



## Kenneth Harkins Jr.

June 18, 1927 - December 2, 2018

Kenneth was born, according to the birth certificate, on June 17, 1927 in Roscoe, TX. The actual date was June 18, but was never corrected. In his very early years, he lived in a caboose at the railroad yard with his mother, Willie Bell May Harkins, and his father, Kenneth Lemuel Harkins, Sr. He lived most of his school years in Hearne, TX, where his father owned a gas station. He entered the United States Marine Corps on June 15, 1945 and served until Honorably Discharged on August 30, 1946. While in the U.S. Marine Corps, he earned a Good Conduct Medal and a Rifle Expert status. This is no surprise to those who knew him. He had been shooting since he could hold a rifle.

He attended Southern Methodist University for some time and eventually graduated from the University of Houston with a BA in Geology in 1951. He worked for Standard of Ohio at that time, then lived and worked in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, back to Calgary, back to West Texas, King Ranch, East Texas, and eventually landing in Sharpstown before his final home in Spring, TX. He started working for Humble Oil (Exxon) in 1966. He became an independent consulting geologist until 1987. As a geologist, he was one of the early pioneers in abnormal pressure analysis.

Although originally intending to become a doctor, the outdoors and geology lured him away from pre-med studies. However, he continued his interest in medicine and health-related activities including nutritional supplements, weight lifting, swimming, football, baseball, and skiing.

His kindness to all, human and creature alike was often evident. As a geologist working in the field, he had many adventures with oil rigs, rocks, snakes, hunting, fishing, skiing, curling, and everything outdoors. When hunting, it was for food, not for sport alone. One moose in Canada fed a tribe of Native Canadian Indians, and Ken came away with the antlers. He loved dogs and horses. Stray cats, however, were sent to the Cat Barn. He worked on many social projects including helping to establish a Boy Scout troop in the Sharpstown area through Exxon. He was interested in many subjects and collected many types of gadgets and pretty things such as the tea cups he brought back from college recruiting trips for Exxon.

The Addison family and staff extend our heartfelt condolences to the Harkins family in

their time of loss.



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