



Greg Allen Hagebusch

May 23, 1961 - April 17, 2026

Gregory "Greg" Allen Hagebusch, 64, of Wentworth, MO passed away peacefully on Friday, April 17, 2026, with family by his side at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, MO. He was born in Austin, TX on Tuesday, May 23, 1961; son of Frederick Leslie "Les" and Gloria (Poage) Hagebusch. He was a 1979 graduate of Apple Valley High School in California. He married Kelley Rowe on Saturday, August 22, 1981, in Glendale, AZ. Greg was known throughout his life for his hard work and dedication to his family and friends. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Pierce City for nearly 30 years and their pastor over the last 8 years, a community he loved dearly to which he extended so much of his heart and time. Always busy, always available. Greg was a dedicated husband who cherished his wife, a father admired by his sons, and a grandfather adored by his grandchildren.

Greg enjoyed everything outdoors. He loved fishing and looked forward to hunting every year with his sons and grandchildren. He also enjoyed working with his hands and taking on new projects as he was a jack of all trades. If you knew Greg, you'd know that he loved to be goofy and make others laugh. He had quite a fun outgoing personality and displayed that proudly with his apparel choices that he'd often wear to church around holidays. He favored evening campfires and his cups (pots) of coffee.

Greg's kindness, generosity, and love for his family and friends will forever

remain in the hearts of those who knew him. His love for Christ and his passion living for God's glory is an example to us all. Yes, Greg passed away, but to where? Glory. Healed. Joyful. With the Christ you and I long to see with our own eyes.

Greg is survived by his wife of forty-four years, Kelley; his children, Duane (Lacy), and Davin (Courtney); and his grandchildren, Haylin, Huxton, LolaJo, August, LivyRae, Aubree, Harvey, and BirdieKate; his father, Les; his sister, Freda (Rick); and his nieces and nephews. He was greeted in heaven by his mother, Gloria Hagebusch.

The family will receive friends at First Baptist Church in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Funeral Services will be at First Baptist Church in Pierce City, MO on Sunday, April 26, 2026, beginning at 4:00PM with Pastor Wade Rogers officiating. Private burial will occur at a later time at the Van Buren Cemetery in Wentworth, MO.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church for the building fund. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

Van Buren Cemetery

Wentworth
Wentworth, MO 64873

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
21819 Hwy 97
Pierce City, MO 65723

Funeral Service

APR **26**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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21819 Hwy 97
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Tribute Wall

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“ We feel very blessed to have been able to be at First Baptist of Pierce City while Greg was pastor. When we moved from Neosho to Verona 10 years ago, we were leaving First Baptist of Neosho and had not been anywhere else for church in decades, and we were nervous to start at a new church. Greg was the second pastor after we came and he was wonderful! I loved his "goofiness" at times, not taking himself too seriously, but knowing also how and when to deliver that message that we needed to hear in a serious manner. He was friendly and relatable and loved his congregation. We loved him too and while we will miss him infinitely, we rejoice that he is with our Lord and Savior. That is our ultimate goal as Christians on this earth after all! God bless his family and help us comfort them as much as possible. David and Sheila Heckmaster

David & Sheila Heckmaster - April 22 at 04:20 PM

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We are so blessed to meet Greg and his wife Kelly I know that Kelly is really sad without Greg with her now I hope that she will overcome her pain without Greg and I know that a part of Greg will always be with her forever and ever

Harli - April 26 at 07:15 PM

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Greg will always be her Angel watching over her and he will always be watching over her as an angel I hope that Greg has an amazing time in heaven with other people that has passed away from before and yes Greg was an awesome pastor for pierce city Baptist Church I have been going there for a very long time and Greg was a very good pastor for over the years he loved working as a pastor and I bet now he wishes he could see Kelly just 1 more time and I know that they both miss each other and I hope they both will have a great life and they will surely soon see each other in heaven soon enough

Harli - April 26 at 07:21 PM

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“ We loved pastor Greg from the moment we met him. A more Godly man would be hard to find. Always serving others, building a kingdom for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ relentlessly. He had such a gentle leading hand, a heart the size of a basketball, a "we can do anything through the power of our Savior Jesus Christ" attitude, and quite the sense of humor that could get anyone to laugh even in the toughest circumstances. May God rest his soul.



David Dunn - April 20 at 09:33 PM

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“ Greg will be missed dearly.



Patty Hall - April 20 at 02:59 AM

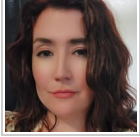
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“ *The catholic community of Saint Mary’s St Peter And paul St. Lawrence and Holy Trinity extend their deepest condolences for each and every member of the families at first Baptist Church. We have shared in your prayers and the past two weeks more over, we, like you, saw and Pastor Greg a great spiritual leader, and a model for living out a true biblical witness at church at home and in the community. After many a Christmas parade, we shared in the warm and delicious meal and we were always greeted by Pastor Greg and your Christian community.*



Together, we ask that a memorial wreath be placed in your church as a symbol of our love and concern and support for you. Many a time, Pastor Greg would go through those stores give you all deep, spiritual wisdom, and support, and then return to the outside, which he truly loved. Pierce city was a better place after he walked his walk and talked his talk and made each and every person feel welcome.

Cathy Lewis (Chaplain) - April 20 at 02:21 AM



“ Words are hard to find right now because Greg was such an impactful person to soo many lives. He was more than a pastor. He was our friend, mentor, and I had recently started referring to him as papa. When I asked him permission to call him that he replied "thats ok so does about 30 others". He was always tuned in to whomever he was talking to not to mention his relationship with our Lord and savior. He oozed Jesus, love, onriness, wisdom, and leadership. I really feel like our church lost an amazing man yet he is exactly where he has said to us on multiple occasions from the pulpit he looks forward to one day. Some of us have already found the joy in the sadness while others like myself are finding it tough to find it yet. My husband and I's relationship with Greg was most diffently quality over quantity. I am still in disbelief and miss him greatly.



Brittany Layman - April 19 at 11:37 PM

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“ Greg married Steve and I back in July 23,he made the day very special. Also had a great time helping at Baptist Hill in the kitchen, he was there all day long ,but always kept us entertained with his jokes and impressed with his thoughtfulness. Always in our hearts.

Susan and Steve Stamate - April 19 at 08:56 PM