



Ken Kittinger

February 19, 1925 - January 9, 2016

KITTINGER, Ken, passed on January 9, 2016 at the Tennessee State Veteran's Home in Murfreesboro. Born February 19, 1925, Mr. Kittinger led an extraordinary life; honing an expertise of selling anything and everything while still a teenager, then on to several years of military heroism in World War II, followed by decades of entrepreneurial adventures - all the while cultivating and maintaining more lifelong personal friendships than the "average joe."

Ken was most well known for his framing and awards in the country music industry in the Music City for decades. He knew just about everyone on Music Row and they knew him. He was a character with more jokes and stories than he had time to tell or they had time to listen to at any single visit. His guest rooms at his home were always filled with Nashville's tourists and visitors he would meet whom he played the penultimate tour guide for.

He was most proud of his World War II Navy service, and with good reason. In addition to his many medals and achievements, he was recently featured in the national news when the French Consulate awarded him, along with four other World War II veterans the French Legion of Merit medal (the equivalent of the U.S. Medal of Honor), for his participation in the D-Day Liberation of France.

Ken will be laid to rest in the beautiful new Georgia National Cemetery with full honors in Canton, GA where his son and daughter-in-law will be buried. His son is a combat veteran from the Vietnam war.

Ken is survived by two sons, Ronald Eugene Kittinger of Orlando, FL; David L. Straub of Atlanta; Two daughters, Kenna Lucille Kittinger of Atlanta, Margaret Ann Smith of Louisville, KY; a host of grandchildren, including Kenneth Tyler Kittinger of Atlanta, David Jason Straub, Darrin Jacob Straub, Diva Jeanette Straub, Dana Jessica Straub of Atlanta, Tony Kittinger of Nashville, and ten great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kittinger will be open to visitation at the Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home at 2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216 (615) 262-3312, Monday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and

Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a brief service at 7 o'clock p.m.

He will be interred at the Georgia National Cemetery the following afternoon, on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Please call Phillips-Robinson for address and time.