



## Raymond Trantham

May 20, 1976 - February 18, 2011

### Obituary of Raymond Trantham

Raymond Carlton Trantham, Jr., age 34, was born May 20, 1976 in Jacksonville, Florida and died February 18, 2011 in Fruitland Park, Florida. Carl was a compassionate man, always looking to help others and was a loving and devoted son, brother, uncle, grandson and friend. He was an avid fisherman who enjoyed spending time on and around the water and was of the baptist faith and a member of South Dade Baptist Church in Homestead, Florida.

He is survived by his mother Becky, and her husband Bobby Robertson of Fruitland Park, FL; brother Jason, and his wife Brenda Trantham and their children Akkim, Jayden and Layla, all of Leesburg, FL; sister Amanda Trantham of Leesburg, FL; maternal grandparents Rev. Charles and wife Rosa Couey of Lady Lake, FL; and other loving extended family and friends. Carl was preceded in death by his father Ray on March 12, 2001.

### Visitation

Family and friends may visit on Tuesday February 22, 2011 from 5-8 pm in the chapel of Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL.

### Services

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday February 23, 2011 at 11 am in the chapel of Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg with Rev. Charles Couey officiating.

### Interment

A Committal Service will be on Thursday February 24, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Greenlawn Cemetery, Jacksonville, FL.

### Memorials

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Grace Bible Baptist Church Missions.

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ *Becky & Family, My heart breaks for what you are having to experience. May God open his arms wider and hug you closer to comfort you. I truly am sorry. God Bless.*

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**Tammy Green** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR OF CARL'S DEATH, MY CONDOLENCES GOES OUT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS. UNCLE JOE*

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**UNCLE JOE COUEY** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Dearest Becky, When we learned of Carls death ,a flood of memories came back to us.Memories of a time when Carl so proudly carried and presented Amanda as a baby to his church family and friends . Also of a bithday party for Amanda in your back yard in Homestead when Amanda was two. Memories of a son who loved his mother dearly , who had an infectious laugh and a spirit filled with joy. I do not believe that people are joined together by chance, but by a loving God who knows who and what we need.From getting to know your father by him preaching at my son Phillips funeral ,to becoming members of the church, to being to being surrounding by the love of your family Carl,Jason Amanda and Ray your wonderful parents and brother. He placed you in our lives, you were such a comfort to me. Please allow all the people that love you to help you through. Most of all reach out to the Lord. Right now it is difficult to see past the pain. But there will come a day when your heart will be flooded with precious memories and tjhen that final journey we will take to be in Heaven with our sons. I love you and I will be only a phone call away.*

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**Debra & Dennis Schultz** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dear Becky, I never met Carl; but I know you and I know the amazingly love you have for your family. I also know the unlimited love that a mother has for her children. I am so sorry for your loss. Only God loves more than us. I do not know why God needed Carl to come home now. But I am glad that God had the grace to send Bobby to carry you through until you can hold Carl again. God bless you both and all of our family. I will pray for peace in your lives.  
Love, Tracey

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**Tracey Marti** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Becky, Our sincere condolences for the loss of your son. We can't even imagine what you must be going through as a Mom. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to let us know. We love you, Becky...  
Jim and Lilla

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**Jim and Lilla Nickerson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Mr.Bill and Ms.Maggie just want to let ya'll know how sad we are for ya'll loss of a very nice and friendly person. .He was suck a nice person to know and talk to. We are so sorry . We have been keepong ya'll in our prayers. We know that ya'll will miss Carl very much.We know what it is to lose a love one.WE love ya'll.

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**Bill and Maggie Kibler** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Becky, We are more than shocked to hear of Carl's passing and will certainly be praying for you and your family in the difficult days ahead. In Christ, The Soderbergs

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**Keith and Sharon Soderberg** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ though we were only friends Carl its like i'm loosing my brother all over again all the days on the lake we caught alot of fish and those we caught none the advice the conversations late night during the deliverys my brother just know I will never forget you and I LOVE YOU man always Jay from PEPSI

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**Jimathone Rogers** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Dear Becky, My deepest condolences to you and your family for your tragic loss. I was so sad and shocked to receive the news from my mom, Mary Ann McConn. I visited mom several times a year, and Carl would always come down and visit. Whenever I walked the dog in the neighborhood, he'd always stop and say hello and we'd chat for a few minutes. He was such a kind and gentle soul - always with a smile and never a negative word about anything or anyone. I will honor his memory by trying to live my life by the example he set in the way he lived his. We thought very highly of Carl, and had great admiration for him. I know he loved his family, and he was loved in return. He will be missed by all of us and never forgotten. Sincerely, Elizabeth Warren

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**Elizabeth Warren** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Our family is praying and thinking of you all during this unexplainable time! Love you Mrs. Becky and Amanda!

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**Leah and Joel Blomberg** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ To all of Carl's family and friends, I'd like to send my love and prayers. Although I knew Carl for just a short time, he was a true blessing from God, an answer to my prayers. I loved him with all my heart and soul. May he be eternally happy. With sympathy and love, take care all. Jess

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**Jessica Kane** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Carl was a great person and he will be missed. Till we are all reunited in heaven one day! Love in Christ, Mandy Tranthem Ingram

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**Mandy Tranthem Ingram** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Carl i will miss you. you always made me feel like a part of the family. I love you. Becky you did a great job with Carl. He was humble,lovable,funny,and a great person. I continue to pray for you and your family and i love you.

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**maria** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Carl, I will miss you and i love you and i know that your in Heaven with GOD and Jesus! God Bless you, you will be missed!

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**Tit Myrna** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Pa Pa and Grandma will miss our grandson Carl. There are to many memories to begin to try and mention each one. Carl had a great personality and a love for people. Though our hearts are broken over Carl's death and homegoing. God's wonderful GRACE as always will sustian our family and through it all He will tell us "all about it by and by."

Pa Pa and Grandma Couey - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ We send our condolences and heartfelt prayers to your family. We are friends of Don and Dianne's, and want you to know that we are praying for the Lord's consolation and peace for all of your family. In Jesus' love, Gary & Penny Hess <><

Gary and Penny Hess - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Becky, Amanda, Jason, and family, Carl was like my other "brother" and your family my "other" family growing up in Homestead. Thanks for all of the wonderful memories you allowed me to be a part of. Carl will be missed by his other "sister" and I look forward to seeing him again in heaven so he can chase me down those golden streets!!! Jill

Jill Johnson (used to be Achterberg) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Again we send our prayers to everyone. We love and miss all of you and thank you for the parts you have played in our lives.

Bob & Lori Williams - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I have such wonderful memories of Carl--his strength of character, his sense of humor, his deep bond with people. Some of my favorite memories of Carl were during the time he was my student at Colonial Christian School. He was always chasing the girls on the playground--especially my daughter, Jill. He & Jill have continued to have a special relationship through the years. I remember when he was recovering from Guillain Barre' Syndrom & was in a wheelchair. He was so tough. He wouldn't stay in the wheelchair in my classroom. He insisted on putting his wheelchair to one side & holding on to desks for support so he could walk around our classroom unassisted. I would insist that he use the wheelchair to go outside for recess. One day while trying to help him maneuver his wheelchair over the step outside our classroom so he could go to the playground, I accidently tipped him over landing him on the hard jagged rocks at the bottom on the step. I was in tears, but Carl just managed to get up, brushed off his knobby knees and laughed about it. That's my Carl! I miss him. My prayers go out to you, Beck. Love, Sandy Achterberg Burton <{><

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**Sandy Achterberg Burton** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Becky, your family and Carl's are in my prayers this week. I'm so saddened for your loss of his presence.

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**laurie pennington hetherington** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Becky, you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Donna (Sackett) Kostiuk** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I am so sorry to hear about this. May God bear you up and comfort you as only He can. Our hope is based on the sure promises of God's Word.

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**Paul Crowther** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I don't even know what to say. I watched my parents bury a child, Becky and they have never been the same. In truth, none of us are. I remember Carl in cowboy boots strutting around SDBC, I remember him playing soccer at Harris Field with my brothers, I remember his father Ray being there coach...and today they are together again. Jason and Amanda, your brother will always be a part of you even in his absence. Hug your mom a lot...she will need it. Becky, tell your father that I will never forget my mother's face as we stood in the ICU room of Northwestern Memorial in Chicago as we said goodbye to my sister Beka, telling me that Pastor Coeuy had phoned her and the words of comfort he provided meant a great deal to her. My heart hurts for all of you...I'm wiping away tears as I write this. I'll leave you with words someone wrote to me in a letter after my sister died. "Imagine stepping onto a shore and finding it's Heaven. Imagine taking hold of a hand and finding it's God's hand. Imagine breathing new air and finding it's celestial. Imagine feeling invigorated and finding its immortality. Imagine passing from storms & tempest to an unknown calm. Imagine waking up and finding it's home." Love to the Tranthem's, the Coeuy's and all those who will miss Carl Tranthem. Love, Jennifer Stewart on behalf of the Wes and Diane Stewart family

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**Jennifer Stewart** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Becky, I am so sorry to learn of Carl's death. You are in our prayers. Love, Sam and Julia Nixon

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**Julia Hubbard Nixon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Becky, you have been in my thoughts and prayers all weekend. Carl did the music for my wedding in 1995. He was one of the sweetest people I have ever known, and every time I came home he had a huge hug for me. May God give you peace during this time.*

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**Rhonda Hampton** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Dear Becky and Family, Just want you to know that we are so sorry for your loss. May it help in some small way to know that friends are praying for comfort at this very difficult time. God bless!!*

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**Rev & Mrs Phil (Mona) Griffith & June Hackler** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Raymond Trantham*

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October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Becky and Family, My heart breaks for your loss. We never know why God does what He does, but we are comforted in knowing that he loves us beyond all understanding. May God wrap his arms around you tighter and bring comfort to you. God Bless Becky. Love Tammy*

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**Tammy Green** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dear Becky and Family, I'm so sorry for your grief. Hold hands TIGHT with Our Lord, and you will receive the grace you need so much. My son Greg "moved to Heaven" 10 years ago at the age of 26 yrs. I'm sure he has already introduced himself to Carl and is showing him around! When the grief gets so bad Becky, listen for your sons voice. You will be comforted. Just knowing that our boys are ecstatic living in HEAVEN will continue to fill our spirit. Picture Carl with unending joy doing all the things he likes and MORE! God Our Father called our boys home first. His plan is for all of us to be together again....and WE WILL. I'm here for you Becky. Love, Kris

Kris Chancellor - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Becky and family, So saddened to hear about Carl. I still remember when I heard about Ray almost 10 yrs ago. You've been through some deep waters and you're in our thoughts and prayers. Also still remember Becky all of those youth group classes at South Dade, as both the church and your family will always have a special place in my heart. May the Lord strenghten you during this time, as He surrounds you w/ family & friends. Donnie & family, Lorraine, Olivia, & Parker

Donnie Done - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Becky, Amanda, and Jason and family, May God give you great comfort and strength in the coming days. We will hold you up in our prayers. With love and prayers Joe and Kathy Wheeler

Joe and Kathy Wheeler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Becky and family Sending my deepest condolences to you. I am so very sorry to hear of you loss. Your family has always been very special to us. You are in our prayers and we ask God's comfort and love for you all at this time.*

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**Rhonda Hackler** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Becky, Charles, Rose and Family, Please know that we will be praying for all of you as you go through this difficult time. I did not know Carl as an adult but I know you all have some wonderful memories and can have peace in knowing that he is now in heaven with his dad but most of all sitting with Jesus and talking with Him. I will let Mama (Aunt Inez in Dexter, Georgia) know and I know she also sends her love and thoughts to each of you. Praying for the peace and comfort that only our Jesus can give. Love, Brenda*

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**Brenda Wood Woodard** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. God's love never fails us and we know that we will once again meet up with our loved ones. Please take comfort in knowing that Carl is being comforted by those who preceded him. He will always be a part of you, and his cheerful spirit will provide comforting memories. May God bless & keep you all through this difficult time. In God's Love, Natalie, Jeff, Joshua, Micaela O'Conner Stephanie, Joshua, Caidyn Owens*

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**Natalie Pate O'Conner** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Becky, Only our Lord knows "why". Stay strong and let HIM heal your broken heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. In HIS Love, Lewis & Andrea*

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**Lewis & Andrea Woodard** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ BECKY AND FAMILY, OUR HEARTS ARE JUST BREAKING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY...IT IS SO HARD FOR A MOTHER TO LOSE A CHILD...BUT EVEN THOUGH HE IS NOT HERE WITH YOU HE IS SAFE IN GOD'S LOVING ARMS....KNOWING CARL, BUDDY AND TOM THEY ARE REJOICING IN HEAVEN FISHING ON JORDAN'S RIVER BANKS...REMEMBER WE LOVE YOU ALL AND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE ALWAYS A PART OF OUR FAMILY....LOVE AUDREY AND JAMES GAYDON AND FAMILY

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**audrey and james gaydon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Ms. Becky, Jason, and Amanda, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I can't even imagine how much you will miss that amazing smile. Knowing Carl from growing up together, I am confident he lived his short life to the fullest and packed as much fun into three and a half decades as anyone could, meanwhile making the world a better place for those around him. He truly was a blessing to those fortunate enough to know him. Love, Andrea

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**Andrea Wheeler Smith** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ After my son Greg "moved to Heaven" my sister sent me this heartfelt verse. For MANY days I would read this, and regain the courage to take another step. I now keep it in a shadow box frame, with a rose that Greg's best military buddy gave me. From one mother to another dear Becky..... God's Lent Child I'll lend you awhile a child of mine God said for you to cherish while he lives, and mourn for when he's dead. It may be one one or two years, or forty two or three, but will you, till I call him back take care of him for me. He'll bring you his lovely memories as solace for grief. I cannot promise he will stay, since ALL from earth return, but the lessons that are taught below, I want this lent child to learn. I've looked the whole world over in search of teachery true, and from the ones who crown life's lanes I have chosen YOU. Will you give him all your love? Nor think the labor vain? Nor hate me when I come to take this lent child back again? I fancied that I heard them say Dear Lord, thy will be done, for the joy thy child will bring, the risk of grief will run. We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may. And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful we will stay. But should thy angels call for him much sooner than we'd planned, we'll brave the grief that comes to us, and try to understand.

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**Kris Chancellor** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM