



Mr. Ken Kolkebeck

July 13, 1925 - March 11, 2021

Ken Kolkebeck, 95, of Salisbury, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2021 at his residence.

He was born July 13, 1925 in Brooklyn, NY, the youngest son of Warren and Marie Kolkebeck. After graduating from Mt. Herman school, he entered the military, serving 27 months, 13 of these in the ETO earning the Combat Infantry Badge, of which he was most proud, and the Bronze star. Arriving home he graduated Hobart College earning a BS in Business Administration. While there he married his high school sweetheart, Nonnie.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 342.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Nonnie Williams Kolkebeck; his brother, Warren C. Kolkebeck; and his beloved daughter-in-law, Shirley Kolkebeck.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Duffy Kolkebeck, formally of Louisville, KY; sons, Kenneth "Bill" Kolkebeck (Merry Manns) of Sparta, NJ, Bruce Kolkebeck (Debbie) of Salisbury, and Craig Kolkebeck (Judi) also of Salisbury; grandsons, Keith (Jessica), Scott (Ann), Kurtis and wife Kelee, and Evan (fiancée, Laura); great-grandsons, Tim, Owen, Jack, Seldon; and a great-granddaughter, Anjali.

A memorial service will be conducted 10 AM – Friday (March 26) at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti officiating. Interment will follow at the Salisbury National Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites

conducted by the North Carolina National Guard and Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Troop 442, c/o FUMC, 127 Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144; Three Rivers Land Trust, 204 East Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
217 S. Church St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Sorry to learn of your father's passing Bruce. He was a war hero !!

Mark E Hayden - April 15, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ken Kolkebeck.



March 26, 2021 at 04:56 AM

HD

“ 95!! What a blessed life! Prayers for Mary Ann, Bill, Bruce, and Craig, and other family. Enjoyed doing yard and home handyman work for Ken since about 2004. Made you feel like family, and I enjoyed the time. You'll be missed.
handyman Dave

Handyman Dave - March 25, 2021 at 06:53 PM

KP

“ We hold you all the light for comfort and peace. May the memories of Mr. Kolkebeck be a source of strength to help you move forward. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.
Kathy and David Pulliam

Kathy Graham Pulliam - March 25, 2021 at 05:37 PM

CG

“ Carolyn Green purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mr. Ken Kolkebeck.



Carolyn Green - March 23, 2021 at 05:42 PM

EK

“ My Pop Pop was a hero. A WW2 Hero and a hero to his family. His larger than life personality and the amazing life he lived were never spoken of unless you asked, and even then he was hesitant to reveal his greatness. He wanted to know about Laura and I. His greatness and humbleness will leave a major void that can only be filled by his memory. Rest easy Sergeant, Pop Pop and my friend, I love you and will miss you so much!

Evan Kolkebeck - March 13, 2021 at 11:46 AM