



Bob Keathley

June 18, 1936 - September 18, 2022

Bobby Nowlin Keathley was born on June 18, 1936 in Memphis, TN. He departed this life at his home in Saxony Village in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on September 18, 2022 at the age of 86.

Bob and Yvonne Gary were married in 1956 and were the parents of four sons: David Keathley of Dexter, MO, Ronald Keathley and wife Miki of Henderson, NV, Gary Keathley and wife Cary of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, and Michael Keathley (deceased.)

Bob was involved in the family business of woodworking from an early age. He was President of IXL Manufacturing Company, Inc. until the family business was sold and he retired in 1997.

He had three special areas of interest - woodworking in his shop, his farm in Wayne County and Boy Scouts of America. He served as SEMO Council President and was on the St Louis Council Executive Committee.

Bob leaves behind his sister Marie Quinn of Dexter MO and sister-in-law Elaine King and husband John and ten grandchildren: Megan Keathley, Nolan Keathley and wife Sami, Hannah Keathley, Jamie Rizzo and husband Tyler, Caitlin McCallum and husband Jesse, Chris Keathley and wife Justine, Garrett Keathley, Hallie Keathley, Peyton Keathley, and Mason Keathley. He also

leaves behind five great-grandchildren; Logan McCallum, Everly McCallum, Julian Rizzo, Lincoln Rizzo, and Tripp Keathley. Bob also leaves behind cousins, other family members and many friends.

A Celebration of Life for Bob Keathley will be on Sunday October 9, 2022, at the Bernie United Methodist Church at 1:30pm. Memorials may be made to the Bernie United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 9. 1:30 PM (CT)

Bernie United Methodist Church
307 W Main Ave
Bernie, MO 63822
(573) 293-5685

Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Bob Keathley.



October 04, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Bob Keathley.



October 01, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bob Keathley.



September 30, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Bob Keathley.



September 29, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bob Keathley.*



September 27, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bob Keathley.*



September 22, 2022 at 04:22 PM



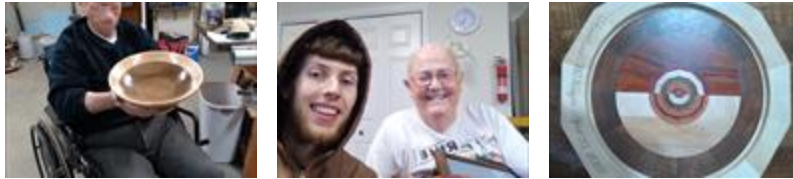
“ *The Murphy's and crew at Farmhand Supply purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bob Keathley.*



The Murphy's and crew at Farmhand Supply - September 22, 2022 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ Bob was a great mentor, teacher, and all around person. It was a privilege to turn a bowl with him last winter. He shared a lot of knowledge and stories with my wife, McKenzie, and me. One of his many projects was a lazy Susan which he made as a gift for McKenzie & I's wedding this past spring. Bob inspired me and helped me fulfill a dream of woodworking. We will miss Bob but heaven must be a beautiful place! We send many prayers to Yvonne and the Keathley family.



Daniel Bollinger - September 22, 2022 at 08:31 AM

AS

“ I would like to share my appreciation to Bob and Yvonne. Such tremendous mentors for me during my youth. Sharing your passions had made a life long impressions for me. Hopefully someday I can pay it forward the mentoring and unconditional love you two along with Sara and Horsie James gave my daughter. I hope my sharing brings the Keathley family peace and a few smiles if you happen to remember some of the shenanigans pulled during my childhood. With deepest respect.

Anne M Stephens - September 22, 2022 at 01:46 AM

BS

“ *Ms. Keathley, while we only met Bob a few times, it was evident thru your visits at the bookstore how much love there was in your home and marriage. What a gift and blessing to have shared so many years together creating memories. Big hugs are waiting for you next time we see you, until then many prayers for comfort and peace. Becky*



Becky Stull - September 21, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *I've had the honor to know Bob for forty years. From my formative years as a youth in Scouting and into adulthood, he was always there with a story, a kind word, or a gentle suggestion. There are not enough words to explain the influence he had on me, or the gratitude I feel for his friendship and kindness. For all the time I spent with him, it was never enough. His pride at helping improve Camp Lewallen and sponsoring the annual Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Southeast Missouri State University was evident, and his presence will be missed in coming years. Rest easy, Bob. May the great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again, and may our footsteps lead unto Him. ~Tony Smee*



Tony Smee - September 21, 2022 at 10:48 AM

AO

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. Bob always had a good story to share and we all always enjoyed when he would bring his projects into the pharmacy. He also treated us to Christmas ornaments he made many times. He was a true gem and he will be missed.

Amanda Oliver - September 20, 2022 at 10:55 PM

CG

“ We often shared a breakfast table with Bob when I visited Dad (Dawsey Glass). We would go to the downtown restaurant in Bernie and after breakfast Dad would always tell me how good Bob was for the town of Bernie.

Carlyn Glass - September 20, 2022 at 10:51 PM

PS

“ Bob was an inspiration to me and many others! He truly was a kind and gentle man.

Philip Shelton - September 20, 2022 at 10:43 PM

BD

“ Looked up to Bob from a very early age, there was just something special and I knew as did lots of other folks, he and Yvonne were always such great people, they brought a lot to growing up in small town America, thankful to be able to call them friends.
Bruce and Karen Dawson

Bruce Dawson - September 20, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bob Keathley.*



September 20, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Bob was so kind to my Dad, George Smee aka "George's Freeze Queen" in Bernie. He for years furnished dad Hickory wood for the Bar-B-Que pit. If you had a "Que" from Georges in the 60's it was cooked with Bob's IXL Hickory. Remember as a junior and senior in high school serving Bob and family at George's, after Church. many Sundays!*



*Bob took the time while son Tony was in high school to Tutor/Mentor/Share items of interest as he pursued his scouting goals.
We'll miss you Bob
Stan Smee*

Stanley W Smee - September 20, 2022 at 06:38 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this. Will always see him and Dad singing in the choir together. Prayers for the family.*

Karen Overby Green - September 20, 2022 at 05:08 PM



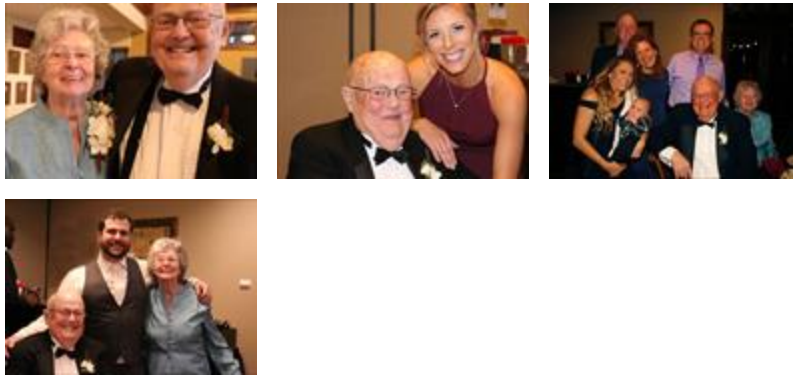
“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Bob Keathley.*



September 20, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ *4 files added to the album 10-26-2019 at Nolan and Sami's wedding*



Rick LaGrotta - September 20, 2022 at 04:33 PM



Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a kind and interesting person. Such a wonderful family. LouAnn Hays Zoffuto Virginia

LouAnn H Zoffuto - September 24, 2022 at 01:53 AM