



Kenneth J. Wilkinson

February 28, 1933 - December 11, 2015

Kenneth J. Wilkinson, of Columbus, born February 28, 1933, died December 11, 2015 following a brief illness. He is predeceased by his parents Parker and Janet Wilkinson, and his beloved wife of 51 years, Claudia McLaughlin Wilkinson. Survived by his children, Jennifer (Ronald Smith), Paul (Kate) and John (Bonny Claxton); and his six beloved grandchildren, Kenneth, Claudia, Wesley, Ann, Parker and Calla. Kenneth was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. He graduated from Maryville College (B.A. in political science) and Western (now Pittsburgh) Theological Seminary. Kenneth was a Presbyterian (PCUSA) minister, serving congregations with distinction in Pennsylvania and in several Ohio communities. He also provided leadership for several regional Presbyterian bodies, focusing on mission and stewardship. He was a gifted preacher, a compassionate pastor and a leader committed to the church's mission. In retirement he became more deeply committed to the justice witness of the church. He was active in retirement with the Worthington Presbyterian Church, along with his family. He was a life long Rotarian, most recently with the Olentangy Rotary Club. Ken leaves behind a distinguished ministry which bore much fruit, and a wide circle of family and friends. He will be missed, but his good works go before him. A Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m., December 30, 2015 at the WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 773 High St., Worthington, OH 43085. Graveside Services will be held at the convenience of the family at Rose Hill Cemetery, Akron, Ohio. Memorial gifts may be made to Worthington Presbyterian Church, designated

to the Mission Fund. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to send condolences to the Wilkinson Family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth J. Wilkinson*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Your dad and mother were such wonderful people and did so much for others. Paige and Garry Royer*

Garry Royer - December 28, 2015 at 07:49 AM



“ *To John and the Wilkinson family: Our hearts and prayers are with you as you celebrate the life of your father. May you rejoice in the memories and the fruitful ministry that our dad had in God's service. Yours in Christ, Dolores and Don Register.*

Donald B. Register - December 22, 2015 at 12:33 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Ken's passing, but we know he is with our Lord and his wife now. We met Ken not too long ago when he moved into WG across the hall from us on the 8th floor and we found that he was a Presbyterian minister. We are Presbyterians also and we really enjoyed talking with him. He was so cheerful and spoke kindly of everyone. We will miss him as we're sure you do also. Helen and Daryl Watkins*

Helen & Daryl Watkins - December 22, 2015 at 10:03 AM

WS

“ So sorry for your loss Jen and family. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Wende Schott - December 19, 2015 at 09:05 AM

CD

“ So sorry to hear about Ken's passing. He was such a good and caring man. I am sure he is now with your mom, enjoying a wonderful reunion! You have my prayers and sympathies.
Connie DeWitt

Connie DeWitt - December 18, 2015 at 09:20 AM