



## Kenneth Raymond Wienke

June 7, 1931 - October 29, 2017

Kenneth Raymond Wienke, 86, of Asheville, passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at his home. Ken was born to the late Bernice and Raymond Wienke on June 7, 1931. He and his five siblings, all of whom have preceded him in death, grew up on a dairy farm. Ken then spent 14 years in the United States Air Force, serving in Iceland, France and Washington, D.C.

Ken served as a systems analyst at Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C. Upon retirement he founded CJ Software. He and his wife, Claudia, moved to Asheville in 1992.

In addition to enjoying golf and tennis, Ken was an avid bridge player. He was the director of a duplicate game in Washington, D.C., Bridge East. It was here that he met Claudia Litkenhous, who was his wife for 49 years. Ken was a great dad of two sons, Gregory D. Wienke and Matthew O. Wienke. Matthew died November of 1989 in a car accident in Louisiana. Ken was also a super granddad to granddaughter, Jacquelyne R. Wienke.

Ken was an avid train buff. In Asheville, he enjoyed creating a large train layout in HO gauge, which wandered through a miniature small mountain town highly reminiscent of Asheville. His passion for trains was contagious, and many family members shared this hobby.

Those who were fortunate enough to know Ken will remember him as kind, generous and caring. He was also a great deal of fun and could grill some terrific spareribs.

The family suggests you take a train trip, and somewhere along the way, you toast Ken with your favorite wine.

At the request of Ken no service will be held.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Raymond Wienke*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Ken was a gentlemen, kind, very smart and had a great heart. He was unique on his field and I believe, on his life. I was never good making or keeping friends; however I had the honor of having his attention and friendship during my blue days at the IDB. I learned from him and shared his quiet and brilliant character. Ken will always be in my heart. I feel sorry for this sad event, for the people he left behind, his dreams, his hopes. I wanted to speak to him again and let him know how grateful I was of his disinterested support and remember the days and moments shared ; but I missed my chance. I guess now it might be when my time. See you then my friend.*



**Freddy G. Quijada** - November 18, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *I worked with Ken at the IDB. As a young consultant, Ken always took the time to explain the intricacies of the Honeywell mainframe. He was a brilliant man and a true gentleman. He will be missed by all.*

**Charles Gage** - November 16, 2017 at 08:51 PM

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“ *Amazing person. I can honestly say he was my mentor at the IDB. When he left the Bank nothing was the same anymore. All creativity vanished. Missed him then, miss him since.*

*Carlos*

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**Carlos R. Suarez** - November 16, 2017 at 07:41 PM

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“ *Aunt Claudia and Gregory,*

*I am sad to hear of "Uncle Kenny's" passing, and pray you find peace and comfort in God and His Word, as well as in your memories. Although time and geography have separated us, we are family. May you find grace to heal and to honor Ken with your lives.*

*Faith (Gabbey) Jackson*

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**Faith Jackson** - November 02, 2017 at 09:20 AM