

Home with the Lord

Kenneth Engle • Nov. 9, 1924 – Nov. 5, 2009

Former Missionary to the Philippines

KENNETH “KEN” ENGLE was born November 9, 1924 in Abilene, Kansas and entered the presence of the Lord, November 5, 2009 in Kansas as well. In between was a life lived for Christ that took him far outside the borders of his much-loved hometown. His parents were Grant and Mabel (Robson) Engle. They were dairy and wheat farmers. He was in fellowship at the Grace and Truth Gospel Chapel after receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior at the age of nine.

Dad attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for one year after high school. He was then drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served overseas in the fall of 1944 through the spring of 1945 with the Fifth Air Force, 90th Bomb Group, as a tail gunner on the B-24J Liberator bomber and flew bombing missions over Corregidor from New Guinea and the Philippines. After the war he attended and graduated from the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. During the four years of study there he worked as an announcer on radio station WMBI.

During this time in Chicago, he met Mary Louise Leonard, and in due time the couple believed it was the Lord who brought them together. In 1951 he went to the Philippines as a missionary, commended by the Grace and Truth Gospel Chapel of Abilene, and the Woodside Bible Chapel (formerly Austin Gospel Hall) of Chicago in 1950. Mom followed dad to the Philippines in 1952, and they were married April 26, 1953.

Together they served the Lord in Manila, Philippines until 1975. Much of their work was with young people, radio work and church planting. During a two-year furlough from 1963 until 1965, Dad taught at Emmaus Bible School in Oak Park, Illinois. In 1967 dad, mom, and their five children relocated to Baguio, believing that the change in weather would improve our mom’s health so that they could continue serving the Lord among the people they loved so

much. In 1975 they sensed the Lord leading them back to Kansas. Dad and mom continued in ministry at the Grace and Truth Gospel Chapel, and held Bible classes in their home and at

Frontier Estates. Dad was involved in Christian radio over KABI, Abilene and KCVS-FM in Salina for a number of years, and continued to send programs to the Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila, Philippines. You are invited to listen to his radio programs by going to www.kenengle.org or <http://brethrenlinks.org>.

His life verse was Colossians 1:28—“Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus...”

The Lord called mom home April 12, 2003. In 2006, dad moved to Texas, where my wife and I welcomed him into our home.

On August 16, 2009 we took dad to the emergency room, where doctors determined that he had a malignant brain tumor. After several radiation treatments, Ken decided not to continue treatment, but agreed to move back to Kansas so that family could visit him more easily. He died November 5, 2009 in the home that he and his wife shared for 25 years.

Dad is survived by his children Rebecca Jenkinson of South Porcupine, Ontario, Karen Carder of Olathe, KS, Kevin Engle of Carrollton, TX, Stanley Engle of Oklahoma City, OK, Gordon Engle of PA and FL, and Douglas Engle of Hutchinson, KS; his brother, Keith Engle of Abilene, KS; his sisters, Eloise Dyer of Prospect Heights, IL, Elaine Corkill of Kansas City, KS, and Jan Horst of Newton, KS; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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