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Carl Everette Kimberlin passed away peacefully on Friday, March 13, 2015 at the Baptist Reynolds Hospice House in Collierville, TN. He was the oldest of three children born to Fred Kimberlin and Bertha Ione King on Friday, January 13, 1933 in Memphis, TN. Carl was a member of the Tech High School graduating class of 1951 and after graduation served for two years in the US Army during the Korean War. Upon graduation, he also married his high school sweet-heart, Bennie Frost. Carl and Bennie had two children, Carla and Sharon and were married for 25 years before her passing in 1978. Carl married Ann Roubion Santi in January 1983. Carl and Ann had one son, Patrick. After serving in the Army, Carl had a very successful sales career starting with Lipton Tea Company. From there he served as Regional Sale Director of Missouri Portland Cement Company until his retirement in the mid-eighties. Carl was an innovator with an entrepreneurial spirit. He started and built several successful companies. In 1983 Carl traveled to Russia and brought Belarus tractors back to the US and established Collierville Tractor Company which he eventually sold. He also started Bulk Transport Trucking Company, selling it in 1986 and in the late 80's, he purchased Diversified Pallet Company, turning it into the largest pallet company in the Southeast, which he also sold in the late 1990s. At this point, he "retired" again to his piece of heaven in Desoto County, which he and Ann named Kimberlin Farms. The farm has served as a haven for animals and people alike, as well as the Nashoba Carriage Association, where Carl was a celebrated and active member. Carl had a love for all creatures and his home has been a shelter for many wayward animals- from pigs to miniature ponies. He loved to BBQ and throw parties for family and friends, hosting the annual Tech High fish fry and Christmas party for many years. Carl loved the outdoors, farming, fishing, collecting vintage cars, his family and his dogs. He was known for his striking blue eyes, thick head of hair, and warm heart. A believer in second chances, Carl generously donated his time



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and his resources to those who needed help. He took joy in simple pleasures and communion with others. Carl was preceded in death by his wife, Bennie Frost, his father; Fred Kimberlin and mother; Bertha Ione King, his brother; Malcolm Kimberlin, his sister; Jennette Kimberlin O'Heron, nephew; Mike Grisham, and niece: Vicki O'Heron Miller. He is survived by his wife of 32 years; Ann Kimberlin, son: Patrick Kimberlin, (Hermosa Beach, CA), daughters: Carla Kimberlin Dunn (Byhalia, MS), and Sharon Kimberlin Fleming (Durant) (Memphis), a step-son; Marcus Santi (Dallas, Texas), grandchildren: Tara Davis, Lauren Dunn, Caroline Fleming, Carson Fleming and Jacob Fleming, one great-granddaughter: Juliette Davis, and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law and life-long friends: Jo and John Earl Grisham. Carl is also survived by ten loving dogs and many other loving family and friends. He will be missed by many. Visitation will be on Tuesday, March 17th at 11 a.m. with funeral services following at 12 p.m. at Mineral Wells Methodist Church, 5400 Center Hill Road, Olive Branch, MS 38654. The family has requested in lieu of flowers please send donations in honor of Carl to the Tunica Humane Society where you can donate online at <http://www.tunicahumanesociety.com/donate-contact-us.html> or call: 662-519-1700 or mail monetary donations to: Tunica Humane Society, P.O. Box 236, Tunica, MS 38575.



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Ismael Quiles posted:

I'm a stranger to you all but, I did conduct one business transaction with Mr Kimberlin, which made a huge impression on me. In 2007 I purchased a 1956 Bel Air from him. I was picked up at the airport by this older gentleman in a small pick up truck. We struck up a conversation, I being a northerner(NY) was pleased at the southern hospitality this kind man showed me. I was amazed at his beautiful home, his car collection, lovely wife and at this time his seven dogs!! I love dogs! I found him to be a gentleman and a humble person. We made our transaction and he provided me with a spare tire a written letter to operate this vehicle to my destination under his insurance. I recall him saying "I guarantee this car will get you to Florida" which was my next destination. Where I have stored and maintained it, despite living in NY. in order to preserve it. It's still in my possession and I have saved all the paperwork Mr Kimberlin gave me. Car enthusiasts are a special breed and after reading his obituary, this man was an extraordinary individual. The good Lord does allow us to experience miracles, even if it's just a kind gesture. Many blessings to you all and may Mr Kimberlin rest in eternal peace

February 15 at 9:10 AM



Jenny posted:

Ann, I am thinking of you in your time of loss. I was visiting my family in East Tennessee on Tuesday. Sending up prayers for peace , Jenny Haste

March 20 at 3:22 AM



Kathy Kimberlin posted:

Your family in California are with all of you in spirit on this sad day. We have sent flowers as a visual reminder that we are remembering Carl. We have also made a group donation to the Tunica Humane Society in Carl's name. Some of our fondest memories are when Carl joined us at Bass Lake in California, surrounded by lots of children, great food and laughter out on the patio boat!

March 16 at 9:44 AM



Kathy Kimberlin posted:

Kathy Kimberlin purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Carl Everette Kimberlin.

March 16 at 9:25 AM



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Eddie And Trish Davis posted:

Wishing you strength and peace today, and in the days ahead. Our deepest sympathy to the Kimberlin family. Eddie and Trish Davis

March 14 at 4:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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