



Rev. Robert B. Kendall

April 22, 1913 - January 25, 2008

Rev. Robert B. Kendall, 94, of Topeka, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008. He was born April 22, 1913 in Dwight, KS, the son of Lewis and Tena Gold Kendall. Rev. Kendall earned his Master's Degree from the Iliff School of Theology and was ordained as a Methodist minister in 1940. He served his pastoral appointments in Horton and was the associate pastor at First UMC in Topeka. He then served as pastor in Humboldt and Hiawatha, District Superintendent of the Kansas City District, pastor at First UMC in Coffeyville, Program Director of the Kansas East Conference in Topeka, pastor at St. Mark's UMC in Mission and was the associate pastor at the First UMC in Lawrence. He loved camping and collecting American stamps and coins, but loved his family most of all. Rev. Kendall married Marian L. Riggin on Aug. 4, 1940 in Emporia. She survives. Other survivors include a son, Brooke R. Kendall and wife Jeannie of Osage City; a daughter, Kathy L. Foster and husband Jim of Overbrook; granddaughters Heather Grace and husband Donovan of Topeka, Sara Foster of Topeka, Melissa Herndon of Oklahoma and Alicia Kendall of Grandview, TX; a grandson, Travis L. Kendall of Emporia; great grandchildren, Tyler Tillman and Bailey Grace of Topeka and Anthony Herndon of Oklahoma. Rev. Kendall will lie in state and the family will greet friends from 6 to 8:00 p.m., Friday Jan. 25 at the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW. Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 at Susanna Wesley UMC, 7433 SW. 29th St, Topeka, KS 66614, with burial to follow in Mission Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist East Conference, Camp Chippewa and sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Robert B. Kendall*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Brooke and Kathy,
I am very sorry that I cannot attend the services for your Dad. We are in Cal. for the winter. Bob meant a lot to me. He played a significant role in my appointment to First Lawrence. We worked together and I learned from him. He was always supportive of me. We had a special connection with each other since both of us graduated from Wichita State. Bob and my Dad were active in the Annual Conference at the same time. I can remember my Dad speaking highly of your dad. Please give my love and concern to your mother. I am thinking of you in these days and send you my prayers. Virgil Brady*

Virgil Brady - January 25, 2008 at 08:03 PM



“ *Our condolences on the loss of Rev. Kendall. The things I remember most had to be the lunches at the Kansas Union and how he didn't let a snot nosed four year old ring bearer ruin Brooke and Paula's wedding. - don*

Don and Terri Weast - January 25, 2008 at 05:01 PM

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“ *Jim, Kathy, & Sarah,
My heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your father. I know these last few years have been trying times for you and father. Knowing that he has moved to peaceful place among friends must bring with it joy. May that joy and wonderful memories help you deal with the pain of this loss.*
Kathi Rakestraw

Kathi Rakestraw - January 24, 2008 at 06:52 PM

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“ *We send our love and sympathy to the whole Kendall family. Bob led a remarkable life and lived it to the fullest. He was a true leader with great compassion for all creatures.*

Laura has a life of memories visiting her Uncle Bob in Coffeyville, Topeka, and especially the cabin in Ozawkie. The Kendalls hospitality at Easter was always a highlight of Laura & Cheryl's year. He generously shared his love of God with countless people. He touched our lives with his enthusiasm for travel, nature, reading, and photography.

We have been truly blessed to be a part of his family. He lives in our hearts and minds, peaceful and free.

Laura Riggin and Gary Brandenburger - January 24, 2008 at 03:24 PM