



Kenneth Earl Pate

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Captain Kenneth Earl Pate July 6, 1927 - October 12, 2023. As a young boy in Pontiac ILL, Ken loved the site of an airplane flying. He dreamed of being a pilot like those barnstormers and early airline pilots. That dream never left him even as he served in the Navy in WWII in the Pacific Theater of operation. Returning home after the war, Ken continued chasing his dream at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Upon completing his education, he was hired at Eastern Airlines and began living his dream. Capt. Pate married and had eight children. His family continued to grow with 16 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. He is proceeded in death by his parents, Garfield and Alice Pate of Pontiac, his sister Lois, high school sweetheart first wife Betti Welch Pate, second wife Jean Shearer Pate, and his youngest son David. He will be laid to rest by his family in Pontiac. The little boy always dreamed big and never settled for less. Capt. Ken had a loving family and lived a very long, wonderful, and fulfilling life. And in the end, he could not have asked for more. Arrangements and Care provided by D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc., 205 East Cleveland Avenue, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, Phone, 931.839.2311.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My favorite Uncle, even though we didn't see each other very often in these later years, you will be missed!* 💙

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