



Alfred Kenneth Hawkes Jr.

November 19, 1949 - May 17, 2023

Alfred Kenneth Hawkes, Jr., born on November 19, 1949, transitioned into Heaven on May 17th. Ken was a life-long Memphian who loved his hometown. He graduated from Central High School, Baylor University, and attended the University of Memphis for post-graduate studies in Health Sciences.

He worked at the Regional Forensic Center for eighteen years which fulfilled his dream of working in the medical field. While there he became friends with Dr. Hugh Berryman who introduced Ken to the conspiracy theory that John Wilkes Booth actually survived the confrontation at Garrett's Barn and lived until 1903 in Enid, OK. Coupled with his love of the Civil War, this became a life-long pursuit. He entertained friends with all his research on this topic.

Ken achieved Eagle Scout and the "Order of the Arrow", a Scout's highest honor. His most cherished honor at Baylor was being a member of the prestigious Chamber of Commerce.

His Christian journey began at First Baptist Church attending all services and activities with his family. He looked forward to yearly church summer camps at Chickasaw, Youth Choir Tours, and playing sports with church friends. He spent his teenage years water skiing at Horseshoe Lake where life-long family friendships were forged with the McCall, Adams, Sandusky, Weir, and Martin families.

Ken was an avid sport's fan. His favorite teams were Baylor Bears basketball and football, University of Memphis basketball, the Dallas Cowboys, and the St. Louis Cardinals and Ole Miss baseball teams. He knew all their stats.

He was a man of integrity who believed a person's word was one to live by. He always encouraged family and friends and was generous beyond his means to friends, Memphis charities, and his church. Ken was a kind and gentle soul.

He is survived by his brother Don Hawkes(Cindy) of Greensboro, NC; sister, Nan Hawkes of Germantown, TN; nieces, Emily Hawkes Rives(Andy) of Summerfield, NC, Beth Hawkes of Los Angeles, CA, Susannah Kirby of Austin, TX; nephews Gill Hawkes(Katie) of Charlotte, NC, and David Kirby of Chapel Hill, NC; and two great nephews, Brit and Levi Rives.

He was predeceased by his parents Martha Spain Hawkes and Dr. A. Kenneth Hawkes and sister, Mary Elizabeth Hawkes Kirby.

A special thanks to life-long friends, Dr. Al Weir and Ms. Jan Jones, who encouraged and supported Ken his entire life, the Therapy Team at Signature Healthcare at Primacy, and Mary Houston, Executive Director at Brookdale Germantown Assisted Living.

A Celebration of Life Service will be at Christ Church, 4488 Poplar Avenue, on Thursday, June 29th at 3pm with visitation beginning at 1:30.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Ken to Christ Church.