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JONI LAMB

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On May 7, 2026, we were all shocked by the news that our beloved Joni Lamb was promoted to Heaven to be with Jesus and reunite with her late husband and Daystar co-founder, Marcus Lamb. To say that we are all profoundly grief-stricken would be an understatement. It's hard to even put into words the heartbreak felt in this moment.

Beloved by so many, Joni was known for her unwavering love for the Lord and her fierce commitment to sharing the message of hope found only in Jesus. She was also a staunch defender of freedom, fighting for what she believed was right and standing up to culture, mainstream media, and criticism. She became a voice for the voiceless, from the unborn to the oppressed and downtrodden. Joni loved serving others, and she loved all of you. We know she will be missed by many of you, and we are grateful for all the prayers and support from all of you around the world.



Born in Greenville, South Carolina, on July 19, 1960, Joni would come to know the Lord at an early age, and throughout her childhood and youth, she faithfully attended Tremont Church of God where she would ultimately meet Marcus Lamb, a bold traveling evangelist.

The two soon wed and entered into ministry. Not long after, while on a trip to Israel, the couple received a mandate from the Holy Spirit that would transform their lives. Daring to do the impossible, they stepped out in faith to start the first Christian television channel in Montgomery, Alabama. That step of faith became the seed that would eventually grow into Daystar Television Network.



For over four decades, Joni Lamb continued walking in faith as she followed the Lord's guidance. At the behest of Marcus, Joni would join him on set to interview guests. She openly acknowledged her trepidation about taking on that role, but the Holy Spirit told her to go and that He would go with her and tell her what to say. From that moment on, God birthed a gift in her that has led to tackling tough topics, never afraid to take on the issues of the day.

She also loved spending time in the presence of God, especially through worship. Early on, she shared her voice as Marcus preached. This love birthed in her a vision to build a worship ministry team, and the Daystar Singers were born. Seen each week on Daystar's flagship show Ministry Now, Joni and the Daystar Singers lifted the spirits of viewers and released multiple anointed albums.

Her love of people led to ministry opportunities that impacted so many lives. From restoring homes destroyed by natural disasters, to sponsoring feeding programs that fed hungry families and taking the Gospel into the American prison system, Joni Lamb believed that showing God's goodness was a powerful witness of the Gospel.

On a personal level, her family and friends knew her as a jokester and full of life and grace. She stood by many during difficult seasons, extended a helping hand where needed, and always said, "Never give up on people."



As a mother and wife, Joni raised three children who all follow the Lord and helped build a home filled with love and faith. This same love poured into her grandchildren who affectionately called her "Noni."

Apart from the precious deposit of faith she has left in her family, her greatest legacy will undoubtedly be her desire to give every person the opportunity to know Jesus. This drive has led to countless people giving their lives to the Lord by accepting Him as Savior. Many of you may even be products of that. She knew that the most important decision anyone could make was to follow Jesus. Eternity will most assuredly be a little more crowded because Joni followed the prompting of the Holy Spirit to invite everyone she could to surrender their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.



Even now as our hearts grieve the loss of such an anointed woman of God, we take hold of that legacy and carry it forward into the next generation. Let us live the example of faith that she gave us, strive to reach every life on this earth with the message of the Gospel, worship the Lord without limits, and take hold of every moment God gives us so that we, like Joni, will hear God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



REMEMBERING JONI

Thank you for the overwhelming outpouring of love and memories shared from across the globe.

I met Joni on Daystar Español during a very difficult time of my life. Through Joni Table Talk, I came out of my depression and regained confidence and FAITH in God. Her great love for God was so clear. Hugs and comfort to her family and friends who love her so much.

**Celia
from Argentina**

I've never loved someone I don't know as much as I love Joni Lamb. She had a tenderness and authenticity that shone through the screens and made you feel embraced. May GOD richly bless her ministry and make HIS face shine upon Daystar and all that you do for Israel and the world.

**Motlatsi
from South Africa**

I have been watching Joni on Daystar for many years! I just loved her! Joni's teachings helped save my mom before she died. I am so grateful for years of worship, wisdom, laughter, and love like only she could produce. She told us how much God loves us.

**June
from USA**

I came across Daystar when I had just been laid off and was also grieving the loss of my sister. I never turned it off after that! To Joni, thank you for your company, and the warmth you brought into my home during such a heavy season in my life. I look forward to giving you a hug one day.

**Simone
from Australia**

It is impossible to put into words how Joni has blessed me. All I can say is Daystar is the place to go to when life feels dark. I always come out very strengthened. I love you, Joni! See you in Heaven.

**Samuel
from Nigeria**

Joni and Daystar has been a great encouragement to my wife and myself, especially when my wife was under much attack for preaching as a woman...We will miss watching Joni every morning where we received mighty wisdom and direction from the Lord, but believing that you guys will continue this much needed work.

**Paul
from Northern Ireland**

Joni and Daystar ARE the reason I know Jesus. Years of church-going and only having a vague idea of God changed when I tuned into Daystar, this changed my life forever. Joni was a mentor to me. I watched her almost daily... She will live on in the timeless and precious message!

**Karen
from Canada**

If you'd like to share what Joni meant to you, we'd love to hear from you at Daystar.com/Tribute.

Carrying the Vision Forward

The vision God entrusted to Marcus and Joni Lamb was never simply about building a television network, it was about shining the light of Jesus into the darkest corners of the earth and reaching every soul possible with the Gospel. That vision did not end with them. **It echoes the Great Commission Jesus gave to all believers: to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.**

Today, with grateful hearts, we continue carrying that vision forward together.

Because of faithful partners like you, the message of hope, healing, salvation, and truth is reaching more homes, families, and nations than ever before. In the last two months alone, Daystar and Daystar Español have expanded into new countries and platforms across Europe, Latin America, and North America—opening doors to nearly 13 million additional viewers through television and streaming.

Every new launch represents more than numbers. It represents hearts encountering the love of Jesus. Families discovering hope in pain. Peace reaching those gripped by fear. Light shining where darkness once prevailed.

What an honor it is to continue this mission every day until Jesus returns.

By the grace of God—and through your continued prayers and partnership—the vision continues to grow stronger. Together, we will keep proclaiming the Gospel to the nations and believing for countless more lives to be transformed by the power of God.

Thank you for helping carry the torch. Together, we are making an eternal difference.



Celebrating the Life of JONI LAMB

Joni's memorial service was a beautiful and deeply moving celebration of a life fully surrendered to God. While we gathered to honor an extraordinary woman, the overwhelming testimony throughout the day was clear: Joni's life always pointed people to Jesus.

From heartfelt tributes to powerful moments of worship, the service reflected the very things that defined Joni's life: bold faith, unwavering love for people, compassion for the hurting, courage to stand for truth, and a relentless passion to see souls reached with the Gospel around the world.

Throughout the service, friends and ministry leaders shared personal memories and reflections on the many ways Joni impacted their lives and the lives of countless others. They spoke of her steadfast faith, her love for people from every background, her boldness in standing for truth, and the incredible reach of the Gospel through the vision God gave her. Some of the most touching moments came from her family, as Dr. Doug Weiss and daughters Rachel and Rebecca shared heartfelt tributes to the woman they knew not only as a ministry leader, but as a wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

Special tributes were also shared from President Donald Trump, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., each honoring different facets of Joni's life, leadership, and unwavering convictions.

Worship filled the room throughout the service, bringing moments of comfort, reflection, and hope. Through music, prayer, and the presence of God, hearts were lifted and reminded of the eternal hope we have in Christ. The service closed with Rabbi Jonathan Cahn singing the Aaronic Blessing over everyone gathered — a powerful and fitting conclusion to a day centered on God's faithfulness.

Though we deeply miss Joni, the memorial service reminded us all that her greatest desire was never for people to know her name, but to know the name of Jesus. Her legacy lives on every time the Gospel is preached, worship rises, and another life is transformed by the love of God.

If you were unable to join us for the service, or if you would like to remember Joni together with her family, friends, and the many lives she touched, we invite you to watch the full memorial service online at [Daystar.com/Memorial](https://www.daystar.com/Memorial).

