



Mr.. Kenneth Merle Coffelt

January 3, 1935 - September 11, 2025

Kenneth Merle Coffelt, 90, passed away Thursday, September 11, 2025, in Aubrey, TX. Ken was born on January 3, 1935, to Ralph Clarence Coffelt and Lorene Louise Silkwood in Ashland, KS. His father died when he was 2 and his mother remarried Roy Story who raised Ken as his own. He graduated from Waurika High School in 1952. He married Kay Carolyn McCamy April 11, 1963, in Waurika, OK. He was a veteran in the US Army and served during the Korean War.

After earning his Bachelor of Science and master's degree in biology from the University of Oklahoma, he took a job as a coach and teacher at US Grant High School in OKC. Ken's next position moved him to Texas. He was a professor of biology at the University of Texas Arlington. Lastly, Ken was the director of biomedical communications & assistant to the president at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, retiring in 1992.

Ken was member of Denton Bible Church and spent the last 16 years bringing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to thousands of men in the Denton County Jail.

He is survived by his son, Jeffrey Blaine and wife, Michelle Coffelt of Aubrey, TX and two grandchildren, Wendell "Mac" and Sydnie Coffelt.

Ken is preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn; parents, Ralph Coffelt (d. 1937); stepfather Roy Story, mother, Loraine; and brother, Doyle Coffelt.

Visitation for Kenneth is Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 9:00AM at Denton Bible Chapel in Denton, TX with a funeral service to follow at 10:00AM with Tommy Nelson officiating. Interment is at 2:00PM at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, TX. Online condolence may be made at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25.** 9:00 AM (CT)

Denton Bible Church
2300 E University Drive
Denton, TX 76209
<https://dentonbible.org/>

Funeral Service

SEP **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

SEP **25.** 2:30 PM (CT)

Restland Memorial Park
13005 Greenville Ave.
Dallas, TX 75243

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Ken will be greatly missed. Ken was humble and kind, filled with grace and truth. Some people volunteer once a week in the jail, Ken at 90 years old volunteered 3 times a week at least. He conducted services and led AA groups. This was his passion. He walked the long hallways uphill to the pods to the very end. Every Monday and Tuesday he would stop by my office to say hello. I had the opportunity to see Ken in action as he led inmates through the fifth step. Ken confronted them with truth, which led to confession and true repentance. The inmates and staff loved and respected Ken. Ken is a General in the Kingdom of God. Ken fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith. Now he is wearing a crown of righteousness and is among the great cloud of witnesses in the Kingdom of God! Ken will be missed but to be with the Christ is much better.

Chaplain David Clements, Denton County Sheriff's Office.

David Clements - September 25, 2025 at 05:54 PM

MD

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Megan McCamy Drobos - September 24, 2025 at 03:23 PM

MD

I will miss you, Uncle Ken. I love you

Megan McCamy Drobos - September 24, 2025 at 03:25 PM

KU

“ This gentleman ministered to my son while he was incarcerated at Denton County Jail. It meant so much to my son, Kyle, and even more to me! Ken brought me to tears of gratitude while thanking him for his service through Christ. What a beautiful example of His hands and feet. Kenneth, you're a branch of the vine, heavy laden with sweet fruit to the ones you visited in prison!
Karen and Kyle Ultee

Karen Ultee - September 22, 2025 at 07:12 PM

EE

“ I called him my "OU Buddy" because we both graduated from The University of Oklahoma and he was my "expert" on OU football. I will miss seeing him every Sunday morning getting coffee before he went into the Legacy Bible Study! It was a blessing to be able to see him on his last visit to that class! Praying for the family knowing he is spiking that football on the "streets of gold" in heaven with his Lord and Savior! Rest in peace my friend! Elaine and Charles Emery

Elaine Emery - September 22, 2025 at 04:33 PM

LN

“ Mr Coffelt and his dog buddy use to come in to my shop to have buddy groomed. He was the nicest man I ever met. My love and prayers to the family.. Lisa nelson

Lisa Rachel Nelson - September 19, 2025 at 06:24 PM

MS

I will miss seeing him at Cracker Barrel. So kind n gentle. Marta Stephens

Marta Stephens - September 23, 2025 at 11:59 AM

MG

Ken was one of my favorite customers at the bank. He would come in every few weeks to talk about just about everything under the sun: golf, politics, what he was up to, what I was up to, but most of all Jesus. I will miss our conversations together but know he is a new creation and now with our Heavenly Father forever!

Melissa Geiger - September 23, 2025 at 03:10 PM