



Kenneth Gary Crabtree

April 9, 1944 - October 21, 2020

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4-9-1944 - 10-21-2020

Kenny Crabtree passed away October 21, 2020 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease and related illnesses at 76 years of age. He was known by his early family as "Gary," and to others as "Kenny" or "Ken." He lived in Fresno County all of his life, but Selma was his birth city. Kenny was the first son of Kenneth Alexander Crabtree, known as "Pete" and Sybil Reed Crabtree, who lived in Kingsburg. Pete was a farmer, and Sybil, a housewife. Kenny was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, Lawrence. He was also preceded in death by his second wife, Beth Fansler, in 2012, stepdaughter, Kellie Lynn Pottorff in 1988 and stepson, Sean Pottorff in 2020.

Kenny graduated from Kingsburg Joint Union High School where he excelled in Speech and Debate, then onto Reedley Community College and Fresno State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Literature in 1970. He served in the National Guard stationed at Ford Ord, California. Eventually Kenny was hired by Fresno County Planning Department where he worked over ten years learning the ropes of property development. From there he went on to private development work with Randy Hill Homes, Benchmark Communities and others as a Land Acquisition specialist. Kenny and Beth were generous supporters of many charities including Fansler Foundation,

CSUF, the Christmas Toys Giveaway for Orange Cove children, Buddies Bandits, Smile Train and others.

Over the years, Beth's family became Kenny's family, which included her step mother, Marlene Malan Fansler and Beth's four siblings, Paula Fansler, David Fansler, both of Fresno, Leigh Anne Gurtov of Hawaii, and Ward Fansler of Truckee, along with their spouses and grandchildren who lovingly referred to him as "Uncle Kenny."

Kenny and Beth had no children of their own, but rescued many dogs who they dearly loved and spoiled.

Kenny will be laid to rest in a graveside service at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020 at Kingsburg Cemetery 12782 E. Clarkson Ave. by Salser and Dillard Creighton Chapel Funeral Directors.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Graveside

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Kingsburg Cemetery
12782 E. Clarkson Avenue
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Tribute Wall

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“ Ken was a close friend of my husband Chuck Preuss for many years; and Ken was a dear friend when I built my RJ Hill home near Nees and Fowler in Clovis. He let me do some major changes in the floor plan in 2002 that I still enjoy today. He was one of our Tuesday Lunch Group. I bet Ken and Chuck are together talking about hunting guns right now.
Sincerely, Judith Preuss



Judith Ellen Preuss - November 08, 2020 at 01:29 PM

CJ

“ Gary left a lasting impression on all of his classmates at Kingsburg High. He will be missed by all of us. May you be comforted by the memories and love that will continue with you forever.
Carol Jacobs

Carol Jacobs - November 01, 2020 at 05:56 PM

JT

“ Sincere sympathy to the family. Gary was a classmate of mine. He will be dearly missed by all. God bless you in your hour of loss.

Judy Trimble - November 01, 2020 at 08:34 AM

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“ *Trudi L Adams lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Gary Crabtree*



Trudi L Adams - October 29, 2020 at 12:32 PM