



David A. Thomann

March 26, 2025

Husband, Father, PawPaw, Pastor, Friend

David A. Thomann, 74, of Willow Street, PA, went home to be with his Savior on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, surrounded by his loving family at home. Born in Jersey City, NJ, he was the son of the late Rev. David E. and Pauline (Musselman) Thomann and the loving husband of Patricia F. (Ziegler) Thomann with whom he was married for 52 years.

David graduated from Souderton High School where he played trumpet in the band and sang in the chorus. After graduating from Pinebrook Junior College and United Wesleyan College and receiving a call to pastoral ministry, he attended Conservative Baptist Seminary, Denver, CO. David went on to serve as athletic director and director of admissions at Pinebrook Junior College for three years. He subsequently served one year as youth pastor at Twin Lakes Baptist Church, Santa Cruz, CA. This was followed by two years as pastor of Catasauqua Bible Fellowship Church before moving to Lancaster, PA, where he was senior pastor at Faith Bible Fellowship Church for 39 years, retiring in 2019. Over the years, he served on the board of Lancaster Christian School and various boards and committees in the Bible Fellowship Conference.

David dedicated his life to sharing the saving grace of Jesus Christ to his congregation and his family. He was a gifted Bible teacher and worship leader.

David played the guitar and the trumpet and was a member of the men's quartet. He especially loved singing with his family. David cherished his family and loved spending time together whether camping, going on beach trips, going out to eat, playing games or spending time with his grandchildren. David was a devoted Eagles, 76ers and San Francisco Giants fan. He also enjoyed playing golf, basketball and softball.

David is survived by his wife Patricia, his children Tricia (Randy) Warfel of Willow Street, David (Elva) Thomann of Chihuahua, Mexico, Tara (Doug) Wise of Lancaster, Donovan Thomann of Willow Street, Haley Thomann of Willow Street, his grandchildren R.J., John, Henry, Ashtyn, Ashley, Elsie, Brooks, Sophia, Isabella, and his sisters, Betty (Arthur) Frable, and Beverly Thomann. He was preceded in death by his parents Rev. David E. and Pauline Thomann.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend David's memorial service at Faith Bible Fellowship Church, 151 Donnerville Road, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Following the service there will be a lunch and opportunity for people to share their memories of David. Interment will be at a later date. The livestream of the service will be available on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKpVo1aPFbQ>

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to Anchor Christian Academy. P.O. Box 6124 Lancaster, PA 17607, or Align Life Ministries, alignlifeministries.org

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Bible Fellowship Church
151 Donerville Road
Lancaster, PA 17603

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ My remembrance of Dave is the years we had together at Pinebrook Jr. College. and before that Berean Bible school In Allentown Pa. We played sports together.. Basketball and Soccer. We were also were a part of the brass ensemble . Dave on Trumpet, as well as Bruce Heffner, and Tom Notaro, and me on Trombone. What memories those days were. I think of those years often. My prayers are with you Pat, and family, knowing that God will shower you all with his un-measurable grace as time goes on.

Keith Stickler - April 11, 2025 at 08:27 AM

PK

“ Pastor Dave was my wife's pastor and performed our wedding service just short of 25 years ago. He became a friend during the following years. I miss those times when we met in the family living room for our Regional prayer times and serving on the Board of Directors for Joy in Jesus Ministries together. The congregation of the Terre Hill BFC are praying for Pat, Tara, Trish, David and their families as well as Diane and I.

Praying for you,
Pastor Kevin Kirkpatrick

Pastor Kevin Kirkpatrick - April 08, 2025 at 08:13 AM

AN

“ I was 7 years old when Pastor T and his family moved within two blocks from my house. This reality also meant, he wasn't just a neighbor but also pastor where my mom and I attended church. I predominantly remember him teaching God's word with devout seriousness. Although, he did have a dynamic smile, unique charisma, and a zest for life. One particular Sunday morning he made a quick comment during his teaching that he was utilizing as a metaphor. He said, “Don't you put your pants on, one leg at a time”. I may have been around 12 years old and in a moment of self entertainment, I shook my head “no”. I didn't imagine he'd catch that among a congregation of filled oak pews. His seriousness was halted by his laughter as he followed with saying how everyone puts their pants on one leg at a time with the exception of (then naming me). Upon the “shake hands, receiving line exit”, he shook my hand and lit up with illuminating laughter. I very well could have been regarded in the moment for what I displayed, a rebellious sinner. Instead, he showed me the love of Jesus. Fast forward, at 46 years old, I found myself at a new level of low. I was unable to provide for myself at a level where I was actually hungry. I didn't know how to immediately resolve that nor who to ask for help. Hunger prevailed in my hours of internal debate and I reached out to him. I couldn't remember the last I stepped into his church. He was weeks from retirement. I met with him in his office and the dynamic was different. At that moment; we were both adult men as opposed to me being a 7 year old boy. We talked, he knew. He wasn't naïve to people and their sin. I was too broken to hide it anyway. Once again he showed me the genuine love of Jesus. The sum of those where I could find that was dramatically shrinking. Even among them were those that criticized him. He unwavering in his ministry provided me a grocery store gift card. I spent that on food 6 years ago. However, what he actually gave me, I still have today. He gave me hope. Hope in the form of a reminder. Pastor Thomann reminded me through his actions of Christ's love. There was no shame or judgment. Just love. My remaining fragments of squelched hope were embraced as I saw the love of God emulate from this man when many discarded me. Once again the rebellious sinner could

not deny the truth; God is real. One simple act of loving the unlovable I once again was reminded of something. The recognition of love's existence can only validate; Jesus is Lord and Savior.

anonymous - April 07, 2025 at 04:40 AM

JO

“ *Pastor Thomann was more than my Pastor, he was also a friend. He was my very first Pastor, shaping my faith in so many ways. He will be greatly missed, but so thankful that because of the hope we have in Christ, we will see each other again! Praying for the entire family.*

Joel and Lauren Ober - April 04, 2025 at 08:59 PM

DK

“ *Grew up with David as my pastor, He is loved and will be very missed, incredible man!*

Dawn kaminsky - April 04, 2025 at 05:43 AM

TM

“ *Tracy And Brenda Miller lit a candle in memory of David A. Thomann*



Tracy and Brenda Miller - April 03, 2025 at 02:40 PM

TM

“ *Pastor will always be a special part of our lives to our family throughout his ministry at FBFC. He is loved and missed, until we meet again. In Jesus, Tracy and Brenda Miller*

Tracy and Brenda Miller - April 03, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of David A. Thomann.



April 03, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David A. Thomann.

April 03, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *Aaron Frable and Family* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of David A. Thomann.



Aaron Frable and Family - April 03, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *Aaron Frable and Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David A. Thomann.

Aaron Frable and Family - April 03, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David A. Thomann.



April 03, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David A. Thomann.

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David A. Thomann.



April 02, 2025 at 11:05 PM



“ Love, Jackie and Jimmy Neal purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of David A. Thomann.



Love, Jackie and Jimmy Neal - April 02, 2025 at 08:34 PM