

## **Rev. Kenneth L Beale Sr.**

On May 14, 2016 (5:15 a.m.), the Rev. Kenneth L. Beale, Sr. passed from this earthly life to his heavenly abode of eternal life with Christ Jesus his Savior and Lord.

Ken Beale was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 8, 1927. He was an only child to parents – Leonard George and Queenie Elizabeth Beale (nee-Stubbs) – who were born in England ... having come to America as youth. He was raised in the Eden Methodist Church by his single mother. After high school and a brief time at college, Ken enlisted toward the end of World War II in the U.S. Army achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. After the war, he graduated from Temple University and Temple's School of Theology (cum laude). During his time at Temple, he was a chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital; and then Jefferson and Temple Hospitals. In 1942, Ken met Anna Carey, originally from Ellendale, Delaware, but now living in Philadelphia and attending Eden Methodist Church. Ken and Ann were married for 66-years and had two sons: Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr. and Keith E. Beale – both of whom are serving in Christian ministry.

In 1950, Pastor Beale served Wesley Methodist Church; and later he pastored Mt. Hermon and then 22nd Street Methodist Churches. In 1954, he served Taylor Memorial Methodist Church. All of these churches were in Philadelphia, so when he was asked to serve Jarrettown United Methodist Church in 1959, he felt that he was moving way out into the country. He served as Senior Pastor at Jarrettown until his retirement in 1992 (nearly 34-years). During that time, attendance at Jarrettown grew from about 100 to nearly 700. He oversaw the building of a new Fellowship Hall/Sunday School Building, a new Sanctuary, and a new Parsonage ... having 'burned' all the mortgages. He also was a chaplain at Abington Hospital for many years while at Jarrettown.

After Ken retired from Jarrettown, he and Ann moved into the Gwynedd Estates (Ambler) and he became an associate at Chalfont United Methodist Church (for 24-years), helping with the services and visitation. He continued to work as a chaplain at Abington, but mostly at the Lansdale location. Ann passed away March 4, 2014. He remained active in the church and hospital until his failing health in the fall of 2015 limited his ability to serve. He has 6-grandchildren, some who have served in the military, and he has 8-great grandchildren. He was an avid reader, enjoyed vacations in Ocean City, New Jersey; but most of all he enjoyed meeting people and serving the Lord. He has touched countless lives, and now hears his Master saying – "Well done, My good and faithful servant!"

The funeral service will be held at Jarrettown United Methodist Church (1460 Limekiln Pike, Dresher, PA) on Saturday, June 4 (11:00 a.m.) with a prior time of greeting (9:30-11:00 a.m.) at the church ([www.jarrettownchurch.org](http://www.jarrettownchurch.org)) The interment will be privately held at Washington Cross VA National Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, Pastor Beale requested that donations be made in his memory to the ministries of his sons: CLC Ministries International, P.O. Box 1449, Ft. Washington, PA 19034 ([www.clcusa.org](http://www.clcusa.org)) or Ft. Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation, 9031 Penn Ave So, Bloomington, MN 55431 ([www.fortsnellingmcf.org](http://www.fortsnellingmcf.org)). Consider posting your condolences at the Wetzel & Son (<http://www.wetzelandson.com/browserecord.php?recid=26398>).