



Kristen Maeland

Kristen Maeland, born April 26, 1927, son of Hanna and Lars Maeland of Bremnes, Norway, who had nine children, Henrikka, a girl and oldest, Martin, Erik, Mikkell, Hans, Lars, Kristen, Trygve, Harald, all boys. Kristen was baptized June 6, 1927, and confirmed September 21, 1941, in Bremnes, Kyrkje. He attended Gilje Folkeskule and Bremnes Realskule, graduated in June 1946, and received his diploma from Bergens Handelgymnasium, Bergen, Norway in 1948. In 1949 he immigrated to the USA under the sponsorship of his uncle and aunt, Selmer and Severine Hansen, Chapel Farm, Riverdale, NY. He graduated from Robert Morris College, Pittsburg, PA in February 1951, while staying with his aunt and uncle, Christina and Torval Thurston with their children, Tomina, Christina, Caroline and James in Bethel Park, PA. On February 28, 1951 he was inducted into the US Army under the selective service act, and spent the first 6 months with the 101st Airborne Division at Camp Breckenridge, KY and 18 months assigned to the 338th Intelligence Battalion in Fort Meade, MD. He was released from active duty February 27, 1953. On March 9, 1953 he was employed by The Sherwin-Williams Co. at their Pittsburgh location and August 20, 1954 received his Certificate of Naturalization. On December 2, 1955 he married Analee Smith, Daughter of Elizabeth and French Smith of Gay, WV at Kenova Methodist Church by the Reverend W.A. Debar. They have two children, Lars Maeland of Ceredo, WV and Kristina Maeland of Conway, SC. Kristen was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Huntington, WV; a 50 year member of

Huntington Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and Shriners and a member of American Legion Post #93 Kenova. Kristen retired from Sherwin-Williams on April 30, 1989 after over 36 years in various positions and states with the last being in Ashland, KY. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova. Funeral services will begin at noon with Pastor Jennifer Obermuller officiating. Burial will follow in Dock's Creek Cemetery, Kenova. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rollinsfh.com.

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ *Kristina and Family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and
prayers.*

Tonya Christian Jones - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ *Dear Annalee,
Many prayers and much love are with you and your children at this
time of sadness. Know that our family is thinking of you each day.
May God wrap His arms around you and keep you in His care.*

Wilma Anderson - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IM

“*"Celebration of life" is how Uncle Kris referred to memorial services - a reminder to focus on what we have and what we were given, rather than what we have lost.*

This is a comfort appreciated at a time when we cannot help thinking of our loss and of his heartbreakingly difficult time towards the end of his life.

As one of his many nieces and nephews, I am left with good reason to keep rejoicing at the memory of Uncle Kris - of his wonderful sharing of his life despite geographic distance - and what a treat it always was when he came to visit - to share his sense of humor, his tall tales, and, most of all, his innate decency as a fellow human being. He was always good to be with, and I am so grateful for the times I got to enjoy his company.

Oh, I'm sure he could also be exasperating and pigheaded, and his youthful escapades are fondly remembered - but who wants perfect relatives?

My husband adopted him as also his "Favorite Uncle in America," and picked up on a gag Uncle Kris confessed to having played on a neighbor years ago.

Cherishing those special memories, we now send our warmest sympathy to Analee, Marty, and Kristy.

Best wishes from Inger and Trond

Inger Fluge Maeland - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“*My sincere condolences to Analee. I have thought of both of you often since I left St. Paul. May God comfort you in your loss.*
Arloa Leyh

Maeland - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ I did not know this gentlemen, but I went ahead and read his obituary and was so moved by it. What a lovely life he lead it sounded like. I was very moved by his obituary. What a very lucky family to have known him. All my prayers to his family.

Kathy - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM