



William Kenneth 'Ken' Fikes

April 15, 1931 - August 2, 2013

William Kenneth "Ken" Fikes, 82, died Friday, August 02, 2013, in Athens, Alabama, after an extended illness. He was born April 15, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. John Fikes of Brent, Alabama. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judy Harlow Fikes of Athens; daughter, Julie Fikes Albrecht (Peter) of Mobile, Alabama; and son, John Harlow Fikes (Susan Olivier) of Athens; granddaughters, Anna Leigh Fikes and Katherine Leigh Albrecht; grandsons, Louis Harlow Albrecht, Carter O'Meara Albrecht, and Andrew Scott Fikes; sister Billie Ruth Clayton of Davidson, North Carolina; brother-in-law John Harlow, Jr. (Grethel) of Athens and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Eugene Harper Fikes; and Mr. and Mrs. John Harlow, Sr. Ken served in the United States Air Force in 1953-1954 in Japan. He earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Alabama in 1958. He enjoyed a 36-year career at Redstone Arsenal and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center where he worked in the Astrionics Laboratory and later served as Director of Preliminary Design. Ken was a member of Athens First United Methodist Church and the Harris Sunday School Class, former member of the Church Council and a Disciple Bible Study facilitator. He was a member of Athens/Limestone Hospital Foundation Board, and served as a volunteer for CASA and for Habitat for Humanity. Visitation will be held at Athens First United Methodist Church sanctuary Sunday, August 4, at 3:00 p.m. with the service following at 4:00 p.m. The Reverends James Bassham, and George Allen Stewart will officiate.

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. The Fikes Family would like to thank the kind, dedicated caregivers of Limestone Health Facility. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to CASA, Habitat for Humanity, or the First United Methodist Church of Athens. Please sign our online guestbook.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ We wish your family peace and send much love. Mr. Fikes gave us a shining example of a Gentleman who cared for others and was always there. I know his care and concern as a neighbor was deeply valued and appreciated by the entire Smallwood family. He will be missed.

John and Melissa Jordan - August 11, 2013 at 06:38 PM

WC

“ Judy, Ken and I had several classes together and studied together a lot. We worked hard but had a lot of fun. I was saddened upon hearing of his passing. (You worked with us a while at the HIC building, remember?)
Bill Cobb

William E. (Bill) Cobb - August 07, 2013 at 11:26 AM

SH

“ Judy - I am so sorry to read about the death of your husband. You and your family are in my prayers.

Susan Horton - August 06, 2013 at 07:51 PM

RF

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers are with you and the family and may GOD bless the days ahead. I know what your are going thru, I just buried my dad yesterday.

Rodney Smith Family - August 05, 2013 at 09:02 AM

GJ

“ Judy, Julie and Harlow,
I am so sorry about Ken. The service was beautiful today and such an inspirational memorial to Ken. We are thinking of you and you are in our prayers. I am sorry that I did not get to speak to you today, the church was overflowing with love for your family and Ken.
Genne J.

Genne Johnston - August 04, 2013 at 11:37 PM

WM

“ Sorry to hear about Ken. You are in our prayers

Waymon and Linda Muse - August 04, 2013 at 05:27 PM

MJ

“ Thinking of your family with love.

Mildred S. Johnston - August 04, 2013 at 02:16 PM

SD

“ We are so sadden to hear of the passing of your love one an a dear friend of our. God bless you all an guide you though these hard times. We love you all, if you need me just call me.

SANDRA AND FREDDIE DEMPSEY - August 04, 2013 at 09:30 AM

GS

“ Ms. Fikes, Julie and Harlow - Mr. Fikes was such a kind and generous man and I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Gary Smallwood - August 04, 2013 at 09:21 AM

AB

“ Harlow, we just wanted you to know we are praying for peace, comfort, and strength for your whole family during this difficult time.

Archie and Vickie Barnett - August 03, 2013 at 04:34 PM

CJ

“ Harlow,

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family in the death of your father. You will all be in our prayers.

Carter Justice - August 03, 2013 at 04:20 PM