



Pastor Ken Pierce

March 9, 1951 - October 11, 2020

Kenneth Dale Pierce, age 69, of Dayton, TN, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday morning, October 11, 2020. He was born in Galax, VA on March 9, 1951, the son of the late Cone and Ruby (Murray) Pierce. Pastor Ken was also preceded in death by his siblings, William “Billy” (Lois) Pierce and Peggy Pierce Lineberry of Galax, VA.

Pastor Ken attended Hiwassee College, Radford University and received a Masters of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. He served many churches over his lifetime, Amonate and Bandy UMC, Amonate, VA, Pearisburg UMC Circuit, Pearisburg, VA, Sardis UMC, Nancy, KY, Mountain City UMC Circuit, Mountain City, TN, Bread of Life, Ocala, FL, Hiltons UMC Circuit, Hiltons, VA, Clintwood/McClure UMC, Clintwood, VA, Holston View UMC, Weber City, VA, First UMC, Dayton, TN.

Kenneth, Pastor Ken, was a devoted husband to Phyllis, a loving Dad to Angie, Aaron and Emily, a bonus father to Jonathan, Paige and Kristin and a sweet and playful Papaw to 11 grands! Around 20 years of age, he felt God’s call to ministry as his vocation in life. Forty-nine years, with a servant’s heart, he and his wife pastored churches throughout several states working in the communities with a genuine love of people, a seemingly endless supply of joy and laughter, faithfully preaching the love and grace of God. He traveled outside the US to several countries doing the same. Music was in his soul,

and he sang and played the piano with his wife and family throughout the years spreading the Gospel to so many. He is loved and will be greatly missed. "Precious in the sight of Lord is the death of his faithful servants."
Psalm 116:15

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Phyllis Jane (Fortner) Pierce; his children, Angela (Jonathan) Pierce Stumbo, Aaron (Kristin) Pierce and Emily (Paige) Pierce Hughes; grandchildren, Emmie, Wyatt, Levi, Sam, and Jesse Stumbo, Madison, Blake and Benjamin Pierce, Lucas, Molly and Addie Hughes, all of Dayton, TN; siblings, Janice (John) Pierce Jones and Donald Lineberry (brother-in-law) both of Galax, VA; and mother-in-law, Betty Jones Fortner, of Dayton, TN.

Funeral services for Pastor Ken will be held Saturday afternoon, October 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dayton with Pastor Layne Pennington, Aaron Pierce and Pastor T.J. Burdine officiating. He will be laid to rest at Pierce Cemetery in Evensville, TN.

Please share your memories and photos of Pastor Ken on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be made in Pastor Ken's name to First United Methodist Church Dayton, TN - General Fund, Nicaragua Feeding Fund or Women' Care Center Dayton, TN.

Cemetery Details

Pierce Cemetery

Evensville, TN 37332

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc.
164 Maple St.
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662
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Service

OCT **17**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Ken was a wonderful Pastor and a precious friend. I miss him terribly. Our prayers will remain with Phyllis and family.

Johnfred & Jane Carlton - November 08, 2020 at 05:04 PM



Michelle Songer

“ It's been years since I've had the pleasure of seeing the Pierce family, probably when Emily was a baby. But I can hear Kenneth, and Phyllis, sing like I was in their presence right now. We had an album they made when Angie was a baby that I would listen to over and over. I was probably 6-8 years old myself. I think it was the only album I had that I knew by heart. When I think of my childhood you all are there. My deepest sympathies are with you. Love always, Michelle Perdue Songer.
God bless you Pierce family!!



Michelle Songer - October 27, 2020 at 06:44 PM

PR

“ Patricia Ann Ricketts lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ken Pierce



Patricia Ann Ricketts - October 17, 2020 at 05:27 PM

PR

So sorry to hear about Pastor Ken. I am praying for the family. Phyllis, your devotionals & songs were so wonderful during the pandemic. I never got the chance to tell him but it was wonderful. I forwarded them to lots of people that enjoyed them also. Blessings to you & the family.

Patricia Ann Ricketts - October 17, 2020 at 05:35 PM

RF

“ Phyllis, Janice and family, this funeral service today has been like a refreshing trip home. So sorry I didn't get to talk to all of you. I bring love from all the Ballard's Branch clan. We're praying for you as well as for ourselves. Rev. Barbara Ballard Farmer

Rev Barbara B Farmer - October 17, 2020 at 02:38 PM

TF

“ The Gregory Dale Pierce Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Pastor Ken Pierce.



The Gregory Dale Pierce Family - October 16, 2020 at 02:31 PM

GP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Greg Pierce - October 16, 2020 at 02:24 PM

FA

“ Dear Phyliss and family, Vivian and I have a heart full of memories of the time we served together in Giles county. Please know you are in our heart and prayers

Fred Austin - October 16, 2020 at 07:46 AM

TN

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to all the family. May GOD hold you close in this time of sorrow. Kenneth has left precious memories to al who knew him. He will surely be missed.
Tommy and Marie Nichols , Galax, Va.

Thomas Nichols - October 15, 2020 at 02:55 PM

JF

“ Jim and Billie Doty and Family purchased the Dais of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Pastor Ken Pierce.



Jim and Billie Doty and Family - October 15, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Pastor Ken Pierce.



October 15, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Pastor Ken Pierce.*



October 15, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ *That smile..... the most wonderful and welcoming smile. PK's smile showed both love and joy. I am so thankful for his kind, spiritual leadership over the past several years. I have many fond memories of Pastor Ken. I will miss chatting with him on weekday mornings as he got to the gym and I was leaving. One of the things that I will not forget is "hare spray". Hair spray will be missed at Easter. Love and constant prayers for this wonderful family.*

Shannan Swafford - October 15, 2020 at 06:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Ken Pierce.*



October 15, 2020 at 01:34 AM

SB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. We have many wonderful memories of Ken, Phyllis and the children when Ken served as our pastor at the Hiltons Memorial United Methodist Church. You will always have a special place in our hearts. May God give you peace and comfort your hearts in the days ahead.
Shirley & Grady Blalock

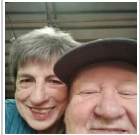
Shirley Blalock - October 14, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Ken Pierce.



October 14, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ Sally Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ken Pierce



Sally Cantrell - October 13, 2020 at 10:44 PM

GL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. One of my fondest memories of Ken is interrupting his own sermon to bang out an old time religion song on the piano!

George and Andrea Lawley - October 13, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Pastor Ken Pierce.



October 13, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Loni Scates (Russell)* lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ken Pierce



Loni Scates (Russell) - October 13, 2020 at 03:48 PM