



Stephen Earl Keith

November 8, 1953 - August 5, 2016

Stephen Earl Keith, 62, of Cape Girardeau, formerly of Cairo, died Friday, August 5, 2016.

He was born November 8, 1953 in Tacoma, Washington the son of Cecil and Shirley (Shepard) Keith. He married Dawn Walston on February 14, 1997.

Stephen was a very hard worker and was employed by Illinois American Water in Cairo for over 30 years as plant operations Superintendent where he retired in August 2015. He enjoyed riding his Harley and loved the beach. He was an avid golfer for over 40 years and a member of Egyptian Country club and a member of Operating Engineers.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Dawn Walston-Keith of Cape Girardeau; son, Matthew Keith of Cape Girardeau; sister, Vivian Windings of Cairo, IL; brother, Cecil Keith, Jr. of Kevil, KY; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Monday, August 8, 2016 at the Crain Funeral Home in Cairo. Elks service will be held at 7:00pm.

Graveside service for Stephen Keith will be held at 10:00am on Tuesday,

August 9, 2016 at Green Lawn Memorial Gardens in Villa Ridge, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Barnes Jewish Hospital Foundation for Transplant.

To leave online condolences visit www.crainsonline.com

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Memorial Gardens

Villa Ridge, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Earl Keith*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *steve was a nice guy and i allways had the hots over him i am so sorry for his family and pray for you that tim will heal just cant belive he is gone each day is a gify my friends live life to the fullest and dont look back only to smile and say thank you god steve we i will allways miss seeing you walk away*

gene sams - August 18, 2016 at 07:21 AM



“ *It was very heart breaking hearing about losing someone that always was like a little brother to me and to Vivian I am truly sorry for your loss. I know how much you are hurting. He will always be remembered and in our hearts.*

gail morgan weir - August 13, 2016 at 05:19 AM



“ *Gail Morgan Weir lit a candle in memory of Stephen Earl Keith*



gail morgan weir - August 13, 2016 at 05:08 AM

LS

“ Deepest sympathies to the family of this wonderful man. "Uncle Dool" will be missed by all of those lucky enough to have known him.

Laura Jo & Jolie

Laura Sullivan - August 08, 2016 at 07:24 PM

KR

“ So sorry to hear the news. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dawn and Matthew.

The Raines Family

K Raines - August 08, 2016 at 06:33 PM

SS

“ Steve we will all greatly miss you! you were one of the nicest most loving fun guys to be around. you made everyone smile and were a friend to all. I was blessed to get to know you and call you a friend. We love you and we will ride again one day.

Sheri Smith - August 08, 2016 at 04:09 PM



“ I grew up half a block from Steve and his family. I believe Steve was in the same grade as my brother Gary.

*Steve was always very nice and I enjoyed being around him.
My condolences to the family.*

Fred Brown - August 08, 2016 at 01:13 PM

JF

“ Jimmy & Janie Fowler sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen Earl Keith



Jimmy & Janie Fowler - August 08, 2016 at 10:43 AM

JF

*Dawn & Matt,
With heavy hearts we are thinking of you and the sadness you must be feeling. Take comfort in knowing how much your friends care and are here for you today and always. God bless*

Jimmy and Janie Fowler - August 08, 2016 at 10:50 AM

FH

*Dear Dawn, Matthew and extended family,
Please know of our prayers and condolences from St. Vincent de Paul Parish and School.
Fr. David Hulshof*

Fr. David Hulshof - August 08, 2016 at 11:52 AM

AR

“ Want to express our Sympathy. Steve was a super guy and loved by many. So glad we got to know him. Love - Blyn & Amy Reimann

Amy Reimann - August 08, 2016 at 09:02 AM

SM

“ We are very sorry for your loss, Steve was hell of a guy ,a good biker buddy..
May he ride for ever.

Sonny and Barb Minor

Sonny & Barb Minor - August 08, 2016 at 07:45 AM

BB

“ *Sincerest sympathies, Dawn. Thoughts and prayers for you and your son. So sorry for your loss--Barb Bucher*

Barb Bucher - August 07, 2016 at 08:31 PM

MC

“ *Dear Dawn,*

I am so sorry for the loss of your husband Steve. I will say many prayers for you and your family.

Mike Conrad

mike conrad - August 07, 2016 at 06:09 PM

LW

“ *I am sorry to hear about Steve he was a great guy and a great friend to many. I have some fond memories of him from long ago. Rest in Peace Steve.*

Lynda (Von Nida) Winfrey

Lynda (Von Nida) Winfrey - August 07, 2016 at 02:56 PM

TS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss Dawn, Mathew and family. I will miss seeing him on his harley in the neighborhood. Steve was always so friendly. Your family will be in our prayers. Rodger and Tina Snell (the mail lady)*



Tina Snell - August 07, 2016 at 11:46 AM

ML

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Steve and I worked together many , many years. He was a very good friend and was always a happy person. We last talked last fall when he was planning a trip to Alton Illinois with his many biker friends. Steve was taken to soon. My heart grieves for his family and friends. Steve touched many lives and was a very caring man. An Honorable man with great respect for others. Again, to his family and friends , I'm so sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace Steven Earl Keith, you will be missed by so many. Mike "Fuzzy" Lawhon.



Mike Lawhon - August 07, 2016 at 11:04 AM

BJ

“ I never really hung around with Steve... But as a former employee of his local Harley dealership I always got to chat with him when he came in. He would always walk in and just quietly wonder around and check everything out. Every time you looked at him it always seemed he had a smile on his face. From the times I seen him I never seen him without a smile

Brad Jones - August 07, 2016 at 09:02 AM

WW

“ Wendy Wissinger lit a candle in memory of Stephen Earl Keith



Wendy Wissinger - August 07, 2016 at 08:58 AM

JD

“ i remember when i lived on 26th street when i qas little going over to uncle steves house and seeing him at aunt shirleys.he will be dearly missed was such a sweet kind caring person.r.i.p unvle steve.

jessica white duncan - August 06, 2016 at 06:08 PM

RM

“ I played in a golf scramble with Steve several years ago. It was hot, humid, and would've been an I enjoyable day if not for his sense of humor. If we did something worth a high fiv or an "atta boy", Steve would call out, "That calls for a cold beer"! If we hit or shot or something worth hanging our heads in shame, Steve would call out "That calls for a cold beer"! An otherwise miserable, hot, humid, crowded day on the golf course turned into a lasting memory. Every time I saw him after that day, we'd both say, "That calls for s cold beer"! Great guy, great loss...

Robert Moore - August 06, 2016 at 04:55 PM

AI

Steve brought so much happiness to so many. You only had to run into him anywhere and he made your day better. What a beautiful gift it is to make people laugh. Love him so much.

Alda Ingram - August 07, 2016 at 09:19 AM

CF

ALTHOUGH WE WERE NEVER REALLY CLOSE, WE WERE FAMILY. HIS DAD CECIL AND MY MOTHER VIRGIL WERE BROTHER AND SISTER. ITS ALWAYS HARD WHEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS. STEVEN EARL AND FAMILY WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS.

CLIFF FRY - August 07, 2016 at 09:49 AM