



Raymond Nathan Kesner

January 30, 1938 - July 5, 2017

Raymond N. Kesner of Cambridge, MD, died on July 5, 2017, at Chesapeake Woods Center in Cambridge, MD. He was 79.

Known to his close friends and family as Joe, he was born on January 30, 1938, in Keyser, WV, the son of the late Raymond Curtis and Nina Robison Kesner. Raymond attended Allegheny High School and moved to Washington DC, upon graduation. He began a long and successful career applying his gift for business to the lumber industry working for businesses in Washington, DC, Baltimore, Georgia, and Florida. A tireless worker and devoted supporter of his family, he simultaneously began a successful career in real estate sales which moved the family the Maryland's Eastern Shore. After his retirement, Mr. Kesner went on to build a thriving retail business in Canaan Valley, WV.

After moving from Prince George's County MD, in 1973, he lived with his family in Stevensville, MD, for fifteen years. He was a civic leader, very active in local and national politics serving as County Chairman for Ronald Reagan's presidential campaigns in 1976, 1980, and 1984. In the mid-seventies and early 80's, he was instrumental in growing the Republican Party to relevance in Queen Anne's County.

Mr. Kesner later relocated to Florida where, after turning around several lumber supply companies, he permanently retired in Punta Gorda, FL. It was

here he became an active member of the Abundant Life Assembly of God and was instrumental in rebuilding the church following hurricanes Charlie and Rita.

Joe loved the beach, fishing, woodworking, reading, and raising horses.

He is survived by his children, Belinda Cook (Lee) of Tampa, FL, Bonita Jones (Jay) of East New Market, MD, Betina Barcus (JR) of Denton, MD, and Lydia Kesner of Largo, FL, a brother: Bill Kesner of Priest River, ID, four sisters: Darlene Dawson of Rawlings, MD, Frances Donoway of Salisbury, MD, Catherine Watts of Salt Springs, FL, and Sadie Tasker of Swanton, MD, along with grandchildren, Ray and Lee Cook, Emma & Hannah Jones, Abigail, Heidi and Owen Barcus and Knox Kesner and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held privately.

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Nathan Kesner*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Raymond Nathan Kesner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Raymond Nathan Kesner*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I am so sad to hear of my Uncle Joe's passing. I happened upon his obituary looking to reconnect with my cousins. I am sorry for your loss. I wanted to tell you that your Mother is not well. I would want to know. I love you. Always will.*

Amy Jo Burkhardt Allen - January 24, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. May the wonderful memories you shared bring you strength peace and comfort.*
Bert kathleen & sandra

Bert droter - July 08, 2017 at 09:11 PM



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“ *Ray Cook lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nathan Kesner*



Ray Cook - July 08, 2017 at 11:47 AM

LC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lee Cook - July 08, 2017 at 08:46 AM

BC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Belinda Cook - July 08, 2017 at 08:29 AM