



Kenneth Raymond Ouellette

July 21, 1927 - November 4, 2018

Kenneth Raymond Ouellette, age 91, husband of the late Elizabeth Bock Ouellette, entered Heaven's gates on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

Born in Springfield, MA, on July 21, 1927, in the family home on Chapel Street, he was the second son of George and Elsie Ouellette. After graduating from Springfield Technical High School and serving in the United States Army at Fort McClellan, AL, he attended Bob Jones University where he accepted the Lord as his personal Savior, was called to preach, and met and married his "love for life," Elizabeth Louise (Betty Lou) Bock.

He married Betty Lou, in 1951, and their first born, Rene' Bock, came along just prior to moving to Washington DC, where he served at the Washington DC Rescue Mission. He was called to pastor at the Perry Baptist Church in MI. It is here that Esther Sharon and Bethel Joy (Beth) were born. The years were blessed with many souls saved, church growth, and a new building.

His next move was to be superintendent of the Detroit Rescue Mission. It was in Detroit that Rachel Elizabeth graced the family with her presence. At the mission Ken lead the charge for a new building, protected many through the riots, and facilitated hundreds of inner-city children in healthcare and a week-long summer camp. Ken went into full-time evangelism where he traveled the US sharing the gospel through soul-winning and revival meetings. It was during this time that Paul Jonathan was born.

Ken then became Pastor of Tri-Lakes Baptist Church in Brighton, MI. Again souls were saved and a new building was built. He then went on to Faithway

Baptist Schools in Ypsilanti, MI where he was the administrator of K-12. In the following years, Ken went back into the Pastorate at Dixie Road Baptist and then at Gilead Baptist. After retiring from full-time ministry, he remained faithful to the Lord serving as a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist and then at Good News Baptist, and sharing the Gospel everywhere he went. Many were blessed by his last Sunday School lesson on July 22, 2018. A constant theme in his life was Galatians 6:14 "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

He spent his life sharing God's Good News and "fishing for men" throughout his journey. One of his favorite ways to share the gospel was through giving away Chick tracts. He ordered 1000 at a time and shared them from the NYC Subway to road-trip stops, door-to-door in the neighborhood, at local restaurants, and more. Ask the family about some of these amazing stories. Even as he became homebound, he shared the plan of salvation with everyone who visited; several people came to know the Lord after he shared "How to get to Heaven from Greer, SC" in his home. Psalm 126:3, "The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

The Lord called this servant home, where he was reunited with his wife, parents, and numerous family and friends. This was a day he always anticipated, though so much more of late. His final thoughts were depicted by this quote he shared, "Dieu merci pour une vie bien vécue." (Thank God for a life well lived.)

He is survived by his children: RB and Krisy Ouellette, Esther and James Maxwell, Beth Ouellette, Rachel and Pete Childers, Paul and Chrissy Ouellette; his grandchildren Karissa and Thomas Coats, Katie and Curtis Gordon, Mason Ouellette, Sydney Ouellette, Lexi McMullen, and Isabelle Ouellette; and great-grandchildren Ashley and Ethan Coats, and Sawyer and Westin Gordon. Also surviving him are his sisters Gertrude Fountain and Shirley Hicks, as well as many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

If you wish to join us in a celebration of his life, please come to the Wood Mortuary Chapel, 300 West Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29650 (864-877-3351). The celebration service will be Thursday at 11 AM, with the graveside service immediately following. Visitation will be Wednesday evening at from 5 – 7 pm. The many prayers, well wishes, and kind thoughts are much appreciated. Memorials may be made in Ken Ouellette's honor to The Elizabeth Ouellette Education Fund at First Baptist Church of Bridgeport, MI, The Good News Baptist Church in Greer, SC, and Pruitt Hospice of Simpsonville, SC.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

303 North Avenue
Greer, SC 29650

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
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Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TG

“ I just today learned of your passing and although I knew you for a very short time, I still keep the pamphlets you gave me in my truck. Tim Gibson



Timothy L Gibson - January 01, 2019 at 06:54 PM

BO

Thanks for your kind note Tim. Sure do miss my Dad. Can't believe a year is passed. It's like yesterday.

Beth Ouellette - November 07, 2019 at 08:59 PM

JC

“ Hi Beth and Paul. We did not learn of your dad's passing until recently - else I would have tried to attend the service. I did not have the honor of knowing him, but wanted to express my condolences. - Joseph and Marsha Corbett -

Joseph Corbett - November 21, 2018 at 07:16 PM

BO

Thank you both. I've recently moved back to SC and would love to reconnect. Hope you're all well.

Beth Ouellette - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 PM

SC

“ I just want to say thank you for your heart for a kid like me. I was a little squirt, sitting in elementary school chapel at FaithWay Baptist School. You made the Gospel so simple, and God used you to lead me to the promise of Eternal Life. I'm sad for those who have to deal with adjusting to life without you here, but I'm so happy for you and how you are enjoying the Heaven that you so clearly described to us back in 1976. Until I can thank you personaljv, in Heaven . . .
~Shannon Adams Callahan

Shannon Callahan - November 09, 2018 at 06:33 PM

 Beth Ouellette

Thank you Shannon for this. He had such a gift to simplify God's Word, to teach, and to encourage. I'm grateful my Dad always shined The Light.

Beth Ouellette - November 18, 2018 at 09:21 AM

JD

“ My two fondest memories of Pastor:

Him telling me in the sweetest voice one day at school, when he had had quite enough of my pre-teen sassiness, "I pray one day you have a little girl just like you!" And he was a man of his word. I suspect he did actually say that prayer, because I actually did have a little girl just as sassy as me ;) I shared that story with my husband early in our marriage and so many times through out the last 18 years when our own "little girl" exhibited my personality he has reminded me, "You made Pastor Ouellette pray for this. This is your fault."

My other memory, my husband and I chose him to perform our wedding ceremony 23 years ago. It was a honor and blessing to have such a Godly man and shining example of marriage pray over the start of our marriage.

Jenny Duby - November 07, 2018 at 01:42 PM



Love this story, That is my Dad! Thank you for sharing.

Beth Ouellette - November 18, 2018 at 08:17 AM

MM

“ *Ken and Betty was a great influence in our christian life, Guiding us in raising our children to teaching us biblical truth that has stayed with us. through it all they became our very good friends. He was my business partner for many years with never a bad moment between us. I so respected his unwavering love for our Lord, how he loved to share the gospel with everyone. Him and Betty spent lots of fun times at our home and we at theirs, They were very special friends and we will miss them*

Mike and Doris Moore

Mike Moore - November 07, 2018 at 12:58 PM



Thanks for this memory. Mom and Dad loved you all so much.

Beth Ouellette - November 18, 2018 at 08:18 AM

MF

“ *Mike and Doris Moore and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth Raymond Ouellette.*



Mike and Doris Moore and family - November 07, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Raymond Ouellette.*



November 07, 2018 at 07:11 AM



“ *Jill Meyer & Kris Weinand purchased the Spirit - Memorial Globe Candle Holder for the family of Kenneth Raymond Ouellette.*



Jill Meyer & Kris Weinand - November 06, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Celebrating Grandpa*



Chrissy Ouellette - November 06, 2018 at 08:54 AM



Sweet memories. So grateful for these.

Beth Ouellette - November 18, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Raymond Ouellette.*



November 05, 2018 at 07:02 PM



“ *Uncle Kenny was a rock star to me. I loved when the family would come to Massachusetts to visit. I would wait anxiously by the phone to get the news that they had arrived. I loved spending time with Uncle Kenny. And I loved hearing him preach. He was always true to the Lord. But he also told the corniest jokes. Always a smile on his face and a hug hello. He endured much in his early years but he always saw the good in people. I will miss him. But I know he is happy with God and Aunt Betty. Love to everyone. Sue*



Sue Fountain - November 05, 2018 at 06:09 PM



Thanks for sharing cousin. We had so many good trips to MA. He really loved his family.

Beth Ouellette - November 18, 2018 at 08:19 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Kenneth Raymond Ouellette.*



November 05, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Kenneth Raymond Ouellette.* ”



November 05, 2018 at 04:12 PM