



## Morris Venden

February 10, 2013

Morris L. Venden, well known husband, father, Seventh-day Adventist preacher, teacher, and author, passed to his rest Sunday evening, February 10, 2013. Venden was 80 years old and died following a 10-year battle with FTD, a comparatively rare form of dementia. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, son, Lee, and his wife, Marji, daughters, Lynn and LuAnn Venden, grandchildren, Kris, Lindsey and Mark, his brother, Louis, and his wife, Margie Venden.

During his life, Venden pastored several large churches including the La Sierra University Church and Pacific Union College Church in California and the Union College Church in Nebraska. Later he pastored the Azure Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church near Loma Linda, California, from which he retired in August 1998. Venden then joined the Voice of Prophecy team as an associate speaker.

In addition to writing more than 30 books about Jesus, Venden was a widely sought-after speaker and has been described as a master of the art of preaching, who loved Jesus.

Venden's son, Lee, said "Dad will be remembered for the one string on his violin that he consistently talked about; Jesus, and the privilege available to everyone to have a meaningful friendship with Him. At this point it seems clear Dad will be able to sleep this disease off; the long sleep from our perspective,

the short sleep from his.”

Venden’s memorial service will be held in the Loma Linda University Church, on Sunday, March 3, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, or for those wishing to contribute to a memorial fund, the family requests that gifts be sent (In Memory of Morris L. Venden) to the SonBridge Community Center <http://www.sonbridge.org/> in College Place, Wash. or to Maranatha Schools and 1-Day Churches. <http://onedaychurch.org>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Loma Linda University SDA Church  
11125 Campus Street  
Loma Linda, CA 92354

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reflecting on Memories created a Tribute Video in memory of Morris Venden*



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**Reflecting on Memories** - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *I said to Jesus, that after giving him a hug in the heaven, then I want to do the same with Enoc and Morris Venden. I know He is going to allow me to do that :)*

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**Nicolas Bertoa** - July 21, 2022 at 10:12 PM

DV

“ *Loved his message in 1988 the 9 sermon series about the 1888 message fantastic!!! Changed my life all for the better i finally understand the gospel thank you Jesus for Morris Venden*

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**debbie valenti** - May 03, 2022 at 09:42 PM

TP

“ This morning after rereading Morris' devotional book *Faith that Works* that I read years ago, and recounting my spiritual journey, I looked up on google to see where he was living and was hoping to thank him for opening my eyes about our spiritual journey. Well, I was saddened to see that he passed away 9 years ago. Hopefully, his family will be comforted to know that he was my pastor at LaSierra University in the early 1970s while I was a student there. His inspired words about righteousness by faith sparked a new way of relating to Christ, as I grew up with a pastor family that stressed behavior and works. It was so very freeing to hear and his words still ring in my ears and started me on my life-long journey of forming a heart-felt loving relationship with my Savior. I am forever grateful for his life-saving words that introduced me to a loving and forgiving God. After he would preach a sermon, I would often meet him at the door and express my amazement at discovering a new image of a loving Savior. Today, I serve as a professor at a university here in Georgia and share an image of a forgiving and loving savior. Praying if any of his family members read this, you will be encouraged to continue to share this love that he had for his Savior. I look forward to seeing him in Heaven when the trumpet will sound. With Gratitude, Tom Peterson

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**Tom Peterson** - January 26, 2022 at 11:09 AM

MD

*Beautiful encouraging words, that fitly describes Pastor Venden. He was truly a 'Man of God'. I bought several of his well-written books: Had the privilege of meeting him several times in London England, where I resides. Even though Pastor Venden is sleeping, his voice still resounds through his books / sermons. May God continue to bless his family and loved ones. In the morning, in the morning, we shall see Jesus and our loved ones who left us lonely here. Praise God for Jesus! Mrs Lona D McHu*

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**Mrs Lona Downermchugh** - January 16, 2023 at 05:45 AM

MK

*I grew up in a Seventh Day Adventist christian home where the book 'Faith that Works' was often used for evening worship. When I got married I 'inherited' the same devotional - that was more than 30 years ago. I have used it sporadically over the years with my family and have always been blessed. I've picked it up again recently and wow! I'm always amazed at the depth of understanding Pastor Venden has of who Jesus is and how to we can come to a fulfilling relationship with Him. That kind of understanding one can only have when we ourselves are connected closely you God. I wish I could have known Him personally, what an interesting and Godly man he must have been! I thank God for the gift he has given Pastor Venden and cannot wait to meet him in heaven....*

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**Mariam Kelmovitz** - April 26, 2023 at 05:22 AM

SS

*Morris Venden moved me from 25 years of knowing about Jesus to knowing Jesus. I have been "fed" by his sermons and books for the past 50 years. His simple explanation of all the counsel and texts about doing God's will have anchored all my teaching to young people in SDA schools since. I met him once, spent some time in a small group with him. He was humble, funny, insightful and relaxed in his relationship with Jesus. I wanted to know the Jesus he knew. Now I do. Thank you Lord, for sending Elder Venden into my life.*

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**sharron Schwartz** - July 04, 2024 at 02:48 PM

CZ

*“ I would love to tell Pastor Lee, I am an Adventist whose been away many years. I asked God to bring me back. My husband is retired USAF 25 yrs, and a great man. He started watching More About Jesus Seminar on Utube and Loves Morris Venden, and he is practically ready to be baptised. Thank you,, you can't imagine the inspiration we have received from your Seminar Praise God and thank you. I love your family. Thank you*

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**Carol Zeyen** - April 02, 2019 at 11:15 PM

DE

“ I will never be able to tell how much the sermons on u tube, "More about Jesus"... by Morris and his son Lee Venden..... did together..... have helped me spiritually ,.... its too hard to put into words.....but i know this much.....I have suffered a very hard life for a very very long time.....and I have never found so much truth and comfort in any preaching, teaching series, before this series.....I was so very sad to learn Morris had died.....but I know someday I will see him in heaven, by the grace of God.....and I very much look forward to that day when I can thank him in person.....i thank God also for his son Lee,.... as he did a lot of the sermons, teachings.... in the series.... "More about Jesus" ....26 u tube videos.....in all.....with beautiful special music in each one....as well.....thank you so much Lee,... I can tell this took a lot of work , effort, time, etc ....It was a very beautifully done series you and your dad did together !!! I thank God you and your dad were able to do this work by Gods grace.....I know Jesus so much better now.....and I know how to keep my relationship going with Jesus..... thanks to you and your dad.....I know you must miss your dad a lot, and, I am so sorry for your loss...so sorry , .....what a great loss to all of us!!!!.....I am praying for you, and would like to someday meet you as well..... to thank you in person.....Anyone who has not seen this series..... "More About Jesus".....I pray you can find the time to watch them.... is all I can say .....they are so uplifting.... as they uplift, Jesus, our only HOPE.....these videos..... I thank God are on u tube for all the world to see and learn about our dear and precious Saviour !!!! Longing to see HIM coming in the clouds to take us home !!!!

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debbie - March 30, 2017 at 01:31 PM

DE

“ oh i am so sad to hear he died , i did not know , i just listened to him on u tube and it helped me so much .....it was amazing how in my despair... his sermons on the 1888 message of righteousness by faith, just popped up .....i thank God they just popped up, as i had not heard of them, and after listening to all 9 parts of the series, i finally get the "gospel".....honest .....i could never "get it " before hearing these sermons.....praise God from whom all blessings flow ! !.....is all i could think of.....thank you God for creating this child of yours (Morris Venden).....and thank you that some day by Your grace .....i can thank him in person.....in heaven .....when Jesus comes again in the clouds.....to take His children home !!

debbie - September 10, 2016 at 12:45 PM

JD

“ It's been 3 years now since Pr. Venden passed away. I have only recently learned of his death. I want to share with his family how wonderfully blessed I have been, and continue to be, to have seen and listened to his many sermons. I first seen him in 1999 in PI where he went with (I believe) the It Is Written ministry. I have listened to his sermons both audio and video through the years and oh, what a blessing it has been since. I notice one overmastering theme in all his sermons: that Jesus is Someone who loves us so deeply and desires a never-ending relationship with us. I believe God used Pr. Venden to lead me to a closer relationship with Him. I have experienced many challenges in my life and including severe depression and spiritual battles. Pr. Venden "taught" me how to put my simple faith in Jesus, trust in His Words, and be victorious. I love Pr. Venden. When finally, and by God's grace, I make it to heaven, after seeing my wonderful Saviour, I would like to see people like Pr. Venden that God used to help me understand righteousness by faith and have "assisted" me in this battle of faith. May God help to be faithful to Him till the end, just like Pr. Venden, is my prayer...Amen. :-)

Johanna M. Duenas - January 24, 2016 at 02:09 AM

AR

“ My family (3 small kids, back then aged 9-2-and 1, with my wife) and I used to enjoy the Azure Hills Church services as I was a student at nearby Loma Linda University. This was in the early 90's, and Pastor Venden's messages surely helped to strengthen my faith in the Adventist Message as a fairly new converted (baptized in 1983, from a Sunday-keeping church).

Each time, our "little trip" to Azure Hills was refreshing and revigorating at the same time. Since then, some of Pr Venden's books have been among our favorite bedside readings.

Thank you Pr Venden for leaving a "godly" legacy in our family life !  
RIP

Allain R.

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Allain R. - January 16, 2016 at 07:04 PM

VA

“ Pastor Morris Venden's books have actually led me closer to Jesus than any other writer outside of the Bible. I want to thank God for blessing me with such a wonderful person, whose knowledge and relationship with Jesus has drawn many closer to the Master. May his soul rest in peace. We shall meet again, this time face to face with our Saviour whom he loves so much. May God bless the family as they wait patiently for the coming of Jesus.

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Victor Amankwah - August 12, 2015 at 10:26 AM

JD

*My husband and I, along with our 5 children, are from Guam. I'm writing to let you know how hugely blest I am with the ministry of Pastor Morris Venden. I sense the sweet love of Jesus exude from him everytime I watch him preach on youtube, I sense the same thing with every book I read which he authored. His practical explanation of Jesus' love & forgiveness have greatly encouraged my fainting heart every single time. My life has never been the same since. By God's grace, when I finally make it to heaven and I meet my Savior Jesus face to face, I'd like to personally thank Pr. Venden for being part of my making it there.*

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**Johanna M. Duenas** - April 06, 2025 at 07:07 AM