



Keith R. Hager

March 12, 1947 - February 3, 2022

Born Keith R. Hager in Louisville, KY March 12, 1947 and graduated from Manual High School in Louisville. He married Gracie Frances Sipple September 1, 1967 in Louisville and celebrated 54 years of marriage. They have 4 children: Kimberly Dunn (Jim), Cynthia McDonald (Chris), Ronald Hager (Sheila), and Melissa Wooten (Jeff), all living in Georgia. Included in the family are 11 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. He has one surviving sister, Kathleen Mellenkamp of Kentucky. His parents, Catherine LaDuke Hager and Raymond V. Hager, and sisters, Donna Viers Davis and Rita Kay Davis preceded him in death. He attended Eastern KY University, served as a medic in Vietnam and retired from Boles Parts Supply in 2016 when he was diagnosed with CLL.

Retirement meant a new direction in life for Keith. Despite many doctor visits, Keith decided to take trips to do the many activities he'd never had time for. Vacations with family members, revamping homes, working to repurpose pieces of furniture and creating, making, designing and decorating over 200 Christmas sleds gave his life purpose. He delighted in giving these sleds to family, friends, and church members. Each day was an adventure! He enjoyed being a member of Ivy Creek Baptist Church of Buford, GA and especially enjoyed VBS and the children. Donations may be given to the building fund. A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 12:00 noon in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home with Dr. Craig Dale officiating. The family will receive friends on Monday, February 7 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment with Military Honors will be at GA National Cemetery in Canton, GA on February 17, 2022.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 12:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Interment

FEB 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
2026 Mount Carmel Church Lane
Canton, GA 30114

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Dear Fran and Family, we are so sorry to hear of Keith’s passing. I saw the name in the Gainesville Times and was hoping it wasn’t our sweet friend Keith. Our hearts are breaking for the loss of this sweet man. We do regret that we haven’t been together in so long. I have seen many posts of the beautiful sleds created by the two of you. Wishing we had reconnected and caught up with y’all! Time waits for no one. The blessing is that we know where Keith is and we will see him again! If we can do anything for you please contact me on FB. Please know you are in our hearts and prayers.

Lee /Joyce Tharpe

Joyce Tharpe - February 10 at 05:49 PM

BE

“ Dear Melissa and Jeff Wooten Family: We send our condolences on the loss of your Dad. Know all of you will miss him so much. We love you and Jeff and you’re in our thoughts and prayers on your loss. Call if you need any help .

(Bob and Carol Elliott)

Bob/Carol Elliott - February 07 at 08:02 PM

CM

“ Feeling your loss is very painful. Only because we were both sick and you suffered worse. When you texted me, I love you, I knew you were telling me goodbye. I wasn't ready for this daddy. We never are. I sincerely pray that you were welcomed into Heaven by previous family members and the rejoicing of a new body, one with no more pain or health issues. The hole in our lives is by your not being here. I hope you know how much our family loved you and how your memory will live on in us and your grandchildren and great grandchildren. I wish we could have rode Sylvia one more time together. Nobody else has ever let me ride on a motorcycle. Now who is going to help the grandkids learn math and pass algebra? They knew who to call for math help and email even from class. I really wanted that chance to play Yahtzee again. We were quite competitive. Maybe you're with your mother, Grandma Hager, playing in Heaven. Daddy, I will cherish the sleds that were made and crafted with love from you and mom. Thank you for everything you've done for our family and extended family. Thank you for being at mine and Chris' wedding and enduring the cold weather outside. I know that you will still be with us and watching over us all, please know that we will all take care of mom. I am honored to have been one of the three mistakes you and mom made. (Inside joke!) God took you home for eternity. We got you for a short while. May your wings allow you to fly, just like the Honda rolls, smooth! Thank you, Daddy, for just being you. I love you.

Cindy Gaile McDonald

Cynthia McDonald - February 04 at 11:14 PM

PL

“ I have very fond memories of my S S Buddy, we sat together at Shadowbrook and then at Ivy Creek..he was always joking about something and we'd try to outwit each other. Keith was a dear friend and I shall always cherish the memories of the times I had with him. And I love the sled he and Fran made 'specially for me in the colors of my decor. Thank you Dear Keith for our friendship..I loved you and you will be missed.💕Save me a place.□

Phyllis Lynn - February 04 at 09:32 PM

KB

“ We love you Papa. Our math wizard, ice cream lover, Disney enthusiast, game entertainer, Mr. DIY. You are missed, but your light and laughter will keep us going.



Kesley Bodner - February 04 at 04:20 PM

KB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kesley Bodner - February 04 at 03:30 PM

HR

Keith was one of the nicest human beings, always ready to help anyone. Share life stories. Loved his family, talking about his kids and grandkids. He will be missed.

Harry Rouse - February 05 at 02:53 PM

PH

Keith was very kind and generous and we so enjoyed the recent visit by he and Fran when they delivered our cherished sled that was lovingly made by them. Rejoicing that Keith has been given a new body and praying for Fran and his family as they deal with his loss.

Patti and Sam Holman - February 06 at 03:32 PM