



## Pastor Kenneth R. Hughes

April 5, 1940 - October 7, 2020

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Pastor Kenneth R. "Big Dad" Hughes, age 80, of Snellville, Georgia was called home by his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. He passed away peacefully at home in his beloved chair after spending a wonderful day with family. This was one month to the day after his beloved son, Steve Hughes (age 60) died on Monday, September 7, 2020. Kenneth was also preceded in death by his loving daughter, Melanie Hughes Strange (age 53) on Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his devoted wife and best friend of 61 years, Betty Beaver Hughes; two granddaughters & their husbands, Amanda & Stephen Dunn and Brittni & Thomas Sherrill all of Covington, GA; grandson & wife, Josh & Stefanie Strange of Snellville, GA; daughter-in-law, Andrea Johnson Hughes (Steve's Wife) of Milledgeville, GA and her son, Michael Johnson & Amber Woodruff of Covington, GA; "PaPaw" to great granddaughter, Emily Dunn; great grandsons, Gavin Sherrill, Landon Dunn, Grant Sherrill and Caden Johnson all of Covington, GA; sisters, Linda Reagan of Rex, GA and Joanne Brooks Hewatt of Grayson, GA; sister-in-law, Opal Beaver Brooks of Snellville, GA; brother-in-law & wife, John & Marty Beaver of Jasper, GA; aunt, Ruby & Carl Spruill of Auburn, GA; other extended family members, a host of many friends and church family.

Kenneth was also preceded in death by his parents, Elmer & Lucy Rainey Hughes; father & mother-in-law, Frank & Bobbie Rutledge Beaver; and other precious family members.

Kenneth was born on April 5, 1940 in Lawrenceville, Georgia. He was a 1958 graduate of the first graduating class at South Gwinnett High School where he played basketball and football. After graduating from South, he worked in the printing industry for The Container Corporation. He married the love of his life, Betty Beaver on June 12, 1959. Betty stood with Kenneth throughout his many years in the ministry and always was active in each church where Kenneth served.

Kenneth faithfully shepherded congregations for forty-five years. The first pastoral position Kenneth had was at Grace Baptist Church on Highway 124. From there Kenneth was called by Deacon Moon to pastor and was ordained on October 14, 1973 at Lenora Baptist Church. Kenneth and Betty served Macedonia Baptist Church off Panola Road for 22 years.

He led each flock with wisdom from his Father in Heaven and with great gentleness. He served the Lord, tirelessly, faithfully and with great compassion. Kenneth shared the deepest joys with his family and friends & stood with them in their darkest hours. He held everyone close, strengthening their hands and cheered their souls and assured their hearts. Kenneth's forty-five years of devoted service was a generous gift to a world in need. He blessed so many and made a difference and impacted so many lives. He was a man who earnestly strived to serve the Lord with all his heart. He served as a Mason and was the Worshipful Master in 2002 for the Snellville Masonic Lodge No. 99 F&AM and also served in 2007 as Worshipful Master for the Gwinnett Daylight Lodge #744 F&AM. Kenneth coached and mentored countless candidates in the Masonic degrees, as well as, serving on the Masonic Burial Team. He was raised as a Master Mason in his early 20's and received his 50 year Pin and Apron in 2015. Kenneth and Betty were members of the Order of the Eastern Star Snellville #513. Kenneth was Worthy Patron for his daughter Melanie in 2000 and also for his wife Betty in 2002 for the Snellville OES. Kenneth served the Grand Chapter OES as Choir Director, a District Deputy, Grand Representative, and Worthy Patron for Betty when she was Grand Esther for the State of Georgia.

He supported his son Steve as he played baseball as a left-handed pitcher, and supported Melanie at her basketball games at South. Kenneth was devoted to attending events to see his grandchildren and great grandchildren grow in their skills, while always having Betty by his side. Kenneth's family was his greatest joy in life. His heart was still broken from the deaths of Melanie and Steve. His Lord said unto Kenneth, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things; I put you in charge of many things for me and now it is time for your eternal rest my child." This kind, gentle soul will be deeply missed by his adoring family, many friends and members of his flocks.

The Service to Honor and Pay Tribute to the Life of Pastor Kenneth R. Hughes, "A Man of God," will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. at Tom M. Wages Snellville Chapel with Rev. Dr. Jim Martin and Rev. Billy Carroll officiating with members of the Family Sharing Memories. Masons, Clergy, Eastern Stars, Deacons & Gentlemen of the Macedonia Baptist Church off Panola Rd., where Kenneth served 22 years, are asked to serve as an Honorary Escort. A Private Family interment will follow at Lenora Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Ryan Parr handling the Committal Service. Masonic Rites will

be rendered by Snellville Masonic Lodge No. 99 F&AM. A Public Visitation will be held on October 18th before the service from 12:00 o'clock until the hour of the service at the funeral home. Flowers are accepted but those desiring may make donations to the Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association in memory of Pastor Kenneth R. Hughes.

Due to the current COVID-19 regulations, our staff is committed to taking care of our guests and families that we serve. Please understand that we will be limiting the amount of people at our chapel for visitations and services. We also ask all guests and family members attending visitations and services to please bring and wear a mask.

You can view the service, which will be livestreamed, either by going to the Tom M. Wages Facebook page or by clicking the blue link, on the obituary page, on our website.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at [www.wagesfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com). Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, LLC, "A Family Company," Snellville Chapel (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**                      12:00PM - 03:00PM

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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Snellville  
3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA, US, 30039

**OCT**   **Celebration of Life**    03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Tom M. Wages Funeral Service** - October 16 at 05:23 PM



“ Such beautiful memories, just gives me chills to see and remember the memories of growing up with Mel, Steve, Betty & Kenneth. Love, love, love to you Betty, I am so sorry!  
Kathy Crocker

**Kathy** - October 17 at 12:06 PM

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“ I am so sorry that I didn't know about Kenneth's passing to see you at the funeral home. My prayers are with you and your family over the loss of Steve and Kenneth.  
Snell Buchanan

**Snell Buchanan** - October 21 at 04:33 PM

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“ Dearest Betty and family,  
My love, prayers, and deepest sympathy to you today and in the days ahead as you navigate life without your dearest Kenneth and with the still recent losses of Steve and Melanie. May our great God comfort you as only He can do.  
With my love,  
Susan  
Susan (Sheppard) Dunning

**Susan (Sheppard) Dunning** - October 18 at 11:47 AM

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“ Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go to Betty and her family and to Linda and JoAnn.

I have many fond memories of Kenneth, Linda and JoAnn when they were growing up on Hwy. 78 next to our grandfather and grandmother Brooks. I especially remember when Kenneth and I fished with Uncle Luke Brooks. Kenneth was a good and kind man...may he rest in peace.

Jim Coker and family

Jim Coker - October 17 at 05:04 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Kenneth R. Hughes.



October 17 at 10:10 AM

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“ 79 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - October 16 at 05:17 PM

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“ Dren Baker lit a candle in memory of Pastor Kenneth R. Hughes



Dren Baker - October 14 at 06:02 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



**Misti** - October 14 at 08:54 AM

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“ Karen Owens lit a candle in memory of Pastor Kenneth R. Hughes



**Karen Owens** - October 13 at 01:25 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Pastor Kenneth R. Hughes.



October 13 at 12:07 PM

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“ Sis. Betty and family, My Heart is Saddened with the Passing of Bro. Kenneth. I'll always remember his kindness to Everyone. The World is a Better Place because of his time here. My Prayers are with you and may you know the Comfort of Our Lord and Receive the Blessings of God. As Always Star Love, Bonita Merck.

**Bonita Merck** - October 13 at 12:54 AM

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“ Kenneth was a beautiful part of our lives. He was my husbands coach and mentor in the Mason's. From that grew a personal and spiritual relationship. My husband did some of the preaching for Ken at Macedonia and Ken baptized both of us. He and Betty were like the grandparents neither of us had any longer. Watching him go through all he has over the last several years has been hard, but we love him for being such a strong man. God bless you Pastor Kenneth and I hope your family is ever so happy to see you. We love you.

Brad and Natalie Knight



Natalie P Knight - October 11 at 11:05 PM

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“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of Kenneth. Many years have passed since we were in contact with him and family, but our roots and connections and memories are still steadfast. Please know we will remember your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Larry and Beverly Long

Larry Long - October 11 at 05:24 PM

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“ Beautiful obituary! A very moving tribute to a truly wonder Man and Servant of God . Praying for his wonderful Family

mary Jane Reid - October 11 at 12:47 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy in the passing of Rev. Hughes. He was surely a man of God in action and deed. Saw him not so long ago and he remembered us [ as the children of the late Rayford Bryant}. Our prayers to the family!

Debra Bryant - October 11 at 07:07 AM

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“ Beautifully written obituary to honor such a sweet man! He was a good friend to my dad and came to many fish fries at our house. Heaven is rejoicing though we are mourning. Prayers for sweet Ms Betty.

**Rebecca Rolader Streetman** - October 10 at 08:52 PM

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“ So sorry for you loss. Love and prayers, Alan and Deborah Sullivan

**Alan Sullivan** - October 10 at 08:02 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Pastor Kenneth R. Hughes.



October 10 at 04:51 PM

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“ What a wonderful man Preacher was. He touched so many people's lives. He will truly be missed but he leaves us all such beautiful, loving memories. So much love and prayers for Betty and the Hughes family. Larry and I will be at the service.



**Brianna Rice** - October 10 at 04:39 PM

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“ W. B. Kenneth you were an inspration to all who knew you! May you rest in peacenow! Your work on earth is now done. You will be missed by many! You leave a void that will take a mighty big man to fill.Hopfully I will see you on the other side!



**Roger Hendry** - October 10 at 01:12 PM

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“ Betty and family. We are so sorry and are praying for your family during this time, We thought so much of Kenneth. May God bless you with peace.

**Janice and Larry Rutledge** - October 09 at 10:06 PM

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“ My prayers go out to the Hughes family. I will always remember Kenneth telling me once he had a hard time remembering my name, so I told him just remember hurricane Camille. That's me. And he called me hurricane Camille every time he saw me. Such a fine man who loved and served the Lord. God bless Betty and family and heal their sad hearts as they have been through so very much.

**Camille Davidson** - October 09 at 12:46 PM

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“ I remember having so many wonderful memories of Betty and Kenneth. Betty and I were very close growing up and spent many evenings playing Rook together. At Steve's gravesite Betty, Kenneth and I had our pictures made together and Kenneth told me that I was the one that got him and Betty together. He said it was at my 16th birthday party. Betty has been so special to me and my heart is breaking for her. Love you my sweet cousin and am praying for you.



**Sonja Bowman** - October 09 at 11:07 AM



“ Our Sympathy & Prayers  
Love Roger & Ela Jean McCart

**Ela McCart** - October 09 at 10:07 AM

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“ My heart breaks for Ms. Betty. She is so kind and thoughtful. I remember her from Snellville Middle School when my children were there. They could always count on her for an encouraging word. May God wrap her in his arms as she grieves and heals.



**Fran Corwin** - October 08 at 03:37 PM



“ Bro. Kenneth was my first pastor when I moved to Covington in 1982. I will always remember his big smile and his dedication to God. My prayers are with Sister Betty and family. Psa116:15.

Mary Lou Burney.

**Mary Lou Burney** - October 10 at 11:31 PM



“ I have fond memories of visiting Betty with my grandmother, Bertha Thomas. The family was always an inspiration to my mother(cousin) Pat Sorrow. Remembering this precious family in prayer that they will find peace in God's care. Linda Sorrow Still

**Linda Still** - October 11 at 12:51 PM



“ My dear friend Rev. Kenneth Hughes was a blessing in my life. He was so gracious to take my mother as a member when she could not attend. I stood in her place. He was there praying over her a few days before she died. I will always remember him telling me every time I Love You Darling. Miss you dear friend but know you are rejoicing in heaven.

Judith A.Cochran

**Judith A Cochran** - October 11 at 02:43 PM



“ It was such a pleasure to know Kenneth through our Eastern Star affiliation. Such a wonderful spiritual man, with a loving smile and his very friendly personality. Much love to his family and especially Betty, his wife. Rest In Peace “Ken”, your job here is complete.

**Dee Davis** - October 11 at 02:57 PM



“ He was the kindest and most friendly person to me. He always had a smile as I remembered he and Ms. Betty from visits to our store. Rest in peace “Big Daddy” and God be with the family.

Joel & Bobbie Jackson

**Joel Jackson** - October 11 at 09:29 PM