

Musician, Evangelist Lowell Lundstrom Passes at 72

Lowell Lundstrom has gone home to be with the Lord. Lundstrom, 72, fought a long, courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

Lundstrom was with family members when he died at his home in Savage, Minn. His homegoing comes seven months after the death of his wife of 55 years, Connie.

Lundstrom was born in Minneapolis. on Nov. 28, 1939. He started a rock and roll band when he was 14 years old, and that same year met his new guitar player and future wife, Connie Brown.

Lundstrom's ministry began on April 7, 1957, when he gave his heart to Jesus while attending a service at Connie's church in Sisseton, S.D. The first words he said when he got up from the altar were: "Wait 'til everybody hears about this!" Lundstrom married Connie on June 14, 1957, and dedicated the rest of their lives to sharing the **gospel** of Jesus Christ. Lundstrom often said his heart was summed up in the following order: his God, his girl and his guitar.

Lundstrom and his family ministry led an estimated 1 million people to Jesus Christ through preaching, music, literature, crusades, and radio and television programs during that spanned over five decades. Lundstrom wrote more than 600 gospel songs, produced 60 music albums and wrote 15 books.

In 2005, Lundstrom was inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. The Lundstroms wrote and recorded 30-minute weekly radio broadcasts "Message for America" for 20 years which aired on as many as 170 radio stations. He and his daughter, Lisa, co-hosted "Lowell Live" a radio call-in talk show. The family aired many nationwide one-hour TV programs and were known for their primetime Christmas television specials. For

12 years, "The Lundstroms" weekly TV program reached millions in the United States and Canada. He also served as president and chancellor of Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, ND for 10 years.

In 1996, the Lundstroms founded Celebration Church in Minneapolis, an interdenominational church with a focus on evangelism and outreach. In recent years, Lundstrom passed the mantle of leadership for Lowell Lundstrom Ministries and Celebration Church to his daughter, Londa Lundstrom Ramsey, an ordained minister with the International Ministerial Fellowship.

There is a book currently being written on Lowell Lundstrom's life and ministry entitled: *Wait 'til everybody hears about this!*

Visitation hours are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 26 at Celebration Church, 16655 Kenyon Ave, Lakeville, Minn. 55044 with **prayer** and remembrance at 6:30 p.m. Homegoing Service is at 1 p.m. on July 27 at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 9600 163rd Street West Lakeville, Minn. 55044.

An additional service will take place at 2 p.m. on July 31 at the Sisseton Fine Arts Center, 516 8th Avenue West, Sisseton, S.D 57262. In lieu of flowers, the family will forward memorials to various causes including Lowell Lundstrom Ministries.