



Rev. James Wallace Kent

April 16, 1936 - October 16, 2012

Frankfort " Rev. James Wallace Kent, 76 years, passed away peacefully after a brief illness Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Services for Rev. Kent will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 20, 2012, at Buck Run Baptist Church. Rev. Tim Frank and Dr. Hershael York will officiate. Burial will follow in Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be at Crestwood Baptist Church Friday from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and at Buck Run Baptist Church Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. until the service.

Born in Heflin, Alabama on April 16, 1936, Rev. Kent was the son of the late James Hoyt and Pearl Evans Kent. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Virginia Barnwell. Rev. Kent is survived by his wife of 52 years, Bettye Zoe Marattay Kent; his children, twin daughters, Julie Fuson (Jeff) and Jennifer Leslie (Kenneth), Stephen Kent (Michelle), Alison Cuentas (Jorge), Andrew Kent (Rebecca), and Nathan Kent (fiancée, Melissa Moon); and 11 grandchildren, Evelyn, Joshua and Kaleb Fuson, Thomas and Zoe Leslie, Nelia, Rachel and Lydia Cuentas and Taylor, Madison and Hunter Wallace Kent.

Rev. Kent, affectionately known as "Frankfort's Pastor," served 38 years as minister of Crestwood Baptist Church and recently served as Minister to

Senior Adults at Buck Run Baptist Church. Prior to being called to Crestwood Baptist Church, Rev. Kent was the minister at Little Mount Baptist Church in Spencer County, Kentucky, where he met and married Bettye Zoe; he was the pastor to English-speaking Special Forces stationed in Bad Tolz, Germany; and upon his return to the United States, was called to the Macedonia Baptist Church in Owensboro, Kentucky. He was a faithful member of Frankfort Rotary Club, a member of Buck Run Baptist Church, a current board member of Franklin County Seniors Citizens and enjoyed his morning fellowship with friends at the "McDonald's Coffee Club."

The family would like to express their appreciation to the doctors and staff at Central Baptist Hospital for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages expressions of sympathy to Rev. Kent's daughter's ministry, Iglesia Bautista, Pan de Vida (a ministry of Franklin Baptist Association), 119 Oxford Place, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. James Wallace Kent*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *My father, Tom Jarvis, thought the world of Brother Kent. My Dad would often relay to me the kindness and fellowship Brother Kent shared with him over the years. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Please know that he positively impacted so many people's lives.*

Kevin Jarvis - October 31, 2012 at 11:14 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Bro, Kent, Such a good man. Sorry we didn't get to call on you at visitation. Love and prayers to you and your entire family.*

Hilda and Orval Snider - October 21, 2012 at 04:24 PM



“ *I am so sorry about the passing of your husband, father and grandfather. He was such a fine man and good Pastor. We always appreciated his visits when in the hospital. God has gained a great man who will be watching down on his family. Alison and Stephen, in particular, my thoughts are with you and my prayers with all your family.*

Jo Ann Jenkins - October 20, 2012 at 06:11 PM

JB

“ Our most sincere condolences to the family. I (Vicky) have known Bro. Kent since I was 8 years old. I attended Crestwood Church when he first came there. I truly never thought anyone could replace Bro. Downing in my eyes. But Bro. Kent has sure proved me wrong. He was God's gift to us...he never knew a stranger. He recently came to see Joe when he was in the hospital and I didn't even have to call him. He stayed awhile and prayed with us. We love you Bro. Kent and you were loved by everyone. We pray that God will give your family comfort during this time. Frankfort will most certainly miss you and your presence. Vicky and Joe Brookshire

Joe & Vicky Brookshire - October 20, 2012 at 01:28 PM

DK

“ Bro Kent was truly loved by my family - e.specially my sister Betty Rogers who is so ill. He always asked about each member, by name, when I saw him . A wonderful example of a Godly person and I will personally miss him at the Senior Citizens Center when I visit there. His family has been blessed to have had him and I pray for God's comfort and peace for each of them.

Doris Bibb Kistner - October 20, 2012 at 11:44 AM

BS

“ regarding stephen and other family members i read about your father online and my thoughts and prayers go out to you and yoyr family. so sorry bo shramm ft myers.fl

bo shramm - October 19, 2012 at 07:02 PM

RF

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences at the passing of your husband, father, and grandfather. Pastor Kent meant a lot to me, as I am sure he did to many. He was truly a pastor, friend, and mentor. I wish I could be there in person to express my sympathy, but unfortunately, I have found it impossible due to many other obligations. Please accept my apology and know that you are all in my prayers. I pray the The Comforter sends peace, joy and happiness. May God bless you all.

Rev. Doug Hamblin and Family - October 19, 2012 at 06:51 PM

IL

“ Today I mourn the absence of my beloved brother knowing that someday we will be reunited. He was so dear to Gladys and me. May God bless Bro. Wallace's family as never before.

Ira Linville - October 19, 2012 at 04:19 PM

VG

“ Rev. Kent was an active participant of our Weight Watchers group in Frankfort. I always looked forward to his attendance. All of the members of the group enjoyed his often humorous contributions. He will be dearly missed. I extend our condolences to and offer prayers for the family.

Vernon Goins - October 19, 2012 at 02:43 PM

TR

“ Mr. Kent touched so many lives in such positive, loving ways. He always seemed genuinely glad to see people and truly wanted to hear how they were doing. His genial personality and heartfelt caring will be missed. Find comfort and peace in your warm memories of what a fine man of God he was.

Tim and Kathleen Riggs - October 19, 2012 at 02:21 PM

CI

“ To the family of Bro. Kent. I'm a member of Crestwood Baptist, and I remember when Bro. Kent came to bless our church. He was such a wonderful man and brought so much to the church. He was there for me & my brother during the illness of both of our parents, who we lost 7 months apart. He would come to the house & visit them both, at the hospital too - he was always available to help us through those difficult days, and I will never forget him for all he did for us, spiritually. He was a fine man and will be missed more than I can say. I truly loved Bro. Kent and I believe he was truly sent from God. May God be with his family during this difficult time.
Cindy & Don Israel

Cindy & Don Israel - October 19, 2012 at 12:18 PM

RN

“ To Bettye and the family, we are deeply saddened at the news of Bro. Wallace's passing. We will be unable to attend the services, due to Rev. Louis' recent illness, however our prayers are with you at this time. May God bless and keep you.

Rev. Louis and Mrs. Sarah C. Newby - October 19, 2012 at 10:16 AM

DF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time of loss. We will miss Brother Kent, he was a blessing to our family in joyous times as well as sad ones. May God bless you and comfort you.

Debbie and Ed Froste - October 18, 2012 at 11:34 PM

DP

“ Miss Betty Zoe and family, I think you know that Mr. Wallace will be missed so much by many people. I am so thankful that I took the opportunity to tell Mr. Wallace frequently that he was one of my favorite people on the face of the earth. Shepherding won't be the same without you guys there. I love you, and you will be in my prayers.

Diane pitts - October 18, 2012 at 10:28 PM

LS

“ Stephen, Michelle, and Family.... We didn't know your father/father-in-law, but knew of him, and we heard how well loved and respected he was. He leaves a wonderful legacy. Our sympathies are with you, at this difficult time.

Liz and Don Shelby - October 18, 2012 at 04:13 PM

LA

“ Stephen and Family:
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. We send our prayers and condolences. May you have peace and love in this difficult time.

Liz Anderson

Liz Anderson - October 18, 2012 at 03:07 PM

MW

“ Jennifer:

Eddie, Patrick and I are very saddened in the passing of your father. Sorry we cannot be there in person to celebrate Rev. Kent's life and to comfort you, but know that we have you in our thoughts and prayers. We are praying for the entire family. God Bless you.

The Wilson's

Mary Wilson - October 18, 2012 at 01:29 PM

SC

“ *May the lord bless and keep you with His grace, peace, and great love. Wallace was a wonderful friend and colleague. His sense of humor and support will always be in our hearts and minds. His love for the Lord, Church, Veterans, and Franklin County High School will be forever remembered and celebrated. Take care Allison, Mrs. Kent, and Family & know you are in our prayers.*

Sharon & Gabriel Collett - October 18, 2012 at 01:13 PM

AG

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Artisha @ John Grimes - October 18, 2012 at 01:03 PM

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Artisha @ John Grimes - October 18, 2012 at 12:59 PM

DH

“ Dear Family: Brother Kent was the kindest man I ever knew. Since I was an early teen, he was always there for our family for weddings and funerals. He allowed me to sing many times in his pulpit and always supported our ministry and our family. Thank you for sharing such a wonderful man with the community. We are all better off for having known him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Diana Hammons-Folenius - October 18, 2012 at 11:30 AM

DE

“ To Betty Zoe & Family: Our prayers & thoughts are with you at this time of great loss. We will never forget the times we faced the painful loss of family members, but Brother Kent was always there for us, offering his comfort & support. He was truly a man of God like none other we have ever known, & he will be greatly missed by the entire community.

May God bless you,
Dudley & Judy Ellis

Dudley & Judy Ellis - October 18, 2012 at 09:58 AM

CH

“ My heart goes out to Alison & Betty Zoe and family. I pray that the Lord will comfort you during this difficult time. Brother Kent was very special to me and my family and he will truly be missed! He was a blessing to so many, a man of God!

Candace Heady - October 18, 2012 at 09:28 AM

JW

“ My heart goes out to the entire family of Wallace Kent. I have known Rev. Kent most of my life. He has pastored me and brought me through many valleys over the years. I thank God for giving us such a wonderful faithful servant. Wallace was a great friend and loved by all he touched. He was one of those people who made an impact on you, and left you with a heart filled with joy after you talked with him. I know God has a special place for him in our heavenly home. He will leave a void here, but is home now. Betty Zoe: You are lifted up in our prayers.

Jim Woolums - October 18, 2012 at 09:25 AM

JS

“ To Betty Zoe and all the family our prayers are with you. Wallace was very special to us - he was a one of the kind original and he will be missed. Love and prayers - James and Diana Shackelford

James Shackelford - October 17, 2012 at 04:03 PM