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A conversation with Roy Blankenship













THE **Billy Graham** EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION
1300 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403 U.S.A. 332-8081, area code 612
November 17, 1967

Roy Blankenship
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Since your important decision for Christ some time ago, we have written you a number of letters hoping that we would be of spiritual help to you. We have also tried to impress upon you your responsibility to God and man. We hope that you have grown and that you are enjoying your new life in Christ.

Once again we want to call to your attention the importance of reading the Word of God regularly. Your spiritual life needs food the same as your physical life. There are no short cuts to becoming a strong Christian. Eating the Bread of Life, which is the Word of God, will build you up in the faith and give you the strength to have victory over sin. Be sure that you get some food for your soul every day.

It is also imperative that you set aside a time for prayer every day. Reading the Bible is God talking to you and then praying is you in turn talking to God. Then, sharing with your friends the things you have learned about the Bible will bring blessings to others as well as to yourself. The best preventative to backsliding is, "Read your Bible every day, testify and pray".

If you should care to take the time, we would be most appreciative of hearing from you. Our only desire is to help you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Very sincerely yours,

L. M. Wahlen

Rev. L. M. Wahlen
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February 5, 1968

Dear Mr. Blankenship:

Your letter to Mr. Graham has come to me for reply. I am sorry that it was not possible to answer before now, due to the heavy volume of mail reaching us. Mr. Graham is pleased with all the mail that comes to him but regrets that, because of his many commitments, he cannot answer your letter personally.

To any young man who is thinking of entering the ministry, my advice would be: don't do it if your conscience will allow you to do anything else. Preaching, in the strict sense of the word, is not a profession but a calling. It is a God-given inner urge and passion to seek out the lost and win them for Christ. Paul expressed it this way, "...woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel" (I Corinthians 9:16).

Preaching is different than other professions; money must not be one of its considerations, nor fame, nor comfort, nor ease. To preach fervently, to counsel with people spiritually, and to bear the burden of prayer that is the minister's constitutes the most exacting of all tasks; but it is also the most gloriously rewarding. To be a partner with Christ in the saving of the world is the greatest of all vocations.

Edgar Jones said, "The preacher must have the heart of a lion, the skin of a hippopotamus, the endurance of a greyhound, the patience of a donkey, the wisdom of an elephant, the industry of a horse, and as many lives as a cat." (And he sometimes has to live on the food of a canary!)

May the Lord bless you richly. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated for Mr. Graham and the Team as they continue to press the claims of Christ throughout the nation and the world.

Sincerely,

W. H. Martindale

Rev. W. H. Martindale
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Enclosure

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Listen to "The Hour of Decision" each Sunday

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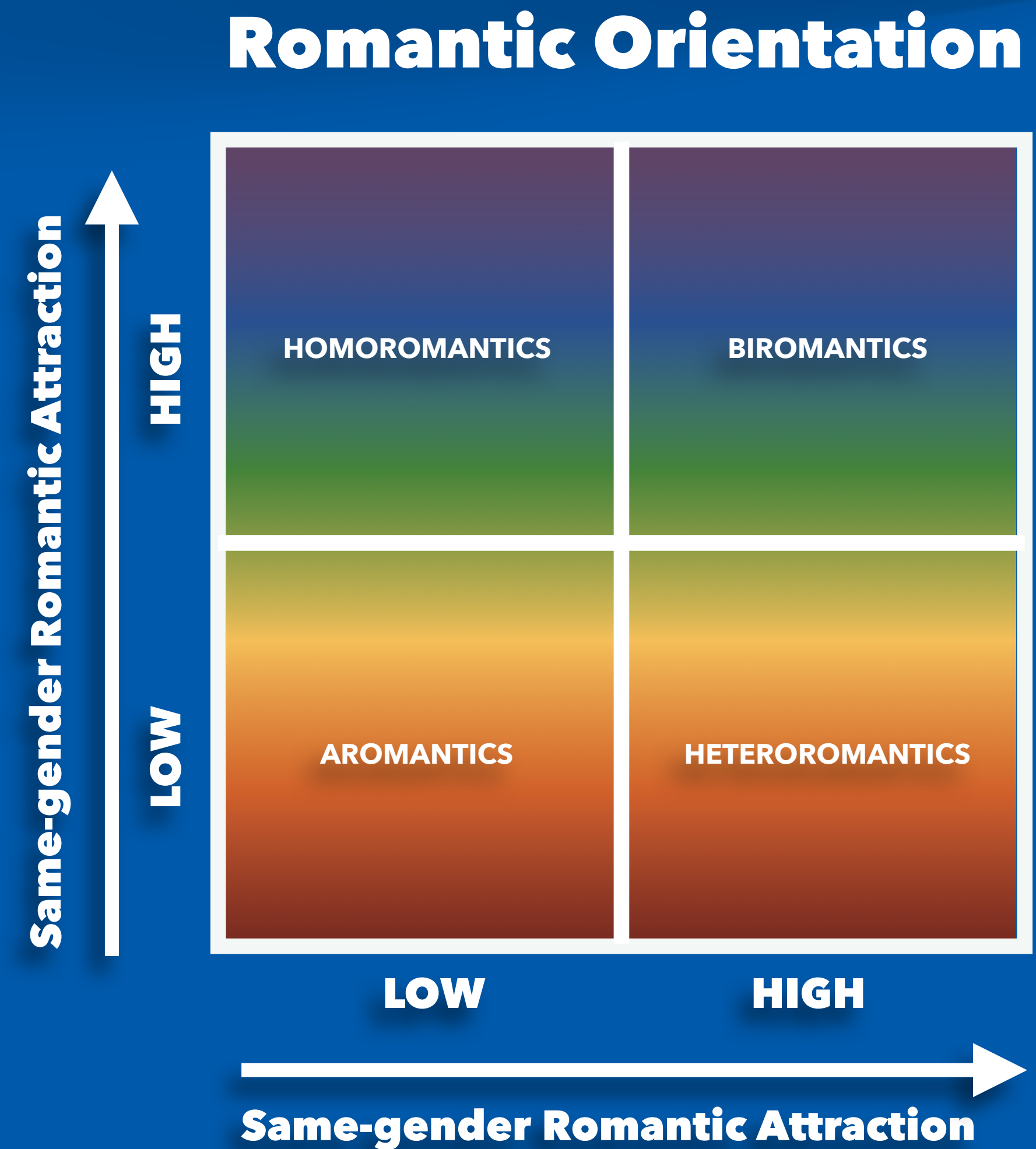
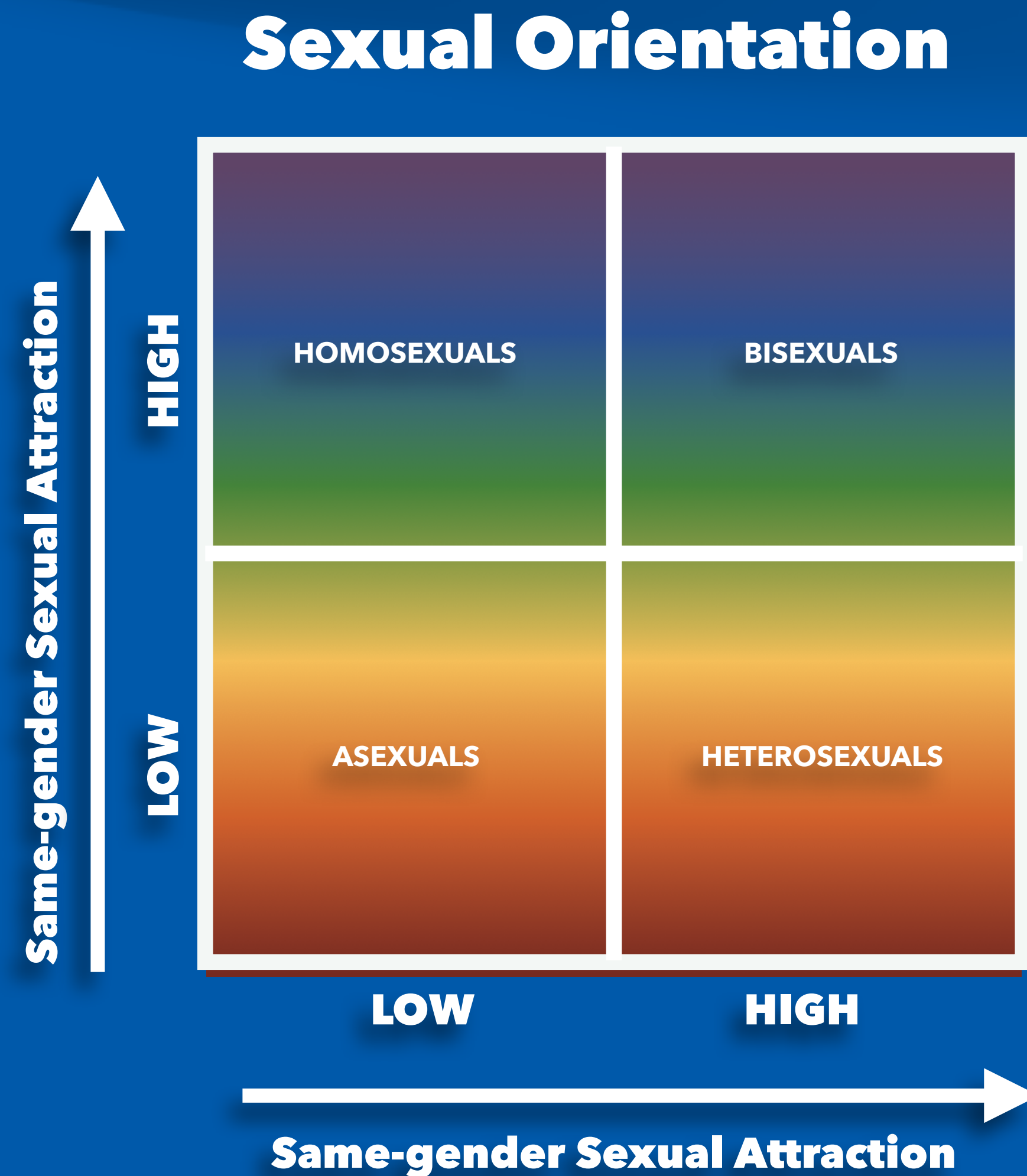








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Obituary

*Nancy I. Blankenship, 63, of Woodstock passed away
on Friday, March 31, 2017.*

*Nancy is survived by her husband, Roy Alin
Blankenship; sister, Jane Windham and her husband,
James of Columbiana, AL; nephew, Jonathan Windham
and his wife, Beverly of Sylacauga, AL; nephew, Jeffrey
Windham and his wife, Amy and their daughters, Marlee
and Layla all of Alabaster, AL; brother in law, Brandon
Blankenship and his wife, Donnalee; sister in law,
Autumn Brand and her husband, Scott; numerous
nieces and nephews.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be
made to the HopeQuest Ministry Group,
PO Box 2699, Woodstock, Georgia 30188 or
www.hopequestgroup.org.*

*The family will receive friends from 5:00 until
7:00 p.m. Monday at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral
Home in Marietta.*

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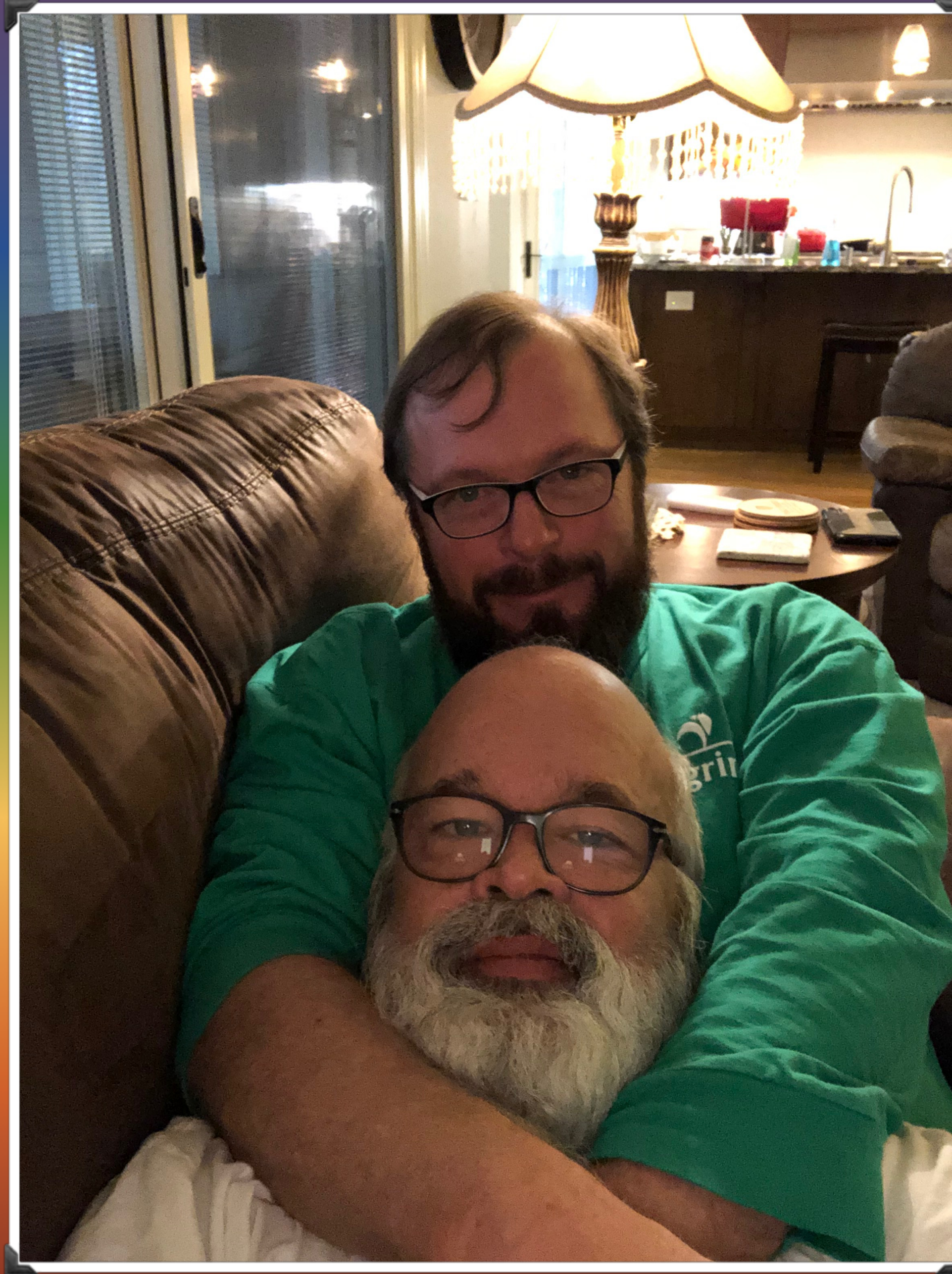
*Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home & Crematory
Marietta, Georgia*

In Loving Memory



Nancy I. Blankenship

November 13, 1953 – March 31, 2017





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