



## Kenneth Maurice Brink

May 11, 1932 - May 3, 2014

Kenneth Maurice Brink, 81, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2014. Ken was born in 1932 to Maurice and Ruth Swaddling Brink. He grew up in Fairview Park, Ohio and attended Fairview High School. He attended Purdue University where he earned his B.S. in Horticulture. Following his undergraduate education, Ken served in the military in the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant stationed in Fort Knox, Kentucky. While at Fort Knox, Ken met his wife of 58 years, Marise Bassett. Upon completion of his service Ken returned to Purdue where he earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in Horticulture. Ken began his academic career at Purdue as an Assistant then Associate Professor. In 1968 Ken and his family moved to Fort Collins where Ken joined Colorado State University as a Professor and Head of the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture in the College of Agriculture. He retired in 1995 after 27 years of service. Ken was devoted to his profession and derived great satisfaction when he could assist students. He received numerous awards during his tenure at Colorado State but his proudest achievement and greatest joy was his family. Ken is survived by his wife, Marise, of Fort Collins; daughter, Deborah, of Castle Pines, and son, Kenneth Jr, of Littleton; son-in-law, Ken Thompson, and daughter-in-law, Lynette Brink; grandchildren Alex and Carson Brink; sister, Marilyn Banks, and brother-in-law, Lloyd Banks, of Largo, Florida; and nephews, Kevin and Richard Banks, of Dallas, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia, respectively. Ken was preceded in death by his parents. A private memorial service for the family will be held at a

later date. Contributions may be made in Ken's memory to the Colorado State University Foundation in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524. Funds will support a memorial scholarship in Ken's name for a student in Horticulture at Colorado State. The family would like to thank the staff at Centre Health and Rehabilitation for the compassionate care they provided Ken for the past two years of his life.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ My sympathies go out to the family that has always made me feel like part of their family. I have greatly appreciated the friendship through out the years and Dr. Brink always made me feel welcome in their house. Since there were so many Ken's in the family he will always be Dr. Brink to me. My deepest condolences.

Sara Hendricks - June 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ I'll never forget Ken's smile and his words of encouragement he gave out on a daily basis. He was a pleasure to know. My deepest condolences.

Linda - May 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I will always remember Dr. Brink as one of the friendliest people that I have met. He loved to meet and talk to all kinds of people but what made him unique was that he also loved to listen to people. He always made a point to say hello to me whenever I was visiting and would tell me a story about something he was talking about with "Al" at the auto repair shop or a clerk at Toddy's. He had friends everywhere and he will be greatly missed.

Bridgette Hendricks - May 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dr. Ken was one of my favorite passengers, when flying him and others to the Branch Experiment Stations. A truly great person, whom I felt privileged to know. My sincere condolences.

Jack L. Miller - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I would just like to express my condolences to the family and friends of Ken. I really enjoyed working with Ken for the short period of time I had the pleasure of doing so. He was such an interesting person and I loved his passion for striving to be the best he could be, and having a genuine interest of those around him. His legacy will continue to carry that passion upon those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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**Brent Kilkus** - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I knew Ken since I started working on vegetable crops at CSU in 1980. I always valued Ken's interest in my projects, and his perspectives and support of our growers and agricultural industries in Colorado. My deepest sympathy to family and friends.

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**Howard Schwartz** - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ It was such a privilege to have lived and "grown up" next door to the Brink Family. Mr. Brink is what I have always called Ken and I feel so blessed to have known him and to have had his influence in my life. His passing is a huge loss to everyone who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Anne McGinnies Myers** - May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ I knew Ken since I interviewed for a position at CSU in 1981. We remained good friends. My deepest sympathy to family and friends.  
Jim Quick

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**Jim Quick** - May 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Happy Birthday, Dad! Today would have been your 82nd birthday. We love you so much and miss you terribly. Deb and Ken III*

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**Deb** - May 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *We wish to say Thank You to your loved one for his service to our great country. Our symathies are with your family.*

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**Marine Corps League Auxiliary** - May 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM