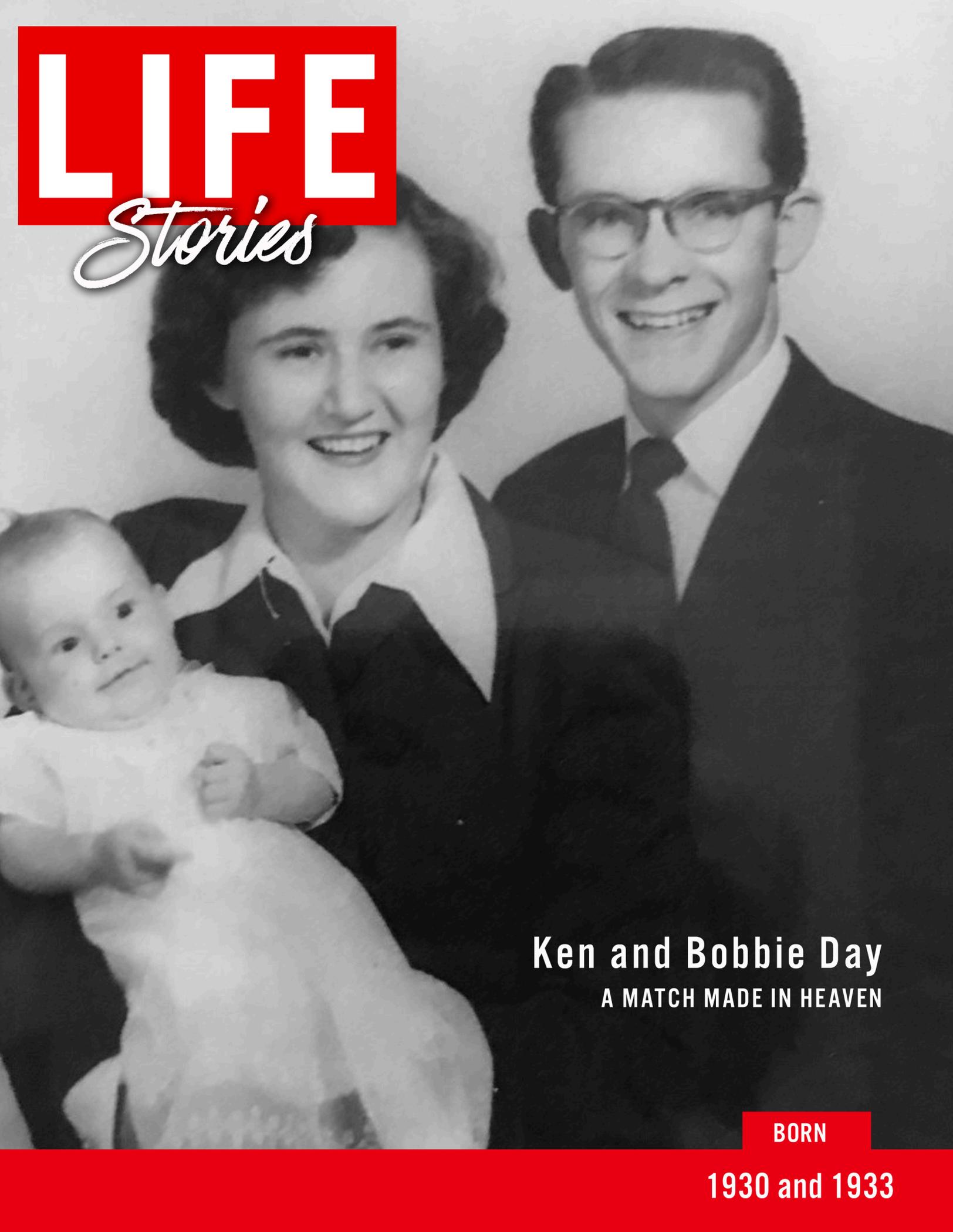


LIFE

Stories



Ken and Bobbie Day
A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

BORN

1930 and 1933

IN RURAL WESTERN TENNESSEE, GOD HAD A PLAN FOR TWO OF HIS CHILDREN.

This is where the story of the Day family begins. Kenneth was born and raised in the small town of Greenfield, TN. Bobbie's hometown of Halls, TN was roughly 40 miles southwest from where her future husband had grown up. These are the towns where both Ken and Bobbie would go through grade school, and graduate high school.

After Ken had graduated from Greenfield Highschool, he would enlist in the US Navy for a short time. While in the Navy, Ken would be deeply influenced by a travelling evangelist while stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. This is when Ken would follow his true calling of spreading the word of God. The Navy released him from his duties to pursue his degree, and he returned to his home state of Tennessee and attended Union University in Jackson. It was during this time that a mutual friend of his and Bobbie's made arrangements for the two to meet.

According to Bobbie, "I was a senior in high school when my friend Shannon, who had relatives that lived in Greenfield, told me she knew someone I just had to meet. Well, Greenfield, like Halls, is a small town where everybody knows everybody.

So, we spoke on the phone one Saturday, and he decided he really wanted to meet me. The very next Saturday Ken drove to Halls."

While courting his future bride, Ken was attending college, and preaching every Sunday at several different small rural churches. Bobbie would go on to graduate from High School and attended Union University as well. They would then get married in Bobbie's hometown of Halls March, 25, 1951. The Days would have three children over the next few years. Two daughters Debra and Dawn then one son Kenneth Jr.

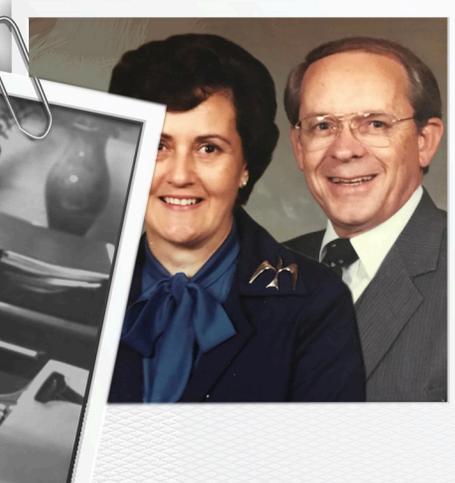
The Days moved to Louisville, Kentucky. This is where Ken would attend the Southern Theological Seminary (STS), and go on to graduate with a Masters in Divinity in 1957. Later in life, Ken would return to STS, and receive a Doctorate in Communications from the STS Religion Department in 1975. In addition to attaining his degree, during the Second World War, many Tennesseans had moved to Michigan in the town of Lansing for work. "It seemed as though over half of the population of Lansing was people from Tennessee!" Bobbie exclaimed in laughter. This would bring Ken's spiritual calling and mission with



Bobbie and Ken Day with their daughters



Ken Working on his typewriter



Bobbie and Ken



Bobbie and Ken



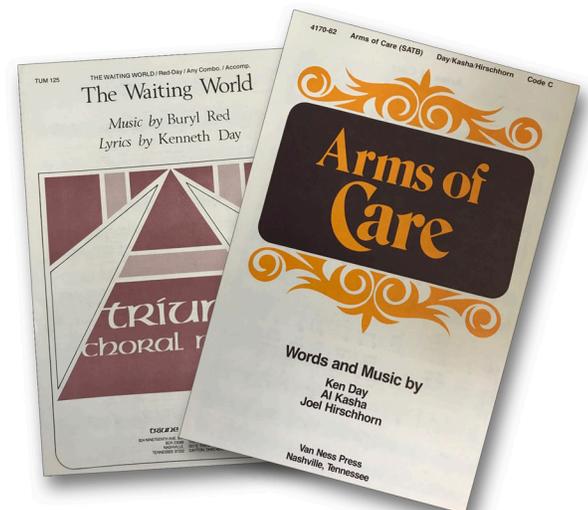
The Day Extended Family

the Baptist Church to further establish itself in the Great Lakes area. As such, Ken would become the pastor at Bethany Baptist Church in Lansing. This required him to commute weekly from Louisville and Lansing.

After earning his theological degrees, Ken would be called to serve in multiple executive capacities for the Southern Baptist Convention. Some of the titles he would hold include: Super Intendent of State Missions Board (Michigan), National Director of Communications, and was a convention member to multiple National meetings. This would eventually bring them to Atlanta later in life. While living in an Atlanta condominium, Bobbie was a nurse at WellStar Atlanta Medical Center. On weekends, the Days would stay at a home they purchased in the Lake Arrowhead neighborhood in Waleska, GA.

Ken and Bobbie are both huge fans of music. Furthermore, they are both musicians in their own right. Bobbie's love for music began very early in her life. Her father was the director of their church choir, and she learned to play the piano at five years old. She says that in her family, you either learned

to play and instrument or you sang. Bobbie also says she adores the orchestra in gospel music, and thinks the electric guitar and drums are better left for performances other than Sunday service. Ken's musical talent is less in the use of an instrument, but in the use of his mind. He has personally written the verses in multiple published hymns for the Baptist Church. One of his greatest compliments he received was from Buryl Red, a renowned composer, conductor, and producer about his lyrics. Buryl said "Ken, your lyrics are rich in imagery and have avoided the pitfalls of clichés."



Quick Facts about KEN

Born:

- February 2, 1930
- In: Greenfield, Tennessee
- Full name: Doyle Kenneth Day
- To: Will and Paralee Day
- Siblings: 2 sisters, and 4 brothers



Quick Facts about BOBBIE

BORN:

- November 3, 1933
- In: Halls, Tennessee
- Full Name: Bobbie Jean Palmer
- To: Wanita and Samuel Penick Palmer
- Siblings: 2 Brothers\

KEN AND BOBBIE

- Married: March 25, 1952 to Present Day
- Children: Debra, Dawn, Kenneth Jr. Day
- Have Six grandchildren, all Boys!
- Two Great Grandchildren

HOBBIES LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- Bobbie loves to play the piano and paint
- Ken reads his devotionals and other theological works
- Love to meet new people



The Day's Son Ken Jr.

“In youth, I was always so busy! In the hands and mind; I would have to tell myself to be still and know that I am with God.”

Bobbie Day

“I can tell you that no one is as blessed as I to have such a dear friend, co-mate, and partner as Bobbie. She is a jewel.”

Ken Day