

Kenneth & Mary Jule

At the University of Houston in 1946, upon returning from four years of service in the U.S. Navy, Kenneth met a belle from Arkansas, Mary Jule, his wife to be. They began their life journey over a game of bridge and went on to create a formidable partnership – in cards and marriage – that spanned six decades.

Mary Jule was a leading contract bridge player in the United States from the 1950's to the 1970's, while being every bit committed to her home and children. She was a product of her time, choosing to support her husband and family rather than work outside the home. She put her creative energy into homemaking and excelled. She began sewing her own clothes when she was a pre-teen, so by the time she married Kenneth she was an expert seamstress. She made all the family clothing. Her crowning achievement was the formal wedding dress she made for an adopted family member.

Kenneth never let his successful career as a computer scientist interfere with his passion for international travel – and his love of wine and food. When the children reached their teen years, Kenneth and Mary Jule began traveling together. Mary Jule mastered cuisine from each country they visited. Kenneth's goal of visiting all seven continents was realized in 2008 when he celebrated New Year's Day with Mary Jule and their three daughters in Antarctica.



Kenneth & Mary Jule – Both coping with Alzheimer's Disease

“Sixty-seven years of shared memories are now being erased. Alzheimer's disease is robbing my mother and father of their past, present, and future.”

“Even through your fog of dementia, you know Daddy is getting closer to the end. You stopped eating and lost ten pounds because you do not want to live without him. I promise that I will honor your request and not force you to eat when you choose not to, although my maternal instinct is to protect you.”

Kristin, Your Caring Daughter