IN LOVING MEMORY OF

KEITH J. WORL

MAY 1, 1943 - OCTOBER 23, 2021



Keith James Worl, 78, succumbed to lung cancer and left us late Saturday, October 23 with his children on either side. He spent a short period contending with his health and was honored and humbled to do so with the immense support of his family and friends. He was showered in love and good company and remained his usual sharp self throughout his final weeks.

He wanted anyone reading this to know that rather than academic merits, his career in carpentry, or accolades of any other kind that the achievements of his family and social relationships were what he is most proud of and would like to

be remembered by.

Keith's family includes his loving wife of 27 years, Laura; two brothers, Basil (Sally) Worl of St Petersburg, FL, David (Mary Ann) Worl of Rochester, NY; sister, [the late] Carolyn (Dave) Fox of Fairmount; five children [the late] Dawn Worl, Adam (Kim) Worl of Fairmount, Gail (Charles) Books of Elkhart, Stacy (Sonny) Wessel of Indianapolis, Brian (Jessica) Russell of Dallas, TX; a son-in-law, Dan Follis of Indianapolis; 10 grandchildren Faith (Josh) King, Grace Worl, Burr Worl, Morgan (Austin) Cook, Chloe Follis, Gabrielle Books, Chris (Stephanie) Wessel, Emily Wessel, John Russell, and Charlie Russell; four great-grandchildren, Hayden, Max, Oaklyn, and Jayden, and eagerly awaiting the arrival of a great-grandson Cook; numerous nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, and cousins; and an avowed brother E.B. Rayburn of Indianapolis. It would be remiss not to mention Keith's exceptional friendships, but to list them all individually would be nearly impossible; however, as many are aware, he was very good at relaying to those he treasured how much and why he valued their relationship.

Keith was born on May 1, 1943 and raised in rural Fairmount. He mastered schoolwork at Oak Ridge before attending Liberty Elementary and finally Fairmount High School. He was always an enthusiastic attendee of the Fairmount HS Class of 1961 reunions and the recent 60th

reunion was a highlight of his last months as each member has been dear to him throughout the years.

Keith served in the US Air Force from 1962-1965 as an aircraft mechanic stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and saw much of Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War including Japan, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand, and the Philippines.

Many will know Keith as an accomplished carpenter, craftsman, and home builder from his 50+ year career as such. He built a multitude of homes from the ground up, as well as countless remodels, additions, and projects across Central Indiana, not to mention many barns in upstate New York, leaving his mark as a master of his trade upon the everyday lives of so many of us.

Those of us remaining will know that Keith's lasting memory stands above the work he produced - he was a man of knowledge and of wisdom. His areas of interest were history, math, and science, but his focus was on aligning it all toward success and prosperity for those around him. It's been said that Keith was among the top scholars and theologians, all with no higher education. The wisdom he garnered from the knowledge he sought was something he openly passed along to any willing to listen and learn. He truly was a leader in every aspect of his life from childhood into his last days.

Above all, Keith aspired to be a family man. All who have enjoyed his love, wisdom, sharp wit, many opinions, and companionship through time will feel his loss, but his legacy came from those before him and lives on in those he's left behind - very much by his design. He will be greatly missed.

Memorial service for Keith will be held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 South Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Visitation is from 11 AM-2 PM. A memorial service celebrating Keith's life will be at 2 PM. Interment will be at Park Cemetery, Fairmount.

Memorial contributions may be made to a hospice organization of your choice.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com

TRIBUTES

Steve Douglas wrote on Nov 1, 2021:

"It was our family?s honor and privilege to have been neighbors of keith and Laura for 20+ years. Keith may have been a student of the world, but he was foremost a teacher. Many were the times I would see him painstakingly try to teach chipmunks to swim and delivery folks how to use the street vs his driveway. Mostly we will remember Keith as incredibly generous with his knowledge, humor, and time. Our condolences to Laura and the whole Worl family. Godspeed on ur journey home friend. Love, The Douglas?"

Michael and Ann Lynam wrote on Nov 1, 2021:

"Condolences to Laura and all of Keith?s family. As a neighbor and friend, Keith is irreplaceable; and Ann and I will miss him more than words can express. For almost 30 years, Keith has not only been our close friend and my confidant and mentor, but he has been our neighborhood?s good Samaritan?whether it was repaving our street or helping any of us in a time of need, Keith has been our ?go-to?. A master craftsman in every sense of the word, Keith?s generosity with his skills and friendship has left his signature in our house and the homes of many of our neighbors. From room to room, Keith?s presence will always be a part of our lives; and the gift of his friendship will always dwell in our hearts. We honor his memory, remember his devotion to Laura, and celebrate his keen sense of humor, honesty, fairness, and compassion. RIP Dear Friend."

Dennis Clevenger wrote on Oct 28, 2021:

"I had the pleasure of living with Keith and his family for 3 years in an apartment above their garage. A little later I work for him for 3 years building 6 houses and several remodeling jobs. The knowledge I gained from him stayed with me to this day. They gave me a place to live when I needed it and a job when I needed that. That's the kind of family Keith and his family was. I will miss him very much. My prayers go out to the family for this great loss."

John Sullivan wrote on Oct 27, 2021:

"What a guy! What fun! Going snowmobiling with him in South Dakota is one those memories that will always come to mind when thinking of great things in my life! There are so many things that come to mind about Keith! He will be missed!"

"So sorry to hear about our friend, Keith. He will be truly missed. Always enjoyed dinners out and the companionship of Laura and Keith over many years. We shared lots of funny moments together. May he Rest In Peace."

Terome & Sharon Gough wrote on Oct 27, 2021:

"Our sincere condolences to the family. We are among the many who consider Keith a dear and trusted friend. He had a brilliant mind that enabled him to share much wisdom and helpful information, always leaving you with a positive mindset. He was a master craftsman that pursued and achieved perfection on every project he took on. What a great and endearing legacy you leave behind .We will greatly miss you Dear Friend. Terome & Sharon"

C. Werner wrote on Oct 26, 2021:

"So sorry, Faith, about your grandfather's passing. Prayers to your family as I know he's in a better place with the Lord--healthy and whole. --C. Werner"

Nancy Wood wrote on Oct 26, 2021:

"Prayers for the Family, Will think of him when I drive by the house he built for my aunt and uncle, then down the road the one he built for my cousin and his family"



Joyce A. Pappas wrote on Oct 26, 2021:

"I remember, Keith being a neighbor to my Aunt Mae & Uncle Charlie, Allen, its been years . So sorry for your loss. God bless you all, Joyce (Martin) Pappas.."