



Keith Burkholder

June 2, 1939 - January 17, 2022

Mr. Keith E. Burkholder, 82, passed away on Monday, January 17, 2022, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born in Muncie, Indiana, on June 2, 1939, the only child of the late Victor L. and Kathryn A. (Walters) Burkholder. Keith would jokingly say he was an only child because his parents stopped at perfection.

He was united in marriage to Brenda Kay (Curless) Burkholder in Wabash, Indiana on June 19, 1960; she survives.

Keith was a 1957 graduate of Shields High School in Seymour, Indiana. He graduated from Ball State University and the Indiana College of Mortuary Science.

Keith joined his father in the funeral business in 1961. He owned and operated Burkholder Funeral Home in Seymour, Indiana, from 1984 to 1991 when he and Brenda moved to Lebanon to be near family. He served as the Jackson County Coroner/Deputy Coroner for 30 years. Keith joined Myers Mortuary in Lebanon during the Spring of 1992 as funeral director until 2002.

Having been active in the communities he lived, Keith was Past President of the Seymour Library Board, Past Exalted Ruler of Seymour B.P.O. Elks #462, Past Ritual Judge Indiana of the Elks. He held memberships with the Jackson

County Funeral Directors Association, Past President of the 9th District of Indiana Funeral Directors Association, the Kiwanis Clubs of Lebanon and Seymour.

He had a wonderful sense of humor, a friendly demeanor, and positive outlook on life. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed every minute spent together. He had a number of interests including, astronomy, model trains, and bird watching.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Burkholder; children, Katrina and Kelly Brown and Christina Blesic; grandchildren, Katelyn and Crockett Smith, Keith Brown, and Viktor Blesic; and great grandchildren, Lucy and Cassandra Smith.

Private Funeral Services were held on Friday, January 21, 2022, at Myers Mortuary in Lebanon, Indiana. Interment at Browns Wonder Cemetery in Lebanon.

Memorials in Keith's memory may be directed to Indiana Funeral Directors Association Education Fund, 1305 West 96th Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260.

Cemetery Details

Browns Wonder Cemetery

Lebanon, IN 46052

Tribute Wall



“ *Keith Burkholder*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear of Keith's passing, he was an enjoyable associate and mentor during my active years in the profession. I will never forget his resolve and demeanor and his always positive outlook on life. I always thought I would make the trip to Lebanon for a visit...just to recollect our mutual experiences. Please accept my deepest condolences Brenda and families during these times of reflection.*

Scott Kovener

Scott Kovener - January 22, 2022 at 07:07 PM



Thank you so much, Scott!

Katrina Brown - January 23, 2022 at 10:20 AM

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“ Dear Mrs. Brenda Burkholder, Katrina and Kelly, and Christina, and family,

Just read of Keith's passing in today's Seymour Tribune! My condolences to you all during this difficult time! I will always remember him allowing me to teach swimming lessons to I believe, Christina's students , while you all were away on a vacation or something one summer when I was either in college or had graduated?! And I will never forget him showing me and Doug Howard his telescope and the three of us looking at the heavens one evening! I thought it was so neat that this man had his very own observatory, and his willingness to share his enthusiasm with some teenagers! Thanks Mr. Burkholder for your time and trust!

Respectfully,

Thad Miller (Seymour, IN)

Thad Miller - January 22, 2022 at 06:37 PM



Thad, thank you for sharing your memories. I am fortunate to have had this man as my dad. ~Chris

Chris Blesic - January 23, 2022 at 02:06 AM

KB

Thank you, Thad. Dad was very proud of his telescope and I know very happy to share that time with you and Doug!

Katrina Brown - January 23, 2022 at 10:21 AM

PM

“ I offer my sincere condolences to you Brenda, and the girls on Keith’s passing. As you know we were like brothers for the many years we worked together at the funeral home until you both sold the business to me and moved to Lebanon. Vic and Kathryn were like my second parents, and I continue to decorate their graves on decoration day as I have for the last 30 years. My prayers, and thoughts are with all of you at this time.

Pat Myers - January 22, 2022 at 06:35 PM

KB

Thank you so much, Pat. It is so kind of you to remember Grandma and Grandpa. Sweet memories of them mean so much to me, and now I will remember Dad with cherished thoughts.

Katrina Brown - January 23, 2022 at 10:23 AM