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March 03, 1945 - July 13, 2018

Kenneth Boyd Holmstead, 73, our dear father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend slipped from this earthly existence on July 13, 2018 in St. George, Utah after complications from a stroke. He was born on March 3, 1945 to Boyd Edwin Holmstead and Norval Evans Peterson Holmstead in Lehi, Utah. He was the middle child with sisters all around.

Ken grew up in Lehi where he graduated from Lehi High School as valedictorian, participating in many sports along the way. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Economics. **After graduation, he was employed at Thiokol and then moved on to work at IBM. During his employment with IBM he moved his family many times before returning to settle in Pleasant Grove, Utah where he retired from IBM and began a second career in real estate and as an automobile dealer.**

He married Ilean Penrod whom he later divorced. Ken married Karen Kennedy whom he also later divorced.

Ken is survived by his siblings, Elaine (Paul) Crandall, Marilyn (Jim-deceased) Green, Tana (Jeff) Kunz, Sheena (John) Harr. Ken is also survived by his five children and their spouses: Sharell (Brad) Miller of Lehi, Greg Holmstead of Hurricane, Kendra (Lowell) Sorenson of Lehi, Cobe (Jaymie) Holmstead of St George and Cody (Kelli) Holmstead of St George. He is also survived by his 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He was welcomed home by his parents, Boyd and Norval Holmstead, brother Dean Bruce, sister Janet Peterson and his son Kenneth Wade who all preceded him in death.

Ken was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served in many capacities including Gospel Doctrine Teacher, Stake Dance Director, Stake Missionary, and Young Men's President. He loved shearing sheep with his dad, spending time with his kids, parents and siblings. He had many hobbies including flying (part-owner on an airplane with a friend), skiing, boating, dancing, traveling and especially river rafting. His wish was to be sent down the river in a pine box for one last run - hopefully there are rivers in heaven.

The family wishes to express appreciation to the doctors and nurses who cared for Dad during his stays at Dixie Medical Center and to the many caregivers who so graciously met and tended to his needs for so many years.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 20, 2018 at 11:00 am in the Lehi East Stake Center, 851 North 1200 East. A viewing will be held Thursday evening from 6-8:00 pm at Wing Mortuary, 118 East Main, Lehi, Utah and one hour prior to the service on Friday morning at the church. Interment, Lehi City Cemetery.