



Reverend Dr. Kenneth Gary Talbot

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Reverend, Dr. Kenneth Gary Talbot, 67, of Lakeland, Florida passed away peacefully on August 18, 2022, surrounded by his wife and daughters. Ken grew up in Rittman, Ohio, a town he loved and was sad to leave, but frequently visited over the years. Ken became fiercely passionate about pursuing his call to ministry at the age of seventeen, at which time he dedicated his life to the Lord and serving the church.

In 1973, at Midwestern Bible College Ken met the love of his life, Phyllis Bigelow, a match truly made in heaven. Ken & Phyllis were married on June 1, 1974; and welcomed daughters Alyson (September 19, 1978) and Alyssa (March 29, 1992). Ken was a loyal servant to God, first and foremost. He loved his church family and sharing the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with as many people as possible.

After completing his Bachelor of Arts (1976) and Master of Arts (1978) in ministry from Faith Baptist College, Ken founded Christ Presbyterian Church and Whitefield Theological Seminary, which he led for over forty years. In addition to leading two ministries, Ken was a devoted life-time student to the Word of God, earning numerous Ph.D.'s from Christian colleges and universities across the U.S. When he wasn't training and mentoring others for a life in ministry, Ken also devoted time to counseling individuals and families in need.

In what spare time he had, Ken loved playing golf and jamming on one of his many guitars. He was a Star Trek, Star Wars, and in general science fiction enthusiast, a Civil war history buff, rock'n'roll loving, "Dad" joke telling, trouble-maker with a cause for Christ.

Anyone who knew Ken knew that he was the most loving father and husband a family could ask for. His unwavering faith in God and guidance were the foundation of his family.



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Ken joins his father Dorly Waldo Talbot, mother Clara Daugherty, and second father Millard Daugherty in Heaven.

Ken is survived by his beloved wife Phyllis Talbot, daughters Alyson Funkhouser (Nick) and Alyssa Talbot, grandchildren James Kenneth "Landon" Funkhouser and Addison Funkhouser, brother Rev., Dr. Randal Talbot (Meredith), and his fur babies Beth and Crystal (King Charles Cavalier Spaniels).

A Graveside Service will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 26, 2022, at Serenity Gardens Cemetery (3350 Mall Hill Dr).

Following the graveside, family will receive friends at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church (1820 Co Rd 540A) at 11:30 AM for refreshments and reminiscing, with a Celebration of Life to follow at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please bless our mom, Phyllis Talbot, with the gift of your time. Take a moment to write her a personal note including a favorite memory about Ken, call and check-in on her, share a photo of Ken that she may not have, or reach out to offer an activity (meet for coffee or dinner, a leisurely walk, or a scrabble match).

Grief can be isolating, and time spent with family and friends can be one of the most important gifts one can receive.



Events

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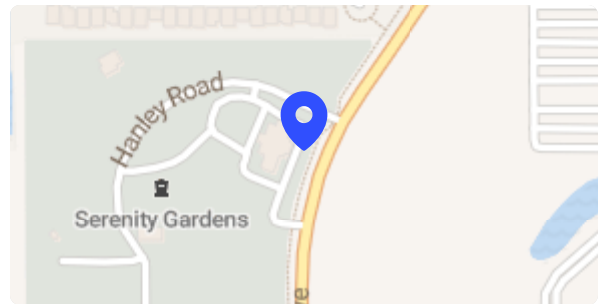
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Graveside Service

 **Friday**, August 26, 2022

 10:00 AM ET

 **Serenity Gardens - Cemetery**
3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland FL 33810



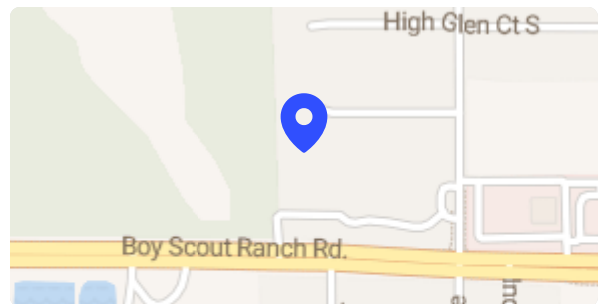
Reception

 **Friday**, August 26, 2022

 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ET

 **Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church**
1820 Co Rd 540A, Lakeland FL 33813

 Refreshments & Reminiscing

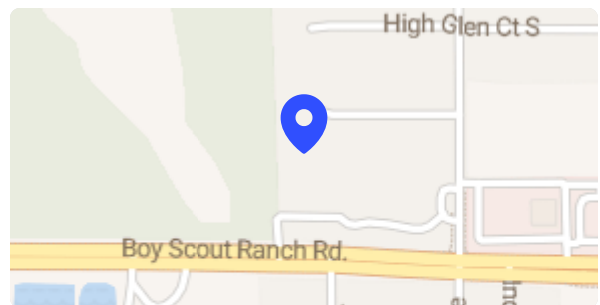


Celebration of Life

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Deborah Hawkins lit a candle in honor of Dr. Kenneth.

I tried to stay in touch with Dr. Kenneth. Today I went to LinkedIn and then I browsed his name and sad to say found the obit. My Husband Lee Hawkins (RIP) and he connected after many years through his wife Phyllis. Sending prayers to all the family. DeborahReachTheMasses.org



September 8 at 3:47 PM



Ann Childress shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The American church has suffered a profound loss in Dr. Talbot's being called Home. His wisdom will continue to be sorely missed. My life was changed by being able to study under him for many years, eventually earning an M.A.R. and a Ph.D. under his godly influence. May God comfort Phyllis and family and all of us who mourn his loss and may God continue the good work of Whitefield Theological Seminary to His glory. Ann Childress



September 1 at 3:09 AM



Ken Gentry September 26 at 10:06 AM

Ken was a great friend and wonderful defender and promoter of Christ. He will be missed. Ken Gentry



Dave Queener shared 2 photos to the **2022 RPCGA General Assembly** album.



August 26 at 7:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Talbot family.



August 24 at 8:37 AM



Puritan Reformed Presbyterian Church sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Talbot family.



August 22 at 8:27 PM



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Christ Covenant Reformed Presbyterian sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Talbot family.

August 22 at 2:16 PM



Dr. Samuel M. Frost sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Talbot family.

August 22 at 9:43 AM



Joanna Ruddell shared 12 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

These photos were taken On June 23, 2022 at our most recent RPCGA "General Assembly" meeting, At Brainerd Hills Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga Tennessee. May the Lord be pleased to continue the work He began, in His faithful servant, Ken Talbot. With much love & appreciation, Joanna Ruddell

August 20 at 6:57 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Talbot family.

August 20 at 10:30 AM



Mitchell A. Persaud posted:

I praise God for a man as Dr T. He was so kind to me, a young kid from a 3rd world country. He took time to answer my questions. He had an incredible passion for the Lord's kingdom. It was contagious. I wished he were still here, but God always does what is best. We will meet again.

August 20 at 7:11 AM



DR

Dr Charles H Roberts posted:

I first got to know "Dr T" in the mid 1990's, when I had graduated from seminary and was ordained, I desired to pursue post graduate studies. After speaking with him for many hours by phone, I enrolled in WhTS and with Dr Talbot's help, encouragement, and support, pursued a very fruitful course of study. My family and I visited the church and seminary on two occasions and had dinner with Dr T and his family. Always a gracious host, an encourager, and brother in the faith, Dr T was an important part of my early years in pastoral ministry. I shall always be deeply grateful for his friendship. My sincere sympathies to Phyllis and the family. May his memory be eternal.

August 20 at 6:57 AM

DQ

Dave Queener August 26 at 6:49 AM

Dr. Talbot has been a dear friend and an encourager to me throughout my association with the RPCGA. He will be greatly missed, but his righteous legacy continues on in the church, the denomination, the college and the seminary he founded, and in the lives he influenced. Rest well, dear brother, in our Lord Jesus, and we will see you again in Glory.

SF

Sam Frost August 22 at 9:48 AM

Dr. Talbot was a dear friend, and brother. A mentor. I think often of him, and his pulling me through difficult times. He believed in me, encouraged me, challenged me, and never failed at a loving chance to correct me. Looking back on those years, sitting in his office, or at a table in a local Chinese buffet, I can still hear him say: "brother, you're just not seeing the point, but you'll get there." I pray I emulate him in many ways.

JF

Jack Fox August 21 at 10:55 AM

Grace and Peace to Dr. Talbot's Family, friends, and colleagues left behind, and praises that he is in the presence of his Savior now! Praise be to our Triune God that His Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has swallowed up death in victory.

KG

Ken Gentry August 21 at 3:28 AM

Ken was a dear friend and encourager. I will miss him greatly. He was also a competent theologian and a tireless churchman. I always loved answering my phone and hearing him say: "Ken? Ken." My wife and I will continue praying for Phyllis and the family. Ken is not just resting in peace; he is rejoicing in victory.



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2012, Dr. Talbot and me, Ann Childress, upon the Talbot's visit to our home in Canyon Lake, TX



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2022 RPCGA General Assembly in Chattanooga



Ken Talbot with Dave Queener (2022 RPCGA General Assembly)



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dr. Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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