



Kenneth Earl Hittle

September 1, 1928 - December 2, 2020

Kenneth Earl Hittle took his last flight to be with his Heavenly Father on December 2, 2020. Born on September 1, 1928 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii to Col. Leslie Lee Hittle and Emma Lu Curtner Hittle, Ken graduated from Lawton High ('47) in Lawton, Oklahoma, studied for a year at the University of Oklahoma, and then followed his dream to study and graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy ('52). Upon graduation, he was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps and eventually became the HDQ. And HDQ. Commander at Twenty Nine Palms, CA where he was honorably discharged.

Ken traveled the world both as a Marine and as a civilian spending time in Hawaii, Japan, Iwo Jima, Europe and Camp Darby, Italy. As a civilian, Ken worked as a chief engineer for various radio stations in the Midwest and could often be heard announcing the Sunday morning show. Upon his and his wife Pat's retirement, they hit the open road spending many years RV'ing throughout the United States and finally settling in Roswell, NM. As a speed reader, he read everything he laid his hands on when he was not creating wooden works of art such as a ukulele, violin, and treasure box or chess table. He had a subtle sense of humor and could spin a yarn so well that his listener would follow along willing for quite a while before realizing that the tale was one of Ken's famous "gotchas".

Those left to grieve him are his wife, Pat Johnson Hittle, and his brothers Leslie Lee Hittle; and Gervase G. Hittle and Sister in Law Cathy Bell Hittle. He will be sorely missed by his children, Kathryn Hittle Stuever Breen; Randi Hittle Berry; and Susan Hittle Meier and Son in Laws Michael Breen and Louis Meier. Also missing him are his grandchildren: Greg Stuever, Jr. and wife Anna; Jeremiah Stuever and wife Patricia; Christina Stuever Camp and husband Lucas; Johnathan Stuever and wife Leah; Nickolas Breen; Ryan Tucker; Shawn Tucker and wife Naomi; Jason Meier; Sarah Meier Belka and husband William; and Ethan Meier and wife Robyn. Also grieving are his great-grandchildren; Nathaniel, Zoey, Ally, Christopher, Alex, Trevor, Thomas, Leslie, Jack, Rose, James, Adam, Dallas, Benjamin, Connor, Audrey, and Kaiden.

Preceding him in death were his sisters Judith Hittle and Ellen Hittle D'Aura, and brother Carl Hittle.

Kenneth's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Kenneth's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Comments



“ Pat, I am so sorry to hear about Ken's passing. Please accept my deepest sympathy, as well as my thoughts and prayers. Maria also sends her regards. I will be in touch with you soon. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. May you find comfort in your wonderful memories and in the respect and regards of so many.
Joyce Tucker

Joyce E. Tucker - December 28, 2020 at 12:51 AM



“ Oh Pat, We just learned that you lost your precious husband, Ken. Troy and I are so sorry!! What a patriot he was! Although we never met Ken, we grieve with you for your loss. Praying for peace and comfort for you and your family. Love you Pat!!

Sue Teague - December 10, 2020 at 11:20 AM