

Sabetha, KS



Keith Michael Barrett, 73, of Sabetha Kansas, passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at his home in Sabetha.

Keith was born March 13, 1951, in Seneca, Kansas to Garwood and Donice (Adams) Barrett. Keith grew up on the family farm and was a lifelong resident of Sabetha. During high school at Sabetha High, Keith was active in sports. One of his proudest and fondest high school memories involved track and his 4 x 400 relay team setting the school record in this event which held until 1990. Keith graduated from Sabetha High School in 1969.

Growing up on the family farm, Keith learned the value of hard work which he carried with him throughout his life. His positive work ethic was reflected in his successful roofing business. Through his roofing business, Keith met many people, but he also never knew a stranger because he had an incredible knack for striking up a conversation with everyone he met.

Keith- favorite pastime was spending time with his family whom he loved dearly. Another one of his favorite pastimes was watching and rooting for his favorite sports teams, KU, OU, and the Kansas City Chiefs, no matter the season. When he wasn't working, walking his dog, or cheering on his favorite teams, Keith could be found fishing, camping, talking on the phone with family, out at the family farm for Sunday dinner, or reading one of his favorite cowboy books. Keith was also an avid gardener, so much so, one year the Sabetha Herald featured him and his front yard corn crop in the weekly newspaper.

Keith- charismatic spirit, big smile, and storytelling skills will be missed by many. His family is comforted in the knowledge that he is now at peace with the Lord.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Garwood and Donice Barrett.

Keith is survived by his two sons, Michael (Jessie) Barrett and Matthew (April) Barrett; his step-daughter, Anna Swogar; his eleven grandchildren, Brittany (Mathew) Stevens, Colton Barrett, Jacob Barrett, Wyatt Barrett, Jenna Barrett, Makalya Swogar, Reyna

Swogar, Alayana Swogar, Jett Swogar, Maddox Swogar, and Niko Swogar; his seven siblings, Sharon Gillette, David (Ann) Barrett, Gayle Devore, Steve (Mary Ann) Barrett, Kathy (Jim) Graney, Gary Barrett, Jeff (Robin) Barrett; and his aunt, Mary Linden of Seneca, Kansas.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Popkess Mortuary Chapel in Sabetha. Prior to the service, a visitation with family will be held from 10:00 a.m. to service time at the mortuary. Immediately following the service, a private family interment will be held at the Albany Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to a fund yet to be designated by the family and to be sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia, Sabetha, Kansas 66534. Online condolences can be left for the family at www.popkessmortuaries.com.