

Jamie Buckingham

Jamie Buckingham, author of over 45 books, passed away, Monday, February 17, 1992 in Melbourne, Fla. at the age of 59. Buckingham, editor-in-chief of Ministries Today magazine, was also editor-at-large and columnist for Charisma Magazine. His "Last Word" column was most loved by the magazine readers.

He was a brother to Audrey Unruh of Fredericktown.

Buckingham was born in Vero Beach, Fla., March 28, 1937 to Walter S. and Elvira T. Buckingham, the third of five children. He grew up playing football, basketball, and running track and was active in all areas of school, such as the National Honor Society, Thespian Club and Hi-Y. He was also very active in the youth activities of the First Baptist Church. He attended and graduated from Mercer University, Macon, GA in 1956. He married Jackie Law, his long-time sweetheart, and they moved to Ft. Worth, TX, where he attended and graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary. Upon graduation, he pastored a church in Greenwood, S.C. In 1967, they moved to Melbourne, FL, where he and 50 others began The Tabernacle Church. In 1988, he received an honorary doctor of humane letters from Oral Roberts University.

Buckingham was a noted conference leader and motivational speaker all over the world. He had made several journeys through the Sinai desert and loved the land of Israel.

Buckingham was known for his compassionate heart and willingness to accept anyone, regardless of their problems or circumstances.

Probably his best known book was "Run Baby Run", the life story of Nicky Cruz, a gang leader in Brooklyn. Later, a movie was made by that same title. He also wrote, "Shout It From The Housetops", a story about CBN founder, Pat Robertson. "Mission", the flight into space of former U.S. Florida Representative Bill Nelson, was another of this books. He has also made several teaching videos that are very popular.

Preceding him in death were his father, Walter S. Buckingham, Sr., and his oldest brother, Dr. Walter S. Buckingham, Jr.

Buckingham is survived by his mother, Elvira Buckingham, 94, of Vero Beach, FL; his wife, Jackie and their five children and 13 grandchildren all of Palm Bay, FL; two brothers, Maj. Gen. Clay T. Buckingham, of Manns Choice, PA, and Dr. John L. Buckingham of Birmingham, AL; one sister, Audrey B. Unruh of Fredericktown. He will be missed by readers and friends all over the world.

A graveside service was held in Vero Beach on Wednesday, February 19 with family and his church staff present. A memorial service was held on Monday, February 24 at his beloved Tabernacle.

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