



Rev Kenneth C. Harrison

July 5, 2019

Rev Kenneth C. Harrison passed away on July 5, 2019, at home in McAllen, Texas. He pastored for United Methodist Churches in Illinois and Indiana for 15 years and served numerous churches in Texas for 41 years until his retirement from the McAllen First United Methodist church in 2016.

Ken is survived by his wife, Susie, and their three children, Zachary M. Harrison, Sara Harrison Guerrero (Sal), and Rebekah E. Harrison. Grandchildren are Corbin Michael and Hailey Grace Guerrero (Sal and Sara), and Kenneth Allan Harrison (Zachary).

Ken loved being in ministry. His sense of humor, compassion, and joy reflected his love for people and life. He lived well, laughed often, and loved much.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday July 12th at 10 am, at First United Methodist Church, 4200 N. McColl Rd in McAllen.

Events

JUL Memorial Service 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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First United Methodist Church of McAllen
4200 N. McColl Rd., McAllen, TX, US

Comments



“ Susie--You certainly have lost your other half, you were a team. When I think of Ken..I think of both of you and much laughter. The Harrison team touched, inspired and blessed so many people, but you had a knack for reaching out and cultivating so many young people to Jesus with your love,laughter and actions. Ken will be missed!
Hugs to you and your family.

Beth Wilkins - July 13, 2019 at 06:02 AM



“ I didn't know Ken as well when he and Susie were "down the highway" neighbors of my family in Ozona when we were in Sonora, but when I came into the ministry, he was one of the readers for my ordination paperwork, and he was so kind and generous and encouraging. He brought out the best of what he saw, and he amplified that. I'm grateful to know that is the way he lived and ministered to and with everyone! Grateful for his place in the company of saints...praying for those who will miss him the most.

Cynthia Kepler-Karrer - July 12, 2019 at 01:59 PM



“ Andrea Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev Kenneth C. Harrison



Andrea Williams - July 11, 2019 at 10:30 PM



“ Christie Miller-Leaser lit a candle in memory of Rev Kenneth C. Harrison



Christie Miller-Leaser - July 10, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ Ken helped me see and share Jesus in realistic and encouraging ways. He always expected and brought out the best in me. Bernard Preston Ritchea



Bernard Preston Ritchea - July 10, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ When Ken came to Raymondville, he shook up a 26-year mindset in the congregation. He and Susie were a team; and together, they made wonderful, memorable, and such positive waves in our church and in the community. There aren't enough words to laud and honor a man who taught so many people about how approachable the Lord is, how it looks to be a genuine minister and have a pastor's heart. We were blessed to have them in our church for 6 years. Many of us have visited them at every charge after that, as they were not only our pastors but also became our dear friends. To Zack, Sara, and Becky and your families - you were blessed to call him Dad! Love y'all!
We will miss you but will see you again, Ken! Our Love to you all!
Bonnie & Mark Brown, Shannon and Mark and family (Ken came all the way to SC to perform their wedding ceremony in Charleston and later dedicated two of their babies), Bubs and Misti. The Harrisons are so very special to all of us!

Bonnie Brown - July 09, 2019 at 10:47 PM



“ Ken was someone who should have “gone on forever” We have such fond memories of him & Susie in Brownsville-following them to Raymondville to sing for a worship service/program there God bless the memory of Ken & surround Susie & family with much love & comfort

Janis & Keith Crowe - July 11, 2019 at 12:09 AM



“ Ken was a mentor and colleague during my years in the Rio Grande Valley. He and Susie also mentored me in Ozona, where they had served and were dearly loved. One of my memories of Ken was a worship service in which he preached on giving. His text was from the Old Testament. The people of Israel were bringing their "best" to build their temple. It was a text I was not familiar with and I appreciated the new insights and the new story from the Bible. He preached it in the Weslaco UMC sanctuary. I suspect it was a district-wide worship service, otherwise why would I have been there?

Ken was a wonderful, loving person. He was someone I admired and loved.

I regret that I cannot join Susie and the family i worship on Friday for the celebration of Ken's life. They are in my prayers and thoughts.

Nancy Mossman - July 09, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ Tamara Toole Kahler lit a candle in memory of Rev Kenneth C. Harrison



Tamara Toole Kahler - July 09, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ Ken was a good friend and a great pastor who loved sharing God's message. He shared it by being a teacher of God's word and a living example of God's message and love. Rest in peace my friend, Andy

Andy Browder - July 08, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ My very first meeting with Ken was when my aunt from Harlingen , a life long Methodist , had fallen at work and had broken her hip. Jane's daughters all lived out of the valley and were not able to come down that day. Living in Mission, I drove down to be with my aunt and visit with her doctors. Jane was like my second mother and I was a bit nervous going to see her . I wanted to be there for her and for my Cousins, praying that I would be able to do the right Things for her. I walked into her hospital room, hoping that I'd find her ok. She was alright and not in too much pain. As we were visiting for a few minutes, in walked Ken and immediately both Jane and I felt more at peace. He gave us a calmness that we both needed at that difficult moment. I will
Always remember Ken for providing Jane and I ... with blessings that we both needed that night
RIP Ken...

Norma Gossett - July 08, 2019 at 10:06 PM



“ I will never forget how protective Mr. Harrison was of his kids. I'm good friends with Sara, and I know that she and her mom know what I'm talking about. I told that story to so many people, and I'll never forget it. He was a really great man.

Mandy Byrd - July 08, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ Dear Susie,

Mary and I offer you and your children our deepest sympathy and pray God's comfort and strength to be with you. I had the misfortune to follow Ken twice. He was a tough act to follow. I know how loved he was by the people at New Life. He was a special guy and served his Lord well and with great energy and enthusiasm.

Rev Joe Wyatt

Joe Wyatt - July 08, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ Terri Toole Esposito lit a candle in memory of Rev Kenneth C. Harrison



Terri Toole Esposito - July 08, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ Ken was my minister when I was in my late teens. He was the kindest and most giving person I have ever known. I was growing from childhood to manhood and Ken was there for me, giving me advice. He and my father were my true examples as to how to be a man. I wouldn't be the man I am today without Ken. For that I am and will always be eternally grateful.

Roger Wade - July 08, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ My prayers are with all of you. Ken was blessing of great joy and support for thousands of people. He was so positive and supportive in ministry with me in McAllen. I am distressed to learn of his death. His spirit and energy of faith were contagious and uplifting. May God give you comfort.

