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Baguio City · 1968–2010

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"Mary Lou, Mary Lou"

The Story of Evelyn Balanag · 1968

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Karen and Patrick on Romblon

Evelyn

Evelyn Balanag was born in Pakistan. Her father was British, an Anglican, and her mother was Pakistani. When she was a girl, her father told his children stories from the Bible. It was a seed planted early, and it waited many years.

In Pakistan she met **Federico Balanag**, a Filipino who was there on business. They married and made their home in the Philippines, where they raised six children.

In January 1968 Mary Lou went to visit Evelyn and invited her to take a Bible correspondence course. Within days Evelyn nearly died, and in that same hour she put her trust in Jesus Christ. With her, the Baguio church began.

Evelyn and Mary Lou became close friends. Evelyn had her own way of calling for her: *"Mary Lou, Mary Lou!"* Kevin can still hear her saying it.

Evelyn went home to be with the Lord in 1985. What follows is the account Mary Lou wrote at the time, word for word, exactly as she wrote it. After it come Evelyn's pictures, from Kevin's blog about her and the family albums.

In Mary Lou's Own Words

> Evelyn Balanag - Pakistani - Deathbed Conversion and she lived to tell about it.

> On Monday, January 29, 1968, Ken and I wanted to do visitation of BSA students for a rally on the 31st when Bob Harrison would be here, also Dad and Mom Brooks. Before we went out, I went to visit Evelyn Balanag to enroll her in WBT if she wanted, also to invite her and her husband to the Wednesday evening rally. She was most eager to study the course, and said she wanted to come to the rally. She had been ill for several days as she had had a miscarriage and was still feeling rather weak.

> On Tuesday morning, the 30th, she brought me her whole course, completed and wanted to talk and ask questions. We had a good time of discussion over coffee and cookies. She wanted to enroll in the next course, Lessons for Christian Living. So she took that book home with her.
> On Wednesday, her house helper came to tell me that she would not be coming to the rally as she had just been taken to the hospital because of bleeding……..She said that Evelyn would have an operation Thursday morning.

We had the rally with good attendance, Bob Harrison sang, Dad Brooks spoke and it was a very good evening……But we were disappointed that Evelyn and her husband Fred had been unable to come. Bob Harrison prayed for her in the hospital…None of us really knew her true condition at that time.

Thursday, we found out that she had been very ill…..that she had almost died Wednesday night. I went in Thursday morning just after she had come back from surgery, and stayed a bit. She was much improved by then.

Friday, I went to the house to visit her after she had come home from the hospital. She then told me her story:

She said that she was barely conscious at the hospital because of weakness due to lack of blood. But near midnight on Wednesday, she suddenly felt worse, and called “Doctor”, then passed out. For the next two hours, doctors worked over her….oxygen, fluids, medication. They called her husband to the hospital because they said she was dying…….She came back to consciousness during these attempts to save her, and saw her husband crying at the side, and noticed a needle going in each arm with fluids…..

While she was unconscious, she said all she can remember is a vision of God Himself…sensing that she was dying, that she was floating on stars…….then when she came to consciousness, her first thought was, “Oh, God has spared me! If I had died, I would be in hell right now.”….”I want to accept Jesus this minute.” And she, by faith accepted the Lord in the split second of consciousness……All that she had studied in WBT flooded her mind, and she took that step of faith, believing in Christ as her own Saviour and was saved!
The doctor said to her, “We think you should have the priest here for last rites.” But she told him that she did not want a priest…because she was right with God, could confess to God Himself, and anyway, why should she need a priest when a priest is a sinner, too. The doctor was somewhat shocked at this statement of heresy, but sadly nodded alright.

She told me that she knows that God has saved her physically so that she could be saved spiritually, and she was so happy, and so radiant!

Her father had laid the background for this decision many years ago, when he told his children stories from the Bible. He is a British Anglican, married to a Pakistani lady.

He has read the Bible through many times, although he himself gets drunk time after time. So we do not know if he is a born-again believer. But he realized the importance of spiritual matters, and of the reading of the Holy Word…and imparted this to his children. However, she knew nothing of spiritual life through Christ when this contact was made. What she had learned had been through the correspondence course, WBT, just 48 hours previous to this physical crisis in her life.

She completed the second course, brought it to me, and asked for the third, Guide to Christian Growth. She said that she used to read paper-back books, but they made her feel dirty. She said, the reading of these courses makes her feel so clean, inside and out….She has started a Quiet Time using Daily Bread of Scripture Union Notes…….She also is interested to begin a ladies class in her living room, teaching WBT first, with me there as an advisor.

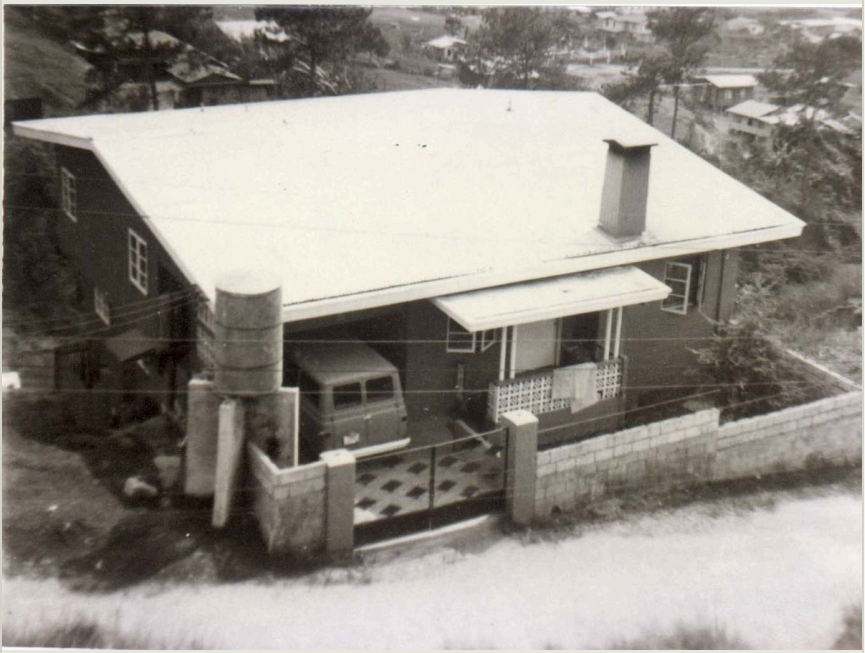
It has truly been a work of the Holy Spirit in her heart and life because I have not really done much talking with her…there wasn't time. Things happened so fast. It has been thrilling to our whole family of what can really happen when a person accepts the Lord, and the change in her own life. She has begun witnessing to all who come in contact with her.

> She finished GOG in three days, then went on to SUMMARY OF THE BIBLE which she did in 4 more days. Her husband stayed up late at night to help her as it was quite difficult. They both memorized quite a bit of Scripture…..He was not saved yet, but was quite interested and sympathetic. She said that she felt so clean when she was studying these courses. On Feb 12th, she finished it, and took home WINNING SOULS THE BIBLE WAY, also she enrolled in the memory course of BIBLE MEMORY ASSOCIATION. She told me how distasteful the movies are to her now, and other amusements…that she has begun to use less cigarettes now…She used to smoke 20 in a day, but is down to 8 now. She hopes to be off them completely very soon! She had no prompting from me in all these decisions to drop things out of her life. Just the presence of the Holy Spirit has convinced her that she should not do certain things anymore. She is praying fervently that her husband will accept Christ soon so their family can be united. It is a wonderful thing that he is so sympathetic and is learning Scripture. They have pored over the Bible Atlas trying to straighten out in their minds the divisions of the land in Joshua! He is fascinated with the book. Tomorrow morning, I am going to teach her how to make bread!
>
> Mary Lou Engle, January–February 1968

Mary Lou's account ends there, in February 1968. The pictures that follow carry Evelyn's story on.

55 Malvar

The Engles rented the house at 55 Malvar, on Aurora Hill, from 1967 to 1970. The first meetings of the little assembly were held there. It was there, too, that Evelyn came to visit Mary Lou and to pick up her Emmaus correspondence courses.



The Engle home at 55 Malvar, Aurora Hill, Baguio, 1967–1970.
Photograph by Ken Engle; Kevin's blog, 2008

The First Bible Study

One of the earliest Bible studies met at 55 Malvar in 1968. Evelyn shared a chair with Mrs. Jaleco, with Mrs. Badilla on her other side. Their husbands would soon be among the first men of the church.



One of the earliest Bible studies, 55 Malvar, 1968. Mary Lou is standing. Evelyn, in the checkered sweater, sits in the same chair as Mrs. Jaleco, with Mrs. Badilla on her other side.

Photograph by Ken Engle; caption from Kevin's blog, 2008

Singing at Malvar

Whenever the believers met, there was one chorus they always sang: "Nothing Is Impossible."



A singspiration at 55 Malvar. Evelyn is in the center. Rudy Ponce Deleon is sitting next to the door.

`Photograph by Ken Engle; caption from Kevin's blog, 2008`

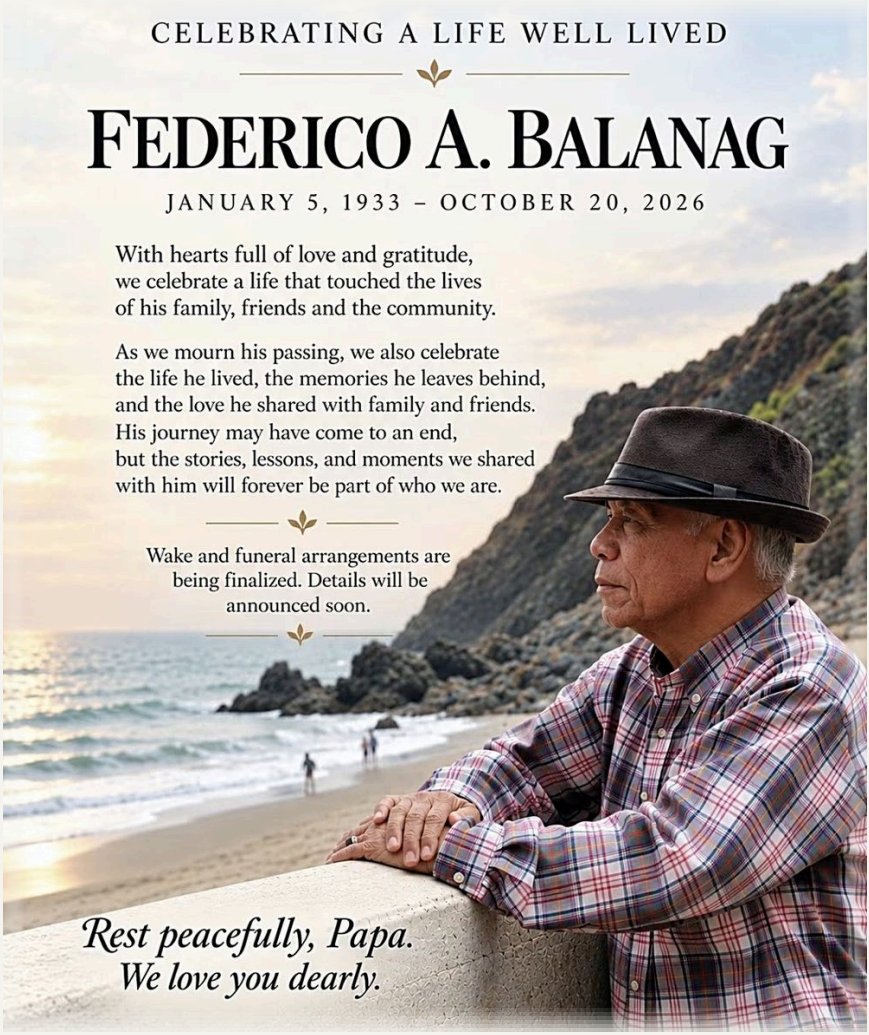
Fred

Mary Lou ended her account with Evelyn *"praying fervently that her husband will accept Christ soon."* In 1969 Fred and Evelyn were baptized together at the church's first baptism, with Sergeant Jaleco, Sergeant Badilla, and two of the Engle girls, Becky and Karen. William MacDonald (1917–2007), the Bible teacher, was in Baguio while traveling around the world with a young man named Bill McCotter. He conducted the baptism and gave a word from the Scriptures.



The first baptism, 1969. Ken Engle with all who were baptized: Fred Balanag, Sgt. Jaleco, Sgt. Badilla, Becky Engle, Evelyn Balanag and Karen Engle.
Photograph by Ken Engle; caption from Kevin's blog, 2008

Fred Balanag



Fred Balanag passed away on October 20, 2026

▶ Watch Fred in Baguio, 1993 · 1 min
Kevin filmed this on his last visit to Baguio.

A Family

Fred and Evelyn raised six children: Polly, Dolly, Ferdie, Boy, Frankie and Molly.



Fred and Evelyn with a new baby. The album page says 1969 and names him Ferdinand; Kevin's blog wondered whether it might be Dolly, about 1963.
Photograph by Ken Engle; Engle family album

The Balanags



In their Navy Base house, about 1974. Left to right: Polly, Dolly, Fred, Ferdie, Evelyn, Boy and Frankie. Molly had not yet arrived.
Photograph by Ken Engle; caption from Kevin's blog, 2008



The Balanag family, about 1974.
Photograph by Ken Engle

The Godhouse

Before long the believers were meeting in the Guardhouse on Navy Base, which they affectionately called the "Godhouse."



Walking down the road away from Navy Base after a meeting in the Guardhouse, 1971. Anna "Mom" Brooks and Evelyn are in the center.

Photograph by Ken Engle; caption from Kevin's blog, 2008

The First Elders

By 1974 Fred Balanag was one of the church's first three elders, with Ruperto Jaleco and Marcos Badilla.



The three elders, 1974: Jaleco, Balanag and Badilla.
Photograph by Ken Engle; caption from Kevin's blog, 2008



Some of the leadership of the assembly, about 1974, at the Engle home, 30 C.M. Recto, Navy Base.
Photograph by Ken Engle; caption from Kevin's blog, 2008

Old Friends



Fred and Evelyn visiting Ken and Mary Lou at the C.M. Recto house, 1975.
Photograph by Ken Engle; caption from Kevin's blog, 2008

At the Chapel



Dad Brooks standing next to Evelyn, with Fred Balanag in the brown suit and Joyce Hardisty in the foreground on the left. Probably around 1977.
Photograph by Ken Engle; caption from Kevin's blog, 2008

Just Down the Street

In *Prays for Us Daily*, Gordon left a question on the step: who was Fred Balanag, and how did he end up at the President's plane with four books in his hands?

First, a small correction. He wasn't quite the man next door. Years later Ken put it this way, in a letter home:

> When we moved to Baguio, Philippines in 1967 the first one to trust the Lord as personal Savior was a Pakistani lady. She and her husband, a professor at Baguio Tech, lived just down the street. She then asked us to pray for her husband.
>
> Ken & Mary Lou Engle, letter to friends, 22 April 1972

Just down the street. And the story of Fred Balanag doesn't start with Fred at all. It starts with his wife.

A Big Week

Her name was Evelyn. On Monday, the twenty-ninth of January, 1968, Mary Lou wrote in her little planner:

> `Evelyn Balanag began to study W.B.T. Was very interested. Did 1 & 2 today`
>
> Mary Lou, Monday 29 January 1968

W.B.T. was the Bible correspondence course *What the Bible Teaches*. Ken wrote that the same day was the biggest of its kind since they had come:

> `Biggest day of visitation since coming to Baguio. Mrs Balinog begins WBT.`
>
> Ken, week of 28 January – 3 February 1968

And the next day, Mary Lou again:

> `Evelyn completed course and asked many questions about spiritual matters.`
>
> Mary Lou, Tuesday 30 January 1968

The whole course. In two days.

The Rally at Brent

Wednesday night was a big night for the Engles: a rally at Brent School, with the singer Bob Harrison. But the Balanags didn't come.

> B.S.A. Rally. Bob Harrison sang at Brent. Excellent program and some response. House filled for rally. Dad Brooks spoke. Bob sang. Balanags didn't come as Evelyn got sick.
>
> Mary Lou, Wednesday 31 January 1968

Ken put down what happened at the rally:

> We learned Mrs Balanog in hospital — prayed (Evening BSA Rally) Bob prayed for Evelyn.
>
> Ken, Wednesday 31 January 1968

On Thursday Mary Lou went to the hospital. She wrote that evening:

> Went to hospital to visit Evelyn. She … was improving, but had been very ill — had almost died during the night.
>
> Mary Lou, Thursday 1 February 1968

Evelyn Saved!

On Friday, the second of February, Evelyn came home, and told Mary Lou what had happened in the night:

> Evelyn came home from hosp. She told me she had accepted the Lord during the time she was so very sick. Was really rejoicing in her new spiritual birth. Enrolled in LCL.
>
> Mary Lou, Friday 2 February 1968

Ken heard it too, and wrote it down. Someone later ran a blue highlighter over the last words:

> Got word — ML went to see Mrs B. She almost died Wed night when she knew she wasn't saved — when she came to she trusted the Lord.
>
> Ken, week of 28 January – 3 February 1968

Ken's box for that Friday:

> she had stayed up Tue night & finished WBT. Thinking much on it. Mom & Dad Brooks here in the evening — we rejoiced.
>
> Ken, Friday 2 February 1968

Asked the Lord to Save a Soul

At the back of that year's diary, on a yellow page where Ken kept the dates that mattered, he wrote it one more time, under Bob Harrison's rally, in green highlighter:

> 31 Jan 68 — Bob Harrison — 2 Feb 68 — Evelyn saved!
>
> Ken's 1968 diary, yellow end page

But here is the line that stops you. At the bottom of Mary Lou's page for that week, in the little box marked Notes, she wrote:

> At beginning of this week, we had felt it was to be a big week. Had asked the Lord to save a soul!
>
> Mary Lou, notes for the week of 29 January 1968

They asked on Monday. By Friday, the answer was home from the hospital, rejoicing. We pray small prayers most of the time. Every so often it does us good to remember that God is not embarrassed by a big one.

And Thy House

> Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
>
> Acts 16:31

And thy house. Because the very next thing Evelyn did was ask them to pray for her husband.

On Sunday evening, the eighteenth of February, Mary Lou wrote:

> Fred Balanag here to study John C̄ Ken in evening. Evelyn and I visited Brooks.
>
> Mary Lou, Sunday 18 February 1968

> Fred Balanog here for first study in John. ML took Evelyn to see C. Brooks
>
> Ken, week of 18–24 February 1968

Ken's quiet-time verse that month, written in his diary for Thursday 29 February, the week Fred and Evelyn first studied John:

> I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.
>
> Luke 10:21

The Gospel of John

The next Sunday the Balanags came again, and brought five others with them:

> 730 The Balanags plus 5 others came, Sgt Jaleco + Sgt Hipol, Sonny + his mother. We all studied the Gospel of John.
>
> Ken, Sunday 25 February 1968

Evelyn didn't slow down, either.

> Mrs. Balanag has finished 8 courses — going on to Acts.
>
> Ken, week of 18–24 February 1968

And she brought her friends. On the ninth of February she brought Pasing and Mely:

> Evelyn brought Pasing & Mely to visit. Began W.B.T. Mely's husb. close to Mormon conversion. Brooks here — met Evelyn & spoke about Pakistan.
>
> Mary Lou, Friday 9 February 1968

Sergeant Jaleco

A week or so later Ken wrote of a first sergeant at the Philippine Military Academy who was studying the course:

> Sgt Jaleco PMA — 1st Sgt studying WBT — wants it. His wife had it. He is a man almost won by Mormons.
>
> Ken, week of 18–24 February 1968

The same Sergeant Jaleco who would sit in the living room at 55 Malvar for years to come.

Then, three weeks later, Tuesday, the nineteenth of March:

> Fred came over — we reviewed verses. He says he has really trusted the Lord — is using the verses in his classes.
>
> Ken, Tuesday 19 March 1968

A professor, using John's Gospel in his own classroom. And on the last day of March, Ken added four words of his own:

> Bible Class — Jaleco + PMA man back. Feel Fred is really born again!
>
> Ken, week of 31 March 1968

At the Ramp

Now come to May. The kitchen fire was Saturday, the eleventh. Early the next morning, Sunday the twelfth, the telephone did the work:

> We got up at 530. ML called Evelyn — Fred called aide of Pres. Said Pres. dressing — they are going early. We ate rushed to Airport. Within minutes Pres. came.
>
> Ken, Sunday 12 May 1968

Mary Lou called Evelyn. Fred called the President's aide. And on the airfield, with the cadets of the Military Academy giving the twenty-one-gun salute, it was Fred, a believer for about eight weeks, who stepped forward:

> went to the plane. Fred went to the Mayor. At ramp Fred presented Living Series (4 volumes) to him. Also introduced us.
>
> Ken, Sunday 12 May 1968

Four Books



At the plane: Fred Balanag and President Marcos, Baguio airport, Sunday 12 May 1968.
Kevin Engle's collection

Mary Lou wrote it in one breath:

> Another great day — Ken, Dad B. & Fred gave Volumes of Living Writings to Pres. Marcos at 7 this a.m.!
>
> Mary Lou, Sunday 12 May 1968

The John Class

A few days later Ken left on a trip. Before he went, he wrote:

> `Had prayer with Fred + turned over John lessons + Halleys to him.`
>
> Ken, week of 12–18 May 1968

The man who came for his first Bible study in February was teaching the John class in May.

So that is who Fred Balanag was. A professor just down the street. A husband his wife prayed for. A brand-new believer who walked up to a President with four books.

But something has been held back, and it is the best part.

Half a Million Pesos

Come forward eight years, to the autumn of 1976. The Engles were in Kansas by then, and Kevin was in the Navy. Kevin had been back to Baguio, and he sent his folks a cassette with news. Ken passed it on to the church at Woodside:

> It is about Mr. Balanag, one of the elders. As some of you recall he was one of the first to be saved in 1968. Besides his teaching responsibilities at the University of Baguio he is Housing Administrator for the City. Recently he was offered a bribe of half a million pesos ($75,000) if he would sign a certain paper. He refused and is is some danger. Pray for him.
>
> Ken & Mary Lou Engle, letter to Woodside Bible Chapel, 27 October 1976

> He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.
>
> Proverbs 15:27

The President Called

Half a million pesos, and he said no. Then the very next lines of the letter:

> When the Presidesnt of the Philippines was in Baguio not long ago he phoned Mr. Balanag giving him his support in this present tense situation. You may remember that some years ago Mr. Balanag gave some books of the Bible to the President.
>
> Ken & Mary Lou Engle, 27 October 1976

The President of the Philippines picked up a telephone and called the man who had once handed him four books on a windy airfield, eight years before.

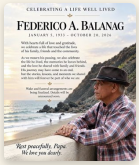
And what *"Fred presented Living Series (4 volumes) to him"* would turn out to mean is… the rest of the story.

From Ken's and Mary Lou's diaries, January–May 1968, and their letters of 1972 and 1976, in Gordon's story "Just Down the Street" (The Malvar Years, 10; sent 12 Oct 2026).

Evelyn's Church

Evelyn went home to be with the Lord in 1985. The work that began with her did not stop. In December 2010 her son Ferdie filmed the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Navy Base Chapel, and Kevin posted it on the blog.

> There is nothing more Evelyn would have wanted than for the readers of this blog, and her family, to come to know and love the Savior she loved, who died and gave himself for her, and for you.
>
> Kevin, on his blog about Evelyn, 2008



Fred Balanag passed away on October 20, 2026.

From Mary Lou's own account of January–February 1968, and the photographs and captions on Kevin's blog about Evelyn (2008).

Photograph coming

More photographs from the family collection are on their way.

Sources

Mary Lou's account of Evelyn Balanag (January–February 1968), sent by Kevin on 8 October 2026, with Kevin's notes on Evelyn's family; the photographs and captions on Kevin's blog about Evelyn (balanag.blogspot.com, 2008–2013), with the original slides and album pages from the family collection. It was first published as Part Two of Volume Three. Gordon's story "Just Down the Street" (The Malvar Years, 10; sent 12 October 2026), from Ken's and Mary Lou's 1968 diaries and their letters of 22 April 1972 and 27 October 1976.



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Eight companion books stand beside the five volumes of the story.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Cheryl Engle



Cheryl Lyn Ferris and Kevin Engle were married on 19 July 1986. For nearly forty years she was his wife, and all her life she sang the gospel.

On Thursday, 8 January 2026, the Lord took her home.

That date was already written into this family's story. Seventy years earlier, to the very day, on Sunday, 8 January 1956, five young missionaries gave their lives on a sandbar in the rain forest of Ecuador. One of the five was Ed McCully. In the 1940s he had invited Kevin's father, Ken Engle, to preach in Wauwatosa, and he helped support Ken on the mission field.

Seventy years to the day after Palm Beach, Cheryl followed them home.

Read their story: **Five Men on Palm Beach**, in the companion book *Family Stories and Friends* →

IN LOVING MEMORY

Cheryl's Music



Cheryl sang the gospel. With her friend Kathy Abrahamson she gave concerts in churches: Little Rock Bible Church in 1988, Park Springs Bible Church in July 2004, Wycliffe in November 2005 (where her father, John Ferris, introduced them), and others too numerous to mention. She also sang at many memorials and funerals.

At her memorial service in Kansas on 2 February 2026, the family heard two of her most requested songs. Five additional songs are included in the video of her memorial service, linked below.

♫ Cheryl's 24/7 Radio Station · coming soon

♫ Cheryl and Kathy in concert, 2005

♫ Concert at Park Springs Bible Church, 2004

Memorial service and graveside, 2 Feb 2026

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Always Smiling



Relaxing in her parents' living room. Kevin picked her up here for their first date in May 1985, a Twila Paris and Steve Green concert at Prestonwood Baptist Church.



Smiling, as always.



With Kevin at the Christmas home of their friends Col. Mark Roy and his wife, 2021.



With Kevin, her brothers and sisters and their spouses, together for a niece's wedding in West Texas, May 2023.



Courting days: Kevin and Cheryl visiting his parents in Abilene, Kansas, winter 1985. Abilene is also where she was laid to rest.



Visiting Kevin's parents at their home in Abilene, Kansas.

Kevin Engle's collection

At Cracker Barrel, About 1990







Kevin and Cheryl together, and Cheryl, at Cracker Barrel, about 1990.
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OBITUARY

Cheryl Lyn Engle

July 1, 1952 – January 8, 2026



Cheryl Lyn Ferris Engle was born July 1, 1952 in Canyon Texas. She went to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on January 8, 2026.

She accepted Christ at the age of 9 and there is no uncertainty on her part that she will spend eternity in heaven with her Creator in accordance with the assurances and promises of the Word of God and the death of Christ on the cross for her sins and the complete forgiveness that brings.

Cheryl Engle

While working toward her masters in music at North Texas State University, Cheryl Engle studied voice. After leaving North Texas, and doing a couple of short opera stints, Cheryl concentrated on sacred music and, in addition to sacred concerts, has sung at church services, conferences and women's retreats.

Cheryl has always considered it a special blessing from the Lord that she has had opportunity to sing.

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Cheryl Lyn Engle

Cheryl and Kevin were married July 19, 1986 at the First Baptist Church in Lewisville, Texas.

She leaves her husband Kevin Engle and her siblings Rebecca Armerding, Tom Ferris and Jan Ferris to rejoice and mourn.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2026, at Mount Pleasant Church, with a private graveside service at Newbern Cemetery in Abilene. Based on weather at the time part of this may be indoors at Mount Pleasant Church.

Conducting the service will be Mark Stanger, Stan Norman and Dave Jenkinson.

If you or anyone else would like to be included in this list of invited please send Kevin a message at kengle86@gmail.com.



Cheryl's Blog



Cheryl's Vimeo music



Cheryl's SoundCloud music

Scan a code with your phone's camera, or tap it.

From Cheryl's obituary card, 2026.

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Lord,

Give Us This Mountain

COMPANION BOOK · KAREN, PATRICK, AND ROMBLON: "CARRYING THE VISION"

From Lancaster County PA to Malvar Street Baguio City Philippines

Engle · Robson · Leonard · Haines

Ken and Mary Lou Engle · An Engle Family History

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ANOTHER WAY TO READ THE BIBLE

The Bible on Your Phone, Free

Ken taught at Emmaus Bible School and graded its Bible correspondence courses, and in 1968 Evelyn Balanag came to Christ while studying the Emmaus courses Mary Lou gave her in Baguio. Today Emmaus Worldwide offers the whole Bible and its Bible courses in a free app, in more than 30 languages, including Tagalog.

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA

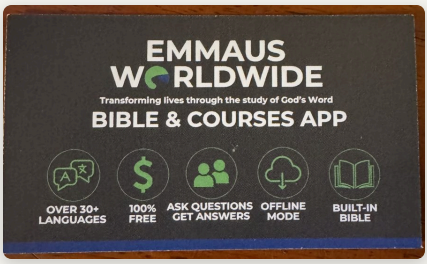
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Open emmaus-app.com →

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100% free · Over 30 languages · Built-in Bible · Works offline · Ask questions, get answers





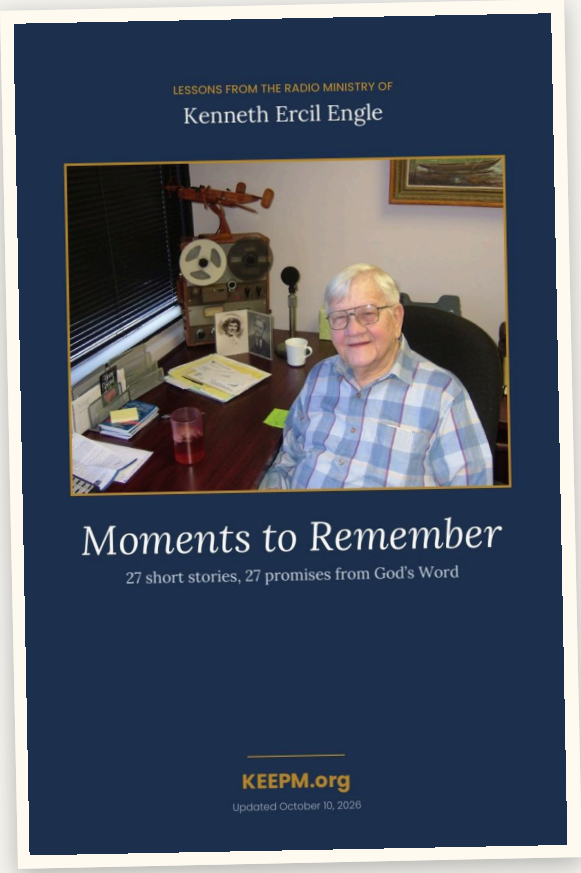
The Emmaus Bible & Courses App card, front and back.

A DEVOTIONAL FROM DAD'S RADIO MINISTRY

Moments to Remember

For years Ken recorded short radio spots called *Moments to Remember*. Each one tells a simple story, opens the Bible to one promise, and ends the same way: *"This has been a moment to remember from the Bible."* Kevin is gathering them into a little devotional, with Dad's color picture on the cover.

Listen to *Moments to Remember*



The cover of the devotional. Turn the page to read it on your phone.

READ IT ON YOUR PHONE

Scan to Read the Devotional

Point your phone's camera at the code to open *Moments to Remember*. It turns like a little book, and it is free to read and share.

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA

Point your camera at the code and tap the link that appears.

Open Moments to Remember →

Listen to Dad's station

A short story · A promise from God's Word · A line to remember · Free to read and share

> Read the Bible not as a newspaper, but as a letter from home.
>
> F. B. Meyer, as Ken quoted him in the first Moment to Remember

GROWING AS WE GO. New moments are added as more of Dad's recordings are written out. The date on the devotional's cover shows when the latest ones were added.

Listen to Mom's Music

keepm.org

keepm.org: Carrying the Legacy, Reaching the Islands

KEE Philippine Missions (Kenneth Ercil Engle Philippine Missions) exists to carry on the passion, the plan and the goals of Ken Engle.

In 1945 Ken flew over the Philippines as a B-24 tail gunner, praying that the Lord would let him return as a messenger and start churches there. He did. He and Mary Lou served in the islands from 1951 to 1975, and Ken preached on the radio until 2000.



What we do. keepm.org is a 24-hour gospel radio station, on the air since July 2026, playing Ken's messages around the clock. Through the **Messenger 60** program, local churches in the Philippines invite children, teenagers, students and working adults to memorize 60 Bible verses or to complete Bible correspondence courses, such as *What the Bible Teaches* from Emmaus Bible Ministries. Each one who finishes receives a solar audio Bible free, to keep for life: the whole Bible in English and Tagalog (NASB), 60 gospel messages by Pastor Charles Stanley, an AM radio and a flashlight, in a waterproof case and loud enough for a family to gather around. Filipinos at home or in the U.S. can serve as Messenger and Memorization Coordinators; write to Kevin with your testimony.

Listen Live: keepm.org Radio



How you can help. Our long-term vision is to place one million digital Bibles in the Philippines. Our first step is to distribute one million copies of the gospel tract *This Was Your Life*. Every gift goes directly toward that literature and toward Messenger 60 audio Bibles. To give, send through PayPal to kengle86@yahoo.com. Questions: kengle86@gmail.com. Gifts are not tax-deductible at this time; we hope to offer that in the future and will let our supporters know when it does.

Keep them for Jesus for eternity.

Kevin Engle

Then: A New Mission



Kevin, about eight, at the reins of a calesa in the Philippines, taken shortly after he was saved on 5 September 1965: a boy with a new mission. That mission goes on today, taking the gospel to the Philippines on digital Bibles through keepm.org, and Kevin is getting ready to go back for the first time since 1993.

`Kevin Engle's collection and Kevin's memories`

Now: The Plaque on Dad's Wall



The plaque Dad hung in every office he ever had, Colossians 1:28, beside his photo from the memorial service. The work goes on.

Kevin Engle's collection

OUR FAMILY'S PRAYER CARD · ABOUT 1972

Our World... the Philippines



The front of the prayer card Ken and Mary Lou sent to friends who prayed for the work. The star marks Baguio.

Engle family prayer card, about 1972

INSIDE THE PRAYER CARD

Our Burden... Our Prayer



Ken and Mary Lou Engle with Kevin, Stanley, Gordon, Karen and Becky. The card lists the work in the Philippines: boys and girls, the Christian Service Brigade, Baguio and Binangonan, and the broadcasts Moments of Melody, Moments of Meditation, the Living Book and a children's program.

Engle family prayer card, about 1972

THE BACK OF THE PRAYER CARD

Where in the World



The back of the card, with a star on the Philippines, so friends at home could see where in the world to pray.

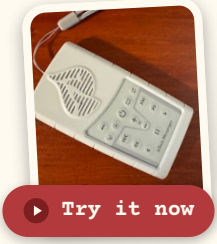
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KEEPM.ORG TODAY

One Million Digital Bibles



Fifty years after the prayer card, Kevin carries the work on through KEE Philippine Missions: sharing God's Word, one life at a time.





Back: the solar panel



In the box: earbuds and charging cable

Tap the device to hear Charles Stanley Radio, 24/7. Pastor Charles Stanley's messages are on the devices keepm.org will be giving away.

An In Touch Messenger audio Bible: solar-powered and loaded with Scripture. The goal of keepm.org is to put devices like this into a million Filipino hands.

The In Touch Messenger is produced by In Touch Ministries, Atlanta, Georgia.

Charles Stanley Radio | Tommy Nelson 24/7 Station

Quick Start Guide · 453 KB

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Karen & Patrick: Carrying on the Vision

1990–1995 · 2012–present · Romblon, Romblon, Visayas

Karen was born in the Philippines in 1955, Ken and Mary Lou's second daughter. As an adult she went back as a missionary herself: first from 1990 to 1995, as a single missionary in the Manila area, and then from 2012 to the present, first with her husband, Patrick Carder. Of all Ken and Mary Lou's children, she has served there the longest.

The call to Romblon came through Lani, an old friend who had helped Karen in her single years near Manila and who now lived on the island. Romblon is a small island of marble and coconut palms in the Sibuyan Sea, fourteen hours from Manila by overnight boat: thirty-three square miles, almost 38,000 people, thirty-one barangays. Fishermen go out all night with their flashlights, and along the roads people from small children to grandparents sit with hammer and chisel, breaking marble into gravel.

Patrick learned Tagalog word by word. Karen, well on her way to fluency, studied with a tutor every week. They were commended missionaries with CMML (Christian Missions in Many Lands), an organization affiliated with those sometimes known as "Plymouth Brethren."



Karen and Patrick Carder

"Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands."

Isaiah 42:12, the verse that closed the 2015 CMML article about them

On Romblon, Romblon, Visayas

THE CHILDREN

They got to know the children first. At their gate they set up a little feeding station, where pupils walking home from school could pick up some rice and candy, and from there they began a children's club. In August 2020 Karen wrote home that she had been "busy with kids verse club… 70 kids memorizing the book of Romans."

THE MINISTRIES

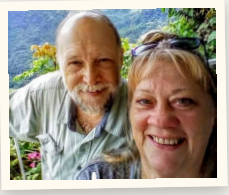
A small group met in their home every Sunday morning to remember the Lord and learn the basics of the faith. Karen taught the older women of the barangay with the Emmaus course *What the Bible Teaches*, in English and Tagalog. Patrick befriended the barangay captains, prayed with them, and planned to show the Jesus film in every one of the island's thirty-one barangays.

THE BAKE SHOP

Karen also ran a bake shop. There she trained people in baking, teaching them skills and how to earn money for their families.

THE TRANSLATION

Patrick worked with the team translating William MacDonald's *Believer's Bible Commentary* into Tagalog. "There is NONE (No, not one!) available in the Filipino language," he wrote in 2015.



Patrick and Karen

Patrick went to be with the Lord in May 2026. Karen plans to continue the work on Romblon and will be returning to the Philippines shortly.

From *Missions* (CMML), February 2015, by Kenneth and Joyce Hardisty, who visited them on Romblon; Patrick's letter of 2 September 2015; and Karen's email of 29 August 2020.

Companion Books

Eight companion books stand beside the five volumes of the story.

In His Joy: The Life and Ministry of Ken Engle
Dad's own letters · 1951–1987 · his life and ministry

Herald of Christ: The Story of Rudy Ponce de Leon
San Juan, Rizal · 1951–1996

Grace Triumphant
the autobiography of Cyril H. Brooks · © 1985 Walterick Publishers

"Mary Lou, Mary Lou": The Story of Evelyn and Fred Balanag
Baguio City · 1968–2010

Cheryl
Cheryl Lyn Engle · her life, her music, her own words

Family Stories and Friends
Friends of the work · family stories · family reference

Kevin's Recollections
Kevin Engle · in his own words · Stewards Foundation · In Dad's Own Words

> **Faithful Men: A Library of Christian Classics**, from PlymouthBrethren.org: Brethren writers and missionary lives, searchable by author, Scripture and topic. **Open the library ↗**

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