



Fred Keller

April 5, 1949 - December 12, 2015

Fred Keller, 66, of Cape Girardeau died Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Chateau Girardeau.

He was born on April 5, 1949 in Anna, Illinois to Cecil and Belva Hoffmann Keller. He married Chris Matlock on March 28, 1986.

He graduated from Dongola High School then attended Southern Illinois University, graduating in 1971. He spent 25 years in broadcasting at local television and radio stations. He then worked at Schnuck's until his retirement in 2014.

Fred loved music. He served as church organist for many years and also played the trombone. He had many other interests such as photography, computers and history. He was a ham radio operator and participated in the Cape Girardeau Civil War Roundtable.

He is survived by his wife Chris and daughter Sarah Keller both of Cape Girardeau; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Family and friends may gather from 4:00 PM until the time of service

Wednesday, December 16 at Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral services for Fred Keller will be held at 7:00 PM at the funeral home with Rev. Mark Anderson and Rev. Ron Watts officiating. Graveside services will take place at 10:00 AM Thursday, December 17 at American Legion Cemetery in Dongola, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southeast Hospice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 4:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cape Girardeau
829 N. West End Blvd
(4 blocks north of Southeast Hospital)
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Tribute Wall



“ Fred Keller

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Just heard about Fred's passing. He and I talked photography and tech when I worked at La Croix Church, where he volunteered with those ministries. He was a talented guy, and I'm so sorry to hear this news. I'm praying for all who were close to him.

Oral Friend - December 17, 2015 at 03:32 AM



“ Fred will always hold a special place in my heart--he dominates my childhood memories of summer trips to Southern Illinois: giving tours of Dongola, introducing us to the world via his ham radio contacts, calling me "peanut" and hoisting me up for piggy-back rides, and never making me feel like the annoying little cousin I probably was. I'll never forget bursting with pride when I listened to him report on the New Madrid earthquake to WWJ's famous radio host, J.P. McCarthy. Fred was funny, caring, and gentle, and I know he touched so many people. I will miss him so much.

Dawn Nulf - December 16, 2015 at 04:36 PM



“ Janelle McGinn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Fred Keller.



Janelle McGinn - December 16, 2015 at 10:06 AM

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“ I remember Fred as an active, eager, intelligent little boy who came to visit at our house, and we visited him in southern Illinois. He was the light of Belva's life. He excelled in music. Be was on the radio. Later we connected on Facebook. He knew so much about history and family. I will miss him.

Linda Okasinski - December 16, 2015 at 07:12 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Fred Keller.



December 15, 2015 at 07:48 PM

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“ I am saddened by the loss of Fred, a kind and friendly man. He was a good and quiet resource for Schnucks for years, although they did not know it. He was always pleasant, helpful and caring. His work on the Civil War in southern Illinois and southeast Missouri was thoughtful and accurate. He was, by nature, a quiet and internal man, but he cared greatly about others. I often saw him talking with and helping elderly customers at Schnucks. He was a good and decent man. His will be quietly missed by many individuals. My best wishes to his family.

Frank Nickell

Frank Nickell - December 15, 2015 at 01:29 PM

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“ *Teresa Holcomb lit a candle in memory of Fred Keller*



teresa holcomb - December 15, 2015 at 09:37 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Fred Keller.*



December 15, 2015 at 08:26 AM

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“ *Fred took care of my dad with kind and compassionate heart ! Filling every need that my family needed and more!! After my dad passed away Fred stayed in touch with Mom to make sure she was taken care of and would visit when he could! A wonderful and carrying man and all those who knew his heart I'm sure will feel the same way! Thank you Fred for the part of your heart and kindness to my family and may you RIP! I know you are already helping others*

Beverly Lorenz - December 15, 2015 at 05:44 AM

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“ Bobby Bass lit a candle in memory of Fred Keller



Bobby Bass - December 14, 2015 at 05:38 PM

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“ He was a great guy to work with at schnucks he will be missed. I'm here Sarah if you need me.

Bobby Bass

Bobby Bass - December 14, 2015 at 05:33 PM