



Earl Keith Brown

July 4, 1933 - July 4, 2017

Services for Earl Keith Brown (CPO, U. S. Navy, Retired), age 84, of Tyler, Texas are scheduled for 10:30 A.M. Saturday, July 8, 2017 in the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Scott Brown and Rev. Gary Brown officiating. The family will receive friends following the funeral service on Saturday. Keith was born on July 4, 1933 in the Red Springs Community, Texas to the late Shelton Charles and Lillie (Keith) Brown. He enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 19 and served his country for 20 years aboard various submarines. During his military service, he was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for service on the U.S.S. Thomas A. Edison nuclear submarine. Keith ended his military career serving as a naval recruiter in Palestine, Texas. He loved his time in the Navy and delighted telling stories of his service to his country, even in his last days. Knowing how true his patriotic heart would always be, God chose him to be born on July 4th and called him home on July 4th to receive his ultimate reward. Keith was a member of the Palestine Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Sharon Shrine Temple of Tyler. Keith and Sue blended their families in 1987.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sue Brown of Tyler, Texas; sons & daughters-in-law, Earl, Jr. & Jan Brown of Canton, Texas, Kendall Brown of San Antonio, Texas and David & Leslie McElhannon of Augusta, Georgia; daughter & son-in-law, Sandy & Hank Barfield of Burleson, Texas; sister, Barbara Cato of Plano, Texas; brother & sister-in-law, Donald & Neva Brown of Lufkin, Texas; father-in-law, Woodrow Rice of Benton, Arkansas; brothers-

in-law, Paul Rice of Little Rock, Arkansas, Mark Rice and wife, Barbara of Benton, Arkansas and Learl Rice and wife Sandra of Tulsa, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Justin Marks, Catherine "Mundi" Brown, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Rebeccah Garner and Matthew Brown; 7 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The Family request in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice of East Texas Homeplace, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701. Keith's remains will be buried at sea, per his request.

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Keith Brown*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Earl Keith Brown*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Uncle Keith was my biggest support and the driving force behind my military career, growing up I can remember spending many summers with him and Aunt Linda-Sue. Uncle Keith would take my sister, Kelly, and I to the video store and he would rent days worth of old WW2 footage, we would sit and watch those old grainy black and white videos for hours as he would talk about his time in the Navy. Uncle Keith was truly a man bigger than himself, as a child I always thought of him to be the coolest person I had ever known, with his exotic boots and cool sunglasses. There was truly never a dull moment around the Brown home. When I grew into my adulthood Uncle Keith was my biggest supporter and mentor when I joined the service. I remember reporting to Fort Hood Thanksgiving weekend in 1998 and stopping by Uncle Keith and Aunt Linda's. Uncle Keith sent me on my way with a paper bag full of boiled eggs, bread and mayonnaise packets, along with enough vouchers to stay at the La Quinta hotel for the weekend.
I love you and will truly miss you Uncle Keith*

michael Rice - July 08, 2017 at 08:20 PM

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“ *Jane Powell lit a candle in memory of Earl Keith Brown*



jane powell - July 07, 2017 at 12:53 PM

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“ *Too many memories to share! Some of my best summers were with Uncle Keith and Aunt Linda-Sue. Our first summer at the Red Springs home I remember Uncle Keith taking us to the video store. We could pick out ANY movie we wanted. For a 9 year old that was a big deal lol. I of course had to find the scariest movie that was rated R since my dad would never allow it. He had the best time laughing about it! We couldn't even watch the movie we were so scared lol.*

Plus catching the fish at the Tyler house! I screamed so loud and was so excited. He always got the biggest kick out of how happy we were when we were with him.

My best memory and the one that made the biggest impact on my life was the fact that he lit a fire under my ass who knows how I would have turned out. He knew I was heading down the wrong path. He did it the best way possible too... he didn't fuss or judge... just asked if I liked the life I was living and if not then make a change. I know I wouldn't be the person I am without his words of encouragement. He will always hold a special place in my heart.

Kelly Dixon - July 05, 2017 at 07:27 PM

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Wonderful memories spent my summers with Sandy and her family in Red Springs going on trips with them to New Jersey. I love everyone of you may you Rest In Peace Earl you were a great father.

Paulette Woody - July 06, 2017 at 08:39 PM