



Kenneth Wayne Ishmael

February 27, 1921 - March 10, 2015

Kenneth Wayne Ishmael was born February 27, 1921 in Jenks, Oklahoma and passed away March 10, 2015 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Kenneth was the youngest of seven children born to James and Maude Ishmael. He graduated from Jenks High School in 1939 where he excelled in school and sports. After attending Tulsa Business College, Kenneth went to work as a clerk for the Tulsa Post Office in 1940 and in 1956 became a Postal Inspector with the U.S. Postal Service, from which he retired after 35 years of service. Kenneth, a Navy veteran of World War II was stationed in San Diego. He was a Christian, affiliating with Baptist churches wherever they lived. He was an avid and accomplished golfer, had an outstanding ability for storytelling and a sense of humor that made him a favorite of friends and family, he loved using the computer, listening to big band music, and traveling with Ann to all 50 States, as well as many destinations around the world. His honesty and integrity were above reproach. In short, he was a great man in every respect and had become a father figure to many, often expressing his thankfulness for the wonderful life he felt he had been allowed. Kenneth is preceded in passing by his first wife, Imogene Aleshire Ishmael, in 1944; by his parents James and Maude Ishmael; six siblings (sisters Eva Cooper and Ruth Cooper, brothers Lee, Emmitt, Ralph, and Carl Ishmael), son-in-law Dennis McIlroy, and his grandson Javan McIlroy. Kenneth is survived by Annabel Griffin Ishmael, his beloved spouse of 64 years; daughter Phyllis McIlroy; son Larry Ishmael and wife Francie; grandchildren, Heather McIlroy, Clayton Ishmael & wife Erin, Greg Ishmael & wife Joy and Reese Ishmael; great-grandchildren Cody, Alexa and Kayson along with numerous nieces and nephews, as well as friends who became extended family. There will be a visitation Thursday, 3/12/15 from 5-7p.m. at Floral Haven Funeral Home Funeral Service will be Friday, 3/13/15 at 3:00 p.m. at Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel If you prefer a donation, in lieu of flowers, we have chosen Carry The Load, (established by Navy Veterans) and may be made in Kenneth's memory at <http://carrytheload.org/kennethishmael> or Carry The Load, P.O Box 261904, Plano, TX 75026.

Comments



“ I don't remember living in Jenks when I was three, but my Dad and Mother (Jack and Betty Gardner) told many stories of how Larry Wayne would come to our house and have dinner before going home to have dinner again. They certainly loved having that little boy stop by. There are a few pictures of him in some of their photos. My older sister Sheila remembers playing with him in Jenks. Mother and Dad thought the world of Kenneth and Anne and all of their family. Sandi Denbow

Sandra Denbow - March 18, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ Loved his smile, his humor and the love he shared with all of us. The world has lost a great man but heaven is rejoicing! Can you imagine the party going on with the family? Wish I could be there with you but know you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Mindy Pittman

Mindy Pittman - March 13, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ We only got to know Ken less than three years ago when we moved to Country Club of Woodland Hills. Although Ken was failing, it was still a joy to share a table with Ken and Ann in the dining room. He always had a smile, and you could tell how very much he loved Ann, and you knew that love was returned by the loving way she cared for him. We will miss him. Loren and Betty Stephenson

Loren & Betty Stephenson - March 12, 2015 at 09:20 PM



“ I cannot get used to this idea of my uncle Kenneth going away. I have been around this guy since I was a pup and now at almost 78 I have to let him go. So many memories to recall but some are my own feeling toward uncle. He was almost like having a big brother and we played golf and fussed about not doing as well as we should but in the end we would just go out and do it again. His daughter Phyllis is like a sister I never had. All of uncle's siblings have been gone before him and I miss them all but Kenneth has a special place in my heart. I will miss you uncle and I will see you again someday.

Jerry Ishmael - March 12, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ I can't think of ONE time that Ken didn't have a smile when he would talk to myself or others around him. He was truly one of a kind and we are so honored to have had him not only as our resident at Country Club but as our Dear Friend. Ann, Phyllis, Heather, Larry and Javan, before he went to his Heavenly home, are the kind of people that make this world of ours a much better place. Thank you for sharing Ken with us these last years. We miss him and love you all. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers...

Ms. T.R. Jones - March 12, 2015 at 02:40 PM



“ Ken and Ann were our neighbors for 33 years. We feel like part of the Ishmael family. They are special friends and the best neighbor anyone would want. We enjoyed visiting with them at their home and going out to dinner. Ken and Fred had fun working on household projects together. We always enjoyed Ken's sense of humor. Ann was quite a hostess and a wonderful cook. After they moved to Tulsa, we visited with them in their new home. We will always remember the Jenks' football hero and our special friend. Sincerely, Fred and Ginny

Fred & Ginny Hughes - March 11, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ I still can't believe this is real. But oh what a blessing in my life you have been Uncle Kenneth. The humor, the love, the HUGS and just the sense of being the best Uncle I had. I got lucky. Not only to be related to you but to share birthdays. I only got to celebrate 54 birthdays with you and some would say you should feel blessed. But being an only child, I wanted more. You always had a kind word to say and never let anything get you down when you were around me. What a positive role model I had in you. I still do. Things I can pass onto my girls and my grandsons. The world lost a great hero from the Navy and it's hard to mention Jenks, but I know you had to be a hero there. You were my hero. My Daddy came first but you were next. If for some reason Daddy couldn't have given me away, I know you would have. I love you with all my heart. You are my past, my present and you will be there to meet me in Heaven as my future. I already miss you and feel selfish for feeling the way I do. But no everyone had the perfect present, Uncle, Hero and Friend. Love you, Glenda Gail

Glenda Gail Griffin Adair - March 11, 2015 at 12:25 PM