



Keith Boaz

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Decatur-Robert Keith Boaz, 63, of Decatur, passed away Saturday, June 28, 2014 in St. Mary's Hospital.

Keith was born June 8, 1951 in Paducah, Kentucky, the son of Robert Jack and Peggy Sue (Miller) Boaz. He graduated from St. Teresa in 1969 where he was an accomplished athlete and student. He was the former longtime owner/operator of the Winery. Keith was an avid music fan who took pleasure in sharing the joy of music. He was also a knowledgeable sports fan who attended forty-one St. Louis Cardinal home openers in a row and rarely missed a Kentucky Wildcat basketball game. He was well read, always tuned in, and could command a room, telling one story after another. Keith touched many people's lives for one simple reason, he cared. Being from a large, loving family himself, he made it seem easy to share his huge heart.

He was a wonderful father and recent grandfather. He married Debbie Revelle July 30, 1983. They shared over thirty years together.

Keith leaves behind his wife Debbie, daughter Laura Anne (Adam) Feriozzi of Decatur, grandson Maximo Boaz Feriozzi of Decatur, parents Bob and Peg of Decatur, siblings Karen (Dave) Barding of Decatur, Kevin (Sally) Boaz of St. Charles, Missouri, Keely (Cary) Peters of Decatur, and Kent (Denise) Boaz of Mt. Zion, sister-in-law, Kathy Anderson and aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whom he loved dearly.

Keith will be missed by all of us. The Winery lights are just a little more dim.

A memorial gathering to celebrate Keith's life will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at the Winery, 1093 W. Main St. Decatur.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 1 p.m. Thursday, July 3, 2014 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2400 S. Franklin St. Rd. Decatur, with Rev. Joe Molloy, Celebrant. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the Mass at the church. Burial will be in Mt.



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Gilead Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Holy Family School or to a charity of the donor's choice.

The family of Keith Boaz is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary, share memories, and send condolences to the family at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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JO

John posted:

I did not know Keith as a personal friend but he made even a stranger feel like a friend. We can all take a lesson from his kind example and make our community a more friendly place. Smile say hello and take a few minutes to listen just as Keith did to the countless lives he touched and made feel welcome. Thank you Keith. !!!

July 2 at 4:30 PM

BB

Barb Brinkoetter posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Keith Boaz

July 23 at 5:06 AM

JR

Jacque Rogers posted:

Dear Debbie. My brother Larry told me about Keith's passing just today. I am so sorry for your loss and want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May The Lord bless you and comfort you. I cherish remembering times in our past together as friends growing up. We must get together and rekindle memories and share some time together. I will keep you in prayer Debbie. Much love and stay strong in Christ. Jacque DeLong Rogers

July 8 at 11:22 AM

KB

Karen Boaz Barding posted:

When I told a family friend that Keith had passed away, he told me that he hoped we were prepared for what would happen in the following days of celebrating Keith's LIFE. The entire Boaz family has been overwhelmed by the love and support that has surrounded us during the most difficult time of our lives. To EVERYONE involved with The Winery and Funeral celebrations, wow, what can I say? Unbelievable! Keith was #1 to all of us and always will be! Rock on Keith! Love you! Karen, aka #2

July 7 at 6:48 PM



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KW

Kristine Weaver posted:

I am so sorry to hear about this... My Dad and I would always come into the Winery as a kid... He was always so nice, cheerful, and full of life... and a great friend to my Father Micheal Weaver... I always had fun going to the Winery... I am so sad to hear about this... My thoughts and prayers are with Your family...Sincerely,Kristine Weaver

July 6 at 1:33 PM

KB

Kevin Boaz posted:

Wanted to take a minute here to thank all those who took the time to share a memory of my brother Keith. Not able to tell many stories yet. Thanks, Nick for coming. That you left Decatur 47 years ago, came back the for the first time since then, from California, to pay respects. Says a lot. Great hearing ALL of your memories. Thanks. Kevin Boaz kevin_boaz@yahoo.com

July 6 at 4:21 AM

AC

Amy Dwyer Chesnut posted:

Dear "Dateless Deb" and Laura, I just heard that Keith has left us. He was my best guy friend for 50 years. Our last conversation was 3 weeks ago. My teenage years would have been so lonely w/out him. We shared so many secrets of the opposite sex. He was always there for me & I hope it was mutual. I'll never forget the Christmas Eve when he stayed all night helping me finish the robes I was making for my little sisters (when my father doubted I would ever finish them). He taught me to make a pros & cons list when I had a dilemma. I just told a friend one week ago to do the same. I am so very sad. Recently, he reminded me of the high school graduation gift I gave him-a wooden shoe shine kit w/ his initials. Several weeks ago, I found his thank you note. What a funny gift, but so indicative of a sweet, innocent, and for me, the happiest time of my life. My dad loved him. and I'm sure they're up there laughing & that he has met my magnificent son, Logan. Yo, Boaz, I love you forever!! Amy Dwyer Chesnut

July 5 at 9:46 AM

CH

Cathy Harner posted:

What a guy! We're t we all so lucky to know him! Prayers for his wonderful family.

July 4 at 6:16 PM



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KW

Kelly Wetherell posted:

To the entire Boaz family, I am deeply saddened at hearing the loss of Keith. I am so sorry for your loss. Just seems like yesterday that we were all running around South Shores. Some of my earliest memories are of Keith are of him selling those newspapers on Franklin at his stand, and my brother Bill bugging him:))). He was just a wonderful guy and will be greatly missed by those in the Decatur area. My heart goes out to each and every one of you during this time of grief. Kelly Wetherell Mahomet, IL

July 4 at 6:14 AM

SD

Suzy Dodwell posted:

Sending my thoughts and prayers to the Boaz family, Keith was one of kind, he will be missed by so many. Thanks, Boaz for the memories, will never forget you bringing in wine to us ladies at the bank for Christmas every year.

July 3 at 5:29 AM

FC

Flo Cahan posted:

Just read your nice note. ??

July 2 at 1:09 PM

MS

Marcie Skelton posted:

Sorry to hear of Keith's passing. Prayers for Debbie and family. It's awesome to see the number of people he has touched. God bless. Dennis and Marcie

July 2 at 11:33 AM

PB

Pam Beaman posted:

Always enjoyed working with Keith at Ace Liquor and The Winery. His outstanding sense of humor was a source of endless entertainment. Mike Beaman Keith and I went way back to the high school days playing sports against each other. We really had a great time tending bar together at Lock Stock & Barrel. And he taught me how to pay pool at the Winery! Keith will never be forgotten. Mike Mathews

July 2 at 10:37 AM



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TP

Trent Poelker posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Boaz family. Keith helped me through the toughest times of my life. I will miss him and love him forever. The best class I ever took at Millikin was working the package at the winery. Thanks for making me who I am today. You were a father to me. I'll miss you Steve! Trent and the entire Poelker family.

July 1 at 6:28 PM

PG

Peg Games posted:

Only met Keith once but very very nice guy. My late husband Gregg's parents, Bob and Dorry Beaman, sold the winery to him. My condolences to your family. Peg Games

July 1 at 2:34 PM

RC

Rchard Carter posted:

Boaz will be missed from all over, he was a great person, I was bliss to know him. Jack an coke please?

July 1 at 12:23 PM

GP

Gina Perry posted:

To the family of Boaz, He was a customer of mine for the last 5 years whom I enjoyed so much, always made me smile and always had time for foolishness. Before he was my customer I was his customer at the winery. He was truly a legend and icon of Decatur and will be deeply missed by our entire city! We love you Boaz, stay groovy!

July 1 at 11:18 AM

PL

Pat Langdon posted:

You just always wanted to be around Keith because he always made you laugh, feel good and forget about your troubles. Keith had such a great gift to be able to connect with everyone he met. He was a one in a million great guy and I am very sorry for your loss.

July 1 at 11:06 AM



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BS

Bill Schwener posted:

To the Boaz family, please accept my sincere condolences. I work for Wirtz Beverage and delivered to Boaz for several years. On the hot, summer days, he'd always have a cold soda waiting for me when I was done. Him & I would talk sports or just shoot the breeze. He always brightened my day. He will be missed. Bill Schwener

July 1 at 10:15 AM

CD

Cristene Dugan posted:

Dear Boaz family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I knew Keith in the mid 70's (he called me Crissy) and remember him as a truly unique individual. His laughter and smiling face always an image in my mind. Visited with him last year at the Winery and it didn't seem like a day had gone by as he was exactly the same as I remembered. I can imagine hearing up in heaven Keith stating "last round folks"! My prayers are with the family.

July 1 at 7:33 AM

KM

Katherine Mccarty posted:

My heart is so heavy for my sweet family in Illinois. I remember Keith from the family reunions of the past. As a young person, I remember how funny he was, and now, as an adult, I so wish I could have enjoyed his humor and personality more! He was the life of the party! We are thinking of you all and loving you from KY

July 1 at 4:33 AM

JK

Jane Kennedy posted:

I just wanted to say sorry for your loss. Jane Kennedy

June 30 at 4:40 PM

JK

Jane Kennedy posted:

I just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. Jane Kennedy

June 30 at 3:51 PM



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MP

Marty(Dianna) Puckett posted:

I met Keith in the early 70's. Such a great personality! People just gravitated toward him! Later I lived a few houses down from him on Peggy Ann Dr. and will never forget the Kentucky flag he flew! He just was so genuine and could lift everyone's spirits by just being in the room!! Never knew a stranger! RIP (like so many can say) friend! My prayers to the Boaz family.

June 30 at 2:53 PM

SB

Sally Benford posted:

When I think of Keith, I smile—and that's what he was all about—making sure that people around him smiled, laughed, were happy. My sympathy to the entire Boaz family, especially you, Kev.

June 30 at 2:07 PM

BD

Brenda D posted:

Sending prayers for the family. Sorry to hear of your loss !!

June 30 at 1:26 PM

KF

Kathy Fiala posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy on the loss of Keith. Our prayers are with all of you. Ron and Kathy Fiala and Family

June 30 at 1:18 PM

MD

Mary Liz Graham Doyle posted:

Keith was one of the most genuine people I had the pleasure of knowing. My heart goes out to Keith's family – you are in my prayers!

June 30 at 1:03 PM

DI

Denise Isom posted:

Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you. Keith was a fabulous man and we are very proud to call him "friend". Rob & Denise Isom

June 30 at 11:35 AM



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BL

Bob Long posted:

Godspeed to the "Mayor" The true wealth of a man is the amount of hearts he has touched. Here is to the richest man I know, cheers.

June 30 at 11:00 AM

RZ

Rick Zurak posted:

Keith was a laugh after laugh. When it was cool to call each other "blood". He would say, "hey bleed". Just to be Keith. He was a bud man but a cards fan. If you wanted insight to any cardinal problems. Keith had it. His golf swing was a "little" quick. (Much like his wit) But he could pound it out there. If you think of Keith and didn't smile, then you didn't know him. It might have said it on his birth certificate, but Keith's middle name was FUN. Miss you man. Rick Z in Buffalo

June 30 at 10:22 AM

KB

Kimm Bodine posted:

I will miss u Keith. GSR will always be in my vocabulary. See u in heaven;))

June 30 at 8:33 AM

TC

Tom Ciambella posted:

Many good times and memories of Keith. Always had a smile and something to say. Rest in peace my friend. Prayers sent to his family.

June 30 at 7:25 AM

DZ

Deb Lamere Zeni posted:

My sincere condolences to Keith's family. Decatur has lost a treasure and we are richer for having known him. God bless. Deb Lamere Zeni

June 29 at 6:53 PM

KB

Kelly Buechler posted:

Fun loving neighbor friend who flashed you a "peace sign" wave and a big smile as he pulled around the corner. I'll miss his humorous shout-outs. Love you Boaz family

June 29 at 6:26 PM



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TF

The Mulligan Family posted:

Will be praying for your family and will be thinking of the entire family. Anytime you seen Keith he was always smiling.

June 29 at 6:08 PM

DJ

Dave Jordan posted:

First met Keith in the early '70's at the Village Inn and what a treat it has been to know him and enjoy his humor. He brought a smile to all and made life enjoyable. It's been said that if one person breaths easier because of you then you are a successful person....I believe Keith was a very successful person

June 29 at 5:43 PM

CP

Carol Cahan Pickett posted:

So sad for my sweet Boaz family. Nothing prepares us for this. Keith has definitely left his soul with many of us. He made everyone happy. I will forever remember his phrase: MOWEAQUA BUDDY and playing Todd Rundgren Hello It's Me on the stereo!!

June 29 at 5:34 PM

SM

Steve Metsch posted:

That's way too young. Condolences to his family and friends. I knew Keith through our fantasy football league. Good guy. Great sense of humor. Odds are he has St. Peter laughing right now.

June 29 at 5:31 PM

ET

Erika Tibbs posted:

Debbie and Laura— my family and I are thinking and praying for you!! Erika Tibbs

June 29 at 5:09 PM

MH

Mark Hall posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Keith. Such a great guy, gone way too soon. I'll be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

June 29 at 3:43 PM



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DA

Donna Altherr posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the entire family of Keith. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Mike and Donna Altherr

June 29 at 8:31 AM

MH

Minda Harris posted:

Going to be a lot of laughing in Heaven! God Speed kind and caring, Keith. Heartfelt sympathy to the family.

June 29 at 6:27 AM

LH

Linda Harper posted:

Our condolences to Keith's family and friends. Keith was a fun loving guy. I always enjoyed listening to Keith and Dave, my departed husband, visit. Remember all the good memories of Keith; he will always be with you in your heart. Prayers be with you to get through this difficult time. Linda Harper and the whole Harper family

June 29 at 5:01 AM

RL

Roger Lowe posted:

Boaz Family: Boy, did we lose a real beauty. So many great memories of Keith; from telling jokes to our mutual admiration of the Andy Griffith Show. My wife and I called him Otis, while he called us Barney and Thelma Lou. You all are in our thoughts. Roger and Lynn Lowe

June 29 at 3:42 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Keith by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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