



Kenneth Leon LaRue

April 16, 1924 - July 24, 2015

Kenneth L. LaRue, 91, of Troy, Missouri, surrounded by his entire family who absolutely adored him, passed away peacefully and went home to be with the Lord on Friday, July 24, at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. Born in Troy, on April 16th, 1924, Kenneth was the son of Lindley Leon LaRue and Catherine Cora (Borgelt) LaRue. Kenneth married Faye Crouch on June 18th, 1949, and they had two daughters.

He served with distinction in the U.S. Navy, aboard ship, in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After the war, he returned to Troy to become a mail carrier, hardware store proprietor, loan company owner, real estate broker/developer, and auctioneer. He earned national prominence as an auctioneer at the prestigious American Royale in Kansas City, Missouri, selling saddle-bred horses, quarter horses and thoroughbreds.

Kenneth was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and a strong, constant man of God. At the age of 52, he answered the call to become a preacher and teacher of God's word, building the Troy Christian Community Center, as well as the Christian Center Academy. He was integral in bringing a major movement of the Holy Spirit to the Lincoln County area and faithfully served the Lord as a pastor for over 35 years. His phone and doorbell rang at all hours of the day and night, seeking his prayers, counsel and Godly strength.

Kenneth loved spirited conversations on nearly any topic and was known for his wonderful stories and warm, enthusiastic personality. He will be remembered as soft-hearted, kind, and curious about everything, having learned his way around a computer keyboard and the Internet in his 80's. His musical talents included piano, guitar, and some "world-class" whistling skills. For many years, he could also be spotted traveling around town on a bicycle built-for-two... by himself.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Faye LaRue of Troy; two children: Cheri Leifert and husband Gary of Troy, Lori Zielonko and husband Frederick of Chesterfield; four grandchildren, Jared Leifert, Joshua Leifert, Quinn Zielonko (Amanda) and Connor Zielonko (Anna Becker); two great-grandchildren, Holly and Tucker Leifert, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Betty Wegener.

Interment will be private at the Troy City Cemetery. Friends will be received on Sunday, August 16, 2015, from 1pm to 3pm, at the Troy Christian Community Center, located at 510 S. Lincoln Drive, Troy, Missouri 63379. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3pm, following the visitation. There will be time to share your favorite "Ken LaRue Story" or you may bring along a written copy for the family to enjoy later. Expressions of sympathy and joyful remembrance may be made to the Christian Community Center, under the direction of Kemper-Millard-Keim Family Funeral Chapels, P.O. Box 222, Troy, MO 63379—(636) 528-8221. Online condolences may be made at www.kempermillardkeimfamilychapels.com.

Cemetery Details

Troy City Cemetery

Boone Street
Troy, MO 63379

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Christian Community Center
510 S Lincoln Dr
Troy, MO 63379

Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Leon LaRue*

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ *Kenneth Leon LaRue*

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Pastor Ken's passing. What a wonderful man and Godly influence to this community. I was privileged to work at Christian Center Academy for 19 years, and had the opportunity to hear many chapel services and see his dedication and love for all the students. He will be sorely missed. My prayers are with Faye, Cheri, and all the family. May God comfort you as only He can.*
Brenda Bruce

Brenda Bruce - August 15, 2015 at 11:20 PM

SR

“ I got saved at the Christian Center way back in 1981 when I went with my best friend, Wendy Rayfield. Faye gave me my first Bible that I still have today. Wendy and I were among the first students at Christian Center Academy and Ken was always full of the joy of the Lord. One of my favorite memories was Ken driving a few of us students to get ice cream and he literally talked to us (facing us in the back seat of his big Cadillac) as he drove us. Surely God always co-piloted his car because Ken sure liked to look at you when he talked to you. It makes me laugh just thinking about it now. Ken was a precious man of God, a wonderful friend to anyone he met. He let his light so shine for all the world to see and his laugh still rings in my ear. He touched so many lives and led so many souls to the Lord. What a wonderful man and how lucky is he to be in the presence of the Lord now. He's probably putting a good word in for all of us. Ken, I look forward to seeing you on the other side, my friend.

Stacey (Robinson) Remley

Stacey Remley - August 14, 2015 at 11:35 PM

MJ

“ Ken and Faye LaRue were the first couple friends Ken and I had after we married. We spent many, many hours enjoying their company, along with Ted Matkin, and topping off a wonderful evening with Faye's cooking. Ken watercolored a picture during that time. It was inspired from a Ford newsletter and was of an old mill. The sign for the painting was "Jameson and Matkin". I got left out! Ken and Faye got left out! But life went on....and was good!

I remember the daughters of Ken and Faye were very young, and restricted to the basement when company was present. Those daughters were wonderfully behaved and both turned out beautifully, despite their confinement ;-)

Faye was there to console me when I was black-balled from some women's federated club. I was a young bride and to this day have no idea what I did that was not in Troy's social demands. That hurt was greatly softened by Faye's wise counsel, and she was like a mother in my time of hurt.

Seeing Ken's first dollar framed, hanging on the wall, from his first auctioneering job always entranced me. I just used an inflation calculator and that \$1.00 would be \$8.20 today.

Cheri and Lori, both of you have a huge legacy of love and support from your father and mother, and I know you realize how blessed you were to have been born into their family. And both of you are beautiful young women today who continue to manifest the Christian principles taught to you by your loving parents.

I feel fortunate to have been a part of your lives.

*Blessings,
Mary Watson Jameson*

Mary Jameson - August 14, 2015 at 05:43 PM

CL

“ I have a very special memory of Mr. LaRue... My aunt Marian Ossana introduced me to Ken in her kitchen when I was 13 yrs. old. She had called brother LaRue to come to her home to speak to me about accepting Jesus Christ as my personal savior. Aunt Marian and Ken where my witnesses. Sometime later, in high school, I met his two beautiful daughter's Cheri and Lori and realized then, it was their father who lead me to the Lord. Keeping you all in prayer during this intense time of adjustments for your familiy. May the Lord fill you all with peace.

Sincerely,
Cynthia D. (Anyan) Lowery

Cynthia D. Lowery - August 14, 2015 at 10:41 AM

MR

“ Sending thoughts and prayers for all who knew and loved him. What a full and wonderful life he had.

Marge Reese

Marge Reese - August 14, 2015 at 09:42 AM

LH

“ Ken was a true gentleman and had the kindest heart and had a beautiful wife, Faye. They made a wonderful couple and loved the Lord with all their heart. He will be missed by all. Lou and Sue Hoelscher

Lou and Sue Hoelscher - August 03, 2015 at 09:18 AM

CK

“ He was a good man and was always kind and helpful to me.

Charlie kaimann - July 25, 2015 at 11:13 PM