



Kenneth Thornton Kistner

October 19, 1937 - November 19, 2015

Ken Kistner, loving husband, proud father and grand father, talented jazz musician, dedicated teacher, mentor and inspirational friend passed away quietly, as was his way, on Nov. 19th, 2015 at the age of 78.

He is survived by Barbara, his remarkable wife, friend and loyal co-pilot of 56 years. Three devoted children, Janet , Susie, Rob and sons in-law Dave and Pat who will forever believe that each was his favorite. Four amazing grandchildren Ryan, Alex, Kelsey, and Aidan, who will always believe in themselves thanks to grandpa.

Preceded in death by his dad, Thornton, a renaissance man before the phrase was invented, and his mother Lucille "Peg" Kistner, a who lit the fire in his eyes and taught us all how to laugh at ourselves.

After 10 years of traveling, Ken and Barb settled in at the warm and friendly Rainbow Plantation which became home. We will gather at Rainbow Plantation's Clubhouse near Gulf Shores Alabama to celebrate his life. All are welcome on Saturday, November 21st, at 4:00 pm at 14301 County Road 28, Summerdale, AL

After the holidays a night of music and memories will follow in Chicago.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to buy musical instruments for kids who can't afford them at The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation <http://www.mhop.us.org>.

Memorial Service will be held at the Rainbow Plantation ClubHouse on
Saturday Nov.21,2015 at 4PM
Arrangements by Cason Funeral Service, Foley, Alabama

Previous Events

Service

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Thorton Kistner.*



November 20, 2015 at 10:44 PM



“ *Your Houston Weichert Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kenneth Thorton Kistner.*



Your Houston Weichert Family - November 20, 2015 at 02:18 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth Thorton Kistner.*



November 20, 2015 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Thorton Kistner.*



November 20, 2015 at 11:18 AM