

ORU Remembers Oral Roberts One Year After Passing

It's been a year since Oral Roberts went home to be with the Lord. But his legacy lives on at the university he founded in 1963. Oral Roberts University (ORU) continues to focus on the vision and mission of one of this generation's most effective evangelists—and the school is paying tribute to its founder in an online collection of photos and videos.

"Oral Roberts was a great man who profoundly impacted the world for Jesus Christ. We are deeply thankful for his life," says ORU President Mark Rutland. "Nowhere is the imprint of this man of God more evident than ORU. This university is the enduring legacy of Chancellor Roberts."

Roberts founded ORU in obedience to God's mandate to build a university on His authority and the Holy Spirit. God's commission to Roberts was to "raise up your students to hear My voice, to go where My light is dim, where My voice is heard small, and My healing power is not known, even to the uttermost bounds of the earth. Their work will exceed yours, and in this I am well pleased."

A year after Roberts' passing, the university remains committed to

educating the whole
person in spirit, mind and body to prepare graduates to be
professionally
competent servant-leaders who are spiritually alive,
intellectually alert,
physically disciplined and socially adept.

“ORU is Oral
Roberts’ most enduring legacy,” says Thomson Mathew, dean of
ORU’s College of
Theology and Ministry. “It represents everything he stood
for—from healing
evangelism to whole person living to academic excellence.”

ORU is paying tribute to Roberts on its website. This
site includes photos and video of Roberts, a biography,
comments from around
the world at his passing and a message from Rutland. ORU will
also honor
Roberts at the first chapel service of the spring semester.