Promoted to Glory

Celebration of Life for Kenneth Bonnar
September 27th, 2025

Band Prelude	'They Shall Come From The East'
Welcome	Major Ian Gillingham
Congregational Song	'Oh, That Will Be Glory For Me'
Prayer	Major Ruth Gillingham
Scripture	Psalm 23 Pieter Bonnar (Grandson)
Tributes	Jean Rose (Sister) Jim Read (Brother-in-Law) Tim Bonnar (Son)
Vocal Solo	'I'm in His Hands' Jonny Michel
Slide Presentation	
A Message From Ken	Jon Bonnar (Son)
Congregational Song	'Because He Lives' Nelson Gray
Message	Major Ian Gillingham
Congregational Song	'When We All Get To Heaven'
Prayer	
Closing	"Promoted To Glory' Gospel Brass

Thank you to all in attendance for coming to celebrate Ken's Promotion to Glory. Thank you to the Gospel Brass for their accompaniment to the Congregational Songs.

Fellowship and refreshments will follow the Service in the Gymnasium.

Obituary of Kenneth Maxwell Bonnar

Kenneth (Ken) Maxwell Bonnar was born on 13 October 1940, in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, and was peacefully Promoted to Glory on 17 September 2025, in Abbotsford, British Columbia, at the age of 84.

A fourth-generation Salvationist, Ken was raised in Saskatchewan before moving to Toronto as a teenager. It was at Scarborough Citadel that he met the love of his life, Glennice. Their friendship blossomed into a lifelong partnership, and they were blessed to share 67 years together. On 24 July 1965, Ken and Glennice were married, beginning a journey that was defined by love, faith, and shared service. This past summer, they joyfully celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

As a young man, Ken responded wholeheartedly to God's call to full-time ministry and overseas service. He was Commissioned as a Salvation Army Officer in 1964, and together with Glennice, faithfully served for many years. They served in overseas appointments in Hong Kong; Chikankata, Zambia; and the Singapore, Malaysia & Myanmar Territory. In Canada, they served in Toronto, Hamilton, London and Kingston in Ontario and in British Columbia. His varied appointments reflected his many gifts: he was a teacher, headmaster/principal, pastor, and administrator. He served as Corps Officer, Assistant Education Officer (CFOT), Assistant Health Services Secretary (Canada), Divisional Youth Secretary, Divisional Secretary, Divisional Commander, and Chief Secretary.

Wherever he served, Ken offered his integrity, wisdom, and humour, impacting lives across cultures and generations.

Ken's ministry was marked by servant leadership and a unique combination of teaching ability, business acumen, and pastoral care. He was deeply respected as a leader who led by example, always with steadfastness, humility, and compassion. In retirement, Ken remained committed to service in volunteer roles at Cascade Community Church and the Centre of Hope, sharing his wisdom, mentorship and steady guidance with the finance board. His influence extended well beyond his official appointments, as he and Glennice built friendships and partnerships that spanned the globe. Together they enjoyed travelling, and their work allowed them to visit and serve in many countries, leaving behind a rich legacy of faith and fellowship.

Ken was the devoted husband and best friend of Glennice, and the loving father of Jonathan (Karra) and Timothy (Deborah). He was a proud and cherished Papa to his grandchildren who brought him immense joy: Pieter and Kaatje (Jon & Michele); Tiernan and Zephyrine (Tim & Deb); and Karra's children (Dannika, Damarra, and Dawson). Family was central to Ken's life, and he delighted in encouraging, supporting, and celebrating each one.

Ken was predeceased by his parents, William and Isabel Bonnar; parents-in-law Reginald and Florence Gray; his brother, Ray, and sister-in-law, Helen Bonnar; and brother-in-law, Ian Howes. He is lovingly remembered as a brother to Jean (& brother-in-law to Wilf) Rose, and as a caring brother-in-law to Lois (& Ian) Howes, Laurie & Jim Read, and Nelson & Ruth Gray. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, colleagues, and friends around the world.

Ken's life was one of faithfulness, service, and love. His example as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and servant of God will continue to inspire all who knew him. Though he will be deeply missed, his legacy of compassion, integrity and wisdom will live on.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Salvation Army, Partners in Mission, in Ken's memory at https://salvationist.ca/pim/.

I'm in His Hands

I shall not fear though darkened clouds may gather round me;
The God I serve is one who cares and understands.
Although the storms I face would threaten to confound me,
Of this I am assured: I'm in His Hands.

I'm in His hands, I'm in His hands;
Whate'er the future holds I'm in His hands,
The days I cannot see have all been planned for me;
His way is best, you see;
I'm in His hands.

What though I cannot know the way that lies before me?
In days gone by my Lord has always proved sufficient,
When I have yielded to the law of love's demands;
Why should I doubt that he would ever more be present
To make His will my own? I'm in His hands!

Stanley E. Ditmer

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SUMMONED home! The call sounded
Bidding a soldier his warfare cease;
And the song of angels resounding
Welcomes a warrior to eternal peace.
Praise the Lord! From earthly struggles
A comrade has found release.
Death has lost it's sting, the grave its victory.
Conflicts and dangers are over;
See him honored at the throne of glory,
Crowned by the hand of Jehovah.

Strife and Sorrow over,
The Lord's true faithful soldier
Has been called to go from the ranks below
To the conquering host above.

Herbert Howard Booth

They Shall Come From The East (Prelude Song)

They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God;
Both the rich and the poor, the despised, the distressed,
They'll sit down in the Kingdom of God.
And none will ask what they have been
Provided that their robes are clean;
They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God.

They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God;
To be met by their Father and welcomed and blessed,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God.
The black, the white, the dark, the fair,
Your color will not matter there;
They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God.

They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God;
Out of great tribulation to triumph and rest
They'll sit down in the Kingdom of God.
From every tribe and every race
All men as brothers shall embrace;
They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God.

John Gowans

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