



Kenneth Wayne Pittser

November 3, 1939 - July 28, 2018

Kenneth Wayne Pittser passed away peacefully on July 28, 2018 at Memorial Medical Center in Modesto, CA. He was surrounded by his loved ones.

Kenneth was born on November 3, 1939 in Modesto, CA to Ernest Pittser and Doris "Helen" Girdner (Greene). He spent his childhood growing up in the Delhi and Los Angeles areas, graduating from Venice High School in 1958. After high school, Kenneth went on to service honorably in the US Air Force until he was discharged on February 29, 1964. While stationed at Castle Air-Force Base in Merced, CA, he met his wife, Marjorie "Ellen" Banks. They were married on March 31, 1963 in Reno, NV.

Kenneth's first dream was to be a doctor and he started working in the cafeteria of a hospital. He soon took the construction route, however, and lived out his career as a glazier until his retirement in 2005.

Throughout his life, Kenneth found joy in working with his hands. His hobbies included wood-working, leather craftsman, painting, stained glass, photography, computers, gardening and succeeded in obtaining his private pilots license. He could master anything he put his mind to, even at the end, when he picked up wood-working again and hand-built the urns for his and his wife's ashes.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Doris Pittser; his son, Keith Warren Pittser; and his beloved wife, Marjorie "Ellen" Pittser. He is survived by his daughter, Kim Swift (Pittser); son, Klint Pittser; brother, Roger Girdner; grandchildren, Steven Pittser, Ashley Olesen, Darren "Jade" Harder,

Adam Volk-Pittser, Jessica Pittser, Elle Pittser and Kailynn Pittser; as well as his great-grandchildren, Chloe Olesen and soon-to-be, Madison Olesen.

A Memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock, CA 95380.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to Meals on Wheels America at www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/take-action/give or to any other organization that helps the elderly community.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 3. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Kenneth Wayne Pittser

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ Ken,

My heart is so sad that you're gone but so happy that you're with Ellen and Keith. The selfishness in us wants you to live forever but you were tired and many days (and nights) weary. Thank you for being a wonderful friend. I love you, Ellen, the kids and grand babies forever and you all hold a very special place in my heart.

Kimmy and Klint, I love you two! I'm so sorry for your loss. Always remember if I can help you in any way, I surly will!

*Love and prayers to and for you all,
Lori*

Lori Holifield - August 01, 2018 at 06:58 PM



Lori, you are the only sister I've ever had! I've known you most of my life! I know the pain in your heart hurts. I'm sorry for your loss also.

He was a special man and I miss him so much already.

*Love you,
Kim*

Kim - August 02, 2018 at 08:21 AM

LJ

“ We were fortunate to get to know Ken on his visits to Seattle to see Kim and her family. It was always apparent how much he loved his family, and he treated us like extended family at Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations over the years. Ken was a creative, kind soul and he will be missed by many. Our sympathies are with you at this sad time.

Love, Lana and Randy

Lana Johnson - August 01, 2018 at 10:22 AM

KI

*Thank you both.... I'm so glad you got to know him over the years. He always like you guys!
Love you both!
Kim*

Kim - August 02, 2018 at 08:18 AM

TB

“ We shared an acting part as homeless in Turlock It was a fun part of our lives. I did not know you very well, but took to you on facebook, fun post. The Red Carpet photos with our girl Lacey.....go Christian Mingle the Movie.....God Bless.....

Tony Bianchi - August 01, 2018 at 12:30 AM

KD

He was so excited about that experience in his life! He had such a blast!

Kim (Ken's daughter) - July 31, 2018 at 11:37 PM

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“Dad, I can't believe you are gone, it doesn't seem real. Thank you for being a pillar of strength for me my entire life! The bond we shared was so very special and I am am so going to miss hearing your voice saying, “Hi babygirl”..... my heart aches.

I love you dad, now and forever! Give mom and Keith a big hug and kiss for me! XoXo



Kim Swift (Pittser) - July 31, 2018 at 11:02 PM