



Kenneth Eugene Motes

March 27, 1936 - December 1, 2020

Kenneth Eugene Motes, , 84, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at Marshall Medical Center North. There will be a celebration of life for him in the spring of 2021. Ken was born March 27, 1936 in Decatur, Alabama to Raymond Edward Motes, Sr. and Lillie Bea (Williams) Motes. After graduating from New Hope High School, Ken served in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Goose Bay, Labrador. After his time in the Air Force, Ken worked in the U.S. Army on Redstone Arsenal in the missile defense program. During this time, he traveled all over the world, including Germany and Israel. In addition to his love of travel, Ken loved his family, his lake house on Preston Island, the Alabama Crimson Tide, collecting antique glassware, camping, hunting and golf.

Ken is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Edward Motes, Sr and Lillie Bea (Williams) and a brother, Raymond Edward Motes, Jr. He is survived by his loving wife of 13 years, Gwen Motes; his son Greg Motes and wife, Jennifer; daughter Tami Galloway; his step-son Chris Bell and Wife, Buffy; his grandchildren, Emily and Ashley Motes, Jarrod and Braydon Galloway, and Layla, Harrison, Mason and Cathryn Bell. Ken also leaves behind a brother, James Erskine Motes and a sister, Shirley Faye Knight as well as many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews

The family would like to extend a special thanks to all of the nurses, doctors and staff at Marshall Medical Center for their loving care of Ken at the end of his life. Gwen has worked at Marshall Medical Center South for many years

and the staff at both hospitals is considered family to her.

If you would like to make a donation in honor of Ken, please send your donation to Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, VUMC Gift & Donor Services, 3322 West End Ave., Suite 900, Nashville, TN 37203-1197.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Ken Motes was my best friends Dad. He taught Greg Motes and myself to "Tighten Up". This was a bit of inside humor, but it meant teaching us life lessons over the last 33 years that I will never forget. Big Ken was One-Of-A-Kind and Bigger than Life man of God and Integrity that is enjoying the Blessings of Heaven now. I will see you again my friend.....
Greg, Tami, Gwen and all the extended family are in my family's deepest prayers...
Jay Pollock



Jay Pollock - December 04, 2020 at 03:20 PM

JP

Roll Tide Big Ken! We one another National Championship Game! I'll never forget the one we shared in 92! Will always be my favorite! I miss and love you brother!

Jay Pollock - January 15, 2021 at 02:21 AM

AB

“ I remember when Ken and Gwen got married. It was such a fun wedding with a cake that was part Tennessee and part Alabama. I was so proud they found each other. Ken was one of the good ones .He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Allene Bridges - December 03, 2020 at 07:21 PM

JA

“ So sorry for your loss. Kenneth was such a sweet person. Always enjoyed spending time with him at the Motes Family Reunions. Praying for comfort during this difficult time that only God can provide. Love you all

Javon Motes Alldredge - December 03, 2020 at 07:14 PM

VJ

“ To the family: Gwen we will miss Ken so much. Met him in Panama in the 1980's. Have been friends all these years. He went fishing with us in Mississippi and he was always a delight to be around. We will miss the biggest DIP on Gunterville Lake. LOL Please keep in touch with us and if we can will come visit sometime soon. Love, Gail and Bob Johnson

Velma Johnson - December 03, 2020 at 05:20 PM