



Terry "T.K." Keith

April 28, 2018

Terry "T.K." Keith, age 71, died peacefully while surrounded by family at Pathways Hospice in Loveland, CO on Saturday, April 28, 2018 after a courageous fight against lung cancer.

He was born on December 19, 1946 to Russell and Ruth Keith, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. TK attended Warwick High School in Lititz, PA and graduated in 1964. On August 12, 1981, Terry married Jan Radke and became step-father to Jason and Jennifer Radke. His sons, Christopher and Zachary Keith were born in 1984 and 1986, respectively.

TK lived in Fort Collins and Windsor, CO. In 1973 he was hired by the City of Fort Collins to be a Maintenance Technician. He was promoted to Recreation Leader in 1976 and Recreation Supervisor in 1984. He ran the Special Needs Program and planned various fitness, dance and arts and crafts activities for that population. He was a tremendous advocate for the developmentally disabled and promoted the City's active involvement in Special Olympics. He managed over 90 sports programs during his tenure with the City. He was promoted to Program Administrator in charge of sports in 1994. He retired from the City in 2006 after 33 years of dedicated service. Never one to be idle, TK continued to work throughout his "retirement". In 2017, TK served as Patrolman for Red Feather Storage and Irrigation, monitoring the lakes and fishermen of his beloved Red Feather Lakes.

TK moved from Pennsylvania to Colorado in 1969 after a few years spent playing semi-pro football. An avid fan of any and all athletics (except soccer), TK became a passionate softball player, serving as catcher and then 1st baseman on local teams for more than 30 years. One of his greatest achievements was accompanying the County Line Farms Team, generously sponsored by Mr. Robert Becker, to the International Softball Congress (ISC) World Finals Tournament in Phoenix, AZ in 1977. In 2008, TK was inducted into the Colorado Softball Hall of Fame/Fast Pitch for his contributions to the game as a player and a manager. Throughout his life, he was a dedicated and zealous fan of the Colorado State

Rams, the Denver Broncos, the Avalanche, the Rockies and The Wrestler: Braxton Keith. Upon arriving in Colorado, TK swore he would never live anywhere else. The Rocky Mountains became his sanctuary and refuge. He loved to spend his days fishing, four-wheeling, and hunting. He often referred to Red Feather Lakes as “God’s Country” and he knew that Red Feather was where he wanted to spend all of his days. He had recently fulfilled his dream of building and furnishing a cozy cabin on property near one of his very best friends’ and near one of his favorite lakes (Nakomis).

In addition to loving the great outdoors, TK also loved corvettes, country music and golden retrievers. He was a member of the Northern Colorado Corvette Club and owned several corvettes throughout his life. Nothing but country music, old and new, played on the radios in his cars and trucks. TK was never far from his most devoted companions: his cherished golden retrievers. Most recently, Bear Boy kept him busy and active. But he always remembered and missed his Bo, Hawkeye and Sundance.

TK proclaimed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was a devoted member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, serving as Usher for several years. He had also been a member of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, where he served as Usher and Sunday School Teacher.

Survivors include his beloved partner of ten years Phyllis Teumer; his children: Jason & Katie Radke (Cedar Park, TX), Jennifer Radke (Cedar Park, TX), Christopher & Kimberly Keith (Loveland, CO) and Zachary Keith (Loveland, CO); his grandchildren: Makenzie Radke, Tanner Radke, Jake Radke, Rowan Rodriguez, Madison Radke, Christopher Rodriguez, Griffin Radke, Braxton Keith, Maksim Keith, Paisley Keith, and Lilyan Keith; and his father, Russell Keith. Terry was preceded in death by his mother Ruth Hersh.

A Celebration of Life and Memorial Service will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 11:00am, luncheon to follow. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Terry Keith to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

We encourage all of his friends and family to post memories and pictures on this tribute page.

TK readily acknowledged the many blessings in his life: family, friends...time. He was incredibly dedicated to those he loved most: all four of his children and each of his eleven grandchildren. We consider ourselves blessed to have known him, to have loved him and to have the privilege of calling him “Dad” and “Papa”. He will always be missed.

“Cowboy Up”

Events

MAY **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Redeemer Lutheran Church

7755 Greenstone Trail, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80525

Comments



“ My heart breaks for you guys during this time....Terry is a wonderful man who will be deeply missed....both him and my dad Skip Walker can now play all the softball they want...please keep in Touch with my Mom Linda and I (my cell is 970-691-3860)
Mechelle Walker Slider



Mechelle Slider - May 10, 2018 at 11:10 PM



“ Just heard of Terry's passing and of course devastated to hear the bad news, we remember Terry way back in the softball days, he was always such a pleasure to be around and always smiling. So glad his family was able to spend the time they did with him. RIP our wonderful friend, until we meet again.

Love the Gonzales Family

Ron and Ida Gonzales - May 10, 2018 at 10:20 PM



“ Whenever I sing "Crazy" by Patsy Cline, I'll always think of Terry. I'm so proud to call him family and I tell everyone in the Keith family back in PA what a wonderful and caring family Terry has! Thoughts and prayers and love to Phyllis, Jason, Jennifer, Chris & Kim, Zach and all the grandkids! LOVE YOU ALL! Everyone from PA sends their love and thoughts and wishes they could be here!

Kathy Friia - May 09, 2018 at 09:08 PM



“ Terry was a good, kind and funny man. I met him through my husband, one of his coffee buddies. He always had us laughing. He also had a very distinct laugh too and just listening to him laugh would make us laugh. He accomplished a lot in his life and his kids should be very proud of him. He really enjoyed his life. He did a lot of different things too. I know he really enjoyed Red Feather Lakes and would have enjoyed his cabin had he got the chance. I hope his sons take advantage of the cabin and use it as he would have. He would love that. I will sorely miss him. I know my husband has a lot of good memories of him, like when they would golf together and go to coffee all the time. My husband remembered a time when he bought a recliner from the Arc Thrift Store and he sat down on it and went back in chair and it went all the way to the floor and he couldn't get out of it. He almost had to call 911. RIP Terry, you are in good hands now. We'll miss you. Love John and Vita.

John and Vita Young - May 09, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Terry was a super person that I knew from Red Feather. We had a cabin close to his. Will miss him. Jim Stenson and family

Jim Stenson - May 08, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ Terry Keith...I was fortunate to cross your path at Parks & Rec while doing my practicums and internship (CSU) with you and Rademacher! The genuine kindness and patience you showed during my time there I will never forget! Whether it was a jokes at Marc's and Tom's expense or us all laughing while having lunch at Hooters about anything and nothing...or a 1 on 1 meeting where you'd be telling me a story, which later on I'd realize you actually were teaching me a life experience! I can remember telling you "I felt lost and was still trying to figure out what I wanted to do when I grew up" (don't mind that I was a 25 year old man)...you laughed and said "me too, and when you figure it out Tom, let me know too!" I will miss it...I will miss it all! Especially that smile of yours no matter what kind of day I'd be having, TK could give me that smirky smile and I couldn't help but start to smile or laugh! So many people have been touched by this great soul in so many powerful ways! I am one of the many whom are thankful to have TK in my life for the lessons, the learning moments and mostly the laughs! I will miss you but know I will see you on the flip side again! Maybe you can help the Rockies when the Big Show from up Above!

Respectfully your friend

Tomas Moreno

Tomas Moreno - May 07, 2018 at 11:49 PM



“ Chris, Kim, and Family,
From your BWW family to your real family, our hearts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Though we never met your dad Terry, we thank god every day for his part in giving us the amazing leader, mentor, and friend that you are. We miss you dearly, and a piece of us is with you, giving you a small bit of strength during this most trying of times.
We love you.
Natalie, Meaghan, Heather, Alec, Lexy, David N, David H, Andrea, Abby, Shanna, Natajha, Vanessa, Caysean, Laura, Brittany, Cody, and Liz

BWW Family - May 07, 2018 at 01:18 PM



“ Terry you will be missed my Friend. With that smile, we will play it forward. See you on the other side! David and Ebbie Sanchez.

david sanchez - May 07, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ I met terry was 13 yrs for special olympics with Suzy mike
Had great sense of humor I know the athletes will miss him
Rose winkler

rose - May 06, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ I first met Terry when I was a lifeguard at City Park Pool in the 1960's and was privileged to work with him later in Recreation. He was dedicated to the work but more importantly to the people we served. Unique, full of life, always himself, and so much fun. Don't think any of us would ever forget that laugh tinged with a bit of a giggle. My deepest sympathy to his family. I am so sorry that I am unable to attend the service.
Barbara Schoenberger

Barbara Schoenberger - May 04, 2018 at 07:29 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you. My closest memories are of you boys helping me and my boys press the envelope when you were young and what a gracious host your father was at home events celebrating your big moments in life. Please let me know if I can be of any help. Ric H. 970-221-4039.

Ric Hansen - May 02, 2018 at 06:08 PM