



## Keith Cole

September 30, 1937 - August 17, 2021

Keith Cole, longtime Bartlesville resident, died at home Tuesday in Bartlesville. He was 83 years young, a proud U.S. veteran and even prouder husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. Keith was a friend to many and a son of the Living God.

Keith was born the only child of Murlen Emery and Ruth Marie (McCormick) Cole on September 30, 1937, in Kansas City, MO. He was raised and finished his formal education in Great Bend, KS, graduating in 1955. Keith served eight years in the U.S. Army Reserve and during the early sixties he moved to Bartlesville for work.

Keith worked for Reda Pump for 20 years then started a second career at Wal-Mart, retiring as department manager of Paint and Hardware. While grabbing lunch at the Hamburger Place, Keith noticed Rolena Riff working. She caught his eye and after a short courtship and engagement they were married on September 2, 1967, and they enjoyed 54 years of loving marriage.

Keith was busy throughout his life and had many passions. He took great pride in caring for his lawn and home. He always had a project going on to better its appearance. Keith was also fascinated by all aspects of train history, having developed a love for trains at a young age from his father who collected model trains. Being a loyal OU Football fan, he always wore his OU

hat and it was never hard for Keith to strike up a conversation with anyone. In truth, he never met a stranger but only a new friend-in-the-making. Keith thought he had a great sense of humor, though Rolena wasn't always so sure about that. When the kids were young, they enjoyed camping and fishing, and in later years traveling. He was a longtime member of the Dewey Christian Church. Keith leaves behind a legacy of love for his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and as the song goes, it's a love without end, amen.

Keith is survived by his loving wife Rolena; children, Regina and Brian Kennedy, Patrick Cole, Christy Rice, Kimberly Cole Mendoza and Liz Cole Wing; grandchildren, Michael and Gabriela Calhoun, David and Marla Calhoun, Amanda Calhoun, Sarah Kennedy, Matthew Kennedy, Jacob Kennedy, Pedro Mendoza Jr., Elyseo Mendoza, Justin Wing, Shea Wing, Wyatt Cole and Tesa Cole; and great-grandchildren, Juan David Saucedo, Emely Calhoun and Alia Calhoun. He is preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter Rebecca Ruth Kennedy.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 12-5 at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville.

Services will be held 10 a.m. on Monday at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, with Pastor Casey Parham officiating. Interment will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 22.** 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-7665  
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

**AUG 23.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Keith Cole*



**Davis Family Funeral Home** - August 19, 2021 at 07:41 PM

RK

*A life well lived. Couldn't have asked for a better man to be my Dad! I'll miss you terribly ❤️  
Regina.*

**Regina Kennedy** - August 20, 2021 at 06:52 PM

VB

*My families hearts are with you and your family, may Uncle Keith rest in peace. I loved him dearly. Vicki*

**Vicki Briggs** - August 22, 2021 at 01:18 PM

CH

*Beautiful video and tribute to Keith....he was always so kind to me and made me feel like family...may he rest in peace...sending love to his family*

**Carole Henry** - August 23, 2021 at 04:32 AM

MT

“ Visits with Keith were usually short at Wednesday night Bible studies, but always enjoyable. He will be missed by many. May the love of friends give you comfort; may memories give you a smile, a chuckle, even a laugh. And may God's love give you peace. Mary Thornton

Mary Thornton - August 21, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keith Cole.



August 21, 2021 at 12:11 PM

DB

“ I knew Keith from working at Reda. What a precious soul Keith was. He was always so kind, always happy. I don't think he ever said a cross word to any one. I know the family will miss him very much. Prayers

donna boling - August 21, 2021 at 09:34 AM

PC

“ My Dad my best friend if I can be half the man he was I will be a great man

Patrick Cole - August 20, 2021 at 11:45 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Keith Cole.



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August 19, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *Nikki Duerson and Family* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Keith Cole.



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**Nikki Duerson and Family** - August 18, 2021 at 02:59 PM