



Kenneth Earl "Ken" Bryan

March 28, 1939 - February 2, 2023

Kenneth Earl "Ken" Bryan, 83, of Salisbury, NC passed away Thursday, February 2, 2023, at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

Born March 28, 1939, in Wayne County, NC, he was the son of the late John Earl Bryan and Ola Mae Jernigan.

Ken was a graduate of Grantham High School, class of 1957. He earned an undergraduate degree at Atlantic Christian College (Barton College), a master's degree in engineering from North Carolina State University, and Belmont Textile School of Engineering. In his early career, he coached baseball and taught mathematics at Oak City High School and Oxford High School. Ken was very accomplished in many fields including the textile and furniture manufacturing industry.

Ken was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather to his family. He was a devout Christian and very involved in his local church, First Baptist of Salisbury, where he served on Meals on Wheels, he coached and mentored in the Upward Basketball program for 10 years, served as chairman of the deacons and trustee, a member of the Baptist Men's group, volunteered in the Men's Rehabilitation Program and was a member of the local Gideon's chapter.

Along with his parents John Earl Bryan and Ola Mae Bryan, preceding him in death is his first wife, Kay Martin Bryan.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Flora Griffin Bryan; four children, Nelle B. Haywood (Lynn) of Pleasant Garden, Edie B. Horne (Anthony) of

Gastonia, Kenneth E. Bryan, II (Renee) of Purlear and Angela B. Gilbert (Justin) of Eliot, Maine; sisters, Nellie Bryan Jinnette and Gail Bryan Darden. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, Adam, Seth, Trey, Alex, Jackie, Mich, Cooper, Kaylee, Ozzie and Harper; ten great-grandchildren, Leighney, Scarlett, Jocelyn, Silas, Joseph, Cason, Paxton, Noah, Marlee, and Iris; step children, Glenn Lee (Monique) and Mary Elizabeth Lee; step grandchildren, Spencer, Graison, Bobbiann, Michaeyla, Erin, Evan, and Shelley ; step great-grandchildren, Chandler, Braden and Dylan .

The family will receive friends from 12-12:45 PM in the First Baptist Church Sancturay. A Memorial service celebrating Ken's life will be held at 1PM, Monday, February 6, 2023 at First Baptist Church of Salisbury with Rev. Jonathan DeBell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gideons International, PO Box 576, Salisbury, NC 28145-0576 and Meals on Wheels of Rowan Inc., PO Box 1914, Salisbury, NC 28145.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Bryan family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl "Ken" Bryan.



February 06, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ *Angie,*

Try to gain solace from remembering the happier times.

Cathie Gallo

Cathleen Gallo - February 06, 2023 at 08:00 AM



“ *WR, Kathy and Bill and Families purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Kenneth Earl "Ken" Bryan.*



WR, Kathy and Bill and Families - February 05, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl "Ken" Bryan.



February 04, 2023 at 09:55 PM

LH

“ So sorry to hear about Kenneth, I only met him once and he seemed like a genuine guy and according to his obituary he was a people person and loved , prayers for Flora and his family.



Lindsey Howell - February 04, 2023 at 06:55 PM

AL

“ To the extended Bryan Family, We send you our deepest condolences, we are so sorry for your loss. We love you and are thinking of you at this time. Peace be with you.

Allison Gilbert and Leona - February 04, 2023 at 03:47 PM

PT

“ So sorry for your loss. I will continue to pray for comfort during this difficult time.

PHYLLIS TIPTON - February 04, 2023 at 01:15 PM

LI

“ So sorry to hear about Kenneth, I only met him once but he seemed like a genuine guy and according to the obituary he was a fine man. Prayers to Flora and all of his family . Lindsey Howell

Lindsey - February 04, 2023 at 11:58 AM

BH

“ *Betty Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Bryan*



Betty Honeycutt - February 04, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JW

“ *Our sincerest sympathies for your loss! May God give you peace,
comfort, and strength during this difficult time! We love you. God
Bless You. ❤️*

Jennifer, Jack, Ryan Williams - February 03, 2023 at 07:43 PM