



Keith Ray McDowell

December 25, 1943 - April 23, 2018

Keith Ray McDowell, age 74, passed away on Monday, April 23, 2018, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Keith was born Dec. 25, 1943, in El Dorado, KS, the son of Arnold and Irma (Britting) McDowell. Keith grew up at Haverhill, KS, and attended Augusta High School. Several years later, he graduated with an Associate's Degree (1982) and Bachelor's Degree (1987) from Kansas State University.

Keith and Carol Hansen were married January 1, 1967 at Haverhill Christian Church (Haverhill, KS). He was a member of the Kansas National Guard and served a tour of duty in South Korea. Keith learned to be a meat cutter and his career included 30-plus years as a department manager for Safeway/Food Barn. In 1993, he joined the Wal-Mart team and worked for 22 plus years with logistics and merchandising in the development of supercenter distribution centers and the packaging/handling of perishable products. He finally retired in 2016 as Operations Manager of the local Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

Keith was a faithful provider, loving husband and father, and an excellent example of a Christian man. He was active with his two boys and loved to tinker on anything mechanical with many toys through the years including motorcycles which he enjoyed riding with his sons. He bought both of the boys

their first cars: Jeff, a '68 orange Chevy truck, and Brian, a '74 Mercury Capri. Later when Carol suggested he needed a hobby, he took it to heart and brought home a 1949 Allis Chalmers G Tractor that he took completely apart and rebuilt. This started a passion for Gravelly tractors, tractor shows and clubs where he made many great friends over the years. Keith believed in serving others and did so by volunteering his time and talents at the ARF Dog Park, Bit by Bit Theauraptic riding in Oologah, Tallgrass Prairie, Price Tower and the Bartlesville Community Center as an usher and house manager. Together Keith and Carol loved the Lord and were involved in the many church activities, oftentimes "adopting" children in the church to look after and mentor. Keith's actions spoke much louder than words and he will be dearly missed by those that loved him.

Keith is survived by his wife Carol; two sons, Jeffrey McDowell (Tammy) of Elk City, OK, and Brian McDowell (Alisa) of Peabody, KS; four grandchildren, Alex Holm-McDowell, Rylie McDowell, Joshua Scott McDowell and Jackson Ray McDowell; and two sisters, Mary Ann Hawley and Ava Kay McHone (Steve), both of Augusta, KS. He is preceded in death by his parents and step mother Leona Dill McDowell.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Hopestone Cancer Support Center, 206 Frank Phillips Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74003.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 12-8. Keith's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Thursday, April 26, from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. on Friday, April 27, at the East Bartlesville Christian Church, with Evangelist David Bycroft officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online

condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Family and Friends Gathering

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Service

APR **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

East Bartlesville Christian Church
3221 E Tuxedo Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
<http://www.eastbartlesvillecc.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Keith and the family from the years they were members of the Crestview Christian Church in Manhattan sympathy and prayers. Larry Sullivan

Larry Sullivan - May 01, 2018 at 10:38 AM

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“ I worked with Keith at Walmart beginning in 1993 at the first Walmart Grocery DC. Keith was instrumental in the success of the Wal-Mart Supercenter "early days". Keith was the most genuine person I've ever met. He had a great sense of humor. He was kind and thoughtful towards everyone. I will miss Keith as a great friend! Gary Campisi

Gary Campisi - April 27, 2018 at 02:39 PM

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“ I am sorry to hear about Keith's passing. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I am Glenda Britting Bilson. My father was Floyd Britting, my grandmother was Mary Britting Greenup. Keith was my third cousin. God Bless you all.

Glenda Bilson - April 25, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Keith Ray McDowell.



April 25, 2018 at 12:02 PM