



William Staker

December 3, 1923 - September 12, 2009

Keith was born in the rural Woodward, Iowa area to parents Margaret (Maggie) Guthrie and Carl Harlow Staker. He died Sept. 12, 2009 at the Prescott Valley Samaritan Care Center. He graduated from Woodward High School in 1941. Following graduation, he joined his parents to work on the family farm. In 1944, he entered the navy where he served as a machinist mate in the Pacific Theater aboard the minesweeper, USS Shelter. Following discharge, he returned to the family farm. Keith always said he met the love of his life, Carmelite Bice, in 1946 and married her, Dec. 28, 1947. To this union was born three children, Sandra Sue, Julia Ann and Jay William. He was also blessed with four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. As a life-long farmer and lover of nature, Keith was a very active member of the Woodward community as a church Youth Leader, Rural Electric Cooperative director, Soil Conservation Service Board of Directors, 4-H leader, an active member of the Woodward United Methodist Church and the local Legion Post. Keith and Carm relocated to Prescott Valley, Ariz. in 1979. After moving to Arizona, he was privileged to be a charter member of the Gary Streeter Legion Post 108, where he held many positions and served as commandeer of the post. He was a past area Chaplain of the Department of Arizona Legion and a past Chef de Gare of Voiture 888 of the 40/8 and a lifetime member of the VFW 10227 in Prescott Valley. Keith was honored for his work as a veteran by being inducted into the Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame on Oct. 26, 2007. Keith was also a charter member of the Prescott Valley United Methodist Church and was involved in the construction of the building. He served on many committees over the years and was a devout Christian. He made several trips as a volunteer to repair and build churches in rural Mexico. Following retirement, Keith was a volunteer for 17 1/2 years at the Yavapai Regional Medical Center in Prescott, Ariz. and also volunteered at the Prescott Veteran's Administration Medical Center for 16 years. Keith had many hobbies that he enjoyed and shared with others. He delighted others by teaching about and even sharing his creations. He also took an active role in raising his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He always spoke of how proud he was of all of his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Barbara White and great grandson Noah Kiley. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Carmelite; sister Marjory Boyles; daughters, Sandra Staker of Prescott Valley, Ariz. and Julia and husband John Kiley of

Woodward, Iowa; and son Jay and wife Dea Staker of Huxley, Iowa. His grandchildren are John B. Kiley and wife Erika, Erin Jaye Kiley, Jennifer and husband Sam Schill and Megan and husband Josh Stagg. Great grandchildren are Brooke and Courtney Kiley, Jack and Emelia Schill and Logan, Landon and Jonah Stagg and many other cherished family members. Keith will be remembered by all as a kind and loving man with a wry sense of humor. Following a memorial service in Woodward, Iowa at the United Methodist Church, Keith's ashes will be interred at Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Van Meter, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that all donations be directed to the Prescott Valley Military Service Monument, P.O. Box 27933, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

Comments



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Gary & Debbie Marks - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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To all the family of Keith, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Wayne and Rose Walen - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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CARM:
I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

BOBBIE OLIVER

Bobbie Oliver - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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Keith Staker was my advisor and mentor with regard to my membership with Gary Streeter Post 108 of the American Legion from the time I moved to Prescott Valley. He was Post Chaplain when I was Commander of the Post and Keith and Carm made me aware of many things in the Town of Prescott Valley. Keith will be sorely missed by myself and by all the Town of Prescott Valley.

Keith T. Burley
Past Commander, Post 108
Past Department Cmdr., Dept of Hawaii

Keith T. Burley - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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Keith was a fine old fashioned gentleman. He will be greatly missed by the many who had the privilege of knowing him.
Our sympathy to Carm and the family.

Mike & Nancy Horvath - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Carm and the Staker family, my deepest sympathies. May you have love and comfort in many wonderful memories.

Love,
Marnie

Marnie Uhl - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We were saddened to hear of Keith's death, but to Carm & family---we were very privileged to have known this very special man.

May God bless and comfort you in the days ahead as we know that Keith is no longer suffering and is in a better place, where we will see him again one day, in God's perfect plan.

You are in our prayers. May God bless and keep you.

Tom & Jan Luke

Tom & Jan Luke - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Keith was as fine a man as God has ever put on this earth.

I am grateful Carm has Keith's legacy, their family, around her to comfort her. What an incredible family.

Carm has an equally caring and loving group of supporters here in PV who will be here for her.

Steve Rutherford - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Kieth was a wonderful person. I helped take care of him in the Nursing home. He was a sweet and gentle man. He loved the lord. I had the opportunity of praying with him one day when he was'nt feeling very good. We knew the lord was going to take care of him. After Reading his obituary I had no idea what an impact he has made on the world. Him and his wife are very blessed and special people. The Lord bless his family and keep them always. I will miss him.

Tammy Cilano - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Carmmy,

So sad to hear of Keith's passing. Seems as though all our friends from Iowa are slowly going. Bob & Pat Siglin

Bob & Pat Siglin - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM