



Pastor Arley King Cravens

February 5, 1936 - February 26, 2025

Arley King Cravens, 89, of Scott Depot, WV went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday February 26, 2025. He was born February 5, 1936 in Winchester, KY. Son of the late Russel and Annie McQueen Cravens.

He graduated from Winchester High School in Winchester, KY and attended Gulf Coast Bible College in Houston, TX receiving a Bachelor of Art and Bachelor of Theology, Clarksville School of Theology in Clarksville, TN receiving his Master of Theology, and Mid-American Christian University in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where he received his Doctor of Divinity.

He proudly served in the US Air Force for 9 years. He was a Korean War veteran. He also served in Spain, Germany, and Little Rock Air Force Base.

After his time serving in the US Air Force, he spent the remainder of his career serving the Lord as an ordained minister of the Church of God where he retired after 55+ years. He served in Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, West Virginia, Tennessee, and South Carolina. He was also a State Minister in West Virginia and Tennessee for the Church of God. His social affiliations include Kanawha Valley Ministerial Association, Teays Valley Ministerial Association, and Co-Coordinator of the J.O.Y. Group (Senior Citizens) at Abney Street Church of God.

He was preceded in death by his son Alvin Cravens, brother Rufus Cravens, and sisters Ida Parrish and Beulah Elliott.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 70 years, Ruby Varner Cravens, son James "Jim" Cravens (Verea), daughter-in-law Teresa Cravens, grandchildren, Alisa Ramsey (Beau), Linsey Cravens (Hannah), great-grandchildren Gage and Andrew Ramsey, brother Calvin (Mary Nell) and sister Dora Rowe. He also had many wonderful nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Pt, Scott Depot, WV.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Rippling Waters Campground, Care of the State Church of God: PO Box 871, Beckley, WV 25802.

You may visit Arley's tribute page at BartlettNichols.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Cravens family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Teays Valley Church of God
185 Connection Point
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Tribute Wall

KK

“ It was only in the last few days that I was made aware of Brother Arley's passing into his heavenly reward. Bro. Arley was a dear friend of mine and to my family. He and Ruby served the Jones Chapel Church of God in Clarkdale, MS. Many times they would come to my home church in Collinsville to visit friends. Once they moved away to TN and WV, it was always a happy time to see them at NAC in Anderson, IN. Ruby, I love you dearly and pray God's peace over you. Kristel Daniels Kendall

Kristel Kendall - May 28, 2025 at 10:58 AM

PK

“ So sorry we were unable to attend the Memorial Service today due to sickness. Arley meant so much to our family. We especially reminisce on the wonderful years we lived in Hillsdale Circle in Scott Depot and the great visits to each other homes. Ruby, you, Jim and family are in our thoughts and prayers daily. Love, Phil and Jerri Kessell

Phil and Jerri Kessell - April 26, 2025 at 04:18 PM

JW

“ We went to Gulf Coast Bible College together. What a wonderful man of God.

James Wright - April 23, 2025 at 09:28 PM

HK

“ When we lived at Hillsdale Circle, Dick was recovering from open heart surgery and strokes. We sat outside on days weather allowed and when Arley walked around the circle, he always stopped to see how Dick was. He was a very good neighbor.

Helen Kline - April 23, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ 140 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home - April 21, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Pastor Arley King Cravens.

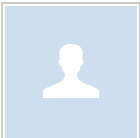


March 20, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Arley King Cravens.

March 20, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Pastor Arley King Cravens.



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CJ

“ *Brother Cravens was a mentor for me as a teenager, as he had an influence on my later years. Loved him and Mrs. Cravens and will miss him so much. What a great man!*

Charles Jacobs

Charles Jacobs - March 04, 2025 at 11:00 PM

MD

“ *I am so sorry Ruby. We had some great road trips with you and Arley. I'm so glad I got to see you both last week. Marilyn Davidson*

Marilyn Davidson - March 04, 2025 at 12:33 PM

WL

“ *Arley was always such a ray of sunshine. My husband and Arley always had such a good time together when there was a singing. Ruby my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Remember we are not widows - we are wives of husbands who have their wings.*

Wilma Lewis - March 03, 2025 at 08:05 PM