



Rev. Robert D. Chew, Sr. (Seymour)

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Mr. Chew, 88, died Tuesday, October 20, 2020. He was born on April 3, 1932.

Rev. Robert D. Chew, known to many as Pastor Bob, actively preached the gospel and sang praises until he was taken after contracting COVID.

He pastored Nazarene churches in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. His pastoral service spanned more than six decades, ministering to thousands in both worship and song.

In his retirement, he continued faithfully ministering in the communities where he lived in Illinois and Missouri. The joy of the Lord was always in his heart and on his tongue.

He is survived by his five children and their spouses, nine grandchildren and their spouses and 17 great-grandchildren.

He joins his beloved wife of 64 years, Ruth.

This world has lost a loving and righteous soul, a charismatic preacher and the celestial choir has gained an amazing tenor.

To view live service at 6 PM, Friday, November 6, 2020, please use the following link:

<https://youtu.be/RUpBZuQI1jE>



Events

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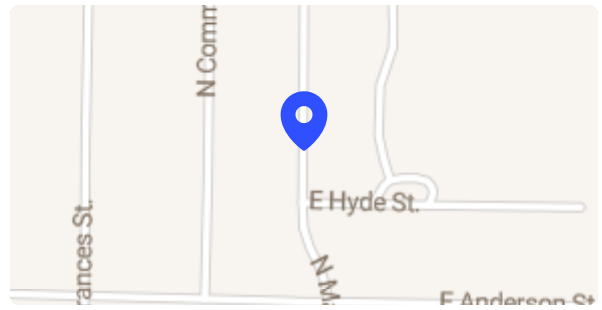
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Service

 **Friday**, November 6, 2020

 6:00 PM CT

 **Seymour Nazarene Church**
354 North Main Street, Seymour MO 65746





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Kay Larsen posted:

Nearly four years have passed since his death. Such a loss to so many people. The memories will have to suffice until we meet again either in Heaven or on that last day.

September 5 at 8:44 AM



Connie Chew shared 4 videos to the **Burial Service** album.



October 21 at 5:08 PM



Connie Chew shared an album called **Burial Service**.



March 22 at 4:07 PM



Connie Wallace lit a candle in honor of Robert.

We just seen Pastor Bob has passed he married My husband and I in 2009 we did spend lots time with him and the misses we loved his singing and he could teach the word our hearts are broken but we will see him again and we know he will be singing we were so glad put him in our lives This is not Good bye its I will see u two later Bruce and Connie WallaceFostoria Ohio Bless you all



December 21 at 8:03 AM



Robyn Schubert Wilber posted:

Rev. Bob Chew was a true man of God.He has been a family friend for all 59 years of my life. I am eternally grateful for all the ways he love and cared for all of us. I hear him singing in my head and have many of his quotes and messages. I love you, Pastor Chew.I love this entire family. Thank you for sharing your Dad with us all!Robyn Schubert Wilber

November 7 at 7:10 AM



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AJ

Andrew Jaramillo lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Sincerest condolences to the Chew family from the Jaramillo family, in Gods grace may you find peace and comfort.

November 6 at 1:13 PM



PS

Peg Shrum posted:

I feel keenly the passing of the last one of his generation in our family. They were our models of "Faith, mighty faith." It was a lot easier to have faith in the unseen God because collectively they were confident that he was and is trustworthy. He was Uncle Bob's joy and passion. Now we cousins are the oldest standard bearers, responsible to model that faith each in our own place. I will dearly miss his prayers for me and mine. Sorry for your loss, cousins. Our prayers are with you. Love, Peg Roorbach Shrum and Jeff Shrum.

November 6 at 12:58 PM

PS

Paul Sturgis posted:

Many fond memories of our cousin, Bob. He always had a smile on his face and joy in his heart. Bob was a four sport varsity athlete at Cape May NJ high school, class of 1950. A faithful preacher for many years. Greeted into heaven with "well done good and faithful servant. Welcome home".Carolyn Sanville Paul Sturgis Ed Sturgis

November 4 at 6:38 PM

DD

Dan And Paula Davis posted:

I have very fond memories of Pastor Chew when he was the Pastor for several years of the Nazarene Church in Champion, Ohio. Though we do not attend that church it is literally in our backyard and Pastor Chew was our neighbor. He could often be seen and heard walking and singing through the parking lot of the church. And when there was a tragic death of a young 13 year old boy in our neighborhood, that my sons were witness to he was at our door immediately, comforting us and praying with us. He was always so upbeat and positive! I have missed hearing his beautiful voice coming in our kitchen window at random times throughout the week. He was a joy and bright light in our world and will be truly missed! Tha Davis Family of Champion, Ohio.

October 30 at 2:39 PM



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JS

John Smith posted:

It is amazing how words can fail to express such deep sorrow for the loss of someone. I met Pastor Bob when I was in my early 20s and while that was almost 40 years ago, I can still hear him preaching, signing, and laughing. All I can say is the man had a wonderful impact on everyone that he met and I know I am a better man for having known him. The world will miss him.

October 28 at 5:42 PM

DR

Dennis Rinehart posted:

Pastor Bob was always a faithful servant of God and a prophetic voice in each community he served. Pastor Bob would be singing as he greeted you. He was singing - while putting gas in his car at the Service Station. His heart burned with the love for Jesus Christ - which he sought to share with each person Jesus led across his life's pathway. He was "sold-out" to serving Christ in every way, at any time, throughout each situation where God had placed him. Pastor Bob was always "tuned in" to the "still small whisper of God's Holy Spirit" amidst all the competing voices surrounding him. Yes, Pastor Bob Chew lived Jesus' calling to be continually part of God's "..kingdom of priests ["bridge"] ...that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" [1 Peter 2:9b-c ESV]. I am humbled to call Pastor Bob: my friend, clergy colleague, and brother/servant in Christ!"Rev. Dennis Rinehart [Retired United Methodist Clergy - serving Christ at Otterbein UMC [Champion Township] Warren, Ohio - [1989-99].

October 28 at 10:23 AM

JN

Janice M. Nielson posted:

I was so saddened to learn of Bob's passing! I have such warm memories as a teen and young adult from camp and other times together on the Philadelphia District! His smile and joy in the Lord were always infectious! I know he touched thousands of lives with the love of Jesus! Janice Williams Nielson

October 28 at 7:38 AM

JM

Jeff Mcintire lit a candle in honor of Robert.

When I think of going to church with my Grandparents and family as a kid I always remember pastor Chew. I remember his preaching and how he would sometimes break into song. He had a wonderful voice and I'll always remember how kind he was. I know my grandparents have greeted him now in Heaven.



October 27 at 11:41 PM



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AR

Angela Rogers posted:

Pastor Bob... I can still hear him singing and see him smile. The joy of The Lord was his strength...and His joy was contagious when Pastor Bob was around... loved that man! I know that he is singing in heaven with the angels and saints!God bless those who he leaves behind....until we all meet again!Angela (Tilton) Rogers

October 27 at 5:17 PM

KD

Kevin Donley posted:

Pastor Bob was an amazing man of the Lord. The joy of his relationship with Jesus flowed out of him like a fountain. I will always remember our trip to Israel and listening to him sing on the streets of Jerusalem. He is now singing around the throne of God! We love you Pastor Bob.

October 27 at 1:57 PM

VS

Vicki Sprague posted:

Pastor Bob will always hold a special place in my heart. As a singer myself, his song never failed to inspire me and helped me through some rough days in my life. He was a special man and a great pastor. One thing is certain ... he's singing his heart out around the throne right now!

October 27 at 11:07 AM

GC

Gena And Mike Cooper sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert.



October 26 at 5:29 AM

TC

Tommy Claxton lit a candle in honor of Robert.



October 23 at 7:20 PM



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BS

Brenda Salkil posted:

Bob our family will miss you. You a beautiful person inside and out. You voice is what more people need to hear. God Really blessed us every day. I can remember so many things u have done, helped someone. You are a God's helper. Until we meet again. We will miss you. Love you.

October 23 at 1:12 PM

VR

Virginia Roberson posted:

We enjoyed being neighbors with Bob when we lived in Seymour often heard him singing songs of praise. While we to sad to learn of his passing we know he is now walking those streets if gold and singing with the angels. Steve and Virginia Roberson

October 22 at 6:02 AM

DT

David Talkington October 27 at 11:31 AM

Pastor Bob was an awesome Pastor and person! Thank you for providing a great example of a Godly Pastor and Friend.. He helped me often while I was in early on in ministry and Marriage. Sharon and I love you and your family.. Praying for comfort and Peace for the family.... Pastor Dave and Sharon Talkington Newark Ohio..(in ministry partially because of this saint.. now 41 years).

CW

Connie Wiseman October 24 at 5:26 AM

Bob was such a good person. Jolly and I would go to nursing home on Friday afternoon and share songs and gospel with the residence before Covid took that away from us. I will still look for you on Sunday morning. You are so happy now with family and our Lord . Until we meet again, love and miss you ❤️

LR

Leveta Ray October 22 at 9:51 AM

Our family loved Mr. Chew. He loved the Lord, his family and our country in that order and will be so missed. Our prayers are with his family.

DR

Dushi Rajendra posted:

Dave and Leslie, We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathies go to you and your extended family. Ajita and Dushi Rajendra

October 22 at 3:15 AM



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DA

David posted:

Bob Chew was a fine man. Hw as a loyal and amazing friend to all. A spiritual guidepost to MANY and a faithful servant. Bob was beyond a family friend. He was a family MEMBER. My family was blessed to have him as our Pastor (Easton, PA) but more importantly, he was a rock that my family's faith stood upon for many years in very difficult times. Bob was so kind, so incredibly generous, and he always made you feel as is you were the only person in the world....because when he was talking to you he was focused on you and it was so obvious that he truly CAREED about you. I will be ever thankful and grateful for all that Bob gave to our family..... but never more so than when he graced us and several hundred others by singing "Til' the Storm Passes By" at my Mother's (the finest person I have ever known) Memorial Service in 2000. My Mother knew she was dying and Bob visted many times during her illness, which was difficult and protracted. Bob sang that song (which was her Bob Chew favorite, devoted fan that she was) many times in a hospital room and a long term care facility. My Mother planned her own memorial service and made Bob promise that he would sing that song at her service. As always, true to his word, Bob sangnot as a man in his "60's".....but in this booming voice of a man in his 20's or 30's. He shook the rafters of Washington DC First Church of the Nazarene. For those of you who have never heard this song the chorus goes like this: Till the storm passes over, till the thunder sounds no more Till the clouds roll forever from the sky Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand Keep me safe till the storm passes by No one could sing this song like Bob Chew. I would post a link to someone singing thisbut it wouldnt do Bob justice. It was as as if that song was written for him as he was providing comfort to those in a personal, physical, or emotional storm. Thank you Reverend Chew. Thank you for all that you meant to so many people who loved you and KNEW that you loved them. Most Sincerely, David M. Schubert (Houston TX & Vashon, WA)

October 21 at 5:08 PM

JB

Joan Blazek November 2 at 2:15 PM

Dear Chew Children, Pastor Bob had a way of making you feel like one of his kids....I am SO very glad I never had to drink the Castor Oil he gave all of you! The church asked if I would fill in on the piano until the new pastor and his wife arrived and guess what, she didn't play! Little did I know, I would be "filling in" for 30 years! Your father taught me SO much! I am sure I was a challenge for him. He always said my hands knew more than my head, he did his best to teach my head more musically. He was such a brilliant man! One of my favorite memories will always be his wonderful sermons in song. When he left I felt so lost. I came to the realization that while I knew I was an average pianist at best, my ministry from the bench was not playing, but following him. I not only felt lost as a pianist, but felt a bit lost spiritually. In leading music and in preaching God's word, he held such a commanding presence you were compelled to follow him. While so many are feeling the loss of Pastor Bob, nothing compares to your loss of a dad. How difficult it must have been to always "share" him with the world. We are grateful for your sacrifice as the Chew Children. He was SO very proud of all of you! What a legacy he leaves in you and in so many lives. I cannot fathom how many are in Heaven because of his leading and the sacrifices of your family. Pastor Bob loved poetry and often share poems during funeral services. The week he passed, our church printed this poem, that



fits Pastor Bob so perfectly. Only One Life by C.T. Studd
 Two little lines I heard one day, Traveling along life's busy way; Bringing conviction to my heart, And from my mind would not depart; Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. Only one life, yes only one, Soon will its fleeting hours be done; Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet, And stand before His Judgement seat; Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. Only one life, the still small voice, Gently pleads for a better choice Bidding me selfish aims to leave, And to God's holy will to cleave; Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. Only one life, a few brief years, Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears; Each with its days I must fulfill, Living for self or in His will; Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. When Satan would a victory score; When self would seek to have its way, Then help me Lord with joy to say; Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. Give me Father, a purpose deep, In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep; Faithful and true what e'er the strife, Pleasing Thee in my daily life; Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. O let my love with fervor burn, And from the world now let me turn; Living for Thee, and Thee alone, Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne, Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. Only one life, yes only one, Now let me say, "Thy will be done" And when at last I'll hear the call, I know I'll say "twas worth it all" Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. And when I am dying, how happy I'll be, If the lamp of my life has been burned out for Thee! Joan Blazek Former pianist of Champion Church of the Nazarene (who was so blessed to have him in my life!)



Karen Cunningham October 29 at 10:56 AM

There aren't many preachers I know who live what they preach 24/7, but Bob Chew was one. His love for God was evident wherever he was. I was in the hospital after a hysterectomy (day after), and I heard this beautiful voice from way down the hall. I knew who it was. I told my mom, "If he brings the visiting missionary with him, I will crawl under this bed." Of course he did. But anytime I have doubted God's faithfulness (and there have been and are plenty), I think of Pastor Bob. The world has lost a beacon of light and hope and heaven has gained a firecracker. Get ready Ruthie. Karen Cunningham



Darwin Braddee October 23 at 10:27 AM

Rev. Chew was a very dear friend, as was his lovely wife Ruth and family. He was only a phone call away no matter what time of day or night, he would lift us up in prayer and song. I will miss sending his carrot cakes. He was truly a MAN OF GOD, our loss is heavens gain. "THE BRADDEE BUNCH"



Kay H. Larsen October 23 at 9:21 AM

Amen, David to ALL you said. The TWO finest people I ever knew were your mom and Bob Chew. I can't improve on your message to the family, so I won't even try. Except to say that what he did for your mom was, I know, repeated over and over in the lives of so many other people in one way or another. No hospitalized person ever faced a surgery that Rev. Chew didn't show up at their bedside before surgery to pray for and with them. No one in any kind



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of need ever went unaided if Bob Chew could help it. I am sure you could have gone on and on with your comments and so could I. But I won't. I know that hundreds and hundreds of people have their own wonderful memories of him which they will cherish for a lifetime. And all that Bob Chew would want is for all those whom he knew and served would be faithful to the Lord so that they can share Heaven with him.



Media

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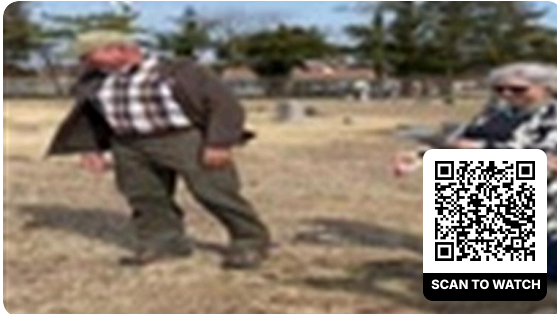
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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