



## Norman "Jarit" Keith

October 10, 1941 - November 7, 2022

Norman "Jarit" Keith, 81, of Jackson, Missouri passed away November 7, 2022 at his home with his loving family surrounding him.

He was born October 10, 1941 in Cairo, Illinois to the late William "Billie" and Exalee Woodyard Keith of Sikeston, Missouri. He and Janice Laub were married October 10, 1968.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William J. and Exalee Woodyard Keith and one brother, Frederick Lee Keith of Sikeston, Missouri.

Loving survivors include his wife, Janice Laub Keith of Jackson, Missouri; his son, Kevin Jarit Keith (Morgan) of Gordonville, Missouri; sister-in-law, Kim Laub (Michael Scott) of Sikeston, Missouri; nephews, Quinton Boardman and Mason Boardman (Kristen) of Sikeston, Missouri; niece, Heather Roth (Don) of Springfield, Missouri; great-nieces, Kaydynce Boardman and Linly Boardman of Sikeston, Missouri; and great-nephew, Davin Roth of Springfield, Missouri; cousins, Janie Howle Clymer (Tom) of Lost Springs, Kansas, Susan Howle Werner (Bud) of Sikeston, Missouri, Amy Clymer Adamson (Scott) of Baldwin City, Kansas and Zoe Ann Gocke of Sun City, Arizona.

He graduated from Sikeston High School in 1960. He worked in St Louis at a piano rebuilding shop for two years before opening J & J Motors (Honda

Motorcycle Shop) in Sikeston. After selling the business, he worked for Missouri Electric in Cape Girardeau. In 1972 he moved to Denver, Colorado and worked for Weaver Electric until 1991, at which time he moved back to Jackson, Missouri. He was a licensed steam locomotive engineer for St. Louis Iron Mountain Railroad until his retirement in 2006.

Jarit's passion was his love of music. He was the saxophone player and remaining member of The Goldtones band, popular in the mid sixties. He played with various other bands over the years. The last few years, he and his wife, Jan, along with Vern Leible, entertained at Chateau Girardeau, Veteran's Home, Cape and Jackson Senior Centers and Auburn Creek Assisted Living. But, his greatest love was being a member of the Praise Team at Cape County Cowboy Church.

Visitation will be Friday, November 11, 2022 from 5 to 8 pm at Ford & Sons Funeral Home, 1001 North Mount Auburn, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Funeral service will be held at the funeral home Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 10 am with the Rev. Jim Matthews officiating. Burial will follow at the Sikeston Memorial Park Cemetery in Sikeston, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Ford & Sons Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery - Sikeston

Sikeston, MO 63801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

NOV 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ So sorry to here of Jarit's passing. We lived next door to the Keith's and I was always over at their house. They were all wonderful to me and Jarit took time to visit and show me his stuff and hobbies.. I'm sure I was a pest since I was so much younger than him but he put up with me. He was a very bright and talented young man! Life changes and now they are all gone but I still have those wonderful boyhood memories.

*Pease and God bless to all.*

*Lee Bowman Jr.*

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**Lee Bowman** - November 22, 2022 at 11:36 AM

LB

“ Dear Janice and family,  
Although I was not privileged to know Jarit extremely well, I was always impressed with his kind ways and his mechanical and musical skills. I am so happy that he was able to use his musical talent for the Lord during the last few years of his life. He now will have the opportunity to make beautiful music of praise to Jesus. I know that you and family will miss him deeply now and in the years to come. The Bohannon family here in Ohio will be thinking of and praying for all of you at this most painful, yet joyful, time.

*Uncle Larry, Pam and Zach Bohannon*

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**Larry Bohannon** - November 10, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Kevin Keith** - November 09, 2022 at 12:39 PM

KI

“ Kimmie lit a candle in memory of Norman "Jarit" Keith



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**Kimmmie** - November 09, 2022 at 11:31 AM

JB

“ Thanks for your friendship and your music, Jarit. How I loved that sax. We will miss you on the net and at SEMO amateur radio meetings as well. Job well done, friend. Rest in peace in the arms of our Savior. Judy Bradley, KCOWXS

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**Judy Schlimme Bradley** - November 08, 2022 at 10:13 PM

CC

“ I remember going to the hospital to see you both and your brand new baby. Such a fun meeting. New mom and dad. Christine & Clip.

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**Christine Cookson** - November 08, 2022 at 09:17 PM

JV

“ We had some great times Hornman.  
Love ya, Joe and Ruby



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**Joe and Ruby Voshage** - November 08, 2022 at 08:39 PM

RM

“ RIP old friend. One of these days we will get together and check out those pictures and memories we talked about. In the meantime, rest assured you will never be forgotten and I'll be listening to all the Goldtones albums you gave me and thinking of you. Play that sax for Jesus now.

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**Ron Morris** - November 08, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman "Jarit" Keith.



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November 08, 2022 at 06:07 PM