

Dr. Kenneth Carl Norbury, 68, died July 27th, 2017, with his wife, Minerva Norbury, beside him in San Antonio, TX. Ken was born March 3, 1949, in Philadelphia, PA.

Ken is preceded in death by his parents, James Carl and Florence, and sister, Diana.

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Minerva Norbury; siblings Karen Williams (Gary)(Emily, Erin) Ellen Neuberger (Chuck)(David); six children Dr. Jill Norbury-Jaranson (John), Janie Gallups (Ryan), Jennifer Planas (John), Jennifer Arnold (Chris), Nate Norbury (Heather), and Brad Norbury. Ken loved his eight grandchildren. Ilyena, John-Austin, Kyleigh, Brina, Zaina, Chase, Noah, and Gabriella.

Although his heart became weak, Ken was full of love and never lost heart in all he did. He was very proud of each and every one of his children and grandchildren. A natural teacher and riveting story-teller, he seized every opportunity to educate and inspire a love of literature, music, and history. His favorite author was Edgar Allen Poe whom he dramatically read to family. Ken treasured beaches on the ocean. He enjoyed the water and boating. A relaxing evening at home would include Star Trek, old movies, and Abbott and Costello. He was the kind of man that would give you the shirt off his back without guile to himself. He freely gave of his means and talents to any cause. Many years were spent in service to the scouting program, and he donated countless hours in service to others.

He loved good food, entertaining guests, quizzing his grandchildren, re-enacting the Gettysburg address, and playing chess against two grandchildren at the same time. Family enjoyed hanging out together in the pool. He liked to do Bible quizzes. His favorite board games included: Sequence, War, Charades, Risk, and Monopoly. He had a passion for travelling, visiting civil war historical sites, and visiting family. Ken has always enjoyed baseball, and especially watching his grandson, Chase, play. In fact, any sports or activities of his children or grandchildren were priorities in his life, even if he had to Skype or facetime to see it. Every holiday was an extravaganza with great food and hearty laughs. He cherished Dutchess, his long-haired Chihuahua.

Ken received a B.S. in Biochemistry from Michigan State University (1971) and a PhD in Pathology from the University of PA (1975). His Thesis focused on the role of lymphocytes in the stimulating and inhibiting tumor growth, under the

mentorship of Isaiah J. Fidler, after which he did post-doctoral research in the role of the immune cells in UV carcinogenesis under the tutelage of Margaret L. Kripke at Frederick Cancer Research Center in Maryland. He spent his entire professional career of 39 years in the pharmaceutical (Merk, Sharpe & Dohme; Johnson & Johnson, QLT Photo Therapeutics) and medical device (J&J, Kinetic Concepts Inc.) industries as a toxicologist, specializing in immunotoxicology and in vitro technology. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology. Among his several accomplishments, he pioneered the entry of immunotoxicology into the pharmaceutical arena and the unraveling of the mechanism of action of negative pressure therapy, resulting in the launch of a product for the treatment of open abdomen for the mitigation of the local and systemic inflammatory response. Dr. Norbury authored 46 abstracts, 27 papers, and a book chapter, and taught at various colleges.

His testimony in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints never wavered, and he bore his testimony often. His love of the church began during his college years. He embraced any church calling (such as stake financial clerk, ward missionary, home teacher, organist, and primary pianist). Ken is no longer bound to the Earth by his body. His soul now resides with God in the Kingdom of Heaven, while memories of his life abide with us forever.

Thank you for your support and kinds words. Services will be held:
On Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at:
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
(Wiseman Ward)
10819 West Military Drive
San Antonio, TX 78251

In lieu of flowers please donate to <https://www.gofundme.com/KenNorbury>