



Kennedy Holmes Hawkins

June 20, 1938 - June 24, 2015

Mr. Kennedy Holmes Hawkins passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2015, in Tyler.

He was born June 20, 1938 in Longview to Grady Glover and Nancy Lone Hamilton Hawkins.

Ken was raised at St. Paul Methodist Church in Tyler and attended Tyler schools, Bonner, Hogg, Tyler High School, and TJC. He graduated from UT Austin as a mechanical engineer and worked for Texas Nuclear in Austin. Ken had an adventurous life. He homesteaded in Alaska; he was the owner and chef of a restaurant in Port Douglas, Australia; he was on the ski patrol and owner and chef of The Elk Horn Inn in Mt. Hood, Oregon; as well as Pepper's restaurant on Lake Palestine. During his later years, he resided in Arkansas where he built and ran a bed and breakfast near the Buffalo River. Ken was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving family including children Janette Davis of Austin and her sons Cody, Shane and Dylan; and Debby Hall and husband Steve of Carlsbad, New Mexico; sister Dolores Sanders of Tyler; nieces Lisa Odom of Tyler and Amy Garrison and husband Greg of Waco; nephew Kelly Sanders and wife Cheryl of Tyler; and many dear Hawkins cousins.

The family wishes to express their love and gratitude to Jo and Gary Dobbs for their loving care during Ken's illness over the last several months.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler,

Texas 75701.

Arrangements are with Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ January 9, 2016 Santa Barbara, Costa Rica

Just learned of Ken's passing. First met Ken on a freighter going from Los Angeles to Australia. He and I became friends, and we lived and worked together in Australia. We worked in Sydney, and at the Thredbo Ski Resort in the Snowy Mountains. Traveled to gather in the outback. Visited Ken and Lucia in Port Douglas, Tyler, and Compton. Always enjoyed his company, and we would talk about our adventures in Fiji, Samoa, Australia. Shall miss calling and talking with him about his fishing and hunting. Never saw Ken angry, and he always was in a good mood enjoying the moment. Sure going to miss him, and may he rest in peace.

*George W. Sellers
Fritch, Texas
Santa Barbara, Costa Rica*

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