



Rev. Kenneth Goins

November 17, 1942 - August 28, 2008

Pastor Kenneth R. Goins, age 65 of Decatur received his ultimate healing and went on to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at his home. Pastor Goins was born November 17, 1942 in Grandview, TN the son of the late Bass and Louise (Patton) Goins. He was also preceded in death by his brother John Goins and grandson Gunnar Goins.

Pastor Goins and his wife Connie pioneered and pastored the Watts Bar Church of God for more than 25 years. He was also in the U.S. Army.

Pastor Goins is survived by his wife of forty-four years Connie (Fuller) Goins, sons Pastor Kenneth "Chris" (Janet) Goins of Birmingham, AL, Kelly (Denise) Goins of Atlanta, GA, Stephen (Angela) Goins of Ten Mile and Kasey Goins of Decatur. Also surviving are his brothers Bud (Nancy) Goins of Sale Creek, Ted (Linda) Goins of Rossville, Malcolm (Linda) Goins and Jay (Brenda) Goins of Dayton and Dwayne (Alice) Goins of Bakewell, sisters Christine (Vinson) Chestnut and Connie (Richard) Day of Dayton, Shirley (Kenneth) Jewell of Spring City, Barbara Sullivan and Brenda (Chester) Smith of Graysville, sister-in-law Shirley Goins of Dayton and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Pastor Ken's homecoming will be held Friday at 7:00 pm in his church. An identical celebration will also be held Saturday at 1:00 pm for those who were unable to attend the Friday evening service. Burial with

military honors will be Saturday at the church followed by a white dove release.

Visitation for Pastor Goins will be Friday at the Watts Bar Church of God from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00 pm.

Please share your memories on Pastor Goin's on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Watts Bar Church of God
Watts Bar Dam, TN

Service

AUG **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Watts Bar Church of God
Watts Bar Dam, TN

Tribute Wall



“ I struggle to find the words of how much Pastor Ken will be missed I Thank God that I had the opportunity to know such a Great man of God! I know that someday we will be together forever in glory. Thank you Sister Connie for everything that you and Pastor Ken have done for my family for the past 25 years.##imported-begin##Charlene (Stokes) Pratt and Ravanell Goines##imported-end##

November 21, 2008 at 10:10 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Kenneth's death. May God Bless you. Darlene##imported-begin##DARLENE DROGMILLER##imported-end##

October 02, 2008 at 07:06 PM



“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.OUR FAMILIES HAVE SHARED SO MANY GREAT MEMORIES THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET.ALTHOUGH KEN WILL BE MISSED, HE IS IN A BETTER PLACE WHERE HE JOINED MY MOTHER NORMA BRYANT.##imported-begin##JENNIFER BRYANT/HUGHES##imported-end##

September 10, 2008 at 09:21 AM



“ *Pastor Ken was like a father to me and I will never forget him. He and Connie were the first real Christian influence in my life and everything I am today is a result of their obedience to God. I can remember so many times when Pastor would stand in the pulpit and talk about how the angels around the throne would worship God saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" And then he would have us repeat it with him over and over. He's doing that for real now and although I will miss him more than I can say, I know that there is nowhere else he would rather be. To his family: Please know that Andy and I love you all and you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Margo Holder##imported-end##*

September 03, 2008 at 05:23 PM



“ *Although I remember Bro Kenneth vaguely, my dad works for him and Steve. I met Sister Connie a few times, and what a sweet woman she is. My dad has told me so many GREAT things about Brother Kenneth. He is one guy my dad respected to the fullest. Sister Connie, you are one of the sweetest woman i have ever met in my life. your love for God shines. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. I hope to visit Watts Bar Church of God soon. **~**What a Blessing Heaven Has Recieved**~**##imported-begin##Latisha Boulanger and Family##imported-end##*

September 02, 2008 at 11:48 PM



“ Connie & Family,

It is never easy to lose a loved one and there are no words to express the sympathy we feel for your loss. Pastor Ken was not only our Pastor, but our friend, our Father, and a Grandfather to our children. We loved him with all our hearts and will truly miss him. We know that he is in his Heavenly Mansion that was prepared just for him and awaiting the reunion that is to come for those he has left behind. I can see him dancing on streets of gold, and singing Holy, Holy, Holy and giving God all the praise!! Sister Connie, we love you with all our hearts and will always be here for you and the family. May GOD truly pour out HIS love, peace, tender mercies, and joy upon your spirits during this season in your lives. Just remember, HIS mercies are renewed EVERY DAY!! And with each passing day, you are one day closer to HIM and those that have gone on before you.##imported-begin##Bob & Marsha Hendricks, Mildred & Family##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 09:50 PM



“ We cannot express how much we will miss Pastor Ken. We love you guys so much. We were not just pastors and members but Family. I am praying every day for God to give you his strength Sister Connie. We love you and are here for you whatever you may need.

Love,

The Lacombe's##imported-begin##Kim, James, Kelsey, & Austin Lacombe##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 11:00 AM



“ Dear Connie & Family,
You will never know the impact you and your entire family have had on my life. I have not seen you guys in years and I still feel as close to you as ever before. Ken was one of the few geniune pastors I think I have ever met. His legacy will continue to live on through you and your children. Our loss in heavens gain and I know he is rejoicing having finally made it to his eternal home. Please know you are all in my prayers and I love you all very much.##imported-begin##Steve Lee##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 10:47 PM



“ Today, when returning from a 3 day motorcycle trip to Dahlonega, GA, we drove past the Watts Bar Church of God and saw the sign with Pastor Kenneth's Celebration of Life. It could only mean one thing so I looked you up on the computer tonight. You both have been so hugely instrumental in my walk with Jesus. I hope you both knew. I will pray for you as you walk through this time. I love you.

Dena Wilson##imported-begin##Dena (Stelter) Wilson##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 10:23 PM



“ I will miss Pastor Ken! He was a great warrior of God. Sister Connie you are in my Prayers.I have never forgotten the Kindness you and Pastor Ken have shown to my family over the years. Pastor Ken will b##imported-begin##Wendy [Davis] King##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 01:45 PM



“ My memorys of Pastor Ken go back to when I was a little girl. I remember him singing with the choir "when we all get to Heaven" and shouting "Glory". He would say he couldn't wait to see Gods face, and I believe on August the 28th he did and he shouted "Glory" and when he seen God. My Prayers are with you sister Connie. Love Del, Kelly, Johnny, Dana, Hunter##imported-begin##Del and Kelly [Davis] Kennedy##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 01:14 PM



“ In this day and time when Godly people are so needed to stand in the gap as witnesses and prayer warriors for all those that are still lost then such a man as was Pastor Ken Goins his passing is a void in this world that none can fill. My memory of Pastor Ken can best be summed by PSALM chp 100. IN verse 2 it says "Serve the Lord with gladness". In all the many years We have known brother Ken and sister Connie they have worked diligently, tirelessly and with devotion, dedication and with a great love in their hearts. They have been GODS power couple. Our prayers are with sister Connie now that she carries their dreams for their work at Watts Bar Church of GOD. I know GOD has given her the strength.##imported-begin##Carl and Coleen Davis##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 12:51 PM



“ Rest in peace my friend of many years.
May God bless and keep your family in his loving care##imported-begin##Garland Fraley##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 11:22 AM



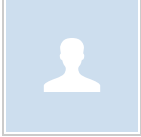
“ It has been a long time since the Goins Family held a Revival at the Gruetli Church of God but we still remember how God used this Family to Minister to our Church and we will never forget the Family. God Bless and our Prayer are with the Family. Form the members of the Gruetli Church of God.##imported-begin##Mike Shadrick##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 09:19 AM



“ A good friend & brother has reached home with our Lord. WE ran a business @ the flea market In Sweetwater for 15 years & I was at a singing at your church and he came to me and said I think I know you from the flea market. I told him to stop by any time and he did in a week or so, for some years he would come by and we had a wonder time in the Lord.He has gone on home , but I will meet him there and we can go on praising our LORD & SAVOR JESUS CHRIST. Yours in Christ Dan Curnutt, Ten Mile##imported-begin##DAN CURNUTT##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 08:54 AM



“ Dear Brother Ken, Sister Connie, Chris, Kelly, Steven and Kasey,

All of you have been such a great blessing to our lives. I(Cora)thoroughly enjoyed bringing Mary, Sarah, Rene, Shelly and Melissa to church. Mike came along driving himself to church. Many were the good times at Watts Bar Church of God. How much we appreciated your prayers for us as we went through some rough times. Al and Peggy Berry were instrumental in introducing us to the church. I am so grateful for that. We love you all and pray that each one of you will feel God's loving presence. Cora and Bob Woodward##imported-begin##Bob and Cora Woodward##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 08:53 AM



“ Sis Connie, We have lost a wonderful man of God, but I bet he is up in heaven making some kind of wise cracking joke right now. I love you and I am going to come visit more often. You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Sue Shelby (Pressley)##imported-end##

August 30, 2008 at 10:25 PM



“ Mere Words cannot express the kindness, love, faithfulness, compassion, wisdom, & knowledge that Pastor Ken & Connie have shown to our family. Our faith in God has grown because they showed us how to praise & trust God. Thank you Sister Connie for obeying God all those years ago. I really think that if you had not come along, Kristie would not have made it because I would not have learned to praise God in the bad times as well as the good. Our best blessings are with you & your family & I know that He is going to give you beauty for ashes.

Love & prayers

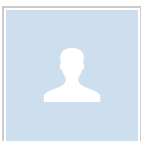
Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie & Bennie Runyan##imported-end##

August 30, 2008 at 10:01 PM



“ TO THE GOINS FAMILY YOUR MINISTRY AND MEMORIES OF OUR EARLY TEEN YEARS ARE STILL WITH US TODAY.MAY YOU HAVE PEACE DURING THIS TIME OF YOUR LOSS.MAY GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY. WITH LOVE,
TAMMY AND SHEILA{CHAPMAN}##imported-begin##TAMMY AND SHEILA CHAPMAN##imported-end##

August 30, 2008 at 08:05 PM



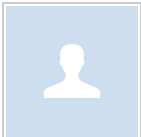
“ Pastor Goins was a good man and he and wife Connie have been good to me and so many I know. He will be missed but we know where he is too..."In Heaven" singing praises with the angels.##imported-begin##Kathy James, Spring City##imported-end##

August 30, 2008 at 06:45 PM



“ Connie,
We thank God for the beautiful memories we share. We've had many meals and times of fellowship. We have shared much laughter and joy...renewing of vows and the beautiful wedding for you and Ken that your mother wanted you to have-that we were honored to help with. We have shared good times and some hard times, dear Sister, but God has always been faithful, as He is right now. We have this hope that before long, maybe even today, the trumpet of the Lord will sound and we will once again be reunited with Ken, and my parents, (who were charter members of Watts Bar). Even with our saddened hearts, that very hope is one to which we can cling. We are thankful our lives were enriched and blessed by Ken. We pray the Lord will strength you and lift you up as you crawl onto His lap and allow His loving arms to embrace and comfort you. Chris, Kelly, Stephen, Kasey you are young men who have had a great legacy, live for the Lord, and pass it on to Ken's grandchildren. We love you,
Chuck and Dotty###imported-begin##Chuck and Dotty
Herd###imported-end##

August 30, 2008 at 06:24 PM



“ Connie,
I learned about Kenneth's passing late and then had to work today. Be assured that you, Chris, Kelley, Stacey and Casey are on my heart and in my prayers. I love you with all my heart. Debby Miller Bodine and Frank Bodine###imported-begin##Debby Bodine###imported-end##

August 30, 2008 at 01:20 PM



“ *Pastor Ken will be missed by so many people. My heart goes out to his family~May God be with you during this time of sorrow~ Christy Wilcox.*

I'll miss you Pastor Ken you were my favorite pastor!~Dylan England~

Pastor Ken I'll miss you, I love going to church with you~Brooke England~###imported-begin##Christy Wilcox,Dylan England,Brooke England###imported-end##

August 30, 2008 at 12:24 PM



“ *To the Goins family,*

I remember with clarity at the age of five or six attending the plant church, Watts Bar. I have fond memories of attending the church as a young boy. Now I pastor... Lives were forever changed because of the ministry. May God comfort the family during this time.

*Blessings,
Kevin###imported-begin##Kevin Chapman ###imported-end##*

August 30, 2008 at 09:35 AM



“ *I thank God for allowing my family to get to know Pastor Ken. He was really there for us through tough times. He was also a great friend. I loved our little Alabama/ Tennessee rivalry. He was a great man of God. We are truly enriched to have had him in our lives. May God's strength be with you Sis. Connie. It won't be long till we see him again. Love you all!###imported-begin##Shelley and Dave Pinion###imported-end##*

August 30, 2008 at 09:24 AM



“ *Pastor Ken was a wonderful man, always had a smile and the love of God with him every where he went. He will be greatly miss.##imported-begin##Mike and Lorinda Madden and Jimmy Haught##imported-end##*

August 29, 2008 at 11:47 PM



“ *Pastor Ken, a true man of God. He fought the fight of faith,now he is in the arms of the one he served.I'm not in town but my prayers go out to Connie and family, I love you all.*

Doug Farner##imported-begin##Doug Farner##imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 10:38 PM



“ *Dear Ken and Connie,*

We give thanks every day that we met you. Your love for God and your church has always shown us the example of how God would want us to be. The love you both shared for one another gave us the hope that marriages of Gods love do work. We loved Pastors smiles every Sunday,how you always gave us hugs and kisses. We never thought of you as our Pastors,but as our family. Our family will always treasure your prayers,your love,and your HOPE that you gave us everyday by putting everything in Gods hands!!We love you Pastor Ken .And to the family may Gods blessings be with you.##imported-begin##Matthew & Kacey England & Ashlyn, Emily##imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 10:16 PM



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We give thanks every day that we met you. Your love for God and your church has always shown us the example of how God would want us to be. The love you both shared for one another gave us the hope that marriages of Gods love do work. We loved Pastors smiles every Sunday, how you always gave us hugs and kisses. We never thought of you as our Pastors, but as our family. Our family will always treasure your prayers, your love, and your HOPE that you gave us everyday by putting everything in Gods hands!! We love you Pastor Ken .##imported-begin##Matthew & Kacey England & Ashlyn, Emily##imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 10:09 PM



“ Connie & Family, Hubert and I want to express our deepest sympathy to all of you. Sorry that miles seperate us but we have the fond memories of the early beginnings of the Watts Bar Church. Now our beloved Kenneth is getting his rewards. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family.##imported-begin##Hubert and Linda Chapman##imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 07:11 PM



“ our prayers are with you. parents of Sandy Owens##imported-begin##Harold and Brenda Hackler##imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 05:05 PM



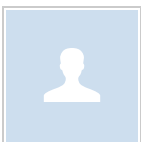
“ My wife Peggy and I are saddened by the news of the death of a great man of God, but we share in the joy of knowing we will meet again in Heaven. Pastor Ken and Sister Connie were our mentors for several years while we ministered with them in the early days of the Watts Bar Church of God. He was always a great source of encouragement and guidance to us in our own ministry. Sis. Connie, Chris, Kelly, Stephen, Kacey, and families, please know that our hearts and prayers go out to you during this time. May the great comforter be your source of strength and encouragement during the upcoming days. We love and appreciate you all very much. Please know that we are praying for you. Al Berry###imported-begin##Al Berry###imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 04:55 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the family of Rev. Kenneth Goins. What a wonderful man of God! God's blessing be upon his wife and family members.###imported-begin##Bishop and Mrs. Charles E. Pittman###imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 02:02 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of Pastor Ken. He was not only my pastor, but my friend. We were blessed to have him as a part of our life. He indeed received the ultimate healing and defeated disease and is walking in Glory this very moment. Our Condolences goes out to the family, We love you all.

Jeromy Hixson###imported-begin##Jeromy & Ashley Hixson###imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 12:17 PM



“ CONNIE, WE'RE DEEPLY SADDENED BY KENNETH'S PASSING. WE'VE ALWAYS HELD YOU BOTH VERY CLOSE IN OUR HEART.WE TAKE COMFORT KNOWING THAT HE NO LONGER SUFFERS. HE FINALLY WALKS ON THOSE STREETS OF GOLD. WE LOVE YOU!###imported-begin##DAVID & SHELIA LONG###imported-end##

August 28, 2008 at 09:33 PM



“ WE LOVED & APPRECIATED KENNETH SO VERY MUCH,AND ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY HIS PASSING.KENNETH PERFORMED OUR WEDDING ON DECEMBER 12,1998.WE WILL MISS KENNETH GREATLY,AND APPRECIATED HIM BEING THERE FOR US.THERE IS NO MORE SICKNESS OR PAIN,HE IS IN A MUCH GREATER PLACE AND WAITING THERE IN HEAVEN FOR US ALL.WE WERE VERY PROUD TO HAVE HIM AS A RELATIVE,FRIEND AND A GREAT PASTOR.TO ALL OF THE FAMILY OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL,AND WE LOVE YOU.###imported-begin##MICHELLE & GLENN DIDIER###imported-end##

August 28, 2008 at 06:48 PM



“ Bro.Ken & Sis.Connie have been with me through many a stormy night. I will always think of Brother Ken with loving memories. He was one in a million.###imported-begin##Judy England###imported-end##

August 28, 2008 at 06:15 PM