

## WALTER EWALD KIEKE



KIEKE, Walter Ewald

6/14/20 - 2/28/14

Born in a board & batten farm house at the foot of Pilot Knob and near the banks of Onion Creek in southern Travis County, Mr. Kieke packed his tool belt for one final journey to meet his maker.

With an 8th grade education, Kieke carved a beautiful legacy in Austin with his now-deceased wife, Viola Jo (Yocum), and a good-sized family. After a brief stint in the Navy, Kieke Air Repair became the focus of his creativity and self-taught skills, with many downtown businesses, churches, banks, and UT fraternity and sorority houses depending on him to keep them cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Walter Kieke was the son of farmer Ewald Carl Kieke and Emma Helene (Eilers) Kieke. Surviving family includes brother Anton, children and spouses/partners Karen & Bobby Yount, Ken & Joy Kieke, Nola & Mike Davis, Norman Kieke & Jimmy Rocha, six brilliant grand children and seven awesome great grand children.

A few of Kieke's favorite things were: family, practicing his faith at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, meat & potatoes, ice cream, riding a bicycle sitting backwards on the handle bars, camping, hunting and fishing on Onion Creek, watching the entire neighborhood use the Woodmont front yard for a sports field, seeing his four children graduate from high school and go on to college, train rides around the United States on the Boonesborough railcar, endless slide shows, and playing the saxophone. Because of his honesty, integrity, and unparalleled work ethic, he was admired by all those who knew him.

Walter Kieke will be laid to rest in a private family remembrance.

*I have passed a mountain peak and my soul is soaring in the firmament of complete and unbound freedom.* Kahlil Gibran

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