

'A True General of the Lord': Evangelist Jerry Savelle Dies at 76

Renowned charismatic evangelist, pastor and author Dr. Jerry Savelle died Monday, April 15, at age 76, as announced by his ministry, Jerry Savelle Ministries International. He and his wife, Carolyn, were founding pastors of the Heritage of Faith Christian Center in Crowley, Texas, where his ministry is based.

His ministry posted the announcement of his death on its website as well as on social media channels:

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Savelle wrote more than 75 books, including his bestsellers, "If Satan Can't Steal Your Joy, He Can't Keep Your Goods" and "Called to Battle, Destined to Win." Through the years, he ministered in more than 3,500 churches in over 40 nations; his ministry has overseas offices in the U.K., Australia, Canada and South Africa along with numerous international Bible schools. He was also the host of "Adventures in Faith," the Jerry Savelle Ministries television broadcast, seen in 200 countries worldwide, and the founder of Chariots of Light, an evangelistic Christian bikers outreach with chapters in the U.S., Canada, Australia and South Africa.

His close friend, evangelist Jesse Duplantis, announced Savelle's death via social media, sharing his remembrances of the man he called "a true general of the Lord," adding, "We were so close that you couldn't put a razor blade between us."

I'd like to make an announcement that my best friend, a man of God, a true general of the Lord, Dr. Jerry Savelle has

transitioned into Heaven. What a blessing of God he was! I considered him my personal brother. We were so close that you couldn't put a razor blade between us. We...

– Jesse Duplantis (@jesse_duplantis) April 15, 2024

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Kenneth Copeland Ministries shared a statement from evangelist Kenneth Copeland as part of a post on its Facebook page:

Jerry and I have been praying together for over 55 years. We have never had a cross word between us. Our families are intertwined with each other. He was my first preaching partner, other than Gloria. He began in this ministry by driving me to my meetings, setting up the equipment and making the tapes. His first assignment was during the Jesus Revolution. He won so many to the Lord at Pismo Beach, CA. Jerry Savelle is now in heaven with his Savior. He will always be dear to my heart.

Daystar Television also honored Savelle's life in its social media post:

Today, we honor the incredible life and legacy of Dr. Jerry Savelle. His unwavering faith, passion for spreading the Gospel, and dedication to serving others will forever inspire us. Though he may be absent from this earthly realm, his impact will continue to touch hearts.

– Daystar Television (@Daystar) April 15, 2024

Savelle leaves behind his wife and two daughters, Jerriann Savelle and Terri Savelle Foy, along with multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. An announcement of a

celebration of life will be made at a later date.{eoa}

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