

Pastor Royal D. Blue

Pastor Royal D. Blue was born in Mentone on Aug. 4, 1926. On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 22, 2021, he was ushered into the arms of the Savior he loved and served.



At the age of 15, he dedicated his life to the Lord. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was present



at the invasion of Okinawa. He graduated from BIOLA college in Los Angeles. He served as a minister of youth at Van Nuys First Baptist Church prior to moving to Redding, Calif., in 1962. He was the founding pastor of North Valley Baptist Church (now known as CrossPointe Community Church) where he served until his retirement in 2001.

Under his direction, North Valley Christian Schools were formed. The school provided education from preschool through grade 12. He also founded the Northern California Bible Institute (now known as Shasta Bible College and Graduate School).

Throughout his various ministries, Pastor Blue was quick to emphasize that his accomplishments were due to God's unique blessing on his life. He was a man of great faith and was blessed, not only with a shepherd's heart, but also with the ability to inspire and excite those around him to accomplish great things for God. He trusted God to provide whatever was necessary to execute the plans and projects that God laid upon his heart.

The multi-ministry legacy he leaves behind includes the establishment and construction of North Valley Baptist Church, including a worship center, educational facilities, a full-size gymnasium, athletic field, maintenance barn and Christian school facilities. He facilitated the founding and construction of the Good News Rescue Mission, which was begun as a three-bedroom shelter for men. It has now grown into a 389-bed facility and offers services to men, women and children in need.

In 1970, KVIP Christian Radio became a reality. Pastor Blue was instrumental in helping to establish the Pacific Cascade Communication Corporation, Christian Radio Network, that now broadcasts to over 150 communities in California, Arizona and all over the world. He also hosted his radio program, "Morning inspirations" every weekday morning for the last 50 years.

He assisted in the development of Vision Valley Youth Camp and Lassen Pines Christian Campgrounds. His fingerprints are on many other churches and ministries throughout the north state. Pastor Blue's biblical moral values and conservative political views permeate Shasta County and beyond. He was never reluctant to stand for righteousness. His passion for God and country was exemplified by North Valley Baptist's musical touring group called "Freedom's Song," which performed in churches and at special events throughout most of the United States.

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Pastor Blue was a husband, dad, grandpa and great-grandpa, friend and mentor. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Linda; and his children: Dennis Blue, Karen Scott and her husband Craig; Stephen Blue and his wife Jenalyn; Peter Blue; and Grace Meeker and her husband Mike; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and many friends.

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A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 1 p.m. at CrossPointe Community Church, 2960 Hartnell Ave., Redding, Calif. The service will also be livestreamed. The link to view the service is www.youtube.com and search CrossPointe Community Church, Redding.

In lieu of flowers, the family of Pastor Royal Blue has asked that financial donations be made in his name to the New Broadcast Studios fund, in care of KVIP, 1139 Hartnell Ave., Redding, CA 96002.

All gifts are tax deductible and will be set aside for the express use in building a future new home for KVIP Christian Radio.

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