



## Pastor Arthur R. Crawford

July 25, 1923 - February 14, 2016

Arthur R. Crawford, age 92, was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 14, 2016. Born July 25, 1923, Art was preceded in death by his parents Claud and Bessie, brother Wayne, sister Harriet Hone, and by his beloved wife June. Art is survived by his brother Claud; his children Daniel (Sharon), Rebecca Pruden, David (Lynn), Elizabeth (Ellery) Lamkie and Stephen (Peggy); 9 grandsons; 1 granddaughter; and 4 great-grandchildren. Art was the pastor of Riverside Bible Church for 48 years, from its founding in 1962 until his retirement in 2010. He led verse-by-verse studies in both the Old and New Testaments, always centered on the Bible as the inerrant Word of our sovereign God. In addition, he taught Bible studies across the country. Art graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in nuclear physics. A United States Navy veteran of World War II, Art was a pioneer in the field of industrial vibration analysis and founded International Research and Development Corporation and Production Measurements Corporation. The last years of his professional career were spent as an international consultant on vibration problems, specializing in system resonances. Visitation will be held 5:00-8:00p.m. FRIDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065 (614)792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mil east of Sawmill Parkway.) The Memorial Service will be held 11:00a.m. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016 at RIVERSIDE BIBLE CHURCH, 5330 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43235. If they choose, friends may

make memorial contributions to the Riverside Bible Church Tape Ministry in Art's memory.

Romans 8:18 "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us."

Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Riverside Bible Church  
5330 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43235

# Tribute Wall



“ I believe this is the same Art Crawford who benefitted me way back in the 70's with tapes of his messages while in military service. Just found one, by the way, on Daniel 9:25 - 27 (re. " the abomination of desolation"). He had a unique pronunciation of "Darius" - saying Da-  
reye-us instead of the more common Dair-e-us. I have personally used his pronunciation to this day. Wish I could obtain more of his messages. William Spalding Wichita, Kansas

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**William Spalding** - January 03, 2024 at 10:54 AM

Check out [riversidebible.church](http://riversidebible.church) you will find a wealth of his teaching there....

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**Chris Deeter** - January 12, 2025 at 06:04 PM

I benefited greatly from Art's teachings. His church would send me tapes, free of charge, for many years. I listened to hundreds of hours of his sermons.

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**Bill Minich** - July 06, 2025 at 10:12 PM



“ Pastor Arthur R. Crawford

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

DC

“ In 1976, I was employed as head of the Professional Theatre Training Program at OSU. My family of my bride and two early adolescents found Riverside Bible. The Lord opened a remarkable experience in being taught by one of the three most important mentors in my life as far as theology is concerned. Art Crawford challenged me to go deeper into the Word. His sermons - teachings - always were open to the congregation and questions as well as clarifications were handled with compassion and authority.

We were there for four years before accepting a position in Texas, but we never came close to getting out of 1st Corinthians on Sunday Mornings. Sunday evenings were brutal on Art as we seemed to be skipping over verses and important points merely to cover more material.

Art Crawford was my first significant mentor. Moving to Texas, Dr. Howard Hendricks became my second and Roy Robertson, the first Navigator and later director of Training Evangelistic Leadership, became my third mentor with specialization in cross-cultural missions. They all three are now together likely comparing notes. Why did I have three "Pauls?" Timothy only needed one.

Yet, Christ is the Head of all and primary mentor in this church age. Celebrate Him and I celebrate Art Crawford for his affable and personable attention to each believer.

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**Dr. Lou and Laura Campbell** - September 12, 2021 at 04:34 PM

C.

“ It's amazing who God chooses to be his teachers. This man was the best engineer in the field and God chose him to teach the word. How wonderful and amazing is our God. How unsearchable is wisdom and love. God truly works in mysteries and wonder.

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**C.E.O** - September 10, 2016 at 10:28 PM



“ I read the bible all my life, and have battled the word of God with others since a young age to understand truth in grace without works of the flesh. Arthur R. Crawford, was a true man of the Lord, a hidden diamond and a man who the Holy Spirit still leads today with his sermons online. I am very thankful, that God gave me the opportunity to listen to his Word through the teachings of the Spirit using such a knowledgeable Pastor confirming my own faith in Jesus Christ who is God all Mighty incarnated in flesh. He is now with the Lord, and his journey has just started filled by the joy and presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ for all eternity. Its a celebration!

*Jaime Ortega.*

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**Jaime Ortega** - September 03, 2016 at 06:36 AM



“ We know your father detested praise, so we want to say how very much his teaching of God's Word influenced our lives without attributing undue glory to Art.. He was used by the Lord to make us study His Word more carefully. "Truth is this book", he would often say about the Scriptures, and his teaching gift from the Lord helped us see the marvelous finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Sovereign grace of our God more clearly,. We never met Art , having known him only through his studies on CD, but he is such a dear friend to us.

*We are saddened for your loss. We praise God and rejoice with you that Art is with our Lord!*

*Love In Christ, Tom & Betty Gresh, New Holland, Pa*

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**Tom Gresh** - February 23, 2016 at 08:18 PM

BM

“ *It truly is the end of an era. My heart is full for you all, as you grieve the loss of your Dad. I remember so many, many things. Flying over the Appalachian Mts. on the way home from FL, Christmas visits to each others' homes, the trip to Niagara Falls, Selby Blvd., Old State Rd., the trampoline, lots of airplane rides, OHS, skating on the lake and picnics in the woods. The traffic report, the Porters, the Paines, your lovely mother.*

*My most recent memory of your father was just before my father died, in December of 2006. Uncle Art and Uncle Russ came to take Daddy out to lunch, and invited me along. It was such a privilege to be there, like a speck on the wall, listening to those three old, good buddies reminisce and kid each other. What fun, and how kind of your father to invite me along. He was a generous and kind man.*

*Please accept my love and sympathy, my dear neighbors/friends/"cousins".*

*Beth Ann Britt Marlor*

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**Beth Britt Marlor** - February 19, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Arthur R. Crawford.*



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February 19, 2016 at 03:38 PM

JF

“ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you without fault in the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, honor, dominion and power both now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24- 25)

*As I have shared elsewhere, I heard these words echo from the back of the sanctuary following the service every Sunday, spoken by Art, a man whom I consider second only to my own father for his influence on my life. Who I married, when I married, where I worship, how I taught and raised my children, all have been gently, subtly, even unknowingly guided by him. More importantly, he taught God's word and in such a way as to leave no doubt of God's sovereignty, Christ's finished work, the love of God for His children and the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us in His truth through His Word. God has used Art Crawford in such a mighty way, not only in my life but countless others. "Don't ever pray me out of Heaven" Art used to say... well now he is eternally rejoicing in the presence of his Lord and Savior. Praise God!*

*Jeri Heltzel Field*

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**Jeri Field** - February 18, 2016 at 04:45 PM

EL

“ I don't know where to begin. Words cannot really express the heartfelt gratitude that the Lord allowed Art Crawford to teach so faithfully the Word for so many years. I was just a six year old when our family began attending RBC in 1965. We moved in 1968 so my RBC memories really jelled when I returned to Columbus from 77-81 to attend OSU. The Lord used RBC, and in particular, the teaching through Art to help me trust in God during a time when I could easily have been persuaded to disregard the Lord and His Word. I may have been a background, fairly quiet and sporadic church attender during those college years, but they were quite possibly the most critical years in this young Christian's life. Throughout the decades since, cassette tapes, and now on-line and DVD messages have been so helpful to not only me, but to my folks, who are rejoicing with Art in the Lord's presence, and now my young adult children. Thank you Lord, for Art Crawford, and the eternal and on-going impact that Your teaching through him is having on our family out hear in Washington state. My prayers are definitely with the family; may God grant you His peace that surpasses all understanding.

*the Ed Luebben family*

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**Edward T Luebben** - February 18, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Arthur R. Crawford.



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February 18, 2016 at 02:31 PM

RS

“ Words cannot express what Art Crawford and his teaching have meant in my husband and my life. I first heard Art teach when he use to come to Mansfield and teach on friday nights at the Mansfield Christian School. I was at very low point in my life and his teaching challenged my thinking on the word of God. Its been 40 years of listening to Art by tape and now online. His thorough, consistent and uncompromising stand on the truths of Gods word have had a profound effect on both us. Studying Gods word will never be the same again. Art was so approachable and easy to talk with. He was also endearingly humorous. I still remember when we went to Ohio for a visit and he took us out to dinner.

I was seated next to him and as we were talking he reached over to my plate with his fork and tasted some of my food. His wife June and he would share each others food. Being with them you could see their deep love for each other. We are so privileged that our Lord put us in the path of Art and Riverside Bible Church. We will miss him very much but know that one day we will all be together again never more to part.

*Rosamond & Charles Stidam*

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**Rosamond Stidam** - February 18, 2016 at 02:24 PM

GC

“ Gary, Hud, Tammy, Jeff and Chris purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Pastor Arthur R. Crawford.



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**Gary, Hud, Tammy, Jeff and Chris** - February 18, 2016 at 12:13 PM

TG

“ *The Greenlee's purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Pastor Arthur R. Crawford.*



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**The Greenlee's** - February 18, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Arthur R. Crawford.*



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February 18, 2016 at 06:02 AM

RA

“ *Ron & Sharon Abate purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Arthur R. Crawford.*



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**Ron & Sharon Abate** - February 17, 2016 at 06:39 PM

HU

“ God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU for your service in WWII. The USA would NOT be as it is today. I treasure the freedoms for which YOU fought for, Pastor Crawford..... And Semper Fi.



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Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - February 17, 2016 at 04:33 PM

PW

“ Art Crawford Remembered

*In the late 1950s I was an ex GI going to OSU studying Electrical Engineering. During that period I married and had 2 daughters while living in GI Village. There were many barracks housing the ex GIs families. There was a meeting hall where Art came to have a Sunday morning service as a minister. He Baptized our 2 daughter.. Art was a good friend of ours. We talked about his company, IRD and his flying airplanes as I did.*

*Near graduation I was looking for a job. To my surprise there was a note on the EE Bulletin Board by Art who was looking for a control system engineer which was exactly what I had been studying the past 5 years.. With a phone call I got the job. He was then at Denison Hydraulics putting together a group to design & build electronics in the control of hydraulics..*

*Art Crawford will always be a very important person.  
Paul Wolfe*

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Paul Wolfe - February 17, 2016 at 02:40 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Arthur R. Crawford.*



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February 17, 2016 at 10:35 AM



“ *We (my husband Duchan and I) attended Bible studies led by Art at Mansfield Christian School in the early 1970s. The scriptures came alive for us. It made me so hungry for the truth, that I enrolled in a correspondence course for Biblical Greek at Dallas Theological Seminary. I was a young mom at the time (early 20s). That course together with the Riverside tape ministry gave me the ability to do personal studies the rest of my life (I'm 64 now.) Duchan and I have done many, many studies using computer tools (Seedmaster which became Bible Companion) because the Lord used Art to show us how. We thank the Lord for Art's life and thank Him for letting him teach for such a long, long time. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Charlyene Besedick** - February 17, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

*May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Arthur R. Crawford, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....*

*US Navy WW II Veteran, Arthur R. Crawford, “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*



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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - February 17, 2016 at 05:07 AM**



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Arthur R. Crawford.* ”



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February 16, 2016 at 07:38 PM