



Rev. Kenneth Eugene Cowen

June 2, 1938 - May 23, 2022

Rev. Kenneth Eugene Cowen, 83, of New Castle, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord on the morning of Monday, May 23, 2022.

He was born on June 2, 1938 in Columbia, Missouri, a son of the late Dr. C.E. Cowen and Helen Jane Cowen.

Kenneth grew up in Overland Park, KS where his father served as President of Kansas City College and Bible School. Kenneth graduated in 1956 from Overland Christian High School, in 1982 from KCCBS and in 1989 he graduated from Mid America Nazarene University with a teaching degree. He met Mary Root at KCCBS and they were married on April 14, 1984. In 1994 they moved to Westfield, Indiana where Kenneth taught and served as the Dean of Students at Union Bible College until 2000. Kenneth also touched many lives pastoring through the years in Celina, OH, Macon, MO, Boonville Church of God Holiness and Brush Arbor Church of God Holiness in Missouri where he retired in 2014. During his teaching and pastorate, he also worked in various paper printing positions, construction, Merriam Kansas Police Department and security for Trans World Airlines. He enjoyed entertaining and hosting many friends and family at their home on Lake Taneycomo near Branson, MO.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Dawn Elaine (Jack)

Hayward, John D. (Linda) Root, Michael D. (Gayle) Root, Carol (Phil) Mattingly and Robert "Bob" J. (Natalie) Root; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; sisters, Eleanor (Jeff) Maddox, Juanita (Gene) Chavez, and Carolyn Thomas; sister-in-law, Kathy Cowen and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Susie Cowen; second wife, Mary Louise Root Cowen; daughter, Mary L. Root; special great-grandsons, Kinsler Tate Mattingly and Gabriel Root; a sister, Margaret Neden; a brother, Albert Cowen; brothers-in-law, Danny Thomas and Wayne Neden.

Memorial contributions may be offered to Gideons International for Bibles. www.gideons.org/donate

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Monday, June 6, 2022 at Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle with Pastor Ron Coleman officiating. Burial will follow at Brick Cemetery in Hagerstown.

Service will be live streamed and you may watch by clicking here. (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/obituaries/Kenneth-Cowen-2/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001/WebcastVideo>)

Friends may call from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm prior to the service at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence online at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rev. Kenneth Cowen.

Cemetery Details

Brick Cemetery

5352 N. Brick Church Road
Hagerstown, IN 47346

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
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Tribute Wall



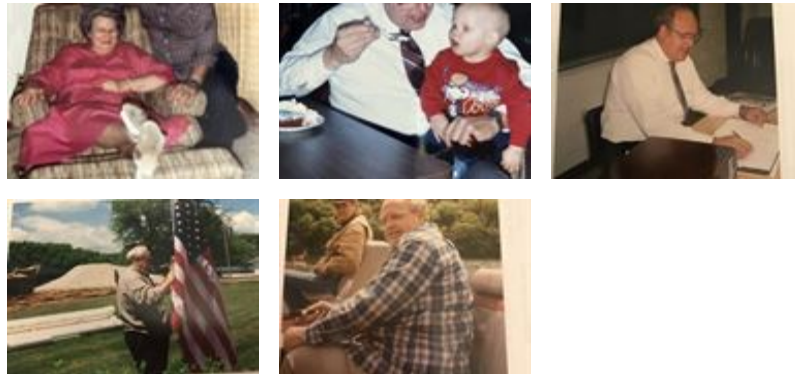
“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Kenneth Eugene Cowen*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - June 06, 2022 at 08:28 AM



“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - June 06, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ 13 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - June 06, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ Rev Kenneth Cowan was a man of principle and integrity! He was loved honored and respected by the International Conservative Holiness Association! He left a great influence on lives of students and fellow professors at t at Union Bible College. We send our deepest condolences to his family!
Marc Dodrill- ICHA General Chairman

Marc Dodrill - June 06, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Rev. Kenneth Eugene Cowen.



June 06, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ 148 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - June 06, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ *Terry and Bev Neden purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Kenneth Eugene Cowen.*



Terry and Bev Neden - June 04, 2022 at 11:02 PM

TN

“ *My Dear Uncle Kenny,*

So you graduated to that finer place! I know it's been a while since we've sat and chatted but I have fond memories that go way back to when I was "Nephew". I enjoyed so much seeing you down at the lake over the years, you always cheerful and sharing some new thing or another. I remember your birds (I have the whole collection and think of you when I run across the albums from time to time). I've been so blessed with the finest of aunts and uncles, and from you I will miss those great hugs and good stories. As is always the case I regret not having had more times to be together but soon enough I suppose. I'm not sure if there is fishing in heaven but if so, you go ahead and show Dad and Uncle Danny how to pull in the big one!

So I didn't realize it was your birthday on the second, but will always remember now as we just welcomed grandkid number 17 into the world on the same day! I love you very much and will miss you. Pray for us up there and give everybody hugs and kisses from me.

Nephew Terry

Terry Neden - June 04, 2022 at 10:55 PM

RM

“ One of the prominent memories I have of Kenny Cowen is his unique, winsome smile. I first remember meeting him and Mary on a student service trip to the small church he was pastoring in Boonville,MO, in 1988 or 1989. And Kenny's love of history was evident as he took us around that area to show us some historical sites and a nice view overlooking the Missouri River.

Over the last year or so,I enjoyed number of phone conversations with Kenny. He obviously missed his dear Mary very much, but I believe it was evident that God's grace was sustaining him through that loss.

Kenny's love of knowledge, good books(and The BOOK) was impressive. And now in his spirit he is with God, the source of all knowledge. History, as Kenny knew so well, is really God's Story,i.e. HIS STORY.

May Kenny's soul rest in peace until that great Resurrection Morning when, in a whole new way, faith is turned into sight.

Sincerely,

Randy Miley

Hobe Sound,Florida

Randy Miley - June 03, 2022 at 09:52 AM

JC

“ Kenny, today is your birthday and although we are sad that we can't celebrate with you, we know you are celebrating with your heavenly family.. we love and miss our precious brother but we will see you again

Your loving sisters, Eleanor, Nita, and Carolyn

Juanita Chavez - June 02, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *Footprints Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Rev. Kenneth Eugene Cowen.*



June 01, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ *Junita C. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rev. Kenneth Eugene Cowen.*



Junita C. - May 31, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *IT IS WITH THE DEEPEST OF SYMPATHY WE RECEIVE WORD OF THE PASSING OF BRO. KENNETH COWEN. OUR MEMORIES OF FRIENDSHIP GO BACK TO 1954 WHEN I FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH KENNETH. WE HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF THOSE SCHOOL DAY AND LATER YEARS AS BROTHERS IN THE MINISTRY. MAY GOD'S GREATEST AND BEST BLESSING ATTEND THE FAMILY DURING THESE TIMES OF ADJUSTMENT. GOD BLESS*

REV. AND MRS. REX AND WANDA SCOLES

REV. REX SCOLES - May 26, 2022 at 10:41 AM