



John Thomas 'Tom' Duncan

January 1, 1928 - August 28, 2015

Obituary

John Thomas (Tom) Duncan of Coweta, OK, age 86, stepped out of this world from Forest Hills Healthcare in Broken Arrow, OK and into heaven on August 28, 2015. He was born on October 10, 1928 to Thomas Russell and Kate (Ballard) Duncan at the family home near Cumberland City, TN. He attended the W.T. Thomas School in Cumberland City, and obtained a vast education over his entire lifetime through avid self-study. Tom was married on July 18, 1950 to Joy Maxine Adams in Detroit, MI. One son, Larry, was born to their union. Tom's career in broadcasting began at WJZM radio in Clarksville, TN. From there he went to work in Nashville at WMAK. Sensing the call of God on his life he left broadcasting for a time to serve with different evangelistic groups as a musician. In 1950 he accepted a position at WXYZ in Detroit as a broadcast engineer for the ABC radio network. While in that position he was inspired to begin a religious record club and started a gospel radio broadcast through his local church. In 1953 he was invited to move that ministry to the International Offices of the Church of God of Prophecy in Cleveland, TN where he was appointed as director of the Communications Ministries. For the next 43 years he worked tirelessly in that position to spread the gospel around the world through the Voice of Salvation radio and television broadcasts in English, Spanish, and Greek; the Gospel Concert Hall radio program; the Voice of Truth radio broadcast; the Broadcast Record Club; and Majestic Recording Studios which he designed and built. He was a lifetime member of

the Audio Engineering Society and Society of Broadcast Engineers. Tom served more than fifty years as a deacon in the Peerless Road Church of God of Prophecy in Cleveland, TN. In 2013 he and Maxine moved to Coweta, OK and became members of the Coweta Church of God of Prophecy. Tom was preceded in death by his father, mother, and one sister, Alma. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Joy Maxine; one son, Larry and wife Susan of Coweta, OK; one grandson, John and wife Leia of Waco, TX; one granddaughter, Laura Weldon of Broken Arrow, OK; three sisters, Mary Virginia Jones of Dickson, TN, Mildred Mohr of Auburn, IN, Linda Walters of Sevierville, TN; and a large number of in-laws, nephews, and nieces. A home going celebration will be held at Coweta Church of God of Prophecy in Coweta, OK on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 11:00 AM with Bishop Wayne Pense and Bishop Sam Clements officiating. The family will greet friends at Wright-Brown Family Funeral Home on Monday evening, August 31, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Funeral and cremation services are under the direction of Wright-Brown Family Funeral Home of Coweta, OK. A memorial service will also be held at the Peerless Road Church of God of Prophecy in Cleveland, TN on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 1:00 PM with the family receiving friends before the service from 12:00-1:00 PM. Tom was always generous to assist individuals and families in need. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be to the benevolent fund of the Coweta Church of God of Prophecy, 123 West Sycamore Street, Coweta, OK 74429.

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Tribute Wall

EM

“ We extend our deepest condolences. Larry, your dad was an inspirational figure, evidenced by his pioneering work in the GOGOP. He not only inspired us by his work, he also made us proud of the church. May the family be comforted by his love and labor for the Lord as well as his legacy in the COGOP. . Bishop Earl McKay The Bronx Church of God of Prophecy.

Earl McKay - August 31, 2015 at 01:00 PM

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“ I am truly blessed to have known such a great Christian man as Brother Tom Duncan, my parents, H. E. and Lula Murray were among the first ones to have a recording made for the Broadcast Record Club in Cleveland, TN. I saw Brother Tom a few years back at the Mall in Cleveland and we talked about how that my Mother's voice was so loud that she had to stand behind my Dad a short distance in order not to over power my Dad's. I pray that you and your family will be comforted and blessed by the many memories you have of your Dad. He has a great legacy that will live on in your hearts and those who were privileged to know him.

Faye Davis - August 31, 2015 at 01:00 PM

DP

“ Pastor, We hope that your family is comforted by Gods loving arms. We love you and are praying for your family.

Debbie And Pauline - August 31, 2015 at 01:00 PM

MG

“ Pastor Larry and family, I am sincerely sorry for your great loss. I know Brother Tom Duncan will be missed greatly. I was blessed often and greatly by the Voice of Salvation under Brother Tom Duncan. He was a pioneer in our movement, the Church of God of Prophecy. I was also blessed and have fond memories as pastor of his mother and father at the Erin Church of God of Prophecy in the mid-seventies. His mother and father were a great blessing to me there. Sister Kate was faithful in praying and supporting the church and your grandfather, Russell, helped me do some upgrading and beautifying the inner sanctuary while I was there. I also remember the year(s) we attended church camp at Camp Hickory Hills, in Madison, Tennessee. One year was especially memorable when the Lord healed you of a serious bone disease in one of your hips. Your family is a rock in our movement. Karen and I love all of you. May God be with you during this time of loss. We look forward to being together with Brother Tom and many others who have gone to be with Jesus. We will continue to remember you and your family in prayer.

Milton Gordon - August 31, 2015 at 01:00 PM

GS

“ God bless you as you lay Bro Tom to rest, he is a special guy and will live on in all of us. Gene Dasher

Gene Dasher, SR - August 30, 2015 at 01:00 PM