



Keith Wright

December 18, 1958 - April 17, 2015

Keith Wright, 56 of Oktaha, Oklahoma, entered Heaven's gates on Friday, April 17, 2015 at his home with his wife & family by his side, losing a year-long battle with kidney cancer. A lifetime resident of Muskogee County, he was born on December 18, 1958, in Vian, OK, to Lee Roy Jr. and Shirley Ann (Douglas) Wright. Keith attended public schools and graduated from Vian High School with the class of 1977.

On August 11, 1984, Keith married the love of his life, Elizabeth Ann "Beth" Sheffield, in Tahlequah, OK. They shared over 30 years of marriage together. Keith worked 30 years in steel fabrication (rebar), working in the industry as a shop hand, to management, then ownership of his own steel business, Diamondback Steel Company of Muskogee, OK. Keith's relaxation and total enjoyment of his life other than his family, was his cattle. Two of his coffee mugs labeling him as a "Cattleman" and a "Rancher" were his favorites. He steadily built his cattle herd, and helped other ranchers build their herds. Keith thoroughly enjoyed hands - on work in all areas of running cattle.

Keith enjoyed being able to lend a helping hand to others and he was very humble with his success in life. He was smart, a natural leader, and never met a stranger. To know Keith was to love him. It was very important to Keith that others prosper and become the best they could be. Keith's other hobbies included hunting, cooking, and fishing. Cooking for his friends and family was one way Keith showed how much he cared for and loved them.

Keith is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Ann "Beth" Wright of the home; his

sons, Jonathan David Moore and his fiancée, Theresa Adele Kennedy of Oktaha, OK, Dustin Luke Wright and his wife Mandy Jane of Tulsa, OK, and Keiven Michael Wright and his wife Laura Marie of Broken Arrow, OK; his sister, Cindy Lou Lee and her husband Ron Alan Lee and their children, Shelly and Alan of Choctaw, OK; his brother, Tommy Wright and his wife Ronda Kaye and their children, Cash and Cason of Sallisaw, OK; and his mother Shirley Wright of Vian, OK. Keith is preceded in death by his father, Lee Roy Wright, Jr. and his sister, Sue Ann Wright. Keith is also survived by many nieces and nephews that were like his own sons and daughters as well as countless numbers of friendships he has developed over the years through the rebar and cattle business and everyday life. Keith was dearly loved by his wife and family and was a blessing to all who knew him. He lived more than a lifetime in his 56 years with us, leaving a legacy full of love, grace, hard work, and dedication that few will ever be able to follow.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, April 21, 2015, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the Keith Wright Memorial Fund at BancFirst. This fund will be used for the Oktaha and Vian Livestock Booster Clubs.

A celebration of Keith's life will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at First Assembly of God Church, 3100 Gulick, Muskogee, OK with Reverend Cardell Coppin officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Rocky Bowen, Bobby Bunch, Mike Bunch, Jack Wade Chambers, Don Daniels, Ken Morrison and Ronnie Rector. Honorary pallbearers will be Mark Blackwell, Dick Goss, Mark Mullen and Keith Weant. Interment will be in Box Cemetery, Vian, OK.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

APR **20**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

APR **21**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Family Visitation

APR **21**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Service

APR **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly Of God
3100 Gulick St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ Keith Wright

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ Is this Keith Albert Wright from Miami Shores? Please tell me what happened to him. I was close to him back in 70's.

Laura - November 30, 2015 at 01:06 AM



“ I loved Keith. Beth, I am so sorry for your loss. I am sure you have friends and family who will help you with your grief.

I want to dedicate this poem to you and Keith.

Love and Friendship

BY EMILY BRONTË

Love is like the wild rose-briar,

Friendship like the holly-tree—

The holly is dark when the rose-briar blooms

But which will bloom most constantly?

The wild rose-briar is sweet in spring,

Its summer blossoms scent the air;

Yet wait till winter comes again

And who will call the wild-briar fair?

Then scorn the silly rose-wreath now

And deck thee with the holly's sheen,

That when December blights thy brow

He still may leave thy garland green.

Vicki Hopkins - April 23, 2015 at 08:11 AM

NT

“ Beth, So sorry for your loss. I know you are broken hearted. Your family is in my thoughts & prayers. Nancy Smith Thomas

Nancy Thomas - April 22, 2015 at 09:11 PM

KB

“ Kathy Burton lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Kathy Burton - April 22, 2015 at 04:59 PM

LA

Are you related to Iris Burton?

Laura - November 30, 2015 at 01:09 AM

KT

“ Kenna Terrell lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Kenna Terrell - April 22, 2015 at 09:30 AM

BS

“ Bobbie Wright Stamps lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Bobbie Wright Stamps - April 21, 2015 at 10:18 PM

SC

“ Keith never realized how tender hearted I was with animals until I had to help deliver a calf. Keith called Jack to help on a Saturday afternoon and we headed that way. Jack knew how tender hearted I was, Keith, bless his heart, was in the dark. After it was over, I was bawling like a baby, and Keith thought that Jack was doing his usual yelling and throwing other rude words at me, but then he realized that he didn't hear Jack say anything to me. All Keith could do was ask me what was wrong. Then, he asked me “you were raised on a ranch weren't you?” I tried to tell him thru my tears how I felt, and he couldn't understand me. Jack had to finish my story and told Keith how tender my heart was towards animals. All Keith could do was smile and walk away. After I gathered my composer, I told him that I know that this happens a lot, but animals didn't have a choice in what happens---he laughed harder at me! He did tell me afterwards, that it had to be a woman thing, and began bragging at how many calves his wife, Beth, would feed at one time and how sad she would be if she lost one. This man has always treated people with the utmost respect. Jack and I will miss him. Jack will keep telling their bull riding stories and other stories of their friendship and will keep those memories forever. Beth, Jonathan, Dustin, and Keiven, we love you all so much!

Susie Chambers - April 21, 2015 at 08:56 PM

GF

“ Dear Beth- So sorry to hear about Keith. I had talked with him probably 2-3 weeks ago and it all sounded better. I really appreciate your letting me know. I know you have a lot to deal with. As you know, he would rank as one of the best guys around. I can honestly say I have met many people, but he was one of a kind. We had many great discussions(cattle, government, future plans and of course your bucket calves!). I have told many people how you both worked your way up from nothing financially. He told me once when buying the steel business that if it didn't work out, he knew he still could work at something else, because he knew how to work! I have told several younger folks that story. I won't be able to make the funeral as we are in the middle of weaning calves all this week and taking deliveries, but you don't know how much I appreciate your letting me know. Again, I am sorry for your loss. He was one of the finest men I have ever met- if not the best. His humble spirit and ability to laugh was unmatched. Galen Fink

Galen Fink - April 21, 2015 at 08:45 PM

Janet
Cato

“ Keith. ..was my cousin a a child we called him 'Arch' . I don't remember who gave him the nickname it may have been our grandpa Lee Roy Wright Sr. I lived in Wichita but spent nearly every 4th of July summer vacation and Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in Vlan. Spent many a night at Keith s house with his sisters Susie and Cindy. I remember since I was raised in the city they all used to make fun of how I talked and I couldn't catch the horses to ride as well as my cousins but Keith once told me "Peaches don't you worry none cause can't a one if them swim as good as you can!!" I guess it was his humble way to let me know that we all have something we can be proud of ! He will be truly missed. I know my Aunt Shirley will need our love and support as well as Beth and his sons . May God's unmeasurable love comfort all of our family.



Janet Cato - April 21, 2015 at 08:29 PM

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Susie Chambers - April 21, 2015 at 07:42 PM

PT

“ Beth, I consider it an honor to have known Keith. He always brightened the day when he was around. My prayers go out to you and your family. He was a very special person

Pam Tolliver - April 21, 2015 at 07:01 PM

RF

“ *Beth and family, we are so sorry to hear of Keith's passing. He will be greatly missed by all. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Brian and Renee Fredrick, Oktaha, OK

Renee Fredrick - April 21, 2015 at 03:29 PM

TV

“ *Mary and I want to express our sincere condolences to the Wright family and friends on the loss of Keith this past week. Keith was and will always be a great friend to me and we will all miss him dearly.*



Tom Valentine - April 21, 2015 at 03:16 PM



“ *93 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - April 21, 2015 at 01:58 PM

RD

“ *Rohnda Davis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright*



Rohnda Davis-Brown - April 21, 2015 at 11:07 AM

SW

“ *Beth, thinking of you and your family. So sorry for your loss.*

Stacy Williamson - April 21, 2015 at 08:42 AM

BP

“ *Brenda Adams Patterson lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright*



Brenda Adams Patterson - April 21, 2015 at 06:42 AM

Duane
Clocker

“ Keith was my cousin. He was one of "the older cousins", 9 years older than me. So to me he always seemed so large, active, and yes, handsome. He was my first crush that I can remember. I remember being so happy that I got to wear one of his shirts when I was 4 or 5 to eat watermelon in by Shirley. As I grew older what I always noticed about Keith was his good and caring nature. I always saw him with a smile and noticed how he was with his brother & my buddy, Tommy. I came to admire Keith because of the life he made with Beth & his sons. I also admired the success he had in business even though he was humble in speaking of his success. He carried himself with a quiet pride that I read to mean he was well respected. But how could he not be? Because the man I knew at family gatherings was always affable, always kind, laughing, and in on the joke. That's the Keith I knew with a ball cap, toothpick and a grin. I am saddened that his family has lost him too soon and I am saddened that he is no longer in this world making it better by his presence. The only joy in his passing is knowing he with his Savior now. -Terry Lynn (Sheffield) Clocker

Duane Clocker - April 21, 2015 at 12:19 AM

JE

“ Mike & Jan Every



Jan Every - April 20, 2015 at 11:29 PM

Vanna
Camp

“ Vanna Camp lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Vanna Camp - April 20, 2015 at 11:21 PM

RC

“ Raymond & Dixie Cato lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Raymond & Dixie Cato - April 20, 2015 at 10:34 PM

TS

“ Tyler, Ryan, Wyatt, & Zane Strunk lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Tyler, Ryan, Wyatt, & Zane Strunk - April 20, 2015 at 10:07 PM



“ Terry Rowland lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Terry Rowland - April 20, 2015 at 10:00 PM



Keith was a former classmate of Vian High School. One of the nicest men you could ever know. Condolences to his wife and family. So sorry for your loss.

Terry Rowland - April 20, 2015 at 10:02 PM

DE

“ *Darlene And Terry Elam lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright*



Darlene and Terry Elam - April 20, 2015 at 09:55 PM

PJ

“ *Phylis Sumpter Johnson lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright*



Phylis Sumpter Johnson - April 20, 2015 at 09:34 PM

MC

“ *Keith always had a big smile and a "Hi cuz!" everytime I saw him, no matter how long it had been. I'll miss him.*
Mary Anne Casteel

Mary Anne Casteel - April 20, 2015 at 09:34 PM

CT

“ *What a great man we have lost. Keith was always a favorite cousin of mine. He always had a big smile & was the most generous person I think I've ever met. I used to love seeing him pull up in Daddy's yard when I was a little girl. He would tell us stories about some hunting trip to Colorado, Texas or maybe even Alaska. I will Always remember how kind he was to my family & that he brought a ham every Thanksgiving & Christmas♥ Rest in Peace Keith*

Charlotte Trotter - April 20, 2015 at 09:30 PM

TT

“ *Keith was one of my most favorite customers ever!!! He was a great all around person. It was an honor to call him "friend."*

Terri Nance, Ryder Trucks - April 20, 2015 at 03:51 PM

MD

“ *Love you all. Prayers going up during this difficult time. Keith was well thought of by my entire family.*



Martha Dixon - April 20, 2015 at 03:40 PM

RB

“ *Rocky And Debra Bowen lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright*



Rocky and Debra Bowen - April 20, 2015 at 12:31 PM

RE

“ Robert And Susan Eller lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Robert and Susan Eller - April 20, 2015 at 11:54 AM

BC

“ Bobby & Rose Cates lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright.



Bobby & Rose Cates - April 20, 2015 at 11:52 AM

RM

“ One outstanding man. I'm glad he called me his friend. Many good memories. Pray God's blessings over Keith's family.

Richard Merritt - April 20, 2015 at 11:19 AM

LW

“ Lola Wright-Edwards lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Lola Wright-Edwards - April 20, 2015 at 11:12 AM

SK

“ Sheree & JT Kindred lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Sheree & JT Kindred - April 20, 2015 at 10:20 AM

DD

“ Don And Cathy Daniels lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Don and Cathy Daniels - April 20, 2015 at 08:51 AM

RS

“ Rusty Pamela Stonebarger lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Rusty Pamela Stonebarger - April 19, 2015 at 07:19 PM

SB

“ Sam & Alice Boggess lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Sam & Alice Boggess - April 19, 2015 at 07:02 PM

BL

“ Bobby & Tammy Lee lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Bobby & Tammy Lee - April 19, 2015 at 02:42 PM

BL

“ Bobby, Tammy & Chloe Lee lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Bobby, Tammy & Chloe Lee - April 19, 2015 at 02:40 PM

MF

“ Maurine (Sallee) Flood lit a candle in memory of Keith Wright



Maurine (Sallee) Flood - April 19, 2015 at 08:14 AM