



Kenneth A. Brock

February 16, 1923 - November 19, 2017

Kenneth A. Brock, 94, of Springdale passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at his home surrounded by family. He was born February 16, 1923 in Frontenac, Kansas to Joseph B. and Nellie Coffey Brock.

Ken was forced to grow up quickly, as his father died in a coal mining accident when he was only 12, and helped his mom and grandma raise his younger twin sisters, along with his cousin. He graduated from Frontenac High School in 1941 but never gave up his love for the black and white. He was a proud member of the John F. Derby Frontenac American Legion. He served in the United States Navy during World War II on the USS Hornet as a refrigeration first mate.

Upon returning from his tour of duty in the Pacific, he married Kathleen Kierl Brock on July 24, 1945 and they were married for 65 years until her passing in 2010. He attended Pittsburg State University, earning a bachelor's degree in education, and had a huge collection of gorillas to show for it. In addition to teaching history, industrial arts, and driver's education, he coached football, track and basketball for several years in Weir, Kansas.

Ken worked with Prudential Insurance Company for 32 years, which brought him to Springdale, Arkansas in 1969. He was an avid Razorback fan and founded the Arkansas Razorback Swatters Club, where he was affectionately nicknamed "The Senator". He was a lifetime board member of Pagnozzi Charities, and was an active member of the Kiwanis Club. He loved fishing and bird hunting. He was also a member of the USS Hornet Association and

enjoyed yearly reunions, including the most recent one held in Kansas City, Missouri this past September.

Ken relished the fact that he was of Irish and Italian descent, and had an ultimate love for God, family, and country.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Kathleen Brock; one son Joe Brock; one daughter, Karen Brock Renneker; an infant son, Kenneth A. Brock, Jr.; two sisters, Donna Gintner and Deloris Mary Brock; and one son in law, Mike Renneker.

Survivors include two sons, Kenny Brock and wife Kelly of Independence, Missouri and Jeff Brock of Springdale; two daughters, Katherine Boeckman and husband Jerry of Scammon, Kansas and Vicki Sargent and husband Steve of Springdale; one daughter in law, Diana Brock of Bedford, Texas; one sister, Joann Knaup of Pittsburg, Kansas; eleven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, and many treasured nieces, nephews, and friends.

Pallbearers include: Michael Brock, David Brock, Kenny Boeckman, Christopher Boeckman, Bob Brock and Shawn Johnson. Honorary pallbearers include: Norm DeBriyn, Mike Henry, Hank Taylor, Pete Esch, Mike Pearce, Tom Bevins and Gus Bosetti.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, November 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church with Rev. John Connell officiating.

Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Tontitown.

Visitation will be Sunday from 4 to 6 pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale with a Rosary beginning at 6 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the following organizations:

Pagnozzi Charities, 100 E. Poplar, Ste. A, Fayetteville, AR 72703, 479-443-2550 <http://pagnozzicharities.org/> or Springdale Kiwanis Club, PO Box 652, Springdale, AR 72765, 501-510-0575 <http://www.springdale.kiwanisone.org/>

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

380 E. Fletcher Ave.
Springdale, AR 72762

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Rosary

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St. Raphael Catholic Church
1386 S. W. End St.
Springdale, AR 72764

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth A. Brock*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *What a wonderful man and a great boss! Working with him was never boring and he loved the clients, his peers and the company he worked for. He was honest and gave the 'second mile' in everything he was involved with and the agents in our office. Truly a man that will be missed by many! Georgia 'Gigi' Thompson*

Georgia Thompson - December 10, 2017 at 02:24 PM



“ *I enjoyed meeting Ken over the years at Pittsburg State University Alumni events in the Northwest AR area. He was a very sweet man who was passionate about life and his alma mater! I especially enjoyed his stories about growing up in Frontenac as that is where my Grandfather, Frank Susnik, grew up as well. Ken knew the Susnik family and it was always a delight to hear him talk about where his roots and mine intersected. Prayers and blessings for all of Ken's family and friends. I am thankful to say that I knew him.*

Sincerely,

Jon Bartlow

Director, Alumni & Constituent Relations

Pittsburg State University

Jon Bartlow - November 28, 2017 at 03:35 PM

AM

“ A donation has been made to the Pagnozzi Charities on behalf of Autumn & Miles Brock, in honor of their Grandpa.



Autumn & Miles - November 27, 2017 at 11:43 AM

KA

“ Sweet Uncle Ken. He loved everybody unconditionally and he always had a way of making people feel special. We will miss his happy and loving spirit.
Kayla (Knaup), Ryan, Gabe, and Max



kayla - November 26, 2017 at 12:37 PM

DG

“ Damita Teague Grigg lit a candle in memory of Kenneth A. Brock



Damita Teague Grigg - November 25, 2017 at 02:07 PM

DG

So very very sorry for the loss of your loved one. May Our Lord comfort all.

Damita Teague Grigg - November 25, 2017 at 02:08 PM

MK

“ Uncle Ken was always there and always welcomed you with a hug and a smile on his face. He introduced me to Arkansas baseball, basketball and football. We spent many hours on the golf course just having a good time with many laughs. He could go into a restaurant and leave knowing all the employees and their families. He never met a stranger. A couple of years ago, I called down to get tickets for my son and I to a baseball game. When I spoke with the lady in the ticket office I asked her if she knew my Uncle Ken Brock, she said NO. But when I said they called him The Senator, she said, I know The Senator. He could have been a Senator or the President if he had set his mind to do it. The Earth is sad but Heaven is Rejoicing.
I'll miss you,
Your nephew and Godchild,
Mike Knaup

Mike Knaup - November 24, 2017 at 11:23 PM

DH

“ Mr. Brock, "The Senator" was one of the great gentleman I've ever known. I knew him as a passionate Razorback baseball fan and loyal supporter. We watched many games together over the years in section 108 at Baum Stadium.... as a matter of fact we 'coached' many games from our seats. Sharon and I send out our thoughts and prayers to the family at this time. David Hunt

David Hunt - November 24, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth A. Brock.



November 23, 2017 at 02:00 PM

BA

“ *I was special to know kathleen.did her hair and got to know Kenneth.loved them like my own parents.they will be greatly missed.love you family*

Berniece alford - November 22, 2017 at 10:53 PM