



Bishop Kenneth Ray Kingrea

December 1, 1941 - December 14, 2020

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”— II Timothy 4:7-8

Bishop Kenneth Ray Kingrea, of Christiansburg, Virginia was welcomed into Heaven by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during the early morning hours of Monday, December 14, 2020, while surrounded by his family.

Born December 1, 1941 in Floyd, VA, he was the son of the late Hosea Hungate and Nina H. Franklin. Skilled in many areas, he succeeded in business; however, at the age of 36, he acknowledged a call into the ministry – a decision that would create a spiritual legacy of ministry within his own family, as well as impact the eternity of countless individuals. In 1977, Bishop Kingrea was licensed and ordained as a minister in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) and was an active minister in the Appalachian Conference of the IPHC for over 40 years. Beginning his ministerial service at Blacksburg Pentecostal Holiness Church, he was led to plant the Pilot Pentecostal Holiness Church (now Abundant Life Fellowship) along with his brother, the evangelist Rev. Richard Kingrea. He pastored there before moving to Salem, VA to lead the congregation of Salem Pentecostal Holiness Church (now Christian Life International). He then served the IPHC as Appalachian Conference Evangelism Director and Assistant Superintendent, before being appointed to the Office of Superintendent. After completing 10 years of service to the denomination, Bishop Kingrea still could not refuse his desire to minister and continued pastoring at Oak Grove Church in Christiansburg, VA until 2019.

An avid student of the Word, Bishop Kingrea loved to learn and earned multiple degrees including a Bachelors Degree from Trinity College of the Bible, a Masters Degree from Southwestern Christian University, and an Honorary Doctorate from Maranatha College of the Bible. Bishop Kingrea shared this knowledge with people all over the world, traveling to numerous countries to teach and preach the Gospel of Christ. He also served as a member of the IPHC General Evangelism USA (EVUSA) Division Council and sat on the Emmanuel College Board of Trustees.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years,

Juanita Marcella Kingrea; and his twin brother, Samuel Jay Kingrea.

Left to cherish his memory are his three children; Towana Kingrea-Kitts of Christiansburg, VA, Rev. Ray Kingrea and wife Sandy of Lynchburg, VA, and Rev. Brian Kingrea and wife Kay of Gaithersburg, MD; one sister, Shirley Cox and husband Richard of Catawba, VA; one brother, Rev. Richard Kingrea and wife Renee of Christiansburg, VA. He was the beloved grandfather to eight grandchildren, Bethany Creger, Hannah Venable (husband Michael), Andrew Kingrea (wife Sydnah), Jessica Barbir (husband Timothy), Dakota Kingrea, Zachary Kingrea (wife Candice), Cheyenne Kingrea, and Tacoma Kingrea (wife Chrissy) and great-grandfather to 10 great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Ezra, Willow, Anderson, Kennedy, Ruth, Cash, Carter, Laurel, and Aaron. He is also survived by his loving wife of three years, Nita Martin Kingrea, numerous nieces and nephews who he loved as his own, as well as many other relatives and close friends.

For those of you who knew, or were impacted directly by Bishop Kingrea's ministry, his family would ask that you honor his memory by reflecting on the time shared on this earth – most importantly, the messages he preached about salvation and the importance of being prepared to meet God. His heartfelt desire was that all would come to know Christ as Savior and could share in the joy of hearing Jesus say, as he certainly did, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and current state-mandated restrictions, there will be no public viewing. A private funeral service will be held at Harbor of Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church in Christiansburg, VA, with interment to follow at the Appalachian Conference Cemetery in Dublin, VA.

The Kingrea family is in the care of McCoy Funeral Home of Blacksburg, VA and online condolences may be shared at <http://www.mccoyfuneralhome.com> under "tributes".

Comments



“ Shirley Sowers Woolwine lit a candle in memory of Bishop Kenneth Ray Kingrea



Shirley Sowers Woolwine - December 19, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ Pastor Ray was an inspiration to me ad my family during a very difficult time in our lives. He will be missed, earth's loss is Heavenly gain. Many prayers to family and friends!

Nesta Mitchem-Davis - December 18, 2020 at 06:15 AM



“ Love in Christ Gary, Sally and Gary Lynn Jenkins purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Bishop Kenneth Ray Kingrea.



Love in Christ Gary, Sally and Gary Lynn Jenkins - December 17, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ A loving friend purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Bishop Kenneth Ray Kingrea.



A loving friend - December 17, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ Pastor Ken was one of a kind, a giant of a man who's impact was felt by countless numbers of people the least of whom were me and my family. My first husband came to know Jesus in a way he never had because of Pastor Ken shortly before his passing. And my current husband and I were honored to have him marry us. His life and legacy will live on in the lives of his family and those of us who dearly loved him. Our prayers are with his family during this time.

Kathy & Dave Ray

Kathy Kratz-Ray - December 16, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ Bishop Ken Kingrea, was a fine minister of the gospel, & a fine friend. Our love & prayers go to Nita & family.

Gene & Shirley Sizemore - December 16, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ So sorry to lose Ken. He was such a wonderful person and preacher and was certainly a blessing to me at Oak Grove Church.....sending prayers and love to Nita and family! God Bless!

Barbara Scott - December 16, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Pastor Ray and family ,we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your father .May God bless you with comfort and peace until you meet again. We enjoyed his testimony when he came to TOLM.

Love and Prayers, George and Lois Davis

Lois Davis - December 16, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ Bishop and Mrs. Doug Beacham purchased the Solid White Standing Cross With Pastel Flower Break for the family of Bishop Kenneth Ray Kingrea.



Bishop and Mrs. Doug Beacham - December 16, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ Bishop Ken was so much more than a friend to me. He poured into my life and prayed not only for me but my entire family. His confidence in me helped build my own confidence in myself. He saw more in me than I saw in myself at times. On many occasions, he referred to me as his daughter. Not that I would ever replace his sweet daughter Towana, but I think Ken took me under his wing and we built a great relationship as a family after we worked together so many years. Ken also knew I would keep what he shared with me in confidence. Ken, if God allows you to look down upon this world, please know you and Juanita were so special to me. I will always be thankful for everything you did for me. You will greatly be missed.

Rhonda Smith - December 16, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ Pastor Ken was such a wonderful friend and Pastor. My late husband and I shared so many memories with he and Juanita over the years through Bruffey Street (formally Salem PH Church). Helping him and Juanita, traveling with them made many memories for years to come. Seeing so many come to the Lord through his ministry will never be forgotten. Pastor Ken had a very unique way of ministering to people and He will be greatly missed. Love and prayers to the family during this time.
Nancy Quesenberry

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Kathy & Dave Ray

Kathy Ray - December 16, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Bishop Ken Kingrea was a tremendous servant and friend. He provided so much help and insight as the Evangelism/Missions Director when we started New Beginning Fellowship. A great loss for us but a great gain for Heaven.

johnny r quillen - December 16, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Heart broken for our loss of Ken, but rejoicing for his homecoming. I loved to hear him preach, but teach also. He taught me so much when I took over as the Women's Ministry president for 7 years, always my “go-to” for guidance! He and Juanita were dear friends. Fly-hi, Ken!

Linda Gray-Hylton - December 17, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ Pastor Ken was such a blessing to us as our pastor at Oak Grove Church he will truly be missed. Prayers to all the family.

Ray & Coletta Mabry

Coletta Mabry - December 17, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ Pastor Kenneth was my first experience with a holiness church . I had no idea what a impact this whole family would have on my life and relationship with God . Prayers for comfort to you all SharonWalters

Sharon Walters - December 17, 2020 at 04:09 PM