



Reverend I. Ray Kline

June 2, 1947 - January 6, 2018

Rev. I. Ray Kline, 70, of Palmyra passed away with his family by his side at his home Saturday morning January 6, 2018. Ray was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer on December 24, 2015. He served the Lord and the Community up until his passing. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Born in Lewisburg, PA on June 2, 1947, he was the son of Ira R. Kline and the late Doris M. Erb Kline. Ray was the beloved husband of Linda L. Thomas Kline who would have celebrated their 50th anniversary this coming May 25th.

Ray graduated from Milton High School in 1965. While in high school at the age of 16 he began his ministry and assisted in his local church in West Milton. Ray earned a BA in Business from Bloomsburg College in 1969.

Ray and Linda were blessed with their first child, Beth in 1969. Ray's love of service to God and spreading God's word was utmost important to him. In 1971, Ray founded Faith Fellowship Church in Lebanon, PA. The first church opened their doors on South 6th Street. In 1972, their second child, Ira was born. He was ordained in the United Pentecostal Church in 1973 in West Grove, PA. Faith Fellowship continued to grow and God blessed them that in 1974 they moved to the Retired Steel Workers Hall on Chestnut Street in Lebanon. As the church continued to grow, Pastor Kline and the congregation were able to purchase land on the Northside of South 5th Avenue and Klein

Avenue in Lebanon. The new building opened their doors and the church continued to flourish under Pastor I. Ray Kline's leadership. In 1984 the Lord blessed the congregation and they purchased the present location at 721 East Penn Avenue in Cleona. The church has gone through 2 remodeling phases while in Cleona. His leadership has been blessed and the church has a full outreach of programs that remain in effect today and continues to expand. The outreach programs include Children and Youth Ministry, Sunday Celebration, complete family outreach, prison ministry serving Lebanon and Dauphin counties, ministry to 6 nursing homes, Step into Life ministries which focuses on helping families adjust from prison life to a fulfilling member of society along with many more ministries. Pastor Kline remained the Senior Pastor of Faith Fellowship Church until going home to the Lord this past Saturday. During his 47 years in the ministry, both Ray and his staff have mentored numerous preachers and teachers, many which are still serving the Lord throughout the country.

Ray became a successful businessman during his life. His first job was with Keystone Drugstore in Milton, PA which in a short time in 1969 he became the Director of Purchasing and Merchandising. Ray became the store manager and purchasing agent for Gateway Pharmacy, Phoenixville, PA in 1976. He was able to form a partnership with Steven M. Craner and the two of them purchased Springford Pharmacy in 1978. They became known as S-Ford Partners. After 4 years of planning in 1990, S-Ford Partners opened Birdsboro Pharmacy.

Pastor Kline held several district offices for the United Pentecostal Church in the past 47 years. He was the Youth Secretary/Treasurer for Pennsylvania and also the District Secretary/Treasurer for the Sunday School Department in Pennsylvania. He later became the District Secretary/Treasurer for the Home Missions Department of Pennsylvania and finally held the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the General District for the State of Pennsylvania

United Pentecostal Church.

Ray's philosophy of "don't judge a book by its cover" showed in his commitment of serving God and his compassion for others. His family became first in his life and he stressed the importance of education to all of them. Ray earned his Private Pilot license earlier in his life and proudly had ownership of a Cessna 182 and 340 Alpha. He loved to travel with Linda, often in their RV, especially to her home state of Florida. They have toured the entire Holy Land, traveled to Hong Kong, Egypt, China, Philippines, Europe and the majority of the U.S., including Hawaii. He loved to Deep Sea Fish, especially in the Indian River Inlet in Delaware.

Ray will be dearly missed by his loving family; his father, Ira R. of Milton, PA; his wife, Linda L. Thomas Kline; daughter, Linda Beth, wife of Howard A. Lerch of Annville and his son, Ira Ray, Jr., husband of Christina D. Roh Kline of Hummelstown. Ray's grandchildren were his world and he was known to say that if "He knew Grandchildren were this fun, he would have had them first!" He leaves behind his grandchildren to carry on his legacy, Ira Ray Kline, III, Jacob E., husband of Paige Moyer Kline, Harrison C. Lerch, Cora E. Lerch and Rebecca D. Kline. Ray is also survived by his sisters, Evelyn, wife of Robert Pistone of Yuma, AZ, Peggy Thornton of Hattiesburg, MS and Sharon, wife of Rev. David Puckett of Williston, ND; brothers, Wayne, husband of Mary Kline of Dove Creek, CO and Barry Kline of Tacoma, WA; 14 nieces and nephews, 30 great nieces and nephews and 9 great great nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ray's Funeral Services on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 11AM from the Faith Fellowship Church, 721 East Penn Avenue, Cleona, PA. Friends will be received at the church on Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 4 to 7PM and on Friday from 9 to 11AM. Interment will

be held in Gravel Hill Cemetery, Palmyra. Memorial Remembrances may be made in Pastor Kline's memory to Faith Fellowship Church to continue his work in ministry. For other information please call 717-272-4634 or to submit an online condolence visit www.porterfieldscheidfh.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Porterfield-Scheid Funeral Directors & Cremation Services, Ltd., Lebanon, PA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend I. Ray Kline*

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *Reverend I. Ray Kline*

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Reverend I. Ray Kline*

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *I worked with Ray at Gateway Pharmacy in 1976. He always cared about my family's wellbeing and intuitively offered help when desperately needed. I will never forget him.*

Colleen Mahon

colleen mahon - March 28, 2021 at 06:40 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies. Faith Fellowship was the first church I visited after coming to the Lord and Pastor Kline was my first Pastor. They became my first family in Christ. I've since moved to Florida but they will always be my home church. He will surely be missed, til we meet again.*

Evelyn Caraballo - Palm Bay, FL - Friend - January 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sorry sister Kline not sure if u remember me or not my names was Sandy Williams I pray for your family that god Comforts you through this time

Sandy Rice - Hinton, OK - Friend - January 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ ira our deepest sympathy to you and your family

Heath Berger - Wernersville, PA - Friend - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ So many greaat memories with this beloved man of God... I will miss you... You great words of wisdom. wanting us to figure out some things for ourself... from you preaching to us every sunday to you marrying me and my husband.. to you dedicating our children to the Jesus.... to hospital visit late night conversations... to you giving me my very first airplane ride before we left for Texas... Babysitting Beth and Ira... to becoming friends with both of them... i love you and miss you and wish love and strength for a great man and his family... you have a great legacy and was great to have you as my pastor for so many years... from south sixth street to the steele workers hall wihich we will never forget... to building our church on 897 near klein ave... to out present location... may God Bless the entire family and all the members of Faith Fellowship Church.....

charles and Laurie Brandt - Lebanon, PA - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ We Love you sister Kline now pastor is with my mom and brother sisco and so many others, may the holy spirit give you peace and comfort

Maria Torres - Orlando, FL - Friend - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Rev Kline will be greatly missed. He was a great man. I remember him from my childhood going to church every week. Prayers for his family and the church.*

Sherri Dunlap (Davis) - Lebanon, PA - Friend - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *It has been such an honor to have known you for the last 24 years. Until we all meet again...may you rest in peace and may the Lord give your family peace and strength.*

Terri Rodriguez - lebanon, PA - Friend - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We feel honored to had the opportunity to have known him, and to be ministered by him. His words of encouragement and wisdom we carry with us in our hearts. He did fight the good fight, he did finish the race, and he did keep the faith, and he taught us that we shall do the same. He touched many lives and many hearts, and was loved by all who knew him. He was a true man of God, and will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, May God comfort you and keep you in all the days to come. Scott & Sheila Slade*

Scott & Sheila Slade - ANNVILLE, PA - friend - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *The True Shepherd....I woke up the other night and immediately the thought was there... he's gone. But I heard God's precious voice say, Do not say that he is gone, rather say, he is no longer with us. He will never be gone. We see him in every corner of our lives; in his fervent smile, in the lives he's touched, the difference that he made forever by his kindness and compassion. He counseled us, loved us, consoled us and encouraged us. He married our children, and dedicated our grandchildren. He rescued us, and showed us the truth, the way, and the joy of life. He taught us and led us as only a true shepherd can. His smile and presence will radiate always....He can never be gone. Our love and prayers to all of the family. We will so miss you our dear Pastor and friend! Marty and Mike*

Marty and Michael Barth - Wernersville, PA - Friend - January 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I grew up in the same neighborhood as Ray on Cherry St. In Milton, PA. His parents home was next door to my grandparents. Ray was in the same class as my sister Gail MHS Class of 1965. His brother Wayne was in my class. A lot of good memories we had in that neighborhood and our school years together. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

Darlene (Bruch) Lyons - Milton, PA - Friend - January 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM