



R. Kent Eanes

June 15, 1946 - April 2, 2017

don't ever sell your traps or guns
never owe another man
watch where you spit on a windy day
don't use words you don't understand
find the Lord before you need him
and never lose your pride
don't ever sell your traps or guns
cause life's a long, long ride

Kent never sold a trap but he loaned a many of them, even when they weren't returned he still always tried to help anyone who needed to catch a garden eating groundhog or remove a smelly skunk. Now he did sell one of his guns and he regrets it to this very day. He sold it while in the Army in California and thought he needed the money for gas to come home. He didn't. He never sold another for each one has a story to tell.

Kent moved into his present home when he was 5 years old and has had the same phone number for over 60 years. His first job was working in the woods cutting timber. He worked for BandW and Klopman for a brief time, but quit both to return to the woods.

He trapped his first animal, an opossum when he was 8 and nailed its hide to

the door of his clubhouse. The clubhouse has long since fallen in and the hide has returned to nature with the help of bugs and birds, but his love of trapping never wavered.

Kent was drafted in 1965 and did his time in California during the Vietnam era. After returning home he ran a crane for the NandW Railroad for 5 years and then hired on with several trucking companies and started another interesting stage in his life. He drove in all 48 states, always taking time off to trap and hunt. After 20 years of driving Kent decided to try taxidermy. He had always been interested in taxidermy, even mounting a crow through a correspondent course as a teenager. This was to be what he did for the next 30 years. Of course he still hunted and trapped, always a modern day mountain man. Kent loved to read and his home is full of mountain men books and mounted animals and traps. From October to February Kent could be found in the fields and streams, trapping nuisance beavers or sheep killing coyotes. His favorite animal to trap was the skunk and he was often referred to as the skunk king. An avid hunter he traveled to Canada for many years hunting bears with a bow.

He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, National Trapping Association, Fur Takers of America, Virginia Trapping Association, and The Sons of the Confederate Veterans. One of his most prized accomplishments was in 2016 when he was inducted into the Virginia Trappers Association Hall of Fame. To be recognized by his peers as a true trapper was a grand finale to his already exciting and meaningful life.

Robert Louis Stevenson said it best:

We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world,
and the best that we find in our travels
is an honest friend.

See you on the other side, my best friend.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the NRA, Office of Advancement, 11250 Waples Mills Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030.

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of R. Kent Eanes.*



April 20, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ *What a wonderful meaningful obituary. I did not know him but knew of him. Sorry for your loss of this wonderful man.*
Ellen Childress

Ellen Childress - April 13, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ *Lisa Butcher lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes*



Lisa Butcher - April 08, 2017 at 06:54 PM



“ *Jeff Rowland lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes*



Jeff Rowland - April 06, 2017 at 09:14 PM

MS

“ Linda, Debbie and I are so sorry to hear about Kent's passing away, he took me to Canada on a spring bear hunt the first time I ever got to go. Then we would go in the spring and fall for many more years. Kent was right at home any time he was in the mountains of Virginia or Canada, he will be missed around camp but I will make sure the tale's he always told will live on. Mike & Debbie Ware

Mike Ware Sr - April 06, 2017 at 06:59 PM

JR

“ We would stop by to see and check on Kent and Linda knock on the door Kent would say come on in son and sit for awhile. he would always say you do have that boy with you don't you. Kent would ask me how me and hunter was doing on our trap line I would fuss and complain a little then he would tell me don't worry son you will catch them he was always right. We would get ready to leave and Kent and Linda always said you and the boy come back anytime. Kent was one of a kind and can never be replaced he will be missed. Jeff and Hunter Rowland

jeff rowland - April 06, 2017 at 04:59 PM

CP

“ Connie Mae Pugh lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes



Connie Mae Pugh - April 06, 2017 at 04:13 PM

TF

“ Tony Franklin lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes



Tony Franklin - April 05, 2017 at 11:24 AM

IH

“ I was so sorry to read of Kent's passing. In my early growing up years, he was my best buddy, the cousin that I loved to spend time with. Even back then, he was walking to a different drummer, and I loved him for it.

Ida Holyfield - April 04, 2017 at 09:28 PM

DF

“ Linda, sorry hear about Kent. Will miss him.
Doris Dick and family

Doris Dick and family - April 04, 2017 at 07:49 PM

JV

“ Joe Suz VanHouten lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes



Joe Suz VanHouten - April 04, 2017 at 05:59 PM

JV

My Condolences to the family of Kent. May Kent and my husband Joe be together at the Conventions in Heaven with the other trapping legends who have passed and went to Heaven with the Lord.

Joe Suz VanHouten - April 04, 2017 at 06:13 PM

GP

“ Many memories of Kent and Perky. Together again listening to Blue Grass. Prayers to the family!

Gay Perkins - April 04, 2017 at 01:27 PM

GJ

“ I was sorry to read about the passing of R. Kent. So I wanted to take this time to express my condolence to you for the loss of your loved one. I wanted to share a thought with you that comforted me when I lost a family member in death. The man Job in (Job 14:14) asks" If an able-bodied man dies can he live again?". Happily Jesus answers in (John 5:28,29)-Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life” I hope that you will be able to draw some comfort from these scriptural thoughts as I did.

G. Jackson - April 04, 2017 at 05:43 AM

JE

“ We will all miss my uncle Kent. He was a very content man, and one of the best listeners to friend or stranger. Thanks hoss for being such a good friend for such a long time.

God bless Linda as she continues the journey the two of them started together.

In peace,
JB Eanes



JB Eanes - April 03, 2017 at 11:11 PM

DI

“ *Dianne Irby lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes*



Dianne Irby - April 03, 2017 at 08:15 PM

DV

“ *So sorry for your lost.*



Dianne Vaughan - April 03, 2017 at 06:55 PM

WS

“ *well let's say we've lost one hell of a frontiers man he was ahead of his time, Kent would teach who wanted to learn and laugh at the ones who already thought they knew , he has giving his wisdom to us all,rest in peace with your fellow brothers ,you will be missed*

Willie seamster - April 03, 2017 at 06:48 PM

MW

“ *Mike & Jo Ann Weeks lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes*



Mike & Jo Ann Weeks - April 03, 2017 at 05:54 PM

BN

“*“Hey boy! Sit down and talk with me.” I looked forward to hearing those words at every trapping convention that I attended. Kent was one of kind. I will miss him.*

Bryan Nelson - April 03, 2017 at 05:20 PM

KH

“*Kim Hammond lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes*



Kim Hammond - April 03, 2017 at 11:25 AM

LM

“*Lynne Mccullock lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes*



lynne mccullock - April 03, 2017 at 07:38 AM

TF

“*The Heatherley Family lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes*



The Heatherley Family - April 02, 2017 at 11:36 PM

GV

“ So sorry for your loss. Enjoyed meeting this quiet man. On one of the visits to drop off a deer head, Kent invited us in the house to see his rattlesnakes. I must say it was a little unsettling as they were curled and rattling. He looked at Greg and said can you hear them? Greg replied, yes...Kent smiled and said I can't. Thanks for all the hours he has spent creating our prizes.



Greg and Nancy Vasser - April 02, 2017 at 09:06 PM

CN

“ Chuck Newman lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes



Chuck Newman - April 02, 2017 at 09:06 PM

CD

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you now.



CarltonandLinda Dalton - April 02, 2017 at 07:58 PM

CL

“ I am so very sorry to hear this sad news!!! Kent was a friend, fellow bear hunter and trapper. We spent many trips to Canada together bear hunting. We truly missed him the past few years when he was too weak to go with us. We shared many good memories and Kent will be sadly missed!!! Rest in peace my friend!!! My thoughts and prayers go out to Linda and the rest of the family.

Curtis Layne

Curtis Layne - April 02, 2017 at 07:58 PM

PC

GM Linda: We know your pain/loss---we all miss him, but know he is not battling cancer. You are a very special care giver and we pray that the Lord will give you the strength you need to get through this tough time. Penny/Charlie

Penny/Charlie Cushwa - April 04, 2017 at 07:04 AM

ME

“ You all are in my thoughts & prayers at this time.



Mary Edmonds - April 02, 2017 at 06:10 PM

RC

“ Ok!



Rick & Marion Clark - April 02, 2017 at 03:20 PM

RS

“ *ROBIN SCRUGGS lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes*



ROBIN SCRUGGS - April 02, 2017 at 02:47 PM

PD

“ *I remember the trip to Canada with Kent! I killed my first bear on that trip. I always liked to stop by and talk with Kent as we always talked about hunting or trapping! RIP my friend!!*

Patrick Dalton - April 02, 2017 at 02:40 PM

JM

“ *Rest easy my old friend. Many good times together. Prayers for the family. Never trusted anyone else to mount my trophies. Get those traps set!!*

Jason Moon - April 02, 2017 at 02:36 PM

SF

“ *Prayers for the family*



Shirley Scott Forloines - April 02, 2017 at 01:54 PM

SF

“ Prayers for the family.



Shirley Scott Forloines - April 02, 2017 at 01:52 PM

MJ

Kent will be missed . I've been on several trips to Canada with Kent an Linda an listened to him tell stories about trucking, trapping an bear hunting. He was a true outdoorsman an a fun guy to hang around the fire at Canada an listen to hunting stories. R.i.p Mr Eanes

Mike ware jr - April 04, 2017 at 08:24 PM

AK

“ Sad to hear of Kent passing, Kent was a great man n awesome Taxidermist, they'll nerve be another one like him, thoughts and prayers for Linda and the rest of the family. Angie & Jesse Kirby Sr



Angie Kirby - April 02, 2017 at 01:36 PM

SD

“ Stacey Dalton lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes



Stacey Dalton - April 02, 2017 at 12:54 PM

JK

“ *Janice Kelley lit a candle in memory of R. Kent Eanes*



Janice Kelley - April 02, 2017 at 12:46 PM

JK

Sending love and comfort to Kent's family. His battle is over and he has gone into God's loving arms.

Janice Kelley - April 02, 2017 at 12:51 PM

PP

Leonard and Patti are deeply saddened by Kent's passing. Linda and family, you are in our prayers.

Patti Pierucci - April 02, 2017 at 07:19 PM

JV

May Kent rest in Peace, in Heaven. He is with Family and Friends whom loved him. I know my Husband Joe Van Houten and Kent are together at the big Convention in Heaven with all the other Legends.

Joe Suz VanHouten - April 04, 2017 at 05:57 PM