



## Kenneth Milne

August 9, 1933 - March 31, 2018

Kenneth Milne, 84, of Visalia California, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 31st, 2018 at Kaweah-Delta Hospital after a prolonged struggle with heart, lung, and kidney disease.

Kenneth was born on August 9th, 1933, the third son of Thomas and Barbara (Beattie) Milne, in Flint, Michigan. As a youth he ran cross-country, was an avid downhill skier, camp counselor, and fan of Scottish cultural events, music, and history. He graduated from Flint Northern high school in 1952. He proudly served as a tank commander in the United States Army until 1955. He loved history and business. He earned his A.A. in Flint. He was an accomplished independent businessman, salesman, and sales executive. Kenneth moved to central California in 1965 to pursue a successful career in sales management at the Lindsay branch of Champion Homes. In 1967 he met Donna DePaoli and married her in August 1968. In 1972 Kenneth branched out to found Visalia's Mobile World, and after selling that successful business in 1978, opened Golden Key Mobile Homes in Goshen which he ran successfully until 1985. In 1985 the family relocated to Gainesville, Florida. He worked as executive manager of regional and international sales at Clayton Homes. He loved Florida beaches near St. Augustine and enjoyed vacationing there on long weekends, and with his brother Tom's family in south Florida. He and Donna moved back to the San Joaquin Valley in 1995.

Kenneth treasured time spent with family, friends, and his beloved dogs. He loved long Sunday drives, swimming, horseback riding, BBQs, British convertibles, good scotch, fine red wine, a great steak, and most of all, time spent with his dogs including two boxers and three generations of Scottish terriers over five decades. He valued international travel and loved the trips he took to the Caribbean and Israel.

He was a wise, devoted, and loving father, husband, and grandfather, a great provider, and lover of political debate.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his mother Barbara, father Thomas, brother Tom (Mary), and brother George.

Kenneth is survived by Donna, his wife of over 49 years; son Kenneth, 48, of Seattle; step-daughter Analise (Bill), 61, of Paso Robles; grandson Rodney (Amy) of Clovis; two great-granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews living in California, Michigan,

Massachusetts, and Florida.

Graveside services will be private. Tributes and remembrances may be made to the Valley Oak SPCA in Visalia or your favorite charity. Memorial Tributes can be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).