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Kent Allen Druckenmiller
Hospital Apprentice 1st Class U.S. Navy
22 May 1946 – 31 March 1948

Kent was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on 11 May 1928, in Allentown Hospital. His parents were **Percival Bryan Druckenmiller** (9 August 1896 – 10 May 1970), who served in the Army during World War I, and **Helen Mary (Keller) Druckenmiller** (30 September 1899 - 14 December 1996). At the time of Kent's birth, the family was living at 28 North 6th Street in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. Kent was baptized on 17 June 1928, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus, where his father served as a deacon from 1938 to 1941, and as an elder from 1942 to 1943. Kent attended Emmaus Elementary School, Emmaus Junior High School, and



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Emmaus High School, graduating from the latter in 1946. Upon graduating from high school, Kent enlisted in the Navy and subsequently underwent recruit training at Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Maryland, followed by training as a Hospital Apprentice at the Naval Hospital Corps School located nearby Bainbridge at Port Deposit, Maryland. After that he was assigned to the Naval Hospital at Parris Island, South Carolina, site of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Following that, he was transferred to Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, at Camp



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Lejeune, North Carolina, for duty with the Marine Corps. He served at Camp Lejeune from at least 1 July 1947, until he was discharged from the Navy on 31 March 1948. While there, he was temporarily deployed aboard ship for part of the time with the Marines. Kent was discharged as a Hospital Apprentice 1st Class at Navy Receiving Station, Norfolk, Virginia. For his active duty service until the official end of World War II hostilities, Kent was awarded the World War II Victory Medal. After his discharge, Kent returned home, went to work as a clerk for Acme Markets in Emmaus, and married **Sara Ferne Hepler** (born 11 November 1930) of Silverdale, Pennsylvania, on 11 December 1948. They were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus. Kent and Ferne initially lived with Kent's parents on 6th Street in Emmaus. In 1950, they moved to Red Lion in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and in 1955, they made their permanent home at 7441 Sweetwood Drive, in Lower Macungie Township. At that time Kent began to work as a plastic molder in Allentown, first for General Electric Company and then for Black & Decker, until his retirement in 1983. During his retirement, Kent enjoyed traveling, fishing, dancing, going to the casino, reading, and gardening. He and Ferne were devoted tenders of the garden at the Lower Macungie Township Historical Society's Log House in Wescosville, Pennsylvania. Kent died at the age of 89, on 20 November 2017, at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Salisbury Township. Kent and Ferne raised two daughters, **Deborah Lee** and **Donna Lee**, and two sons, **George Allen** and **James Allen**. James served our country in the Marine Corps. At the time of Kent's death, he and Ferne were blessed with six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Kent is buried at Northwood Cemetery in Emmaus.