degree in elementary education and later his master's degree in psychology and guidance. While living in Greeley, he became director of Greeley Youth for Christ, also starting a Sunday School in Big Thompson Canyon below Estes park.

His first teaching position other than being a graduate assistant at the University of Denver and Northern Colorado University was at Lone, Colorado, where he was principal and teacher in the upper elementary grades. The family moved to Prairie Village, Kansas,

in 1961 where he joined the faculty of Calvary Bible College, serving also as Dean of Men. He began pursuing his doctorate in education at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Missouri. He later completed his Ed.D. in administration and higher education at the University of Arkansas in 1970.

Their last move was to Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where he served at JBU as assistant professor of teacher education, Director of Audio Visuals, Director of Admissions and Supervisor of student teachers. Other places he taught were Northeastern State University at Tahlequah, Oklahoma in the graduate school; Arkansas State College, Conway, Arkansas continuing education classes at the Fayetteville West Campus. He also served as interim principal at the Gravette High School in 1975-76, and principal of the elementary school in 1988-89.

He pastored churches in Gravette, Arkansas (First Christian) Bethel and Watts United Methodist Churches in West Siloam Springs and Watts, Oklahoma; Flint Ridge Community Chapel, Oklahoma, Community Church in Climax, Colorado, Grace Bible Church in Siloam Springs and Howe-Savoy Bible Church in Savoy, Arkansas.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Darline of the home; sons Evan Vohs

and his wife Dean; Randy Vohs and his wife Connie, both of Siloam Springs; daughter Jan Potter of Siloam Springs; six grandsons, Devin Vohs, and his wife Sandi of Forth Smith, Arkansas, Darren Vohs of Garfield, Aric Potter of Siloam Springs, Nelson Vohs and his wife Betsey, northwest Arkansas, Matthew Vohs and his wife Melanie Fayetteville, Matt Ochoa and wife Amy of Bentonville; three granddaughters, Erin Pashiewicz and husband Ryan, Megan Saliga and husband Tom, Centerton, Mary Mounce and husband Jerrod, Lowell; nine great grandchildren; Haddie and Isaiah Vohs, James Riley and Halee Vohs, Jacob, Molly, and Marcus Mounce, Zane and Zoe Ochoa, and baby Pashewicz; 11 nieces and nephews including Tanya Schimon, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Kevin Schimon, Fort Smith; One aunt, Jo Mann, Goodland, Kansas; two brothers-in-law, Bob Schimon, Carrier, Oklahoma, and John Odle, Towanda, Kansas; one god child, Cindy Phillips of Candler, North Carolina; and many other who loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Elaine Rauscher. He always said his hobby was working. He also loved to read, enjoyed music, playing the piano and organ and helping others, especially telling them about Jesus and why He came to earth, leaving heaven's glory. A.P. enjoyed the business world and owned the Piano and Organ Studios in Fayetteville for 17 years. He purchased the Bible Bookstore in Siloam Springs in January 1965, and operated it for 40 years with the help of Darline and Jan and others.

He was active in civic clubs including Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Ministerial Alliance and serving on the Siloam Springs Planning Commission.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and community.

A Celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, February 2, at First Baptist Church, in Siloam Springs, at 2:00 p.m., The Reverend Gairy Osburn, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, will officiate. Viewing will be Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Following the celebration of life, a reception will be held at the church. A private burial will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideon's International, P.O. Box 273. Siloam Springs, AR 72761, or the Siloam Springs High School Scholarship Fund, 700 North Progress Avenue, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

Arrangements are by Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. With Jesus, that's where he is; far better, that's how he is.

This only partially covers the dash between the dates of his birth and the time of his departure.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Mr. Vohs was my psychology teacher at Calvary Bible College in Prairie Village Kansas in 1962. He was a delightful person to know. I now live in Siloam Springs and am 81 years old. Good memories of a very nice gentleman. See you in heaven Mr. Vohs. Cathryn Kudrikoff (Boring)*

Cathryn (Kudrikoff) Boring - July 28, 2023 at 06:48 PM

VM

“ *We were privileged to know Dr. Vohs from our days in Gravette, Siloam Springs and while attending school at John Brown University. He was a remarkable man who touched so many lives. He let the Lord work in and through him -- he was such a great example of a man who turned his steps into the Lords.*

Vernon and Ann Marshall - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

RS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you cope with your loss. A.P. was such a special man. Jacob always enjoyed going places with A.P. and Aric when they were little.*

Ray & Angela Scott - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DH

“ To the Vohs family:

Unfortunately, a death in my own family precluded my attending A. P.'s services. I am one among many to whom, at a particularly dark time in my life, A. P. reached out with encouragement, love and comfort. He was a Pastor in the absolutely best sense of that calling, generally unacknowledged but without the likes of whom this world would, no doubt, fall apart. I think of him tarrying before the Gates of Heaven, not quite ready to enter because looking back to see if a few stragglers might need a hand in climbing the steps. In other respects as well, he was a steadfast friend to me.

David Hanemaayer - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

CR

“ We will miss seeing A.P. in town. Everytime we saw him he always was very positive.

We are sorry for your loss.

Chyle & Marie Rollins

Chyle & Marie Rollins - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

CH

“ AP was always there for us in our time of need, We could always depend on him to help us thru hard times. There just wernt enough of him to go around. He will be greatly missed, in our hearts forever,
Carly daughter of Pauline

Carly Hoffman - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

RD

“ *Deepest Sympathy, he was one of my favorite Uncles. Have nothing but good memories of him and all the Summers I spent there. Loved his Ventriloquism! Will miss him dearly.*

*Love,
Dani*

Ray & Dani DuPont - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

RA

“ *A fine man. I've known him for many years. He will be missed.*

Randall & Lynn Nix

Randall - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

KH

“ *A.P. - you got in the game! For about 40 years you have been an example, and encouragement, to my family and me in all the things in which we have been involved. You will be missed, but we all look forward to the reunion ahead for all us have been born again into God's Family through Jesus Christ - as I have heard you present over and over. See you soon! Kim*

Kim and Marylea Hendren - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

TM

“ *Evan and Randy, our thoughts are with you and your family*

Tom and Sondra McCurdy - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

LT

“ Bro. Vohs will always be remembered. I always enjoyed coming into the Bible Book Store and seeing him there working so tirelessly helping people with things. I attended weddings of friends that he performed and he always had a witty heart. I know you will miss him. We all will.

Lois and Lonnie Troglin - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DC

“ AP will surely be missed, but we can rejoice in his presence with the Lord today.

denise chandler - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

BM

“ AP will be missed. We are thinking of you during the loss of A.P. I have memories of working with him at the Bible Bookstore. Mom and I have memories of A.P. being the preacher at Bethel United Methodist Church.

Bartina Springer and Dorodthy Marveggio - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

EN

“ Darline, my heart goes out to you at this time. I set hear reading his obit with tears running down my cheeks but also a smile as to have had the honor to have met such a grand person as A.P. I just wanted you to know that my prayers are with you and I love you both .

Elane North - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

TJ

“ We will never forget your kindness you showed to us as a young married couple with our new baby daughter April. Dr. Vohs did our baby decication for April at the little church in West Siloam. I was always welcome in the Vohs home when I was a student at JBU, even though I was Evan's friend. Evan was always working on my roadrunner and it probably set in your garage more than you would have appreciated, but you always welcomed me to you home as a guest. We have fond memories of our years in Siloam Springs and shopped often in your Bible book store. We will see you again in Heaven
God Bless
Travis and Marlene Jones

Travis and Marlene Jones - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

BD

“ What a man ... what an example ... what a life. As I told Evan, only one person is really qualified to preach AP's Funeral ... AP. Though he can't ... somehow he will be speaking to all of us there by his example and the standards that he set. I never spoke with him that I didn't learn something ... many times about myself. He was as good a listener as a speaker and as good a friend as a preacher.

Brad DeZurik - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

GM

“ HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN AND A BLESSING TO US AT HOWE SAVOY BIBLE CHURCH. WE APPRECIATED HIS MUSIC, SERMONS, STORIES, AND HIS ENTHUSIASM.

GUY @ ERMA MATTHEWS - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

CF

“ *Darlene & Family,*

Our thoughts & blessings are with you and the family. We will miss him and cherish all the wonderful memories that we shared through the years.

*With love,
Coke & Ruth Foster*

Coke & Ruth Foster - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

RB

“ *A.P. was such a wonderful man!*

He married my parents Rex and Mary Beth Mitchell and they have been married for 30+ years so when my husband and I got married we asked A.P. to marry us as well.

He was such a wonderful man with an even more beautiful heart!

We love you A.P.

Pauli and Ryan Brown

Ryan and Pauli Brown - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

JH

“ *Evan, Randy, Jan and Darlene,*

I will never forget the great Sundays (and any other day of the week) when I would bring Ben into the bible book store to visit. I was going thru Ben's baby things during graduation in May and found cards and pictures of all of us at A.P and Darlene's house on Sunday afternoon for lunch. I have a precious picture of Ben riding the lawnmower with A.P. Just think he beat all of us to the place where we are all striving to get to. Cant wait to see him again someday. My prayers are with all of ya'll. I feel so helpless right now but the only thing I can do is pray for everyone during this time of sorrow. I love and miss yall.

Vanessa Wendt

jim huskins - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

JB

“ *I am so sorry you are having to go through this sorrow, but, A.P. is with our Lord and Savior as you well know.*

I will always have fond memories of A.P. for his kind, helpful, and caring ways.

Blessings and prayers to all of you

Janie

Janie Brown - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

TT

“ *Evan, Randy, and Jan!*

You have been so blessed to have the Christian Father you have. My prayers are with all three of you. I pray each one of you will be there for your Mother and each other in the days that lie ahead. Keep your faith and trust in the ONE your Dad taught to trust. He will see you through these times. He had a great love for his family, just always keep the memories alive. I love each of you in a very special way. My prayers are with you. God bless you.

Tava

Tava Taylor - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

TT

“Darline,
Words can not express what I am feeling. So many thoughts that has gone through my mind. I could write a book on what A P and you mean to me (this Arkansas Preacher is what people in Carolina call him and said AP stood for) I share one or two. One is he shared that God isn't through with me yet. NO! My God isn't through with him yet! He will still touch lives by those whose life he touched. Sunday while I was in church, the choir was singing "What a day that will be, when my Jesus shall see, when I look upon his face, the one who saved me by his grace, When He takes me by his hand and leads me through the promised land." I could just see Jesus saying "Welcome Home, son, look over there your Mom, Dad, Elaine, and look there's Bill, Edgar, Uncle Pete, three who you led to Me, yes, many others and more to come. He was exactly what he preached. His little poem he gave me once. "I am my neighbor's BIBLE, he reads when we meet, Today he reads in my home, Tomorrow on the street, He may relative, or friend or slight acquaintance be, He may not even know my name, But yet he is reading me!" Yes, he lived what preached.
Darline, I know it going to be lonely with God you will make it until you go to meet him, "What a Day that will be!"
The miles are between us but my love and prayers are there with you.
I love you, Tava

Tava Taylor - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

WB

“Evan...so sorry to see the passing of your Dad. I can truly say I understand after losing my father some years back, but time does help but memories never fade always remember the good times...Wayne

Wayne Brashear - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

LC

“ On behalf of the Ralph Kennedy family -the folks who attended and had fellowship through the Vohs years at Grace Bible Church, and the 1960's-1970's JBU family - Mr. A P Vohs will truly be missed for sure. Like my parents, the Browns, Mr. Vohs, & oh so many others, we are thankful for those who have gone on before. Although they are missed by loved ones here on earth, we know that they are rejoicing with Jesus on that precious heavenly shore!

Lucy Kennedy Cundiff - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

TE

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We have so many memories of your dad. We knew your dad as Pastor, Educator, Businessman, Family Friend and Story Teller. We know you will miss him, but how wonderful to have so many good memories of a man who served God.
You and your families will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom and Annetta Elgie - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DC

“ My heart is so filled with thoughts and memories - - -
I remember in the 1960's when Evan and Randy came to JBU for a Kansas City Youth for Christ camp. They liked not only JBU but also Siloam & upon their return to Kansas City, talked their folks into coming & checking out our town. Mrs. Vohs was one of the secretaries that graced my Dad's JBU office. I remember when the Boehrs sold the Bible Bookstore to the Vohs. (The Bible Bookstore was one of my favorite places to hangout.) Mr. Vohs was active in Siloam Springs Youth for Christ during my highschool and college years, as well as being one of my JBU Bible professors. To all the Vohs family - thanks for sharing Mr. A P (always wondered what A P stood for -I had an idea, but wow was I ever wrong) with us for these many years - and - Thanks for the memories too!

Don & Lucy (Kennedy) Cundiff - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

NP

“ Dear Family,
AP was such a part of our family. Through you all Ned and I met in your garage and AP married us 2 years later. I will never forget all the hours we spent at your home and all the nursing care you gave to me when I had a broken arm. Twenty-five years after we were married your dad performed the ceremony for Lundy just days after having a stiint put in. He didn't have the heart to tell her no since she had so looked forward to him doing the service for her. You all are loved very much by us and will be in our prayers. Praise the LORD that we will all get to be with AP again someday.

Ned & Marie Phillips - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

GG

“ With deepest sympathy to you and your family. Knowing how much he enjoyed serving the Lord, I am sure he has a well earned place with Him and the angels. Our prayers are with you as you go through this journey of sorrow because you are missing him but also joy, in knowing he is at peace with his Maker.

Greg and Carol Gray - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

MC

“ So very sorry to hear of A>P>'s passing. He is at home with his Lord and Savior. No more pain,no more heartache,just rejoiceing. My thoughts are with the family.

MarilynHolcomb Cox - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

TR

“ I don't even know where to start when I start to think about A.P. Him, Darline and Jan have been such a part of my life for so long. My very first job was at the Bible Book Store when I was about 13 years old. I always remember A.P. always having a smile and a kind word for everyone. Even after I wasn't working at the Bible Book Store I still would drop in to visit. After he retired from the book store I would see him around town and he always would either shake my hand or hug my neck and tell me what a good girl I was. A.P. will be greatly missed by so many. To the family you will all be in my thoughts and prayers as you enter this next chapter in your life. A.P.s work in this life is over and now he is where he has worked so many years to go and that is in heaven. I will miss you my friend and until we meet again our fight here on earth will continue on.

Tonya Myrick Roberts - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

GH

“ A.P. will be greatly missed by many. He always had a smile and a kind word to say. Clifford Carlile truly looked up to A.P. he talked about A.P. a lot. I remember him coming to the Nazarene church when I was in Bible school with his ventriloquist dolls.

Georgenia Robison Harris - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

KS

“ Dear Evan and Dean,

What an unbelievable reward your dad has moved on to! His testimony and example has long been a light in Siloam Springs.

We met him shortly after we moved here in 1986 at the Bible Bookstore he owned. Such a sweet spirit he has and we were fortunate to have met him.

Heaven will surely enjoy him, and he is finally home.

Praying for your comfort in the loss of one so dear.

Keith and Donna Schultz - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DB

“ Randy,

I just wanted to let you know we are praying for you and your family. We pray that God will give you comfort and peace in the coming days, weeks and months.

*David Brown
Sunshine Mills Inc.*

David Brown - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM