

VA Pastor Severely Burned in Accident Passes Away

Virginia Pastor Kevin Corey, who was severely burned in a tragic accident at his home on Jan. 30, has reportedly died from his injuries.

As CBN News reported, while he was incinerating documents from old files in his backyard fire pit, a gas can exploded in his hands. Corey was airlifted by helicopter to a D.C. burn center where doctors determined he suffered third-degree burns over 65% of his body.

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He had been in the ICU of the medical facility since that time.

Since the accident, Corey's daughter Jenna Guercia has updated her father's progress on Facebook. She announced her dad's passing on Facebook Thursday morning, stating:

“By grace, I am redeemed, By grace, I am restored. And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ, my Lord.” – Grace by CityAlight

My dad echoed these words as he entered into heaven last night, Wednesday, Feb. 7th. We are so happy that he is no longer in pain and his body is healed, but we are so heartbroken. There will never be enough words to tell of the impact he had on my life and the lives of so many.

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We see every message and feel your love. Thank you all for

covering us in prayer through this time. Only (the) Lord knows what is next, but by His grace we will keep going. No arrangements have been made yet, but we will share once we know more."

Guercia had noted in a post on Sunday that the pastor had already gone through one surgery with 19 more to go, but was having problems with his lungs and kidneys. He had been started on dialysis and antibiotics to fight infection.

She also asked for prayers, noting specific prayer requests for Corey and the family. In addition to financial support, she also asked for people to donate blood or plasma.

"Please keep us all in your prayers," Guercia wrote.

Transitioning to a Senior Pastor's Position

Corey had been the youth pastor at Calvary Road Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. He was transitioning from that job to take the senior pastor's position with another congregation, according to . He and his wife were in the process of moving to Glasgow, Virginia, to be closer to their daughter Jenna Guercia, the outlet reported.

The Coreys' neighbors in the Newington area of Fairfax County told WRC-TV they heard and also felt the force of a loud explosion that evening.

"It shook our house, I would say," Max Miller told the outlet. "It sounded like a bomb went off and it felt like an earthquake."

The incident was captured on video by a neighbor's Ring camera. {eoa}

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