



## Sherril Elaine Holden Pope

December 27, 1941 - March 6, 2024

Sherril Elaine Holden Pope, 82, of Sayre PA passed away on March 6, 2024. Born on December 27, 1941, she was the daughter of the late David W Holden and Eleanor Sturdevant Holden. After graduating from Sayre High School, Sherril attended Fort Wayne Bible College before transferring to Grand Rapid School of the Bible and Music.

It was while she was in Grand Rapids she met Kenneth Pope, whom she married on June 29, 1963. Sherril and Ken were involved with many forms of ministry during their marriage, starting with being missionaries to Alaska from 1965-1973. In 1973 the Popes moved to Sayre PA and joined with Sherril's parents in working in the ministry of Bible Lighthouse. Following the Holden's retirement, Ken and Sherril took the lead as directors of the ministry. After Ken was no longer able to maintain doing the daily morning broadcast over WPEL, Sherril took on that mantle until her passing. During their marriage, they were also involved with various local church ministries.

Sherril is predeceased by her parents and a sister who died shortly after birth. She is survived by her husband, Ken, her children Valerie (Tim) Depue of Kansas City, MO and Jim Pope of Denver, CO. She has four grandchildren, Andrew, Ashleigh, Carissa (Joe) and Kimberly and two great-grandchildren. Services will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Athens, PA on Friday March 15, 2024 with a viewing from 10am -12 and the service at noon. Graveside service will immediately follow. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Bible Lighthouse and/or WPEL, Montrose, PA in Sherril's name.

The Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home of Sayre, PA is assisting Sherril's Family with service arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street  
Athens, PA 18810

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAR 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My wife and I knew Sherril from the bookstore. She was great and helped us with our ministry in Richford, N.Y. She is now in Heaven awaiting her resurrected body with a much deserved rest! God bless Ken & family  
Roger & Bobbie

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**Roger & Bobbie Roulstin** - March 16, 2024 at 08:17 AM

PM

“ I never met Sherril, but listened to Bible Lighthouse for years, and corresponded with through e-mail her many times. She prayed with me for my grandmother, as well as for my friend's family when his daughter was fighting cancer. I am saddened that I will no longer hear the daily broadcast, but know that after years of serving the Lord, she is now home with Him.

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**Peter Malak** - March 15, 2024 at 12:58 PM

VI

“ Enjoyed the ministry where she served the Lord, I never met her but felt like I did since I heard her every morning at 6:30 .....where God was given Glory!.....Vince

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**Vince** - March 15, 2024 at 07:56 AM

SJ

“ Sherril was a wonderful woman I have known her for years and years helping to initially care for her Father David then we would visit when seeing each other in the community. I just saw her at PT we both joked about being back "again". A beautiful soul and she will be missed. RIP. Suzanne Jarrett



Suzanne Jarrett - March 14, 2024 at 03:34 AM

LO

“ Oh my I don't know what or how to begin my heart goes out to you all I've known her for years as well as taken care of Ken since he first came to us and I will miss her and our chats hugs an prayers for you all in this time



Lois - March 13, 2024 at 09:41 PM

LT

“ Dear Pope family- I am so very sorry for your loss! I have listened to Bible Lighthouse for years at 6:30am on WPEL. After Mr Pope couldn't do the broadcast and was in the nursing home Mrs Pope picked it right up and what a special and wonderful job she did! She was such an inspiration to me! Loved her hymn histories and daily devotions! Last year in May I attended WPEL's 70th anniversary and I made a point to search Mrs Pope out and was able to have a nice chat with her! So glad I did! Blessings of peace to you all! She certainly was met in Heaven by our wonderful Lord and I know He said to her 'well done my good and faithful servant!' Will keep your entire family in my daily prayers! May you find comfort knowing she has found peace! God bless! Lisa Tompkins, Montrose Pa.

Lisa Tompkins - March 13, 2024 at 07:24 PM

CR

“ I will deeply miss Sister Pope's on BLH.  
6.30 to 6.15 will never be the same.

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**Craig** - March 13, 2024 at 04:11 PM

JF

“ Sherril & Ken had a wonderful ministry with Bible Lighthouse during my years at Keystone / Crossroads Baptist. They were good friends and I especially enjoyed “coffee break” frequently with them. They were fine Christian folks. She has graduated to her reward and I pray the Comforter embrace Ken in her home going. - Jim Fox

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**Jim Fox** - March 13, 2024 at 12:47 PM

SK

“ I met Sherril via the radio broadcast on WPEL. While at our cabin in Gouldsboro, Pa. I would listen to Bible Lighthouse daily, and really enjoyed the program. When my husband and I would come home in November to Bethlehem we could not get WPEL on our radio, and I really missed hearing her and her message. I eventually realized that I could listen to WPEL VIA the internet, and while we lived in Bethlehem for the winter. I would get to hear Bible Lighthouse. I reached out to her when she broke her arm, and my donation to Bible Lighthouse was written on a check that had a lighthouse on it, and I was very blessed that she would write me a handwritten thank you note, and on her return address sticker was the same lighthouse. I am in tears that she will no longer be heard live from Sayre Pennsylvania. I would say to my husband when listening to the past recorded messages when the messages were not live that she had the most beautiful speaking voice in her younger years. I am so sorry for your loss family, friends, and listeners to the Bible Lighthouse live from Sayre, PA . With LOVE in Christ JESUS. Sara Kratzer.

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**Sara E Kratzer** - March 13, 2024 at 09:45 AM

SR

“ I took care of your mom for many years at Guthrie. She was one of the most kind and loving people I ever met. Blessings to you all. So sorry for your loss.

*Shelli Ripic*

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**shelli ripic** - March 13, 2024 at 07:40 AM

BB

“ Mrs Pope was always asking about our nursing students. She conveyed theist admirable compassion and support for her husband Ken. Mrs. Pope you are admired and missed. She definitely emulated grace and faithfulness. Blessed to have known her..

*Bk Benninger*

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**Brenda Benninger** - March 12, 2024 at 07:07 PM

PW

“ Dear Ken, Valerie and Jim,  
I was so sorry to hear of Sherril's sudden homegoing. But she is whole and healthy now! But it is tough on those left behind. Your mom and wife was always an encouragement to me. I really enjoyed getting together with her when I was on furlough/home assignment. We liked to go to Texas Roadhouse, have a meal there and catch up on each others' lives. In recent years we had to switch it to OIP, but the visits were just a good. I will miss her! But not as much as you will... Praying for you! Penny Warner

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**Penny Warner** - March 12, 2024 at 01:55 PM