



## Reverend Kenneth Lee

February 9, 1939 - July 15, 2019

Beloved husband, father and grandfather, Reverend and Dr. Kenneth (Keun Sup) Lee, age 80, of Columbus, Ohio passed away July 15, 2019 due to complications of a stroke at Riverside Methodist Hospital. He was born February 9, 1939 to famous tenor singer In Bum Lee and pianist Jung Ja Lee in Seoul, Korea. Ken was a student at Yonsei University and graduate of University of Minnesota (BA), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT, MA), and University of Michigan (PhD). Dr. Lee was a professor of architecture at The Ohio State University for 22 years. He took early retirement from OSU in 1995 and began a second career as a United Methodist elder pastor. He faithfully served the churches of Cleveland Korean Methodist Church, Williamsport UMC, Arcanum UMC, North Church UMC, Grace Korean UMC, and Bethel International UMC in Columbus, OH. He is survived by his wife, Reverend Miran Kim Lee, daughter Dr. Marian Y. Lee, sons Kevin Sukho Lee, Charles Lee, John Lee, daughter in-laws Barbara Radlein, Jiyeon Lee, Kelly Lee, five grandchildren Brandon Lee, Aami Lee, Noah Lee, Mina Lee, Audrey Lee and siblings Dr. Bang Sook Lee and Seung Sup Lee. Friends and loved ones may visit with his family at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, Ohio, on Thursday, July 18 from 6pm-8pm. The funeral service will be held on Friday, July 19, at 10am at Bethel International United Methodist Church followed by a burial at Union Cemetery. Condolence may be made to the family at [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43202  
(614) 267-5471

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel International United Methodist Church  
1220 Bethel Rd.  
Columbus, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend Kenneth Lee*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Truly a wonderful Christian leader. A blessing to those who knew him. As our pastor in rural Morrow County, he touched the lives of all of our church family. He had a voice like no other, and a commitment to God and serving others that were a real inspiration. He wanted to sing "The Holy City" and was sure I could play the accompaniment, in spite of my limited ability. I worked and worked on that, and finally was able to play the piano for him to sing it. What a blessing he was! May God bless Miran and all of his family.*

**Laura and Rick Pearce** - December 28, 2019 at 03:02 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Reverend Kenneth Lee.*



July 19, 2019 at 04:01 AM

DK

“ I was senior minister at Athens First, when the Korean Congregation first began meeting in our church building (under Kens pastoral leadership). Ken and I immediately sensed and celebrated our common humanity and our common calling. I remember him as a sweet spirit.

*Rev. Dan Kiger*

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**daniel kiger** - July 17, 2019 at 09:43 PM

SA

“ Marian, Sending love and strength to you and your family in this difficult time.

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**Sayonnha** - July 17, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reverend Kenneth Lee.



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July 17, 2019 at 03:30 PM

LH

“ Marian, May you and your family find peace in this difficult time.

*Laurie Harrison*

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**Laurie Harrison** - July 17, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Reverend Kenneth Lee.



July 17, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Korean Drum Team, Columbus Ohio* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Reverend Kenneth Lee.



**Korean Drum Team, Columbus Ohio** - July 17, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ *New Vision Women's Mission* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Reverend Kenneth Lee.



**New Vision Women's Mission** - July 17, 2019 at 11:08 AM