



Keith Crouch Saunders

December 24, 1942 - December 11, 2023

Keith Crouch Saunders entered this world 14 minutes before his twin sister, Kay, on December 24, 1942. The twins were early and Santa was late that year. Born to Clarence R. Saunders and Opal Crouch Saunders in Ogden, Utah, their 6th of 9 children. Keith grew up on a farm in Vale, Oregon. He learned to work hard and was his mother's "easiest child".

Keith graduated from Vale Union High School, attended BYU for 1 semester and then served in the Southern California Mission, which included all of Arizona, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Upon returning from his mission, he returned to BYU where he met his eternal companion, Judith Wride. Keith and Judy married June 30, 1965. He graduated from the Y in 1968 and they moved to Anaheim, California where he worked as an auditor for the State of California and their first child, Chris, was born. A job opportunity brought the family home to Salt Lake where three more children were added, Kimberlee, Scott, and Kaycee. They have lived in Sandy 44 years. Keith was Chief Financial Officer for ZCMI until the company was sold. Keith served in many capacities in his ward and stake—Cub Master, Elder's Quorum President, Bishop. He also served with his wife in the Frankfurt Germany Mission for 23 months as the area auditor for all of Western Europe.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, and their children; Chris (Kristi) Saunders, Kimberlee (Ben) Cahoon, Scott (Melissa) Saunders, Kaycee (Robby)

McCleve. He is loved by his grandchildren: Paige Price, Kellie Saunders, Kennedi Saunders, Austin Keith Saunders, Emilee Segura, Spencer Cahoon, Jacob Cahoon, Ashton Keith Cahoon, Tyler Keith Saunders, Jessica Saunders, Savannah Saunders, Corbyn Keith McCleve, Kalli McCleve, Ethan McCleve, Mia McCleve. Two little great grandsons have been added.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Lee, Lorin, Wayne, and Darrell. He is survived by his sister Joy Lundberg, twin sister Kay Jorgensen, and brothers Ray Saunders and Mark Saunders.

Viewings will be held Friday, December 15 from 6 to 8pm and Saturday, December 16 at 9-10:30am at the Roseboro Chapel at 1880 E 9800 S Sandy, Utah. The funeral service will follow at 11.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Roseboro Chapel
1880 East 9800 South
Sandy, UT 84092

Viewing #2

DEC 16. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Roseboro Chapel
1880 East 9800 South
Sandy, UT 84092

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Roseboro Chapel
1880 East 9800 South
Sandy, UT 84092

Tribute Wall

LS

“ We just wanted to let Judy and her family know that we have been thinking and praying for them as they have had to say goodbye to Keith. He was younger than me and didn't need to beat me to the other side. But years don't matter when it comes to finishing our lives on this earth.

I have gone to Keith's familysearch page and added a few pictures and will add another story that no one else has added yet. When we moved to Vale Keith and Kay were almost four, but the year before our move Keith had somehow fallen in an open well between his home in Ogden and Uncle Jake's home. As he fell he grabbed hold of a board or something and was hanging on with strength that was almost gone. Somehow Uncle Jake was impressed to walk by at the very moment Keith was about to lose hold of the board and fall into the water below. Uncle Jake either heard Keith or he saw him and came to the rescue just in time to grab his little arms and lift him to safety. I remember all of us living in the neighborhood were very excited with the news of Keith's rescue and were warned of the danger. I'm certain the well was covered to prevent any further tragedy.

With love, Larry and Ruth Saunders

Larry E Saunders - December 31, 2023 at 12:35 PM

BW

“ Dear Judy;

My sincere condolences to you and your family. I received news about the death of your husband too late to attend the funeral. Keith was my CFO at ZCMI and was one of my closest friends there. He mentored me and helped me through a lot of difficult days. He saved my employment life one difficult time when I had decided to leave ZCMI for another opportunity and then he allowed me to return. He gave me opportunities to grow and develop both as an employee and as a person. I have always appreciated his humility and his courage in going forward with a difficult decision about the sale of ZCMI. I extend my regrets at his passing and hope that you know how wonderful and great a person Keith was to me and my family.

Brent Whipple

Brent Whipple - December 16, 2023 at 07:16 PM

DS

“ This is from his cousin Gwen Saunders:

Dear Judy,

Sad to hear of your loss, but I do have a special memory of Keith that I would like to share. Back when Sunday School was in the morning and Sacrament meeting at night. In Sunday school they would have a hymn practice time. Part of that period I was the chorister and I invited the congregation to pick their favorite hymns. Keith who was a Teacher at that time picked "He Is Risen". I was touched by the message that hymn conveyed as we sang it.

This is from his cousin Gwen Saunders

This is from his younger cousin Don Saunders:

My memories of Keith are few, since he and Kay were off to college and missions when I came along. I remember seeing the family at reunions and the smiles and kindness you and he shared with a younger , shy cousin. I think I have heard more about the family since the wedding of one of the Price children, who live in our Boise North Stake, to one of the grandchildren. Thanks for the good example for a younger cousin to follow.

Don Saunders - December 16, 2023 at 04:49 PM

GK

“ Keith and I were best friends growing up. Almost every Sunday afternoon we would walk the two miles to one of our houses and play all afternoon. We were college room mates while we were dating our wives. He was always a great friend. I hope we will be forever soon.

gary kapp - December 13, 2023 at 08:12 PM

LM

“ My boss when I worked for ZCMI. He made lasting impressions for good upon me. Thank you, Keith, for having faith in a young, inexperienced girl! You were a good man and I'm grateful for your influence in my life.

Love to Judy and the rest of the family. Thanks, to you, for praying for your dad's "servant-thingy." I have not forgotten!

Ladawn Luker McNeal - December 13, 2023 at 04:18 PM

ES

“ I am so sorry to hear about Keith's passing. We love him and treasure our family's time as neighbors to the Saunders in Weybridge Circle. We have so many fond memories of him, but one of my favorites is that he could always be found working in his yard making things beautiful. He kindly allowed our son Lukas to work with him as an undergardener (in exchange for an occasional soda). He was a man who showed what a good heart he had through his actions and kindness rather than through his words. The world has lost some of its goodness with his passing.

We love you Judy! Our condolences to you and your children.

--Erin Smith and family

Erin Smith - December 13, 2023 at 03:37 PM

ES

We had the privilege of working with Keith and Judy in the Draper temple, and admire them so much! God bless you and your family through this challenging time. Evelyn and Gerry Scott

Evelyn Scott - December 15, 2023 at 10:23 PM

DS

Wow! I just caught this information because of my delinquency at checking my computer. I was also close to Keith and to Gary Kapp (see above)(about the same age--although about a mile away--and completely oblivious until now about all the good times I missed out on that Keith and Gary had on Sunday afternoons.) I am always happy to hear of good times by anyone especially such good people and certainly wish Judy and the rest the best of times going forward!

Dell S - December 31, 2023 at 04:21 PM