



Dr. Kenneth Ted Wallenius

July 20, 1932 - January 4, 2022

Kenneth Ted Wallenius, 89, died in his Seneca, SC home January 04, 2022 surrounded by his family. He was born July 20, 1932 in Glendale, CA to William Arthur and Hilda Belle (Horstman) Wallenius.

Ted graduated from Hoover High School, Glendale, CA, Class of 1950, after which he secured a prestigious NROTC Scholarship and earned BS, Cum Laude (1954) and MS (1955) degrees in Mathematics from the University of Southern California, and a PhD in Statistics from Stanford University (1964). Ted taught at Yale University before settling at Clemson University in 1968, with multiple visiting professorships at the University of Copenhagen, Naval Postgraduate School, Stanford, Office of Naval Research, National Institute of Science and Technology, and University of Athens, Greece. Ted loved teaching by relating subjects he loved to the students he taught, and achieved multiple scholarly distinctions, including the Anna H. Searles Award for highest academic achievement at USC, election to the American Statistical Association National Council and first recipient of the Sigma Xi Award as “Clemson University Outstanding Researcher.”

Ted served as a Naval Officer active duty 1955-1960, reserve duty 1960-1992, and retired as Captain in the USNR in 1992.

Ted married his high school sweetheart Marcia Rae Haring June 12, 1955 in

Glendale, CA after a four year engagement, and together pursued a life of adventure raising three children Susan, Todd and Sara. Never idle, Ted pole vaulted, body surfed, scuba & skin dived, sailed, golfed, played tennis, became Handball Champion at Clemson University, gardened year round, played guitar & sang, conducted symphonies from the kitchen table, hiked, and enjoyed wine making, lapidary, wood turning, swimming and jet skiing with his ten grandchildren, putting on fantastic fireworks displays, and leading excursions for the Pendleton District Gem & Mineral Society. When he wasn't traveling or initiating trailblazing fun with his family, our statistician turned artist exemplified the Golden Rule by quietly lifting up others in need, investing in a broad diversity of friendships, taking stands for what he believed was right, and donating bowls hand turned from pieces of wood with meaning to those requesting his art. Ted was on an even playing field with everyone he met and instilled in those he loved and taught a strong foundation of integrity, adventure, fairness, generosity, responsibility and endless curiosity.

In addition to his parents, Ted was predeceased by his brother Richard Lee "Dick" Wallenius. Surviving in addition to his wife Marcia are his daughter Susan Rae Pollard and her husband Phil and children Gabe, Noelle and Bella Thompson; son Steven Todd Wallenius and his husband Scott Parker and children Ethan & Alec Wallenius-Caldwell and Ben & Jessica Parker; daughter Sara Lynn Mertz and her husband John and children Annelise Simes and Katherine & Emma Mertz; and beloved furry companion Abby.

A celebration of life will be held at some time in the future prior to interment at Woodland Cemetery on the campus of Clemson University. Those who wish to remember Ted in a special way may make gifts in his memory to Our Daily Rest, the Sierra Club or the Clayton and Claire Aucoin Endowment Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Kenneth Ted Wallenius*

October 23, 2023 at 05:07 AM



“ *Ted and his family were always fun people we met up with at Fort Walton Beach during the few summers we shared, while staying at the Brady beach house. Ted was creative with his guitar and the songs he invented on the spur of the moment, especially with the young ones. He had a flair for adventure, not wanting to stay static for very long. I included a couple pics from the Aug 1976 timeframe. He will be missed by many....but, I suspect, will keep the folks above busy while he rides a shooting star. Bob Skelding .*

Robert Skelding - September 20, 2022 at 09:44 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Robert Skelding - September 20, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *Marcia, I am so sorry to hear of Ted's passing. I so enjoyed talking with him when he would call the office. I'll miss chatting with him. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts. Amanda with OLLI at Clemson*

Amanda Turner - January 11, 2022 at 05:23 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this, Marcia, Todd, Susan and Sara. Your family was always so much fun, and I know you will miss him terribly. Marcia I will always remember your kindness to me.
Carol Andrews Egolf

Carol andrews egolf - January 07, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Best Dad a son could hope for!*

Todd Wallenius - January 06, 2022 at 05:59 PM