

Kenneth and Deborah Reed

Kenneth (Kenny) Reed was born in Cedar Rapids and attended Tyler Elementary, McKinley Middle and Washington High School, graduating in 1968. After graduating, he got a job at Goss Graphic Systems and worked there for thirty-three and half years. During that time, he was drafted into the Army and served two years active, 6 years total during the Vietnam War. After Goss closed, Kenny attended Hamilton College and received an Associate of Arts Degree in Information Systems. He worked at Fed Ex for three years and Clipper Wind Power for 6 years and retired in February 2013.

Kenny and Deborah met in 1967 when Deborah moved here from Memphis Tennessee. Deborah was a sophomore and attended Washington High School. She graduated in 1970 and attended Kirkwood Community College and received an Associate of Arts degree. She completed college at Iowa State University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. Deborah worked for Linn County Extension Service in their Urban 4-H Program and was also a substitute teacher in the Cedar Rapids School System. In 1977, Deborah got a job at Collins Radio (later Rockwell Collins) working in purchasing and finance. She retired October 30, 2015.

Kenny and Deborah decided since they were retired that they would become active and give back to the community. They thank God and give Him the glory for the Village (parents, extended family, friends, and neighbors) who helped make them the people they are today.

Kenny and Deborah serve on the Board of Build a Life, and are both on the Executive Board of the NAACP Cedar Rapids. Kenny chairs the Veteran Committee, while Deborah is the Assistant Treasurer. Deborah also serves on the First Light Christian Fellowship Board. She served on The Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success Board for three years as Treasurer, and currently serves on the Board for African American Family Resiliency Association as Secretary as well as the Cedar Rapids Board for American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Kenny is Secretary of Mt. Olive #17 and Grand Secretary of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa F.&A.M. and Jurisdiction, Inc. Also, Secretary of A.G. Clark #68 Consistory and Ill. Grand Secretary to Orient of Iowa Council of Deliberation.

The couple belong to Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and serve as Officers. Kenny is the Treasurer, Trustee Board and Usher. Deborah is on the Steward Board, the Christian Education Director, Sunday Superintendent and teach both Bible Study and Sunday School.

Kenny and Deborah married on June 21, 1980. They have one Son, Christopher David Reed who is married to Lokelehua. They have six wonderful grandchildren who live in Aurora, Colorado.