



Kenneth Wade Beadleston

February 21, 1930 - January 17, 2024

Kenneth Wade (Grandpa Ken) Beadleston 93, of Napa, CA passed away on January 17, 2024, in Vacaville, CA.

Ken was born in Lodi, CA, to Leo Raymond Beadleston and Gladys Elizabeth (Goodway) Beadleston on February 21, 1930. Ken attended and graduated in 1948 from Willows High School in Willows, CA. Ken went on to attend University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA. Ken left college and worked as a Carpenter in San Francisco, CA, on high rise projects. He attended the California Highway Patrol academy in West Sacramento, CA, becoming a CHP officer in 1957.

Ken worked as an officer 28 years advancing to Sergeant, keeping the traveling public safe throughout different areas of California. One of Ken's most proud accomplishments was to oversee the operations of the I-80 Cordelia, CA, truck scales before retiring in 1984. Throughout Ken's tenure as a CHP Officer, he also stayed busy working as a Carpenter doing side projects for friend's, family and work associates. After his CHP career, Ken went to work full time pursuing carpentry work in the Napa Valley.

In between work and projects, Ken loved hunting, fishing, camping and traveling with his late wife Gail who he married on October 12, 1958. They loved their friends and took many trips with friends and family.

Ken was a member of Native Sons of the Golden West Parlor #62 for over 50 years and enjoyed the camaraderie of his fellow members. Ken was an active blood donor late into his life, as he said: "It was his way of giving back to those in need." Ken grew up during the Great Depression of the 1930s and WW II, these events shaped Ken's life, family and work ethics. Ken's gift of communication, talking to people, telling stories, telling jokes have touched the lives of so many for the better and instilled values for generations to follow.

Ken is survived by his son, Michael McCoy (Judy), Mark Beadleston (Cindy), Kelly

Beadleston Ripley, Kim Moore (Joe); 14 grandkids, and 25 great-grandkids; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Ken is proceeded in death by his wife, Dorothy Gail Beadleston; father, Leo Raymond Beadleston; stepfather, Frederick H. Smith; mother, Gladys Elizabeth Smith; brother, Eugene Beadleston; sister-in-law, Marilyn Jodie Beadleston; son, Kenneth Eugene McCoy; daughter, Kristine Nannette Whitehouse; grandson, Shawn Michael McCoy.

Funeral Services will be held at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home 1975 Main Street, Napa, CA, 94559, on February 17, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

Memorial tax deductible donations may be made to Molly's Angels 433 Soscol Ave, Suite A100, Napa, CA, 94559; or visit the website at mollysangels.com, Tax ID 31-1675725; or Share the Care of Napa Valley at sharethecarenv.org, Tax ID 81-5288335.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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