



Kenneth Britz

January 11, 1946 - May 11, 2019

Ken Britz, 73, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on May 11, 2019 after a brave 3-year battle with bladder cancer.

Ken was born in Dickinson, ND to Frank and Dorothy Britz on January 11, 1946. The family moved to Petaluma, CA when he was an infant, and then to Fairfield, CA in 1953. Ken attended public schools in Fairfield and graduated from Armijo High School in 1964. He enlisted in the Army National Guard, and served six years from 1965-1971.

Ken married Diane Mahoney 11/19/66, and together they raised Jeffrey (1972) and Angela (1975).

Ken had many jobs starting with working at the downtown JC Penney store while in high school. He worked for Standard Oil, Kaiser Steel, Christian Brothers Winery, and PG&E. before starting his 33-year career in 1969 at the City of Fairfield in Public Works Department. He retired in 2002 as the Water Treatment Superintendent. Ken had a passion for construction, working on countless remodeling projects over many years as well as building three custom homes, obtaining his Contractor's License in 1984.

In his early adulthood, Ken grew fond of hunting and training dogs, and enjoyed camping and spending time in the outdoors - he always sported a very fashionable farmer's tan.

Later in life, and especially upon retirement, Ken was an avid fisherman, particularly enjoying trolling for trout at Lake Berryessa. He had one of the best-outfitted boats for down rigging, and created his own technique for disengaging the downrigger. He would often claim to have caught the big one, only to have had it get away. He also enjoyed traveling, especially RVing in Indio, CA to visit close friends each winter.

Ken loved being involved with the community. In his 20s, he became a firearm instructor for youth and a volunteer Fairfield firefighter. Later, he helped spearhead the effort to build a playground at Laurel Creek Park, and for years was a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity,

leading several local builds, and even a blitz build of 20 homes in Georgia.

Ken's greatest happiness came from meeting new people, sharing stories and repeatedly telling bad jokes. He never met a stranger. Later in life he was given the gift of five grandchildren, Victoria (Torie) (25), Trent (22), Paige (20), Jarred (19) and Eric (17). Ken was the greatest grandfather to ever live, making these kids his highest priority - seemingly never missing a birthday or a ballgame, a dance recital or debate, treasuring even the opportunity to take them to school. Besides Diane, the grandkids were the love of his life.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Diane, by his son Jeff, daughter-in-law Karen, and their three children: Torie, Jarred and Eric of Templeton, CA, and by his daughter Angie Baker, son-in-law Brad and their two children: Trent and Paige of Fairfield, CA, as well as his sister, Shaundra Cashdollar, of Fair Oaks, CA and brother, Allen, of Concord, CA. He also had some of the greatest friends and extended family imaginable, many of whom he has maintained close contact with for decades.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Ken's honor on Sunday, June 23rd at 12 Noon at Rancho Solano Clubhouse. Come share your favorite story about Ken. To assist the family in planning for the services, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/KenBritz> to RSVP.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bryan-Braker, 707-425-4697. You may sign the guestbook at www.bryanbraker.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Habitat for Humanity at www.solanonapahabitat.org/contribute

Cemetery

Rockville Cemetery

4219 Suisun Valley Rd.

Fairfield, CA, 94534

Comments



“ Diane, Jeff, Angie and families, So saddened by Ken's passing but can obviously see how he lived life to the fullest. So many accomplishments and brought so much love and laughter to everyone. Wish I had known him longer and it's so crazy how it was instant love and laughter. He was so much fun to visit with and he made sure to make his rounds to everyone. I will miss seeing him at the Kolodejchuk reunions and we certainly will have a lot of reminiscing to do in his honor. Love and prayers to you all during the difficult days ahead without Ken.

Greg and Janel Forster
Dickinson ND

Janel Forster - May 16 at 09:35 AM



“ He was most certainly the greatest brother and the most wonderful brother that is ever lived. Although he could be a little devil at times, he was always there to do remodeling on my home or to help me in anyway I needed. I will certainly miss him for the rest of my life.
Shaundra Cashdollar

Shaundra Cashdollar - May 16 at 06:54 PM



“ God Bless, Darin and Terri Crosby purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kenneth Britz.



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