



## Tom J. Leding

August 14, 1932 - August 17, 2015

A Funeral Service for Tom Leding has been scheduled for 10:00 AM, Friday, August 21, 2015 at Woodlake Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pastor Jamie Austin and Pastor Jerry Spurrell will officiate. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home.

Tom was born on Sunday, August 14, 1932 in Hartman, Arkansas, the son of Seth Andrew and Grace Maude (Sullivan) Leding. He died at his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Monday, August 17, 2015. He was 83 years of age.

Born a coal miner's son in rural Arkansas, young Tom had a burning desire to rise above his humble beginnings and become a success in the business world. Following the principles of prosperity he learned from the Word of God, Tom went on to defy all odds and become one of Tulsa's most noted businessmen. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and business law from La Salle University, plus a master's degree in business administration and a doctorate in philosophy from Golden State University. Later, Tom also earned a doctorate in literature from Antioch Christian University. He married the former Miss Sue Ashmore on September 12, 1951 in Hartman, Arkansas.

Even though he started out small in the business world, Tom kept believing big. As he followed the prosperity principles he found in the Bible, he began to rise to the top of his field in every endeavor he set out to accomplish. He was

chief accountant at American airlines for nearly five years. For twenty-three years, he was an agent with the Farmer's Insurance Group, where he set company records for the largest single policy ever sold. For seven years, he was also the number-one salesman among the company's 14,000 agents. For more than a decade, Tom ran a full-service insurance and investment agency, supervising a staff of ten brokers while he personally managed a multimillion-dollar portfolio for his clients. A member of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship since 1955, Tom served for several years as International Treasurer of the organization, which includes 4,000 chapters in 154 nations. Tom was a past FGBMFI International Director and one of twelve members on the President's Council of the organization. He also served on the boards of several international ministries, often acting in the capacity of financial advisor.

Tom Leding was a man on a mission, a minister of the Gospel focused on one thing: fulfilling the divine mandate God had given him to help lead His people out of poverty into prosperity. Tom was a much sought-after teacher who ministered in churches and conferences throughout the United States, Central America, and overseas. He also made appearances on TBN, TCT, Daystar TV, Cornerstone, and several independent television and radio networks. As he effectively shared from his wealth of biblical knowledge concerning God's will to prosper His people, Tom inspired Christians to break out of their "poverty mentality" once and for all so they can enter into the abundant life God has planned for them. Tom is also the author of several best-selling books, including Rags to Riches: You Don't Have To Be Poor; The Making of a King; Who Said That?; The Leding Action Plan for Success; and Your Greatest Asset. Tom lived the Bible and constantly read books on healing. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Light for the Lost, 1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802.

Tom is survived by,  
Wife, Sue Leding, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Daughter-in-Law, Carol Leding, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Grandchildren, Adam Leding and wife Beth, Elk, Washington  
Rebecca Culver, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Great Grandchildren, Jackson, Braedyn, and Ronni

He was preceded in death by his son Ronnie Joe Leding and two infant sons,  
Ricky Joe Leding and Danny Joe Leding.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

5111 S. Memorial Dr.  
Tulsa, OK 74145  
(918) 627-0220  
<http://memorialparktulsa.com>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 20.** 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
[hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com](mailto:hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com)

## Visitation

**AUG 20.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Tom J. Leding*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Just found out today prayers & blessings to u MRS. Sue & family members ,(receptionist, I always forget her name*

**Rosalind** - January 15, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ *My GOD please forgive me I would and he would always pray for me. My heart is broken*

**Rosalind** - January 15, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ *Mr. Leding changed my life by showing me that you don't have to have a 'poverty mentality'. From reading his book "Rags to Riches" with a bible study group, I learned to change my thought pattern. I also read and studied the Bible more because of the 5 o'clock club. He was truly a gift to the not only the body of Christ, but to the world! His business saavy and godly principles have changed the course of lives for many people. Thank you for sharing him with the world! May the Comforter surround you with his love and peace. God Bless You.*

**Deidre Johnson** - December 28, 2015 at 04:33 AM



“ Tom was such a Blessing!!! From him I learned about 5:00 prayer and his Bible reading plan. He left such a legacy for the kingdom of God!!!! Your family is in my prayers!!!! God bless you all!!!! S.Ingram

Susan Ingram - October 27, 2015 at 07:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tom J. Leding.



August 24, 2015 at 05:12 PM



“ Sorry Sue and Family , I'm sorry for your loss I just heard today about the passing of Tom may the Lord comfort you during this time; God Bless You ,Bill Leding Mansfield,Ohio  
crosswalker\_55@yahoo.com

bill leding - August 22, 2015 at 02:38 PM



“ Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern was purchased for the family of Tom J. Leding.



August 20, 2015 at 06:02 PM

GB

“ Gary Ballard lit a candle in memory of Tom J. Leding



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**Gary Ballard** - August 20, 2015 at 02:06 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Tom J. Leding.



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August 20, 2015 at 11:14 AM

DD

“ Tom was a wonderful person, with a beautiful family  
The Dyer's

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**Donelle Dyer** - August 20, 2015 at 12:20 AM

PD

“ I Thank Tom Leding for what he imparted into my life, for what he taught about God's Word, and how he inspired / encouraged many of us. We will miss him, but are glad he is free from all pain and suffering, and is in Heaven which he spoke fondly of.

*Our heartfelt condolences to his Dear Sue, truly the Love of Tom's life. May she, and All the family members experience the Love and Comfort of our Heavenly Father. Jesus said: "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless" , expect His presence, and the guiding of the Holy Spirit throughout these times.*

*Patrick & Patricia Dube*

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**Patrick Dube** - August 19, 2015 at 04:59 PM

TL

“ Tom Leding was a blessing to me and his minisrty. I will miss him and his kind words and prayers. He was truley my brother in Christ. As Tom would say "you be blessed". My deepest sympathy to his family and staff. Terri L.

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**terri lautenbach** - August 18, 2015 at 08:25 PM

GE

“ We remember Tom and Sue as our dear friends. We knew them both before Ronnie (their son) was born. They have always been very special in our hearts and our life as we served in the church and served God together. We miss Tom already, and we are praying for Sue as she waits the time that we will all join Tom in heaven. There is no doubt that he is there

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**Guy & Carmeletta Eidson** - August 18, 2015 at 02:14 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Tom's Photo Album



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 18, 2015 at 09:22 AM

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*Here I am in Flint, Michigan thinking about how a man who I never met impacted my life in such a great way. My heart is full and tears well up in my eyes remembering how he started me on a journey of Bible study with the 5 o'clock prayer. I never practiced his prayer regiment, but I seldom missed praying those daily scriptures from his monthly calendar. Such a blessing to me he was for that calendar plan. Where I went....his calendar scripture plan went with me as well. He was even gracious enough to pray with and for me by telephone. God bless you Mr Leding and your family for making our lives so much better in Jesus Christ. Heaven is your home now...and your work well done. Forever thanks to you.*

Brenda Joyce Williams - October 30, 2015 at 05:07 PM