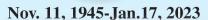
Celebration of Life Service

Pastor Jimmy Lee Vinita

Friday, January 20, 2023 at 11:00AM **Main Sanctuary**

Abundant Grace Community Church 2110 S McColl Rd. Edinburg, TX 78539



to Edward and Louise Vinita started taking missionary trips attending their home church. November 7, 1945. He went with the culture and missions Word, worship, and fellowship to be with his Lord and Savior work. After a time, He was and they quickly outgrew their on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 while surrounded by his wife to the Valley to be close to the and loving family. He attended Midwest City High School in Midwest City, Oklahoma where he graduated undefeated in wrestling in 1964. There he met and married the love of his life Joyce E Cardwell and soon they started their journey together. After several years of being a traveling salesman, his love of nature and fishing would bring them to the resort town of Grove, Oklahoma, where he purchased a local sporting goods store. It was there that he felt the call of God on his life to preach. He commuted back and forth to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he attended Trinity Bible College. He graduated Trinity Bible College in 1973. His very first preaching engagement was a weekly Sunrise Sunday Service on the lake in the old boathouse where people came to listen to the word in their fishing clothes and bathing suits.

where he pastored his first Joanna, Jacquie, and Jennifer church. It was during this time

Jimmy Lee Vinita was born that he felt led to missions. He participated and served those Nowata, Oklahoma on into Mexico and fell in love There was a great hunger for the called by the Lord to move here living room. border to continue his missions work.

travelled to the Rio Grande at the trailer park, they used Valley in 1978 to live. They were the park pool to baptize new committed to following God's believers. After they outgrew leading, to serve as missionaries the rec room, they were given an in Mexico. Pastors Jim & Joyce opportunity to rent the banquet attended Kingsway Missionary hall of the Quality Inn, in Pharr, Institute to learn and master and a hotel room was used for the Spanish language, which children's church. Because the prepared them to work and banquet hall was upstairs, it was collaborate with Brother and Sister Stone in Victoria Bible Institute in Reynosa. In 1979, after prayerful consideration, Pastors Jim and Joyce, were led to start a Bible study in their home, in McAllen. Pastor Jim preached to the adults in the living room, while Sister Joyce taught the children in one of the bedrooms. The piano was played in the kitchen, while worship was led in the family room. Pastor Jim even learned to play the guitar! Every In 1975, he and his family Sunday was a family affair. moved to Stilwell, Oklahoma Their four children, James,

A member of their home church owned a trailer park that had a rec room. They had Jim and Joyce Vinita, along church there for about six with their four children, months. While having church endearingly called, "The Upper Room". They held church in the Upper Room for about a year.

> A Groundbreaking Ceremony took place in April 1982, at 2110 S McColl Road in Edinburg, where a piece of property was purchased to build the first building, the chapel. Hence, the commencement of Abundant Grace Community Church. The church just recently celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a special night of worship and time of fellowship.

> Jim Vinita was preceded in death by his parents and by his

granddaughter, Saylor Joyce Skaggs.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joyce Elaine Vinita, his sister Letha Cole, his son James L Vinita (Phyllis Vinita), and daughters, Joanna L Walker (Jeffrey Walker), Jacquie E Marcelino (Roger Marcelino), and Jennifer L Skaggs (Lyle Skaggs).

Grandchildren: Michael Walker, Annissa Noblejas, James F Vinita, Casey Litton, Salinas, Amanda Jessica Skaggs, Dylan Vinita, Brittany Sanchez, Joseph Marcelino, Abigail Guzman, Spencer Skaggs.

Great Grandchildren: Caden. Eli, Benjamin, Nathan, Jace, Haydin, Addison, Cole, Matthew, Samuel, Liam, Noah.

