



# Rev. Kenneth Ray Neeley Sr.

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## **Rev. Kenneth Ray Neeley Sr.**

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**F**uneral Service for Rev. Kenneth Ray Neeley, 82, of Alexander City, Alabama, will be Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 2:00 pm at the Orr Street Baptist Church. Rev. Kenneth Neeley will lie in state one hour prior to the service at the church. Rev. Bruce Willis, Dr. Albert Pike, Rev. David Grier will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Radney Funeral Home.

Mr. Neeley passed away on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at his residence surrounded by his loving family enjoying his favorite hymns and praising God as he was eternally healed. He was born on March 31, 1942 in Lenoir City, Tennessee to Charlie Neeley, Jr. and Maude Patrick Neeley. He was a proud member of Orr Street Baptist Church. Rev. Neeley was an ordained minister for 52 years and served numerous surrounding churches.

Rev. Kenneth Ray Neeley, a beacon of light and love, completed his earthly journey on February 26, 2025, at the age of 82. Born on March 31, 1942, Kenneth's life was defined by devotion to his family, unwavering faith, and a tireless commitment to serving others.

Kenneth's legacy is cherished by his beloved wife, Claire LaFaye Neeley of Alexander City, AL, with whom he shared love and companionship for more than 60 years. He was a proud father to his sons, Kenneth Ray (Kimberly Kay) Neeley Jr. of Birmingham, AL, and Jason Scott (Renae) Neeley of Birmingham, AL. His role as a grandfather was one of his greatest joys, leaving behind precious memories for Kyle Ray (Alli) Neeley, Ansley Addison Neeley, Raylie Claire Neeley, John Thomas Neeley, Matthew Cole Neeley, Jaycie Renae Neeley, and Nathan Luke Neeley. His love will continue to shine in the lives of his great-grandchildren, Noah Stone Neeley and Stella Gray Neeley. Kenneth is survived by his sister, Janice Neeley Patrick. A host of nieces and nephews will truly miss his witty personality. His spirit is now reunited with his late father, Charlie Neeley, Jr., mother, Maude Neeley, sister, Faye Miller, and brother, Ernest Neeley, who preceded him in death.



Kenneth's life was marked by a profound sense of duty and service. He proudly served his country as an Army veteran before answering a higher call to become an ordained minister. For 52 years, he spread hope and faith, touching countless lives through his ministry. Kenneth's dedication to his community was further exemplified by his 18-year tenure managing Southern Shoes. His warm personality and generous spirit made him a beloved figure in recent years at Town and Country Shoe Repair. Rev. Neeley commonly referred to being in the "Sole" and "Soul" business.

Those who knew Kenneth will remember him as a man of humor, always ready with a joke to brighten someone's day. His selfless nature was evident in every aspect of his life, always putting others before himself. His generosity knew no bounds, and it was reflected in the way he lived his life, always giving to those in need without a second thought.

Kenneth's interests included serving God and spending time with family and friends. His laughter and joy were infectious, and his presence brought comfort and strength to those around him. His guidance, both spiritual and personal, was sought after by many, and his counsel will be sorely missed.

As we bid farewell to Rev. Kenneth Ray Neeley, we are reminded of the impact one life can have on the world. His memory will be treasured in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to have felt the warmth of his kindness. Though he has departed from our sight, his legacy of love, laughter, and generosity will endure, inspiring us to live our lives with the same compassion and dedication he exemplified.

Kenneth's journey on Earth has ended, but his story will continue to be told through the lives he has shaped and the love he has left behind. As we reflect on his remarkable life, we are comforted by the knowledge that his spirit remains with us, guiding us from above, just as he did during his time here.

In honor of Kenneth's life, let us remember the joy he brought into our world and the lessons he taught us. He was a man of faith, a pillar of strength, and a source of endless generosity. His memory will be held in the highest regard, and his influence will continue to be felt for generations to come.

Rev. Kenneth Ray Neeley's story is one of a life well-lived and a man well-loved. As we say goodbye, we celebrate the time we were given with him and hold tight to the love he shared with



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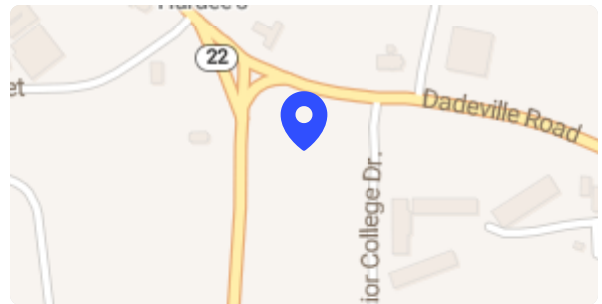
us all. Rest in peace, dear Kenneth, until we meet again.

Radney Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kenneth Ray Neeley, Sr.






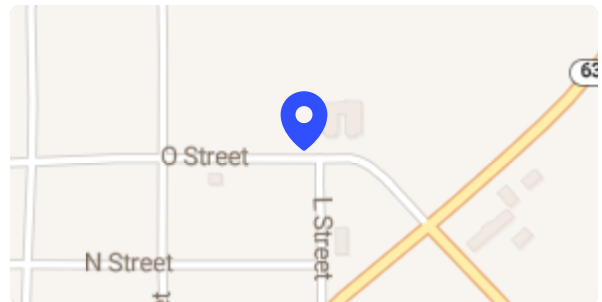
### Visitation

-  **Saturday**, March 1, 2025
-  5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
-  **Radney Funeral Home**  
1326 Dadeville Rd, Alexander City AL 35010




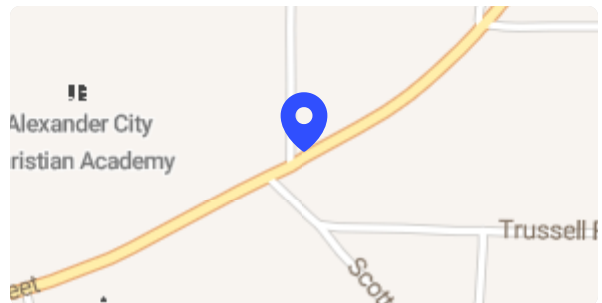
### Funeral Service

-  **Sunday**, March 2, 2025
-  2:00 PM CT
-  **Orr Street Baptist Church**  
939 O Street, Alexander City AL 35010



### Cemetery Details

-  **Hillview Mausoleum**  
Hillabee Street, Alexander City AL 35010





## Tribute Wall

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**Arthur Noel Vickers** posted:

Bro Kenneth Neeley is a great Brother in Christ. He and Mrs. Faye were blessings to us. Rev Noel and Susan Vickers

March 2 at 1:48 PM



**Sherra Claunch** lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

To all of this great man's family, I want you to know I will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. May you find great comfort in remembering the many wonderful qualities your loved one had, and how well he lived his life. God bless you all. "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted".



March 1 at 3:30 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Neeley family.

February 28 at 2:29 PM



**Sheila Bush Clark** posted:

My grandparents Robert and Lela Bush spoke of the love they had for brother Neely so often. I remember him preaching at their funerals many years ago. Praying for the family.

February 28 at 10:58 AM



**Marty And Kim Ostendorf** sent a Serene Retreat to the Neeley family.

February 28 at 6:41 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Neeley family.

February 28 at 6:09 AM





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**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kenneth.

February 28 at 6:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Heavenly Grace Spray to the Neeley family.

February 28 at 5:25 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kenneth.

February 28 at 5:25 AM



**Gloria Grimes** lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

Gloria Grimes lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Neeley

February 27 at 2:41 PM



**Linda G. Ward** lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

Linda G. Ward lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Neeley

February 27 at 12:52 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Neeley family.

February 27 at 12:41 PM





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**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kenneth.

February 27 at 12:41 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Neeley family.

February 27 at 10:35 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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