



## Reverend Kenneth "Ken" C. Simpson

August 28, 1952 - December 16, 2022

Reverend Kenneth C. Simpson, 70, of Plant City, Florida, born in Monroe, North Carolina on August 28, 1952, entered into eternal rest on December 16, 2022. He graduated from the University of South Florida, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, earning a Masters's Degree in Religious Education. He served several churches in Florida over 46 years, including Mill Creek Baptist Church, Bradenton, and Anna Maria Island Baptist Church as a youth pastor and music director, and Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ellenton, and Bloomingdale Baptist Church as head pastor. He loved the Lord and his family dearly and was a "people person". He enjoyed chess and music. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Janet Zimmerman Simpson; daughters, Alison Berardino (Giovanni), and Amanda Richter (Jason); 5 grandchildren; siblings, Patricia Sixbey (John), Randy Simpson, and Greg Simpson; and many other families, and friends. He was preceded in death by parents, Reverend Kenneth and Ailene Simpson, Sr. A funeral service will be held Friday, December 23 at 10:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 9:00 A.M. In place of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to an Alzheimers and/or diabetes association of your choice. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
office@hopewellfuneral.com  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AW

“Wow I did not know he passed away and I am so sorry for the family's loss I wish I could have spoken to him before he passed I was just talking to my fiance about his daughters who are my friends growing up they lived in the house on cedar Grove Baptist Church road and plant City of keysville he was the pastor there at the church I remember when they moved I was so heartbroken because his daughter Amanda and Allison were my good friends so after talking to my fiance and telling him about my friends that lived at the end of the road where I lived on cedar Grove road growing up I decided to look them up I could not find Amanda but I found Allison I was going down her Facebook page and ran into this my heart is very saddened he was so nice I remember going to play at his house with Amanda growing up and I have thought about these girls through the years and their dad who I remember very well was a good pastor and a good man I am in shock to hear this news and very saddened God bless his daughter's wife grandchildren and the rest of his family I am so sorry for your great loss I wish I would have got it to speak to him to see if he remembered me going to play at his house all the time and to tell him thank you for being so good to me as a kid.

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**Ashley Williams** - June 19, 2023 at 01:17 AM

JS

I will send this to my girls, Ashley. This is such a sweet message. I'm sorry you didn't know. Unfortunately he suffered with 10 yrs. Of Alzheimer's and didn't know me much of the time in the end, but he continued to share Jesus to everyone. He pastored for 40 + years. Alison lives in Oregon. Amanda lives in south Florida and doesn't do social media, she and her husband have 3 children. Hope you are well.  
-Janet

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**Janet Simpson** - June 19, 2023 at 06:47 PM

PS

“ Everyone knew you as their loving pastor and friend as so many have shared their caring memories of you.

You were my little brother for 70yrs and I loved every moment of us growing up together. We had fun times even when our younger brothers Randy and Greg would gang up on me "big sister". You were a good and loving brother, we three miss you. We will all be together again one day when God calls us home, what a day that will be. It gives us peace and comfort to know you have no pain, new spiritual body and in heaven with mom, dad and all the loved ones that went before you. We love you ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ Patricia, Randy and Greg



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**PATRICIA A SIXBEY** - December 23, 2022 at 12:30 AM

DG

“ I am forever Blessed to have had Bro. Ken as a Pastor. I still remember the look on his face when we made him out Pastor. Bro. Ken was so sweet when my Granny called on her death bed as was afraid Jesus wouldn't find her when she passed and him and Janet came over to talk and pray with her and sang the sweetest song to her Wonderful Peace to calm her nerves. Everytime I sing it my mind gors back to that night. I will be forever grateful when I was in need of a job and and no one would hire me Bro. Ken came to me and sat down and talked with me and hired me to be his secretary at First Baptist Church of Bloomingdale till his retirement. Thank you Bro. Ken for your love and devotion as a Pastor. Thank you for being a light in the Bloomingdale community for so long. You are now resting with your savior you so lovingly preached about for so long. Darleen Guagliardo



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**Darleen Guagliardo** - December 21, 2022 at 10:05 PM

LW

“ Ken was a dear friend to us, a friend we could trust. He was our gentle shepherd teaching and leading his flock with care and concern. He always exhibited the love of Jesus and will forever be a precious memory in our hearts. Chet and Linda

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Linda Wade - December 21, 2022 at 10:55 AM

SG

“ Bro. Ken was and will always be my FAVORITE PASTOR! I will never forget helping in VBS 2003 at my Granny's church at Bloomingdale Church & from that point I have loved that little church. Bro. Ken would always say "when you going to make me your pastor" I am beyond blessed I did. Bro. Ken you will never be forgotten, your life & your preaching of Christ has touched many souls. What a day that was when you saw Jesus face to face, the one you have preached about. No more Pain, no more Sorrows, no more Alzheimer's or Diabetes. Prayers for Janet & family.



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Sharleen G. - December 20, 2022 at 10:52 PM

KW

“ Ken was a wonderful friend and our Class of 1972 Ken will greatly be missed. Always a kind heart and a Blessing to all. Prayers to the family and RIP Ken 🙏🙏🙏

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Kelli White - December 20, 2022 at 07:01 PM

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“ Brother ken was a fine minster and a wonderful man and blessing to his community

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Franklin O'Neal - December 20, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Reverend Kenneth "Ken" C. Simpson.*



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December 20, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *I always loved seeing Ken and when he was able to attend worship services. His joyful disposition was contagious. And the love he shared with Janet was wonderful! What a great example of a godly couple that sought to live for Christ in the good seasons and tough storms. I will miss seeing Ken, but am so excited he is in the presence of the Lord free from sickness - and where his faith has become sight!*

*Brian Stowe*

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**Brian Stowe** - December 20, 2022 at 01:29 PM



*It was sad to hear about Bro. Ken passing. When I came to Plant City 50 years ago. He was one of the first Pastors I met at Knights Baptist Church. It was great to listen to him preach. And to know him through the UDC and SCV programs. He was the Preacher who performed at the Benjamine DeVane burial service at the Mt. Enon Cemetary.> .Unforgettable. Great Man of God...at peace now. Sara Jo Reynolds*

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**sara Jo Reynolds** - December 29, 2022 at 05:50 PM



*Thank you all for your kind words. ❤️*

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**Janet Simpson** - January 07, 2023 at 09:16 AM