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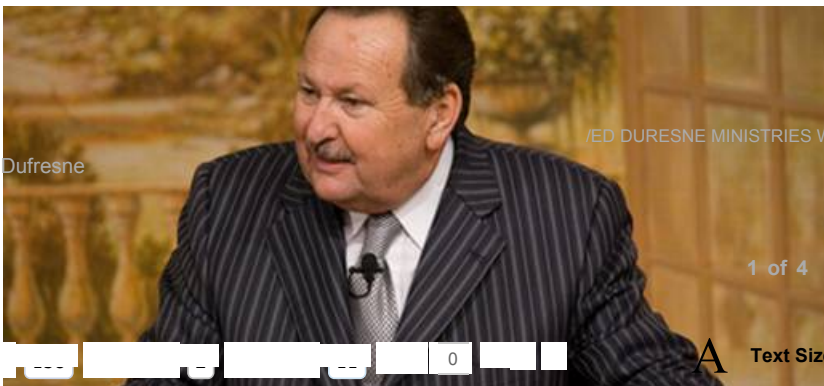
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Dr. Ed Dufresne

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**CORRECTION:** A previous version of this story incorrectly identified where World Harvest Church is located. It is located in Wildomar.

DERBY, Kan. — A traveling Murrieta faith healer who parishioners call an inspiration and his pilot died Friday morning, Oct. 18, when their small Texas-bound plane crashed soon after taking off from a Kansas airport, authorities said.

Sedgwick County Sheriff Jeff Easter identified the victims as 72-year-old minister Edward Dufresne, a faith healer who said he could cure cancer, and 49-year-old pilot Mitchell Morgan, both of Murrieta.

Dufresne ran his own traveling ministry, while his wife, Nancy Dufresne, was the head pastor of the World Harvest Church in Wildomar, a full gospel ministry. The couple has two sons.

On Friday evening, members of World Harvest Church gathered at the house of worship to pray and remember Dufresne.

“It’s a shock,” said Matt Yeazel, a Murrieta man who was sitting in front of the church with his friend, Aaron Lyons, also of Murrieta.

The pair had brought a small bouquet of roses that was sitting between them.

They were soon joined by other members of the church who asked for privacy. A woman who did not identify herself said a service will be held but she said it hadn’t been scheduled as of Friday night.

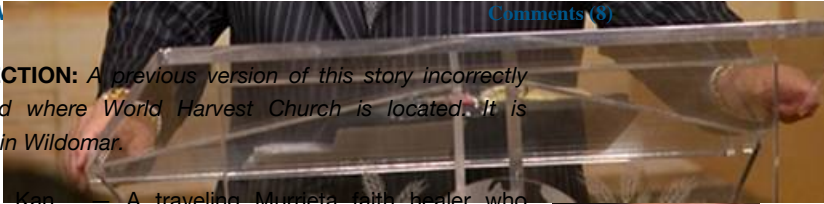
Yeazel and Lyons said that Dufresne had recently returned from a trip to Brazil. After spending a bit of time at home, he immediately left again to spread the word.

Yeazel said Dufresne, who preached at the church once a month, was an inspiration who changed his ideas about what a church was or could be and set him on a path to become a minister himself.

“It affected my heart,” he said.

The pilot’s son, Harrison Morgan, a Vista Murrieta High School junior who decided to play in Friday’s football game against Great Oak High, declined to speak about his father’s death.

“We’re all shocked,” said Ray Moore, athletic director of Vista Murrieta High School. “It’s just something that’s never supposed to happen to a young man and his family.”



**Dr. Ed Dufresne**

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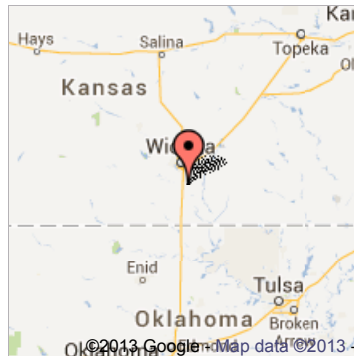
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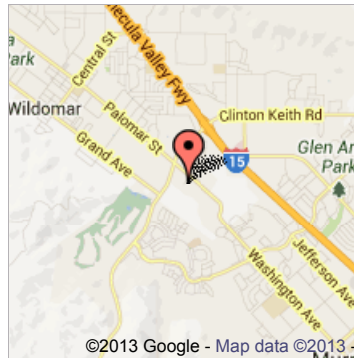
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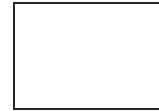
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The pastor, Dufresne, ran a website that encouraged his followers to donate monthly to his Eagle Partner Club to “fund an aviation department of Ed Dufresne Ministries” to allow him to preach and conduct faith healing in other countries.

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According to his website biography, Dufresne was a minister for 48 years and was given the gift to cure cancer in 1999 when he had a vision of Heaven. He said he travels extensively “encouraging the Body of Christ to get ready for the last days move of the Holy Spirit.”

“In 1971, God put a tangible healing anointing in Dr. Dufresne’s right hand,” according to the website. “It has been said of Dr. Dufresne that he has a unique ability to draw the anointings and gifts out of ministers.”

Dufresne says on the fundraising page of his website, which is embedded with video of a small private plane flying and taxiing, that he has 11 million airline miles “on his bones” and adds that he has been called as a traveling minister to spend 80 percent of his time away from home.

Dufresne’s itinerary showed he was hosting a seminar Friday night at the Triumphant Faith Center in Wichita, where he promised “ministry to the sick.”

His next crusade was scheduled for Nov. 9 at the World Harvest Church in Murrieta.

Tom Slayton, the pastor at Valley Believer’s Christian Center in Hemet, said he traveled with Dufresne for about five years as part of his ministry.

Dufresne came to Temecula in the 1970s after previously leading ministries in Oklahoma and Temecula. He then started the first World Harvest Church in Temecula, Slayton said.

Slayton attended the World Harvest Church in Temecula and, beginning in 2004, began traveling with Dufresne when he discovered Slayton was a pilot.

“He was in high demand because of the ministries he served,” Slayton said. “Ministry is not just something you select, but something you’re called to. He felt the call as a traveling minister and an evangelist. It was his whole life.”

Slayton said it was hard to explain Dufresne’s work. He said he would pray for people and minister to them.

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“The scripture gives authority to pray for people and deal with sickness and disease,” Slayton said. “It was part of his calling. You’re supposed to do this in the name of Jesus Christ. Not many are bold enough to do it and see results.”

When Dufresne delivered his sermons, Slayton said believers could see the effects and feeling of God, which led to documented miracles.

“When the man would pray, he would bring in the anointing of God. You could sense the feeling become electrical,” Slayton said. “I’m sure his church family will suffer. The body of Christ and those who knew him will miss him, but the charge goes on. At least we know where he is.”

Dufresne’s plane crashed about 20 miles southeast of Wichita’s Mid-Continent Airport in a soybean field near Derby. Sedgwick County Sheriff Easter said deputies found additional debris, including a wing, about a mile from the impact site.

The 1975 plane climbed to 16,500 feet before witnesses reported hearing “an explosion” and then pieces of the aircraft falling out of the sky, Easter said. There were no distress calls before the plane began a rapid descent and disappeared from the radar.


Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Tony Molinaro said the two-engine Cessna 500 was headed to New Braunfels, Texas. According to the itinerary on Dufresne’s website, he spoke Thursday night at the Triumphant Faith Center in Wichita and his next stop was Word & Spirit Church in Schertz, Texas. The churches didn’t immediately return phone calls from The Associated Press.


Molinaro said the FAA was sending people to the scene. He said the National Transportation Safety Board will lead the investigation, which could take several weeks.


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 Faith will cause you to laugh at the devil and in the face of circumstances, for you know the enemy is defeated and you have victory.  
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 God has provided an anointing for what you are called to. To step into fullness of that anointing you must follow the leadings of the Spirit  
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 Lets give God entrance into our lives, to move on our behalf. Lay hold of His love, His mercy, and His supply for your life!  
  
 Psalm 103:2-5  
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 Live everyday by God's grace. Leaning on His power and His ability to see you through.  
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 We live ever mindful of Him, and we keep our hearts turned toward Him, praying, living in unbroken fellowship with the One who hears.  
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Shocked to hear of the passing of Pastor Ed Dufresne. May he and his pilot rest in peace.

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**Michael Weston**

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Our thoughts and prayers our with the Rev. Ed Dufresne and Mitch Morgan families who lost their love ones earlier today.

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My prayers to both families. I am truely saden Ed Dufresne will be missed [fb.me/LHsxhdBN](http://fb.me/LHsxhdBN)

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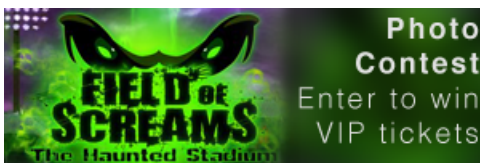


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I am beyond myself, as a member of this great family; the World Harvest Church. I have loss a father. A true man of God! You are loved and will be missed!!!

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**Marcus Bailey**

He was a great blessing to the Body of Christ!!!!

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We need to take a hard look at what is preached from the pulpits....is God sending a message here? I always thought Ed's fascination with raising money for a plane was quite odd. His healing mentor Kenneth Hagin died of heart disease. Things certainly do not add up with the message they teach.

Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?  
Ecclesiastes 7:17

The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.  
Proverbs 10:27

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.  
Proverbs 9:10-11

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.  
Proverbs 3:1-2

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He also had 3 daughters and 17 grandchildren.All wonderful people.

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correct, another wife left him and they were divorced. The daughters are from that marriage. Ahhh the blessings of God! mmmmm wait a minute, isnt the blessing of God long life? hummmm Ed didnt even live out his years of a natural life span. Some thing is burnt in the kitchen! lol

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Should have laid hands on the plane and stopped the crash.

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What an awful thing to say about the loss of life.

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Saddened for Brother Ed Dufresne's family and the family of Mitchell Morgan. What a huge loss to the body of Christ! Dr Dufresne touched multitudes of lives.

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