



Kenneth Neller

February 20, 1954 - January 10, 2013

Dr. Kenneth Vern Neller, 58, of Searcy, Arkansas, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013. He was born on February 20, 1954, in Corona, California to Connie and LaVern Neller.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 38 years, Barbara; sons Colin (Eden) and Seth (Sarah); parents Connie and LaVern; siblings Dennis, Diane (Joe), and Brett (Irene); and 2 granddaughters Juliette and Violet and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a true follower of Christ, faithful husband, loving father, super Papa, devoted minister and shepherd. He was a servant, professor, scholar, mentor, and friend. He was a great and wise man of God, an inspiration, leader, counselor, and encourager. A man of integrity and faith; many never saw him without a smile on his face or an encouraging word.

He dedicated his life in service to God and had an impact on the lives of countless people over the years. He devoted his life to serving his Lord and Friend through his work as a minister and elder at Downtown Church of Christ, Searcy, Arkansas, as a professor of Bible and Religion at Harding University, and in Uganda helping and teaching others how to spread the gospel.

We rejoice that he has been called home to our Lord Jesus as "a good and faithful servant."

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Jan. 13 from 1:30 - 3:00 PM at Downtown Church of Christ to be followed immediately by the memorial service. Burial

will be in Oak Grove Cemetery and Powell Funeral Home of Searcy is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Dr. Kenneth V. Neller Scholarship For Ministry Fund via the Harding University Advancement Office, 915 East Market, HU Box 12238, Searcy, AR 72149-2238. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

SL

“ Dear Barbara and family,

I grieve with you, and I pray for you! I thank God for Dr. Neller, and for the great impact he has had on me and on so many others. While his student in a preaching class at Harding I learned how to study the Scriptures deeper, apply them in my life and share them with others in more meaningful and powerful way. In his Greek class he not only taught us Greek, but also diligence and what it means to carry each other's burdens while knowing not to take on someone else's responsibility. Dr. Neller was very perceptive and wise; he knew how to challenge us to grow to be better disciples of Jesus and better people. He was a wonderful man of God, a great teacher, and a servant leader. I know that it is God who made him to be who he was, but also I know that you, Barbara, also helped him so that he could be what he was - thank you for your impact on him, on me and on so many others!

I hope and pray that in your grief your heart will be comforted through all the good memories, through thankfulness for all the years you were blessed with him, and through hope of joining him one day - to be together for eternity.

Many prayers for you, your family, friends, Harding and the Downtown church are being lifted up in Beijing, China. May God's peace, comfort, strength, wisdom and guidance be with you all!

Snezana Lepki - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

JC

“ I worked with Ken at the Downtown church from 1993 to 1997 while I was a student at Harding. I remember him to be such a positive and joyful man of God that inspired me and many others to serve the Lord with my talents. It was under his leadership where I really started to develop a passion for worship and I learned a lot from his many great sermons. His family will be in my prayers as I know this is a great loss to so many.

Jay Collins - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

JP

“ You will all be in our prayers. Dr. Neller made sure I knew that Revelation had no "S" and lots of other things. He will be missed.

Joel Pritchett - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

HM

“ My heartfelt condolences to you, Barbara, and to your loved ones.
Heidi Medenica

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BF

“ Dear Family of Ken,
I am saddened to hear of your loss and the loss to Harding. I did not have Brother Ken as a teacher when I was there at Harding (I graduated May 2011), but I did know him enough to come to love him. I am grieving with you and will be praying for you. Sincerely with love, Betty Fulop
P.S. Ken died on my 81st birthday.

Betty Lee Fulop - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

BY

“ I had Dr Neller for a class and remembered him to be strict professor with a zeal for God. I also attended Downtown during my time at Harding.

I'm sorry for your lost.

Benjamin Yam - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

SL

“ What a loss to the christian community.. I know he has achieved his reward, but I know he will be missed at home, Harding, Downtown and to many students. May the great Comforter comfort the family and friends he has left behind. Wish I could have made it to the service.

scott lloyd - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

PJ

“ I have spoken to several people who knew and loved Dr. Neller and a recurring theme has been that he was such a godly man. Surely there is nothing better that can be said about one when the time comes to be with The Lord. May his legacy of faith and assurance of things hoped for bring comfort to your family. Prayers are being lifted for you around the world.

Priscilla Jones - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

AG

“ Chapel was very moving and sad. I never had the opportunity to meet this amazing man, but my greatest sympathy pours out to his family, friends, and co-workers.

Alaina Galbier - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

VD

“ I came to harding very new to ministry, but knew I wanted to spend my life serving our great and wonderful God. Being miles away from home and coming back to school as an adult was all new. Taking part in the Bible club as well as being in two of his classes I had the priviledge to learn alot and observe a man whose every aspect of life reflected Christ. He has been a great encourament to me and my studies, always there if you had to ask him a question, and always gave you encouragement when needed. I'm very thankful to not have only learned how to better interpret the Word, but to witness a life that glorified Christ. Thank You. My prayers are with Barbara and the family.

Vern Dale - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM