



Kenneth Dane Runyon

January 5, 1930 - February 3, 2018

Kenneth Dane Runyon passed away in Plano, Texas on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at the age of 88. Ken is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Mildred Freeman Runyon; son Michael Runyon and daughter-in-law Karolina Runyon of Vilseck, Germany and son David Runyon of Mocksville, NC, and daughters Delores Anderson of Canton and Debbie Fellwock and son-in-law Michael Fellwock of Plano; grandchildren Michelle Runyon, Melanie Runyon, Bryan Runyon, Samantha Runyon, Robin Logan, and Taylor Fellwock; 4 great grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; siblings Janie Shaeffer of Sherman and Betty Brown of Lindale; and many cherished friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Bruce and Lucille Runyon, his son Bobby Runyon, grandson Ron Anderson, son-in-law Butch Anderson, and siblings Nell Woodhouse and Bill Runyon. Born on January 5, 1930 in Gainesville, Texas to Bruce D. Runyon and Lucille Carpenter Runyon, Ken served 4 years in the United States Air Force and attended Abilene Christian University where he studied engineering. In 1958, he was employed as a Quality Control Engineer by Collins Radio, which would later become Rockwell International, and he would continue his career there until his retirement in 1987. Ken and Mildred were blessed to enjoy over 30 years of retirement together and would have celebrated their 50th Anniversary in May. Ken was an avid reader, an accomplished pilot, an animal lover, a true gentleman, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. His genuine smile and his laugh will be missed tremendously by family and friends alike. A funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 12:30 p.m., at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas at the Wildwood Chapel. The family will gather and welcome visitors at 11:30 a.m. preceding the service. The ceremony will be officiated by longtime family friend Todd Puthoff, and everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate Ken's life. The family wishes to thank all the staff of 7C at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Plano for their extraordinary kindness and attentive care during a very difficult time.

Comments



“ We will miss Ken’s smiling face during our Friday morning coffee. In the short time we have known him, have enjoyed watching the tenderness of his care for his wife and friends. Rest in Peace Friend. Nolan and Judy Garrett

Nolan and Judy Garrett - February 07, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ I only have good memories of Uncle Ken. Especially of the Christmas Eves hosted at their home in Farmersville.
He was so kind, loving, smart and handsome. He was the total package. I can’t even imagine the grief you are feeling. I am so so sorry for your loss, Aunt Mildred, Debbie and Delores. Love and Prayer, Lori

Lori Smith (Freeman) - February 06, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ Ken, (Tooter, a nickname he was given early in life that stuck), was the best uncle anyone could have. I didn’t have a dad in my life and he took that role and treated me like I was his daughter during my early years. I was blessed to be nurtured and guided by such a wonderful man and model of what a father should be. He had 3 young sons to raise after his first wife, Dolores Gunn Runyon, passed away and he did not shrink at the task. He raised 3 amazing boys and when he married a second time to Mildred, and she brought with her two daughters, he accepted those girls without hesitation and together, he and aunt Mildred started a love story. When I remember my uncle through the rest of my days, I will remember his smile, his twinkling eyes and most of all his heart full of love.

Jayne Gail Phillips - February 06, 2018 at 08:46 AM