



Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait

December 27, 1923 - April 21, 2021

Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait was born on December 27, 1923 in Paducah, Kentucky. His charismatic outgoing personality, integrity and sharp mind made him a special person to all who knew him.

Ken grew up in a large family of 8 children in a loving, two parent home. At the age of 8 years old, Ken accepted Jesus as his personal Savior, which began a lifelong relationship with God. He loved God with all his heart and strove to please Him in all he did. He loved to tell others about Jesus and was kind, compassionate and generous.

At age 18, he volunteered to serve his country in World War II in the Army Air Corps. He served in England, Italy, France, & Germany.

In 1951, at 27, he married the love of his life, Betsy Anne Shelton Crosthwait.

At the age of 30, he built his first radio station and by the end of his career had owned radio stations in Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and Florida.

Ken and Betsy were an incredible example of true love to all who knew them.

They were married 70 years, a testament of their love for each other. They dearly loved each other, were best friends and never went to bed without a kiss and saying "Goodnight, I love you". Ken loved Betsy more than anyone but God. He always told Betsy that she was his #1 girl and made sure that she knew it. He knew that she was the most beautiful lady that God had ever created.

Ken was a loving, caring and amazing father and grandfather. He and Betsy poured their lives into their three daughters, Delana, Claudia, and Melonie and

four grandchildren, Jared, Meredith, Hunter and Hannah, whom he loved with all his heart. He provided a Godly example to them and they are all blessed to have been loved by him. One of his favorite sayings to his grandchildren was "Before you do anything you should always think, think, think and make sure that it is the right thing to do and the right way to do."

On April 21, 2021, at the age of 97, Ken met his Savior in person. Today he is reunited with his loved ones and praising and thanking God for His love for us. Ken lived a long and happy life and provided love, encouragement, support, and respect to all those he knew.

While his family has comfort in knowing he is with his Heavenly Father and are happy that they will be reunited with him someday, they will miss him so much each and every day.

Ken is survived by his wife Betsy, daughters Delana Bice, Claudia Cummings & Melonie Garrett and grandchildren Jared Cummings, Meredith Cummings Williams, Hunter Garrett and Hannah Garrett. He is also survived by his loving sons in law and grandson in law, Paul Bice, Lee Garrett & Michael Williams. He will surely be missed.

A Graveside Service will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2021 at Roane Memorial Gardens.

Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Crosthwait Family. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Roane Memorial Gardens
1400 N Gateway Ave
Rockwood, TN 37854

Tribute Wall

FS

“ Thank you Ken for being such a wonderful, caring person who walked with Christ daily. I know how much he loved his family and others. I also know that he is up there having the best time and waiting for all to come. I shall miss him and all our spirited conversations. A special thank you to Claudia, who cared for him so selflessly every day. May God continue to bless Betsy and all the family.

*In Christ's immeasurable love,
Frank Sturman
Houston, Texas*

Frank Sturman - April 28, 2021 at 06:37 PM

LW

“ I went to church with the family and graduated with Claudia. A very loving and nice family. Prayers for the family in the loss of your husband, father and grandfather.

Loretta Pogue Walker - April 28, 2021 at 03:57 PM

RI

“ I will never forget our singing at his house or riding in the car. Never a dull moment with Ken. Admirably, he spent his life and work spreading the gospel of Jesus and served as a testament to the paradigm: 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'

Rob Parker

ROBERT S PARKER, III - April 26, 2021 at 11:13 AM

DP

“ Deborah Porter lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait



Deborah Porter - April 25, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait.



April 25, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait.



April 24, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait.



April 24, 2021 at 05:02 PM

KK

“ There was never a dull moment when we were around Uncle Kenneth. I will miss hearing his strong, confident voice; the voice that prayed for me, and the voice that would always call me "Kimmie". He was our generational prayer warrior and always prayed for our salvation and life on this earth. I can hear God saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant" To Aunt Betsy, Delana, Claudia, Melonie and families, I know there will be a great void in your hearts and ours. May the Lord bring you his comfort always, knowing that we will see him soon. Love Always, Kim Knack

kim Knack - April 24, 2021 at 05:00 PM

CJ

“ Condolences to all the family. Love Kim and Jeff purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait.



Condolences to all the family. Love Kim and Jeff - April 24, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait.



April 24, 2021 at 03:02 PM

TB

“ Terry Bice, Rick Bice, and Cindy Bice purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait.



Terry Bice, Rick Bice, and Cindy Bice - April 24, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait.



April 24, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait.



April 24, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait.



April 23, 2021 at 06:47 PM

LH

“ *Many great memories of Ken especially singing Linda whenever I walked in..He truly loved Betsy and told her often.. He will be missed by family and all who knew him...So happy he is now well and singing praises to his Heavenly Father..*

Linda Hyers - April 23, 2021 at 03:49 PM

MP

“ *Myra Peavyhouse lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait*



Myra Peavyhouse - April 23, 2021 at 03:11 PM

MP

Claudia,

Thinking of you and your family. May treasured memories provide comfort in the time ahead.

*Myra Peavyhouse
Roane State*

Myra Peavyhouse - April 23, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Jackson Crosthwait.*



April 23, 2021 at 02:24 PM