



Ken Hess

OBITUARY

Kenneth "Ken" Allen Hess, 80, of Auburn and Redding, CA, passed away February 21, 2023, at home, surrounded by his family, after a long illness. Ken was born in Los Angeles California, to Charles and Alice's Hess on June 4, 1942.

In the 1950's Ken moved with his family to Citrus Heights, California and attended San Juan High School. While in high school, Ken met the love of his life, Sue Carol Frailey. They married on June 16, 1962 after Ken graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy and Sue had finished school to become a nurse. The couple purchased their 1st home in Sacramento Ca. in 1962 and

welcomed their oldest daughter, Joni in 1965. Shortly after, Ken was assigned to the Los Angeles, Ca. Highway Patrol office, and the family moved to Southgate, California. While living in Southgate, Ken was a member of the Southern California Automobile Association and rebuilt Model A & Model T cars with his Uncle Ray Stout. In 1967, Ken and Sue welcomed their 2nd daughter, Kristie and later in 1969, their 3rd daughter, Marjorie was born.

In 1971, Ken was reassigned to the CHP office in Mojave, Ca and the family moved to Tehachapi Ca. Ken had many exciting/scary stories from his CHP days, but the nothing could top the story of when Ken delivered a breech baby girl in the back seat of the family's car and had to administer mouth to mouth resuscitation. Ken was recognized by Ronald Regan, who was then the Governor of California, for saving the child's life.

In 1977, Ken retired from the CHP and the family moved to Redding, Ca. Ken then opened Bryants Garage.

Ken was a man of many talents. During his life, he was a CHP officer, mechanic, contractor and business owner. Ken was also very involved in the community as a Lion, Elk and Moose.

If you asked Ken what was most important to him, he would always say "his girls" and family.

Ken and Sue made many friends over the years and many of them became part of "his" family and are still considered family to this day. Traveling was also important to Ken and Sue. Not only did they see a lot of the world, they made more friends along the way. Cabo San Jose was one of Ken's most favorite places and always tried to go twice a year, not just for the beach, but for the close friends he had there.

Ken considered Redding to be his home as he loved camping, fishing, hunting and living on 10 acres.

Ken was a devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather who had nicknames for several people in his life. His children were affectionately known as JB, KB and "Big Al". He

always looked forward to visits with his grandkids & great grandkids and installed a love for life in each of them. He lived life with humor and a twinkle in his eye.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Sue; children, Joni (Danny) O'Neal of Tualatin OR, Kristie (Craig) Wubben of Auburn, Ca, Marjorie Merrill of Reno NV; grandchildren: Michael(Malissa)Lauritzen, Andrew (Megan)Lauritzen, Kerri (Drew) Yarbrough, Allyson Wubben and Jake Merrill; great Grandchildren: Wade and Wesley Yarbrough; 3 siblings; Jean(Dave) Anderson, Sharon (David) Jenkins, Cheryl (Tom) VanDyke.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a celebration of life, which will be held at the Moose Lodge in Auburn, Ca. From 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the life of Ken Hess

HOSTED BY THE FAMILY OF KEN HESS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
1:00PM – 5:00PM PDT

MOOSE LODGE
250 SACRAMENTO STREET
AUBURN, CA 95603

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