



Kenneth F. Cannon Jr.

February 20, 1927 - September 30, 2014

On Tuesday, September 30, 2014, KENNETH “KEN” F. CANNON, JR., 87, died peacefully after a battle with heart disease. He was born February 20, 1927, in Asheville, NC, and was the only child of Annie Laurie and Kenneth F. Cannon, Sr.

Ken grew up in Washington, DC, and graduated from Central High School. He joined the Navy in 1945 and was stationed in San Diego. After the war, he attended Duke University on the GI Bill and received his degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1951. Ken worked at the Naval Ordnance Lab in White Oak, MD, for most of his career where he supported the development, test and evaluation of Navy weapons systems and gained several patents through his work. He was a champion in the NOL ten pin bowling league. He loved boating, fishing, and gardening, and passed all of these passions on to his children and grandchildren. Ken lived in Bethesda, MD, during his married life, and in retirement, he moved to be close to the water, most recently on the Chesapeake Bay in Neavitt, MD.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Annie and Ken; his wife, Ollie; and his brothers-in-law, John Liska and James Herd.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses Anne Grandi (Fabio), John Cannon (Linda), Ken Cannon (Johleen); three grandchildren, Caterina

Grandi, Katie Cannon and Abbie Cannon; his sister-in-law, Ellen Herd; and his four nieces, Lydia, Leslie, Paula and Susan.

The family would like to express their particular appreciation to Merle Adkins, his physical therapist, whom he considered a friend and who ensured that Ken kept moving forward.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, October 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7730 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD, with interment immediately following in the church columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Ken's memory to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
7730 Bradley Boulevard
Bethesda, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth F. Cannon Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Kenneth F. Cannon Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Kenneth F. Cannon Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM