



Mark Wayne Keenen

January 13, 1956 - August 2, 2016

Mark Wayne Keenen went to be home with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 after a brief illness. He was born in Rogers, Arkansas, on January 13, 1956, to Gladys "Pat" Tompkins Keenen and Gerald Grant Keenen.

Mark married his high school sweetheart, Donna Lee Adams, on February 1, 1975. She survives. Mark is also survived by their three sons: Grant Russell Keenen and wife Heather of Prairie Grove, AR; Wayne Lee Keenen and wife Bethany of Carthage, MO; Kyle David Keenen and wife Megan of Shawnee, OK; and his precious granddaughter Bella Cate Keenen of Prairie Grove, AR. He is also survived by his mother, Pat Keenen; brother, David Keenen, both of Rogers, AR, as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mark was a loving husband to Donna for forty-one and a half years. They shared a love of traveling and enjoyed seeing God's creation throughout the United States along with a special 25th anniversary trip to Germany and a 40th anniversary trip to Ireland. He was a caring father to his three sons and taught them how to live and work by the Godly examples he set. His most recent joy in life was playing with Bella Cate and leading the music at church with her by his side.

Mark loved the Lord and served him as a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Carthage, MO. He helped in their newborn to two-year old nursery for the last 12 years, was the director of the Adult 7 Sunday School class where he gave weekly devotionals, and led the song service on Sunday nights. He also helped a sister church, Calvary Baptist, as their song leader on Sunday mornings for the last 8 years, where he set the tone for worship.

Mark often stated he was born a farmer and would die a farmer. He had a true love for the land and enjoyed growing wheat, corn and soybeans. One of his favorite things to do was to combine his crops. He also loved his animals and named many of his cows and bulls. He liked to talk to them and said they "talked" back to him as well.

Mark never knew a stranger and could talk to anyone. He often said a stranger was just a friend you hadn't met yet. He exemplified the scripture to love your neighbor as yourself and will be greatly missed by many whose lives he touched.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the nurses in the ICU department at

Freeman Hospital as well as Mark's surgeons Dr. Carney and Dr. Baker for the wonderful and loving care they gave to our husband and dad and for the compassion they showed to our family.

Visitation will be held Friday night, August 5, 2016, at the First Baptist Church of Carthage, MO, from 6-8 p.m. The funeral service will also be at First Baptist Church on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at Fasken Cemetery in Carthage, MO. Online condolences may be sent to www.ulmerfh.com. Contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, or to Gideon International in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Arrangements under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Donna and family, we are so very sorry for the loss of Mark. May God grant you peace during your time of grieving.

Kathy Ketron MCClure - August 09, 2016 at 12:05 PM

KW

“ Dear Keenen Family,
Please accept my most deepest sympathies as you go through this extremely difficult time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.
In Christ, Kathy Whelchel

Kathy Whelchel - August 06, 2016 at 11:10 AM

NG

“ Mark Wayne Keenen

Nancy Goodart - August 05, 2016 at 02:55 PM

DA

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family and to Mark's mother, Pat, who so aptly loved. Mark was a testimony to his foundation in Jesus Christ. He will be greatly missed.

Dixie Androes - August 05, 2016 at 11:48 AM

SH

“ Gladys and family-We send our love, thoughts and prayers to you all during this difficult time. May God bring you comfort in the days ahead. RIP Mark

Sherry and Gary Hinds - August 05, 2016 at 09:35 AM

SF

“ David, I am so very sorry. My prayers to you and all of your family.

Steve Fineberg - August 04, 2016 at 10:10 PM

WW

“ We want to express our sincerest condolences on Mark’s passing. While we did not know him well, we’ve learned some of his character by reading these posts. We can only be grateful for the influence he had on our son, Scott, as Mark portrayed the love of Jesus to him. Thank you for sharing him with Scott and his family.

Wayne and Elise Wagoner

Wayne and Elise Wagoner - August 04, 2016 at 09:34 PM

RT

“ So very sorry for your loss. Praying for your family

Ryan and Shelly Tarwater - August 04, 2016 at 08:26 PM

SJ

“ Donna, please know you and your family are in the hearts and prayers of everyone at St. Luke's. So very sorry.

Sue Joslen - August 04, 2016 at 05:37 PM

DS

“ Donna and Family, I'm so sorry to hear Mark passed away. Please take comfort in the legacy that Mark left behind. He will always be close to your heart and you will share his life with others that didn't get to know him. The stories you will be able to share. The following generations need to know who he was and what he was about. A good Man! He was too young to pass but can't you just see him now ... in heaven. RIP Mark, see you someday soon. My deepest condolences. Prayer for all.

Donna Daniel Scott - August 04, 2016 at 11:37 AM

EL

“ I'll always remember Mark as the kind and soft-spoken kid that rode the bus with me all through junior and senior high school. Never saw him frown! I know he is now in the presence of the King of Kings and I can imagine the smile on his face is the biggest of all time! Rest well, good and faithful servant. We'll see you again!

Eldon and Pam Long - August 04, 2016 at 09:30 AM

TB

“ Dear Donna and family. My sincerest condolences. What a shock, very hard to imagine that he is gone. Praying for you my dear, Trisha Burgi

Trisha Burgi - August 04, 2016 at 03:11 AM

FF

“ You were always so happy to see Heather and Serenity in the nursery... Our sincere condolences to your family at this very sad time. RIP... and thank you for the care you gave our girls.

FULKERSON FAMILY - August 04, 2016 at 12:35 AM

LL

“ My sincerest condolences to your family Love and continued prayers ?? LaDonna Lowe

LaDonna Lowe - August 03, 2016 at 10:50 PM

MD

“ I met Mark when he would visit my dad in the nursing home, witnessing to him about the love of Jesus Christ and farm talk.

Melody Knell Durant - August 03, 2016 at 10:48 PM

JK

“ Donna and family, so sorry for the passing of Mark. He was a wonderful person that will be greatly missed. When We All Get To Heaven, What A Day Of Rejoicing That Will Be.

John and Janet Kennedy - August 03, 2016 at 10:23 PM

RR

“ Dear Donna, Pat, David and family, we were saddened to hear about Your loss. We always enjoyed visiting with Mark. You are all in our hearts and our prayers. May God comfort you in the days to come.

Rickey and Cheri Roller - August 03, 2016 at 10:20 PM

BG

“ Our Hearts and Prayers are with you and family
Butch and Sherry

Butch Gladden - August 03, 2016 at 09:35 PM

JH

“ We pray God gives you strength and comfort in this time. Our deepest sympathies.

Jimmy and Ellen Hoofard - August 03, 2016 at 09:18 PM

GT

“ *My prayers are with you. I am so sorry. God be with you.*

Gayle Turner - August 03, 2016 at 09:16 PM

JE

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Jim and Kim etter - August 03, 2016 at 09:09 PM

DB

“ *Jeff and I are very saddened to learn of Mark's passing. We know he was a kind, loving husband and father. A true farmer and caretaker of the land. We know he is now celebrating in heaven with God. Heaven truly gained an angle. Our thoughts are with you Donna and your family. Love you all.*

Diane Banks - August 03, 2016 at 08:43 PM

RT

“ *We are saddened to hear of Mark's passing. We have fond memories of the whole Keenen family and those definitely include Mark's compassionate heart and wonderful sense of humor. Our prayers are with you as you grieve. Much love, Robert and Pam*

Robert and Pam Terrell - August 03, 2016 at 08:38 PM

RR

“ *So sorry to hear about Mark's death. Wondered where you all were. So proud of the legacy he left, what a blessing. Donna praying fir you and family. So glad you and Mark had that long blessed marriage. God's blessings. Love you all*

Rosie Roberts - August 03, 2016 at 07:15 PM

SK

“ *Donna and family, Lloyd and I are so sorry for your loss. We so wish we could be there with you. We have had lots of good times playing cards with you two over the years and just being good friends. Mark always made me laugh and smile and we will always remember him with love. Much love, Lloyd & Susan Knell*

Susan Knell - August 03, 2016 at 06:41 PM

KK

“ *Words cannot describe the Godly man Mark was. He cared for everyone he met. He always had a smile on his face and a cheer in his voice. We will all miss you Mark!*

Keith Keenen - August 03, 2016 at 06:35 PM

RI

“ The love of one man for his wife and family could not have been more evident than that shown by Mark to Donna, Grant, Wayne, and Kyle. Mark was a true servant of God and lived his life in the truest of examples. His wit, love, and compassion will be truly missed. God has truly gained one of his beloved sons with Mark's passing. We will miss him dearly, but have comfort in knowing we will see him again.

Rita - August 03, 2016 at 05:24 PM

SP

“ I'm sad to no longer see my friend Mark leading music and exhorting others to worship God. However, I truly believe that he now understands the reality of Heaven better than any of us back here. Donna you and your family were truly blessed to have had this simple man with a confident faith. You knew him and loved him in a unique way. God loaned him to you and he invested in your family with the gold of Mark Keenen!

Steve Patterson - August 03, 2016 at 05:13 PM