

David Ray Ingalls

Obituary

David Ray Ingalls was born on August 10, 1941, in DeRidder, LA, the youngest of four children. After a full and rewarding 68 years of life, which he would say was very “blessed,” David’s earthly body succumbed to cancer in his home in Plato, MO, on Saturday, March 6th, 2010. David fought the good fight; he finished the race. He won the crown of victory and is now at home with His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, free of the pain and suffering of this world.

The son of Herbert Ingalls and Edna Mahan Ingalls, David grew up in Louisiana. As a young man, he helped build Christian Youth Encampment on property donated by his father, Herbert. Dubbed Ingallwood, the church camp was where he met Diane Pinkston of California in the summer of their senior year of high school. After graduation, both David and Diane attended Southeast Christian College in Winchester, KY, and on August 10, 1963, they were married at the Church of Christ in Liking, MO. To this union were born four children.

David and Diane’s marriage began with a move to Dallas, TX, where they took teaching positions at East Dallas Christian School. During those years, David forged many lifelong friendships, including one with next door neighbor, Jim Binford, owner of a local fence company in Dallas. Jim became instrumental in the development of David’s deep love for the study of God’s Word. For a time, David left teaching to start his own fencing business and later accepted a position with Jim’s company, but in the end, he returned to teaching, where he was exceptionally gifted.

After working in the Dallas Public School System, David and Diane moved the family in 1974 to Plato, MO, building a home on 23 acres. For the next thirty years, David worked in education at Plato, and four years in the Houston School District. He finished his career in 2004, retiring while an administrator with the Plato School District.

During his years of working in public schools, David also worked in the kingdom of God, preaching and teaching the Word in whatever church he attended. David also found time to work as a part-time minister for Roby Christian Church, Nagle Christian Church, and Mt. Carney Christian Church. After retiring from education, David accepted the full-time minister position at Roby, and he spent his remaining years inspiring others with his faith, example, understanding of Scripture, and an unwavering belief in Jesus Christ.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Edna Ingalls, and first child, Baby Ingalls, who died at birth. He is survived by his wife, Diane Pinkston Ingalls; sister Fran, and husband Les Richesin, of Pierce City, MO; brother, John, and his wife Susan Ingalls of Branson West, MO; sister Ruth LeDoux, of Evansville, IN; and step-sister, Elaine Jenkins and husband, Palmer, of Wichita Falls, TX. Three children: Brian Ingalls and wife Sheryl, of Mountain View, MO; Laura Steinbrink and husband, Cayl, of Plato, MO; and Lisa Lemons and husband, Aaron, of Washington, MO. Six grandchildren; Derek, Shelby, and Daniel Ingalls; Shalyn and Ryan Steinbrink; and Gavin Lemons; 13 nieces and nephews; 24 great nieces and nephews, 1 great great nephew; and many dear friends; all of whom will greatly miss him.