

George Murray Kemp



George Kemp passed from this life to heaven Thursday, April 25, 2019, in Clarkston at the age of 80.

George was the first-born child of his parents Barbara and George Kemp and big brother to Judy. He was predeceased by his mother, father and sister.

He was born Sept. 21, 1938, in Bakersfield, Calif., where he lived until the family moved to the San Francisco Bay Area.

George was a fourth-generation Californian of California Pioneer stock with his ancestors arriving in 1851 and settling in Middletown, Calif.

George met his future wife, Elaine Hansen at Santa Rosa Junior College. He then attended the United States Naval Academy, later transferring to and graduating from University of California, Berkeley with a degree in history; a degree that favored his voracious appetite for reading. He and Elaine married and had children at that time.

George attended Western Conservative Baptist Seminary where he graduated with several degrees.

He so wanted to lead a church upon graduating; looking forward to the church where God called him.

That call was answered at Genesee Community Church where he was pastor for more than two decades.

He was so happy and pleased being with the people of his church whom he called brothers and sisters.

He also was chaplain to the Genesee American Legion Post 58, which he mentioned many times for the great friendships he had there.

Upon retirement in 2015, George moved to Clarkston where he found a new church home at SonRise Baptist Church.

His Tuesday morning fellowship group brought him new-found friends and brothers in Christ. George was an active volunteer to many causes and organizations. He was especially proud of donating blood throughout his life.

George is survived by his three daughters, Laura Kemp, Kathy Santos and Julie Kemp; nephew Kevin Crane and his grandchildren Sarah Kemp, Christian Santos and Jonathan Santos.

George will be sorely missed.

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