



Kenneth Ross Pope

June 23, 1941 - March 2, 2026

Kenneth Ross Pope, 84, of Sayre PA, passed from this life and went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, March 2, 2026.

Born on June 23, 1941, in Nokomis, IL, he was the son of the late William Kenneth and Eileen Barker Pope. After graduating McKinley high school in northwest Chicago, Ken attended Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music.

While in Grand Rapids he met Sherril Holden, whom he married on June 29, 1963.

Together they devoted their lives to ministry, starting with being missionaries to Alaska from 1965-1973. In 1973 the Popes moved to Sayre PA and joined Sherril's parents in working with the ministry of Bible Lighthouse. Following the Holden's retirement, Ken and Sherril assumed the leadership as directors of that ministry. Throughout his lifetime, Ken's heart for people and preaching was demonstrated in numerous interim pastorates he held and speaking at conferences. He was also known in the community for his many years of service as a school bus driver.

Ken was predeceased by his wife, Sherril; his parents; one brother and two sisters. He is survived by his children Valerie (Tim) Depue of Kansas City, MO and Jim Pope of Monroe,

WA; four grandchildren; Andrew, Ashleigh, Carissa (Joe) and Kimberly; three great-grandchildren; and his brother, Tom of IL.

Services will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Athens, PA on Saturday, March 7, 2026, with a viewing from 10am – 11am and the service at 11am. A graveside service will immediately follow. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to WPEL, Montrose, PA and/or Calvary Baptist Church, Athens, PA in Ken's name. The Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home of Sayre, PA is assisting Kenneth's Family with service arrangements. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street
Athens, PA 18810

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
701 W. Pine Street
Athens, PA 18810

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RV

“ His smile was a great witness of his love for His Lord. I will definitely miss Ken at my Nursing home ministry as He always enjoyed hearing about God. 🙏

Rev. Richard Valentine - March 04 at 07:48 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ross Pope.



March 04 at 04:55 PM

FM

“ RIP Mr. Pope One of the bus school bus drivers I had as a child Prayers to the family and friends . What a great man

faith miller - March 04 at 06:36 AM

SM

Mr Pope,
You are a great person! Met you through the bus. Condolences to your family. Another bright star in heaven .
Yor will be missed by those who you have touched in this life. God bless you Mr. Pope ! 🙏❤️

Sue Moore - March 05 at 05:21 AM