



Mr. Kenneth Chase

January 20, 1931 - July 9, 2015

Kenneth Aaron Chase, 84, died Thursday, July 9, surrounded by his loving family, after a long period of declining health. Born in Salina, Kansas, on January 20, 1931, he was the son of the late Aaron Leo Chase and the late Blanche Sherbondy Chase. Ken was preceded in death by his sisters, Harriett Mellenbruch and Betty Chase, and grandson John Chase. Ken, a loving and devoted husband and father, worked hard all his life to provide for his family. At the age of 12, he became a young man, helping take care of his mother and sisters after his father died. Ken was a class leader and accomplished pianist in high school, where he met the love of his life, Louise. After attending Kansas State University, he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a Master Sergeant jet mechanic in Germany during the Korean War, before starting a distinguished career in the insurance industry. In 1968, Ken moved his family to Asheville after being named Western North Carolina district manager for the Mutual of Omaha Companies. He retired in 1988. In his spare time, Ken enjoyed playing golf and gin rummy with his buddies at Asheville Country Club. A fan of jazz music, he sang baritone in his Barbershop Quartet. He also taught youngsters the finer points of baseball as a Little League and Babe Ruth coach, and enjoyed the many Super Bowl trips he was awarded for his success with Mutual of Omaha. Ken was a devout Catholic and active member of his church, as well as a respected civic and business leader. As board president of Aston Park Healthcare Center, he led the effort to construct the Alzheimer's wing at that facility.

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Louise Barnett Chase, and his six children, Edwin (Patty) Chase, Dianne Chase, Barry (Christine) Chase, Randall (Lisa) Chase, Lisa (Greg) Merrill, and Holly Chase. He is also survived by fifteen grandchildren: Heather, Amanda, Melissa, Caitlyn, Connor, Olivia, Andrew, Joseph, Elliott, Thomas, Mills, Peyton, Cynthia, Christopher, and Nathaniel; and four great-grandchildren: Oliver, Rhett, Adelyn, and Samuel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, July 14 at 11 a.m. at St. Eugene Catholic Church on Culvern St. in Asheville. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Eugene Catholic Church
72 Culvern Street
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.steugene.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Kenneth Chase*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *John Goforth*

Dianne, I got home a few hours ago from a long flight and saw your notice on FB about your Dad...

I am sorry to hear about Ken's death...I know I have told you before, but your Dad always made me feel welcomed in his house and I can still see him asking grace at the table and then his eyes squinting hard with some story that just always seemed to be funny as he laughed...

I hope your Mom and the rest of the family will find more peace after this sorrow and I hope that you will too...

Dianne Chase - July 19, 2015 at 10:56 AM



“ *Diane Mitchel I have such a fond memory of your father. While eating pork chops and peas with your family and cutting the meat, my knife hit the peas. Well, the green balls went a flyin'! In my household, the mishap would have been met with much chagrin. But not to your Dad--- he just laughed it off and made it seem like it was an everyday occurrence! RIP, Mr. Chase.*

Dianne Chase - July 19, 2015 at 10:54 AM

DB

“ Dear Louise,

Linda and I are sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. We remember fondly many wonderful evening together with you and Ken playing bridge.

Sincerely,

Dan and Linda Brown

Dan Brown - July 15, 2015 at 08:20 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Chase.



July 13, 2015 at 12:25 PM

EM

“ Ed And Barbara Martinez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Chase



Ed and Barbara Martinez - July 13, 2015 at 10:07 AM

JC

“ *Jeff Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Chase*



Jeff Campbell - July 13, 2015 at 12:51 AM



“ *Dianne Chase lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Chase*



Dianne Chase - July 13, 2015 at 12:31 AM

KC

“ *Rest in peace! I am so happy and proud to have known you and blessed to know this family! I call you all family! Your daughter Lisa is one of my Best Friends! You are a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather and friend to many! You've touched so many in your life! Rest easy! I know you are celebrating a beautiful new life with our Lord! Until we can all be together again! You are missed!! Love always Kandis!*

kandis creson - July 11, 2015 at 08:55 PM

LC

“ *Lisa And Caitlyn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Chase*



Lisa and Caitlyn - July 11, 2015 at 06:01 PM

FR

“ Please be encouraged by this scripture from the bible. “Throw your burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain you. Never will he allow the righteous one to fall.”

Psalm 55:22

freddie - July 11, 2015 at 08:06 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Chase.



July 11, 2015 at 08:05 AM

FR

“ Please be encouraged with this scripture from the Bible. “He will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.”

Isaiah 25:8

freddie - July 10, 2015 at 08:17 AM