



Dennis Dale Thrasher

November 14, 1941 - September 30, 2025

Dennis Dale Thrasher, 83, graduated to his Heavenly home on September 30, 2025, at the home of his brother and sister-in-law under their loving care. He was born in Gentry, AR, on November 14, 1941. He attended Gentry school and graduated in 1960.

Dennis was saved on July 24, 1959, Baptized in water on August 2, 1959, and received the Holy Spirit on August 24, 1959. He first felt the call to preach in August 1960, but he continued to work full-time and preached a few revivals in his early years.

He served as a youth pastor at the First Assembly of God in Rogers, AR, under Pastor Don Brankel in 1966. After he was drafted by the military, he went to basic training in Ft Polk, LA, and also Ft Sill, OK, from November 1966 to March 1967. When he returned home from the military [divorced and feeling like damaged goods], he couldn't get the call to preach out of his mind. So instead of returning to his job that was waiting for him in Rogers, he took the big step of faith and prayed, "Lord, if it is you calling me, then open the doors, and if not, close them, and I will get my job back." God, in his mercy, did just that, and he has never been without a place to preach since.

He went full-time as an evangelist for the Assemblies of God on April 10, 1967. And has traveled full-time as an Evangelist in the U.S. and overseas for 48 years. He was Licensed on October 3, 1967, and Ordained in 1970.

He has made 63 mission trips overseas and preached on 5 of the 7 continents: North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. The

only two he hasn't preached on are Africa and Antarctica. He has gone on 24 different Arkansas AIM trips.

The countries he has preached in, besides America, are the following: El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Peru, Argentina, Thailand, Taiwan, Australia, Germany, Micronesia, The Virgin Islands, England, Scotland, and Ireland. He went to Ireland 24 times, and for over 20 years, he has worked with Missionary Gary Davidson on annual trips to see this island nation go from one Assembly of God Church to having over 33 Churches and its own General Council.

His total dedication to God has never wavered, and the ministry and missions have remained his passion throughout his life.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Virgil Dennis Thrasher and Leona Bryant Thrasher.

He is survived by his only sibling, Arlis D. Thrasher and wife Janis Dane Thrasher of Rogers, AR; niece, Dana Thrasher Smith and husband Rev. Ronnie Smith of St. Joe, AR; nephew, Scott Thrasher of Centerton, AR; great-nieces and nephews, Dane Smith of Rogers, AR, Austin Thrasher and wife Tatum of Centerton, AR, Olivia Robertson and husband Derek of McComb, MS, Jase Smith and fiancé Ciera Scott of Duncan, OK, Grace Smith of St. Joe, AR, Brennen Thrasher of Fayetteville, AR, and Jensen Thrasher of Bentonville, AR; great-great-nieces and nephews, Rayelyn Smith, Cayden Smith, Stryker Smith, Rosaliegh Robertson, Silas Robertson, and Waylon Smith; cousin (who is like a sister), Judy Smith and husband Joe of Siloam Springs, AR; and a host of friends, family, and hundreds of youth around the world who still call him "Uncle Denny."

A visitation will be held at The Assembly in Gentry, AR, on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The funeral service will follow the visitation, beginning at 12 p.m. Burial will be at Springtown Cemetery.

If you are unable to attend the service, a livestream video will be available on Wasson Funeral Home's Facebook page. The video will start streaming a few minutes before the service begins.

Cemetery Details

Springtown Cemetery

Springtown, AR
Springtown, AR 72734

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

The Assembly - Gentry
821 E Main Street
Gentry, AR 72734

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

OCT 4 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ I will always remember Brother Dennis A super man and certainly was a man of God I always love cutting his hair and hearing about his travels and just talking about God I also cut his Mom hair and styled it every Friday at 8:00.I would go pick her up on my way to salon and when finished I would take her home. I loved that family He will be missed

Joyce Cook - October 30, 2025 at 10:55 PM

KB

“ I have so many fond memories of Bro. Dennis from all the years he ministered at Twin Assembly in Palestine. He began coming yearly and would hold 3 week revival. I was just a young teenager, so it was at least 50 years ago. I can remember thinking back then that Jesus would return before the next year. We kept up with him thru the years. Like my husband said, he's made it home, he's better off than we are. Sending all of you a big hug from Palestine!

Kathy French Billingsley - October 05, 2025 at 06:00 PM

KR

“ kelly Reed lit a candle in memory of Dennis Thrasher



kelly Reed - October 04, 2025 at 12:05 PM

KR

“ Thrasher family,
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Dennis. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the whole family. Dennis will be greatly missed but we have the blessed hope of seeing him again someday. We love you!!!!
Kelly and Laveta Reed

kelly Reed - October 04, 2025 at 12:04 PM

SF

“ 2 files added to the album Ireland remembers...



Switzer family - October 04, 2025 at 07:38 AM

LB

“ Dennis was my cousin. We are a close family and I always loved to visit Dennis, Arlis, Leona and Aunt Alice. It was such a a treat! We were "Hillbilly" kids from Missouri, but they always acted glad to see us and treated us like we were royalty!! I was always proud of Dennis and his amazing accomplishments. Unfortunately, due to a previous commitment, I won't be able to attend his service, but he will be in my heart and on my mind and I will never forget how much he has meant to me throughout my entire life! I love him so dearly



Linda Lindquist Baldwin

Linda Lindquist Baldwin - October 03, 2025 at 08:14 PM

TP

Brother Arlis , Janis, and families sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. He ran a good race for the Kingdom so I know he's resting in peace! We go back such a long ways in our Christian journey, like more than 50 years and we still refer to the Thrashers as our pastors. God bless and love to all of you 🙏

Tom and Judy

Tom and Judy Pannell - October 24, 2025 at 09:53 AM

SM

“ *The last time I saw Dennis Thrasher 'in the flesh' was at an 'American - Ireland reunion' at Siloam Springs, Arkansas in May 2017. As ever, he was his gentle, quietly spoken, Jesus loving, humble self. I don't think I ever met a more pure human being in my life. Totally without guile and malice, but full of joy and the love of the Lord. His ministry impacted many through his 'revival' meetings in the States to his serving in many Irish Churches and youth camps. We were so grateful to know and love him. 'Well done, good and faithful servant!' Ireland is so grateful for you and your service. Thank you Dennis ❤️*

Pastor Seán and Susan Mullarkey

Sean Mullarkey - October 03, 2025 at 05:20 PM

JS

“ Praying for all the family and many ones throughout the world who loved “Uncle Denny”. He was truly one of a kind. To write the memories we have of the many revivals he held for us at Murfreesboro Harvest Time would be impossible. We loved him, his ministry and having him in our home. All our church family looked so forward to time for his revival each year. He loved kidding with and “giving Bro. Shinn a hard time.” We truly enjoyed his company so much. He carried such heavy anointing that he was not even aware of how strong it was. One revival we had at least 18 and I think more verified healings. We had a young woman saved, healed and filled with the Holy Spirit, all in one night, who was attending another denomination and visited that revival with a relative. One night the spirit was moving so strong during the altar service everyone sat in the presence of God for close to 30 minutes with no one moving, not even a child. You could have heard a pin drop. I will never forget that night. Bro. Dennis had such a strong study and prayer life it was always evident in his revivals. We can't be sad for thinking of how happy he is in the presence of God and walking on streets of gold, however, we will miss just knowing he is not here.

Praying God's peace and blessings rest upon all of you.

Jearldean Shinn - October 03, 2025 at 03:15 PM