



## Mr. Tony Morgan

October 6, 1968 - September 4, 2024

Tony Morgan, age 55, suffered a heart attack and was welcomed to his Heavenly home on September 4, 2024. His death was completely unexpected and his family, friends and countless people in ministry around the globe are profoundly saddened by the loss of a giant in their lives and ministries.

Tony is survived by his beloved wife, Emily, where they resided in Roswell, GA. He is also survived by his four remarkable children: Kayla (Matt) Hansen, Jacob (Haylee) Morgan, Abby (Ben) Brennan, and Brooke Morgan. He was looking forward to welcoming his first grandchild, George Anthony, in January. He would have been an amazing G-Daddy (his self appointed grandpa name).

Tony's surviving extended family is vast. His parents, Mary-Jo Morgan and Jerrel Morgan, his siblings, Kelli (Tony) Lyons, Jennifer Morgan and Jon (Elizabeth) Morgan, as well as his grandmother, Marjorie Morgan are all from Ohio. He leaves numerous in-laws as well as nieces and nephews.

Tony grew up in Ohio, meeting Emily in seventh grade. They would soon become high school sweethearts before he graduated valedictorian of their Piqua High School class of 1987. Tony then attended Bowling Green State University where he graduated with both a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He was mature and driven beyond his years and was able to secure employment and

experience with various city governments (Piqua, OH; Northwood, OH) before his degrees were completed. He was so highly sought-after that he was hired as the Assistant to the City Manager in Galesburg, IL with the promise that he would indeed complete his degree, which he easily did. His next venture was the City Manager position in Knoxville, IA. He wooed the City Council and they took a chance on him, a 25-year-old husband and expecting father. He accomplished much in his time in Knoxville, most notably his leading the city to a finalist position in the All-America City Competition of 1995. The city of Knoxville thrived under his leadership, but his next step was the City Administrator position in Niles, MI, where he worked until the fall of 1998 when he was, in the craziest way, called to ministry. It was a pivotal time for his career, taking a pay cut and basically starting over, but he never questioned how God had prepared both his mind and his heart for a life in ministry.

He began work as the Pastor of Administrative Services at Granger Community Church (IN). He served on the Senior Leadership Team there for 8+ years and accomplished much, including writing three books and numerous articles. While he was there he launched his blog, “tonymorganlive,” which opened up so many opportunities for his continued influence in ministry. Tony’s next stop was NewSpring Church (SC) where he helped launch the multi-site model of a megachurch. He continued to write, with wisdom and humor, and started to use his experiences to coach and train other pastors. After leaving NewSpring Church in 2009, he joined the staff at WestRidge Church (GA) while simultaneously launching his business, tonymorganlive, LLC.

In 2012 Tony trusted God with full-time self-employment and eventually was able to hire others who would ultimately become The Unstuck Group, which has far exceeded his dreams of building a great team, and helping 600+ churches reach people for Jesus. He was given the nickname “Velvet Brick” because he mastered the art of speaking truth in love as he coached and

encouraged pastors connected to Unstuck.

But of all his accomplishments, Tony would be the first to share that they meant nothing compared to his family. He was helplessly in love with Emily and made a VERY big deal of celebrating every year of their 33 year marriage. He was the biggest cheerleader of their four children and was thrilled for the extra kids he got when the oldest three got married recently. And life was even sweeter if there was good coffee, Cleveland baseball, presidential biographies, piano playing, golf and maybe an occasional game of Settlers of Catan.

But Jesus. Jesus was the one who gave Tony his one amazing life, filled with love, passion, purpose, hope and all the joy. Tony's life was changed when he met Jesus as a teenager and he never stopped working to help others know the same forgiveness, hope and purpose that he experienced. It is with tremendous sadness that we say goodbye to this giant of a man, but we know that he finished his race. He kept the faith. And he was welcomed with the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Well done, indeed.

We will be celebrating the life and the legacy that Tony lived on September 19th at 11:00 am Eastern at his church, North Point Community Church.

We ask that you wear anything but black clothes, because this is a celebration—celebration of the life he lived and the impact that we will continue to carry throughout our lives.

If you plan to attend the service, please bring a handwritten or typed note with a memory of Tony or a description of the impact he had on your life. Notes will be displayed on a memory board at the reception following the service, and treasured forever by the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you make a donation in support of a cause close to Tony's heart: developing the next generation to lead unstuck churches. You can donate here (<https://givebutter.com/InHonorofTonyMorgan>) to a fund established to provide scholarships for young pastors to participate in leadership training through The Unstuck Group.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

North Point Community Church  
4350 North Point Pkwy  
Alpharetta, GA 30022  
(678) 892-5000

# Tribute Wall

AD

“ I met Tony Morgan as one of his early unstuck group cohorts for large church leaders. We had several face to face and remote conversations surrounding ministry leadership and development. He used Gods gifts and talents to build the local church. The unstuck data mining and practical application of statistics was second to none. He helped raise struggling churches back to life, too. I was shocked to here of his sudden passing. I am with those who grieve this loss in the body of Christ. Well done faithful servant. The nature of his passing unfortunately is not uncommon post pandemic. There is a common tragedy there too.

Adam - July 15, 2025 at 05:35 AM

KH

“ For anyone not able to join us in-person on Thursday, you can watch my Dad's service from this live stream link: <https://npmmemorial.sardius.live/>

Kayla Hansen - September 16, 2024 at 07:20 PM

KS

Thank you so much ❤️

Kelly Havenar Snider - September 18, 2024 at 10:38 AM

T.

If we missed the service, is there some where for us to watch it now that it's over?

T.Walker - September 19, 2024 at 09:43 PM

JW

“ I never met Tony. Instead I was inspired by him and what he did with the Unstuck Group.

*In 2015 I found myself a little lost trying to figure out what's next in ministry for me. I had been a worship pastor for ten years, then I stumbled upon the Unstuck Group and Tony's blog and what he did just made sense to me. Before then, it never occurred to me that I could still serve Jesus but as a consultant instead of a pastor. Even with his warning about the challenges of church consulting (he had a whole blog post dedicated to that), I still went for it. Almost 10 years later, I'm still consulting with churches through my business Clearpath Church Communications, working specifically with small churches. I don't think I'd be here without Tony's influence from afar. I just want his family and staff to have one more story of his incredible reach.*

*Thank you Tony.*

*- Josh Wierenga*

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**Josh Wierenga** - September 13, 2024 at 08:40 PM

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**Nick Mancini** - September 13, 2024 at 06:06 PM

PK

“ So appreciative of Tony's work and impact on my journey in the local church...books, blogs, podcasts, conferences, consulting, conversations and more. So thankful for Tony. Praying for his family and team.

Phil Kizzee - September 13, 2024 at 10:37 AM

LJ

“ With Hearth felt Condolence - We wish you peace and comfort: We the members of Houston Citywide Baptist Brotherhood & Women's Uplift Union of Houston, Texas extend our sympathy and prayers to you and your families and Church families. We thank God for Tony for sharing his pod cast with us. He will be missed, well done Tony - Le Roy Johnson Co-President of Houston Citywide Brotherhood. May God Bless and strengthen and keep you in perfect peace.

Le Roy Johnson - September 11, 2024 at 03:58 PM

LH

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JG

“ Jorge Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tony Morgan



Jorge Gonzalez - September 11, 2024 at 10:31 AM

BH

“ My thoughts and prayers to Emily’ and family. I first met Tony while he was at Granger and have followed him ever since. His words of wisdom have impacted me and my 26 year ministry in Madison, IN and beyond. Many will call Heaven home because of his influence. “Well done, Tony! Well done!!”

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**Bob Hicks** - September 11, 2024 at 10:23 AM

BV

“ oh my. where to begin. my heart aches for all the family! I am so sorry I can't make it to Georgia. maybe there can be a memorial closer to here for all that grew up with him. Tony was such a funny, intelligent, and friendly soul from the beginning. We all knew he would be a fantastic leader. We all knew he would do great things in his life. God took one of the best home. prayers to all who are suffering with this worldly loss and may the knowledge of his presence in Heaven bring us all peace 🥺

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**Brandi VonAschen** - September 10, 2024 at 01:41 PM

DK

“ Condolence to Tony's family. May God grant you His peace.

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**david kimani** - September 10, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MC

“ We are so very sorry for your loss, Emily and family. We enjoyed y'all in our small group which met at our home in Edwardsburg until I became too sick with Lyme. Mark and I will never forget your kindness to me and your friendship. We will be praying for you during this difficult season. With much love and prayers and a big hug - Mark & Mary Ann Cameron

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**mark cameron** - September 10, 2024 at 06:35 AM

PT

*My deepest condolences to all the bereaved family. To be honest we were deeply saddened about this death news of our great mentor Pastor Tony Morgan. You will forever remain in our hearts. May his soul and all faithful departed rest in perfect peace. Till we meet again in Jesus mighty name. Amen*

**Pastor Jocee M. Tuazama** - September 11, 2024 at 10:31 AM

HP

*“ I met Tony in second grade at High Street school. Although we went to different junior highs we reconnected in high school and was in the band together. We were close friends and him and Emily helped me thorough my grief when my sister passed away. The family are i my thoughts and prayers.  
Hope Peeples*



**Hope Peeples** - September 09, 2024 at 05:39 PM

KH

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**Kayla Hansen** - September 09, 2024 at 03:52 PM



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**Northside Chapel** - September 09, 2024 at 03:10 PM