



Ken Purnell

January 17, 1939 - June 6, 2020

Walter Kenneth Purnell was born January 17, 1939, in Wells Tannery, Pennsylvania, to Walter Matthew and Goldie Mae Mellott Purnell. He died Saturday, June 6, 2020, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, at the age of 81 years. Ken completed his secondary education in Hustontown, Pennsylvania, and graduated with the Forbes Road Joint High School Class of 1957. He was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Army. He was married June 26, 1965, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, to Ruthie Diehl. Ken spent over 41 years working for U.S. Airways as director of automated marketing. After his retirement he made his home in Skiatook, Oklahoma. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes, especially grilling for family and friends. In his later years he enjoyed occasional visits to the casino with his girlfriend Ruth. He was particularly fond of his role of “Grandpa” to his grandchildren. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Son; Dave Purnell and husband Shawn Wittrock, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Grandchildren; Katie Curtis and husband Ben, of Pensacola, Florida

Rebecca Livingston and husband Mike, of Tallahassee, Florida

Jill Trevino and husband Jacob, of Owasso

Caroline Purnell, of Broken Arrow

Adrienne Purnell, Elizabeth Purnell, Nicole Purnell,

And Loren Purnell, all of Owasso

Great grandchildren; Bellamee and DesMarco Trevino, and Brennan Curtis

Sister; Dorothy Weaver, of St. Hedwig, Texas

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Ruthie, and brother, Jim Purnell.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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“ I've know Ken since he was the Res. manager in Syracuse, and for all the times that we came in touch he always looking to help me out of a jam, no matter what else he was up to his neck in. As the Automated marketing manager, and the agencies that were under my district, ran into troubles, or new agencies looking to come on line, it was always Ken in his low key, come to the rescue style that was the first on the line or on a plane when needed. I attended his going away and that was a sad day, but not as sad as this one. God Bless you and your family Ken Purnell for you were truly one of the very good ones in a tough business.

Jim Fitzpatrick Albany NY

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