



## Kenneth Charles VanDeburgh

December 30, 1941 - January 3, 2020

Kenneth Charles VanDeburgh was born on December 30, 1941 in Beaver County, Oklahoma to parents Addison and Edyth. After graduation Ken joined the Navy and attended the Naval School of Music. While enlisted he served on the USS Wasp, the USS Intrepid and the USS Roosevelt, and traveled around the world playing for troops, statesmen, and foreign dignitaries. In June of 1964, Kenneth married Patricia Trimmell, the love of his life and the girl (literally) of his dreams. After discharge from the Navy they eventually settled in Pueblo where Kenneth attended SCCC and worked to further his musical career. Ken was an accomplished musician who enjoyed entertaining and sharing his love of music with others. He toured extensively throughout southern Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma for many years. He was known and admired as a talented musician by many. Kenneth began his 2nd career in 1989 when he joined the Pueblo County Department of Social Services, where he worked for 14 years before 'retiring' in 2003. Upon retiring, Kenneth returned to school, this time to learn American Sign Language. He attended both Pueblo Community College and Pikes Peak Community College where he completed the Interpreter Preparation Program. Both Kenneth and his wife Pat were very active in the deaf community in and around Pueblo and Colorado Springs, serving as interpreters at appointments, meetings, and church. They even joined a Deaf Choir where they traveled and performed songs in A.S.L., and where they made life-long friends who brought them great joy. Kenneth served on the Board of Directors of the Center for Disabilities for many years where he was a strong advocate for the deaf. Ken was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. Although often on the move, he was most content to sit on the front porch and watch the hummingbirds or play the guitar. Friends, family and even strangers would often be treated to an impromptu concert when they came to visit. His love of music, quick wit, and colorful personality will be missed. Kenneth is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Patricia; son Kenneth (Pamela) VanDeburgh of Lanark, IL; daughter Michelle (Lenny) Liljegren of Montrose, CO; son Benji (Heather) VanDeburgh of Wheatridge, CO; son Jeremy (Jessica) VanDeburgh of Midland, TX; brother Walter LaFaye VanDeburgh; eight grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Addison and Edyth VanDeburgh and his sister Patricia (Mike) Gurule. Viewing from 10-10:45, Friday, January

10, at St. Aloysius in Rye, CO, followed by Funeral Mass at 11:00. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Alzheimer's Association.