



# **Kenneth Eugene Starett**

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### Kenneth Starett Obituary

**K**ENNETH EUGENE STARETT In His marvelous grace, God called His faithful servant, Kenneth Eugene Starett, 83, home March 29, 2016. After a beautiful life here on this earth, he has now entered into his eternal life which is far greater than anything that we could ever think or imagine. He is now with his Heavenly Father whom he loved and faithfully served for many years. Ken was born August 26, 1932 in Glenville, West Virginia to Romie J. and Beulah (Nee: Cather) Starett. After graduation from Weston High School in 1952, he moved to Elyria, Ohio where he lived the rest of his life. He was an active member of First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio where he was a deacon, taught Sunday School, worked with young people, and various other activities. After spending 19 years at Ridge Tool Company, the Lord blessed him with the privilege of becoming an AWANA Missionary for 31 years. He had the opportunity to show many young people the importance of having Jesus Christ as their personal Savior in order to be assured of spending eternity with the God of Creation. This ministry allowed him to crisscross Ohio for 21 years helping churches begin AWANA Clubs to reach their young people for Christ. This was followed by 10 years of the same type of ministry in the Caribbean Islands. Ken was born with a pioneer spirit. He was the first AWANA Missionary in Ohio, conducted the first AWANA Olympics in Ohio, the first AWANA Grand Prix and was the first Director of the AWANA Canadian Adventure Camp. He became a Carlisle Township fireman, serving first as a volunteer and rising through the ranks of full-time Lieutenant, Captain, and Active Chief during his tenure. Even in his early years, he spent time as a member of the West Virginia National Guard. The Lord blessed Ken with many special people along the way: his bride of 63 years, Mary Louise (Nee: Smith); daughter, Susan Warner Taylor, (the late Douglas Taylor); sons, Don (Pam Schott), Larry (Becky) and Roger (Diane); 13 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren;



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brothers- and sisters-in-law; numerous nieces; nephews; beloved friends and a sister, Helen (Art) Miller. In addition to his parents, he was preceded by a brother, Edward Bud Starett and son-in-law, Douglas Taylor. Friends will be received Friday April 1, 2016 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at First Baptist Church 11400 LaGrange Road, Elyria. Friends will also be received Saturday April 2, 2016 from 10:00 until the time of an 11:00 AM service in the church. Senior Pastor Reverend Patrick Odle will officiate. Burial will be in South Murray Ridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to AWANA, 1 East Bode Road, Streamwood, IL 60107-6658. Please note that the donation is made in memory of Ken Starett. Arrangements are in the care of Dicken Funeral & Cremation Service, Elyria. SERVICES Funeral Service Saturday, April 2, 2016 11:00 AM First Baptist Church 11400 LaGrange Road Elyria, OH 44035

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CF

**Clarence And Barb Frymier** posted:

What a wonderful legacy Ken has left for his family and friends. We know we will see him someday soon and are thankful he is no longer suffering. We wished we could have been there, but our thoughts and prayers are constantly with Mary Louise now and the family. Rejoicing in Ken's Home going, but sure going to miss him!

April 6 at 8:00 PM

AE

**Arne & Wilhelmina Ellermets** posted:

Dear Mary Louise, We really appreciate both you, Mary Louise, and Ken and your impact on our lives. You welcomed us into the Awana family in 1981 and taught us how to be Awana missionaries. It was nice that you gave Wilhelmina the only air conditioned room in one of the churches in Puerto Rico. In my case I suffered with the other speakers in really hot temperatures. One of the translators asked me why I didn't bring a beach towel "Like the Missionary last year" to control the free flow of sweat! We enjoyed our fellowship even in the heat while visiting a Space Lab with its big telescopes and the food served from carts along the roads! Love, A&W

April 1 at 8:00 PM

CH

**Carolyn Hawbaker** posted:

Dearest Mary Louise and family, It was a wonderful privilege to serve the Lord Jesus with you and Ken! Your faithfulness in serving our Savior has always been a great testimony to all your friends and family. The God of all comfort will guide you through the waters of grief and give help where it is most needed. God bless and sustain you. In Jesus' love, Carolyn

April 1 at 8:00 PM

KM

**Kevin, Dana, Ally, And Kase Mcelwee** posted:

We wish we could be there. You all are in our hearts and prayers.

April 1 at 8:00 PM

BC

**Buddy & Lynne Calhoun** posted:

Mary & Family We are sorry for your loss. But we know that Ken is in heaven with his Lord!!!With our heart felt sympathy Buddy & Lynne Calhoun

March 31 at 8:00 PM



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ST

**Steve & Kris Tice** posted:

Dear Mary Louise and all, We are sad and glad. We will miss Ken much on this side of heaven. We are glad in knowing that the God he has served so faithfully has taken Ken in to his glorious presence. We pray that you will find comfort in those around you and will pray that in this time others will come to know and accept Christ through the testimony of your family and the legacy Ken has left. We so wish we could be with you at this time. Our schedule will not allow. God bless you, and may you find Him the refuge that will uphold you in these times. Psalm 91. Warmly and with much love, Steve & Kris

March 31 at 8:00 PM

AB

**Al And Linda Biltz** posted:

To our friends in the Starett Family, Linda and I were so sorry to hear of Ken's passing but knowing his love of Christ he is already carrying out his faithful duties. So many memories from the Shipping Dept. at Ridge to Production Control and on and on. Ken and I formed that little Bluegrass band and probably drove Louise crazy with Virgil and Judy and all pickin and grinnin the nights away. I still have pictures somewhere of Ken and the gang giving us the "Roast" at the Holiday Inn when we moved to Michigan in 1983. Thanks to your entire family for the love! We will never forget! Al & Linda

March 30 at 8:00 PM

WV

**Wayne & Susie Vanderwier** posted:

Our prayer remains that all of you in this precious family will experience the lavish grace of our loving Lord.

March 30 at 8:00 PM



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MS

**Margaret And Will Sahli** posted:

Dear Mary Louise and family, Will and I send our sincere condolences to you all and are praying that you will all experience God's peace during this sad time. It was such a joy to have you both stay with us "back in the day" when families housed the missionaries when they were in for training. We will always remember Ken for showing us how to teach the 10 Commandments with pictures drawn from the number of the commandment. Introducing us to Canadian Adventure was life changing. The years we served up there as counselors or kitchen staff are some of our favorite memories. Visiting with you both at your home across the river from camp was also a special time. Ken certainly left his mark here at Awana and I'm sure at church and with his family. Lives were changed because he lived and he is celebrating now with his Savior while he waits for the rest of us to show up. Love and Blessings to you all, Will and Margaret Sahli

March 30 at 8:00 PM

KD

**Kathy Butler Donley** posted:

Ken will be missed but what a blessing he has been in so many lives. Even in our moments of sorry, we can rejoice that we will see him again and He is already experiencing the beauty of Heaven. May God bless you.

March 30 at 8:00 PM

BB

**Bill And Janette Barrows** posted:

Mary Louise and family, We have been so blessed to know Ken and you too Mary. Such good memories of being taught the ways of Canadian adventure. We loved to hear all the stories Ken would tell. We appreciate the hospitality you showed us at your home in Elyria when we would be traveling to CA or back and call to see if we could stay the night, the answer was always yes. You two are a blessing. We will be praying. Janette and Bill Barrows

March 30 at 8:00 PM

JW

**Jennifer Peak-Westlake** posted:

Roger & family -- I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. I remember him as such a kind man. You all are in my thoughts. Please take care.

March 30 at 8:00 PM



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AR

**Aubrey Rym** posted:

We are so very sorry for your family's loss.

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FS

**Ford Smith** posted:

Stay strong now, because Ken is in good hands now. No more pain or suffering. Ford

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DP

**Dawn Palmer** posted:

Sincere condolences. What a wonderful man and role model for his family.

March 29 at 8:00 PM

VJ

**Vicki And Jeff** posted:

We send love and sympathy to Mary Louise, Roger, Diane and to all family and friends of Ken. Our admiration of the man, his marriage and family remain. He will live on in many hearts. Jeff and Vicki

March 29 at 8:00 PM

BE

**Brian Eagleson** posted:

You have my condolences, sorry for your loss Roger, Diane and family. Take care and God Bless.

March 29 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Janet Smith** posted:

Dear Mary Louise and family... My deepest sympathy. You can all be so proud of Ken and what a great legacy he has left for you. We know he has entered into the loving arms of our Savior. And we KNOW we shall rejoice with him in Heaven some day. My prayer is that you will be comforted by God's Love and the love and support of family and friends as you grieve his earthly passing. With love, Janet

March 29 at 8:00 PM



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