



"Polar Bear" Keith

December 9, 1954 - January 17, 2022

Robert Dean "Polar Bear" Keith, age 67 of Chattanooga, TN, passed away Monday afternoon, January 17, 2022 at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. He was born on December 9, 1954 in Rhea Co., the son of the late Hubert and Irene (Wykoff) Keith. Polar Bear was also preceded in death by his brothers, Bill Keith and Donald "Duck" Keith.

Polar Bear lived in Chattanooga for the past 22 years, previously lived in Rhea Co. and was a Rhea County High School graduate. He was employed at La-Z-Boy for over 34 years and then at Walden's Security. He was a member of the Sale Creek Church of God.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Lora Jones Keith of Chattanooga; his sons, Nathan (Stephanie) Keith of Sale Creek and Gregory (Christina) Bianchi of Chickamauga, GA; four grandchildren, Cody Keith, Cohen Lowe, Dash Bianchi and Olivia Kennedy; his brother, Ken (Amy) Keith of Dayton Mountain; and his sisters, Darlene Hale of Dayton Mountain, Deb Self of Dayton Mountain and Sherry Olinger of Atlanta, GA.

A Celebration of Life for Polar Bear will be held on Sunday, January 23rd, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. at the Sale Creek Church of God with Pastor Terry Bolton officiating. He will be laid to rest in Morgan Springs Cemetery on Dayton Mountain next to his mother.

Please share your memories and photos of Polar Bear on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN.

Cemetery Details

Morgan Springs Cemetery

Dayton, TN 37321

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 23. 6:15 PM (ET)

Sale Creek Church of God
Sale Creek, TN

Tribute Wall



“ 14 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - December 05, 2023 at 12:56 PM

ZB

“ Bob was a great man ,I knew him as a fellow security officer when he worked for Walden .
He was always kind,very polite and always made sure employees got out safely when they left work . Bob will be missed by a great deal of people , God Bless and may you rest in eternal slumber my friend.

-Zach Butler
Walden Security

Zach Butler - January 24, 2022 at 08:03 AM

ME

“ Melissa lit a candle in memory of "Polar Bear"
Keith



Melissa - January 23, 2022 at 08:41 PM

MW

“ *Melanie & Charlie Wright lit a candle in memory of "Polar Bear" Keith*



Melanie & Charlie Wright - January 20, 2022 at 12:26 AM

BM

“ *Bimbo McCawley.....*



Bimbo McCawley - January 19, 2022 at 10:25 PM

MD

“ *MICHELLE GILL DIDIER & GLENN DIDIER lit a candle in memory of "Polar Bear" Keith*

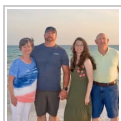


MICHELLE GILL DIDIER & GLENN DIDIER - January 19, 2022 at 09:44 PM

MD

we are deeply saddened, such a kind person. our thoughts and prayers to family. he will be missed.

MICHELLE GILL DIDIER - January 19, 2022 at 09:48 PM



I will miss a good friend. David McSpadden

Charlotte Mcspadden - January 19, 2022 at 10:07 PM

LD

“ I grew up on the mountain with him and his twin sister Debbie we all went to school together all our life this is sad a child hood friend Rest In Peace Bobby you were always so nice to everyone you had a great smile and a good heart💔💔

Linda Davis - January 19, 2022 at 07:45 PM

JG

“ Janet Gill lit a candle in memory of "Polar Bear" Keith



Janet Gill - January 19, 2022 at 06:03 PM

JG

I went to high school with Bob and attended church with him. He loved the Lord and showed it. He almost always had a big smile on his face. He will be missed.

Janet Gill - January 19, 2022 at 06:06 PM

HB

“ What a great guy. I remember him from school - always happy-go-lucky, an encourager the rest of us should emulate. I am very sorry for your loss. Rest in peace brother.

Howard Blake - January 19, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ Leon And Margaret Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of "Polar Bear" Keith



Leon and Margaret Payne - January 19, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.



Leon and Margaret Payne - January 19, 2022 at 03:36 PM



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Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - January 19, 2022 at 01:40 PM