



Walter Kenneth Gearhart

May 27, 1938 - May 24, 2024

Walter Kenneth “Ken” Gearhart joined his Lord on May 24, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on May 27, 1938 in Carlisle, Iowa to William Paul Gearhart and Ruth Batton Gearhart. Ken was preceded in death by his sister, Elizabeth Baker; and his brother William Gearhart. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Joyce Gotshall Gearhart; sons, Rick Gearhart (Marie Belen) and Bill Gearhart (Marisa); grandchildren, Daniel Gearhart (Megan), Laura Gearhart, Nicolas Gearhart (Danielle), Samuel Gearhart, Lucas Gearhart, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes and Elise Gearhart; great grandchildren, Lilah Campbell, Ember and Asher Gearhart.

Ken received his BA degree from Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA. Ken had more than 40 years of local government management and budget experience. In October 2006, he retired as the Executive Director of the East St Louis Advisory Authority. He was the first City Manager of Johnstown, PA for almost 4 years and was City Manager of Dubuque, IA for almost 13 years. He also served as Chief, Administrative Officer (CAO) of Davenport, IA; Finance Director of Sioux City, IA; Assistant Budget Director of Montgomery County, MD and Budget Analyst for Cincinnati, OH.

One of the things Ken was most proud of, was in 1988, when he received the International City Manager Association (ICMA) Award for Program Excellence

and Organizational Development.

Ken was a patriot who served in the United States Army Reserve from October 1955 to September 1963. He will be dearly missed by his family.

A Memorial Service will be celebrated on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 12:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with Reverend Bill Shockley officiating.

For personal acknowledgement, please sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH
3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230
(210) 349-1414

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **29**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Kenneth Gearhart.*



June 27, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ *Rick Gearhart and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Kenneth Gearhart.*

Rick Gearhart and Family - June 27, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ *The McCoy and Gearhart Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Walter Kenneth Gearhart.*



The McCoy and Gearhart Families - June 21, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ *Bill and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Kenneth Gearhart.*

Bill and family - June 12, 2024 at 02:45 PM

BF

“ *Bill and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Walter Kenneth Gearhart.*



Bill and family - June 12, 2024 at 02:45 PM

KM

“ *Uncle Ken was always a kind and gentle soul. We're saddened by his passing and I'm praying for you all for peace and comfort.*

Kim Gotshall Miller - May 30, 2024 at 11:08 AM

SD

“ *Fred and Bill, I am so very sorry for your loss. Uncle Ken was a wonderful man'*

Susan Annette Gotshall Dougherty - May 30, 2024 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Susan Annette Gotshall Dougherty lit a candle in memory of Walter Kenneth Gearhart*



Susan Annette Gotshall Dougherty - May 30, 2024 at 10:33 AM