



Keith E. Sidley

February 21, 1948 - May 23, 2021

Keith E. Sidley, 73, passed away May 23, 2021. Cherished husband of Wanda Sidley for 39 years. Loving father of Keith Jr. "Sid" (Donna) and Wade (Kimberly). Step-brother of Karen Malott (Dik) and Ron Kuhfeld (Sue). Dear grandfather of Allison, Caroline, and Jade.

Born at Fairview Hospital and raised in Middleburg Heights by his parents, Edward Earl & Nancy Lova Sidley, Keith was the ultimate Boy Scout - always prepared for everything. He carried a bevy of small tools on his trusty carabiner and even made sure there was a hand-curated first aid kit in every dwelling and vehicle, both on land and water.

As a History and Special Education teacher from 1970-2010, Keith helped countless students to exceed expectations and achieve their goals. Many of those students kept in touch for years just to say thank you. Even off-the-clock, Keith remained a generous teacher - many friends know that a request to him for advice often resulted in his not just helping with the fix, but demonstrating and teaching it, too.

Keith enjoyed a wide variety of activities, including wine making (and tasting), golfing, biking, and all things summer. He also enjoyed motorcycles, until switching to the more family-friendly boating and waterskiing. He had a passion for history, politics, pizza, and chocolate cake with chocolate frosting. He was a bleeding-edge techie who hated wearing ties. Ever the extrovert, traveling with friends & family was always fun. He and Wanda explored many national parks and exciting destinations throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central America. Still, his favorite location on the planet was his back deck, enjoying a beverage with family and friends.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. If friends so desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Stay-A-While animal shelter at 8800 Akins Rd, North Royalton, OH 44133.

Comments



“ Dear Wanda,
I just heard of Keith's passing and I am so very sorry for your loss. I have many memories and memorable times with Keith and you. Besides working together we had "fun" times after work. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
"Dont cry because it's over, smile because it happened" Rest in peace, Keith
Joyce Spencer

Joyce Spencer - June 11 at 11:55 AM



“ Dear Wanda and the Sidley Family!

It was this one of rare moments in my life; my husband Jon and I meet Keith and Wanda at the family function and quickly recognized that they were the the kind of people we wanted to be friends with. I met them several times after that in Cleveland and Augusta, GA where we live and we talked, we ate, we drank wine, and we were making plans to see each other again and again. It was during the Covid-19 pandemic when finding and keeping friends whom we genuinely liked became even more a special treasure. My husband and I were expecting to see Keith and Wanda at our place this spring and living with us for a month or possibly longer. But, sadly, it wasn't meant to be.

To us, Keith passing was like a horrible lightning from a blue sky. Such a likeable, honest, and humble man with a funky sense of humor and a kind, huge heart gone from our lives!

We were both crushed and saddened and we are still talking about the vacuum his death made in our own lives.

I hope that time and the presence of good friends and family members will sooth your sorrow. You and I will keep good memories of the man who made our lives just a little better. Sending hugs!

Regina Orlosky Trueblood - June 01 at 01:17 PM



“ Thank you, Regina & Jon. We'll do some of the things Keith liked to do sooner or later when I visit both boys.

Wanda Sidley - June 08 at 07:22 PM



“ Thank you, Joyce. We did have some fun times!

Wanda Sidleu - July 22 at 08:29 PM



“ Dearest Keith,

When we think of you, so many happy memories come to mind. You were always so gracious in sharing what you had and what you enjoyed with family and friends. You & Wanda and the boat have been a summer highlight through the years. You got all of us involved, whether water skiing, tubing, jet-skiing, or simply soaking up the sun. You ferried us down the Cuyahoga River to lunch at Shooters and across the waves of Lake Erie to taste wine on Catawba Island. Many summers, you and Wanda towed the boat down to Salt Fork where you would rent a cabin - large enough for others to “crash”. It was there that three generations of us enjoyed wonderful times together.

By so generously sharing yourself and your adventurous spirit, you have been a blessing to all of us. We love you and thank God you have been in our lives. It is so hard to let you go...

Love, Mary Lou and George

Mary Lou Mastro Monaco - May 30 at 04:04 PM



“ So beautiful. He taught the whole neighborhood how to ski.

wanda sidley - May 31 at 02:03 PM



“ including me for a brief moment lol

Bernadette Marshall - June 03 at 05:58 PM



“ I think I have a picture!

wanda sidley - June 07 at 01:08 PM



“ Don't forget 7 years at The Villages. Hopefully, we can do some of his favorite things again.

wanda sidley - June 07 at 01:10 PM



“ Dear Sidley Family,

Our family was sad to hear of Keith's passing and we send our deepest condolences. He truly had a heart of gold and such a passion to help kids in school that was just amazing. He helped two of my kids, Mike and Jenny who have over the years never forgot how he left them with life long tools to combat any challenges that came their way.

Our family was blessed to cross paths with such a caring and loving person. He left many footprints including in my kids of the great person and things he taught. He showed that nothing was impossible to achieve if you really wanted it.

Our thoughts and prayers with you.

Much love sent,
The Mueller Family



Paula Mueller - May 30 at 12:22 AM



“ Thank you for honoring Keith's memory with your loving memories.

Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 11:30 AM



“ This was an amazing guy, one of the most influential persons in my life at a young age. Brought me out of a dark place, brought out the best in me and gave me life skills I use every day. Really showed me how to go after what i wanted, and NEVER GIVE UP ON YOURSELF. This is a real hero to celebrate who helped so many...no matter what your issue he never turned his back...I could fill this page with details of my fondness and love for this guy...will always remember him and cant wait to see him again!!!
Love you Keith! A real legend!! My real hero!

Mike Mueller - May 29 at 12:05 PM



“ We will be forever grateful for the memories you have shared with us.

Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 11:32 AM



“ Elaine Stamper lit a candle in memory of Keith E. Sidley



Elaine Stamper - May 28 at 07:38 PM



“ Such a wonderful man full of life and love for his family. Your family and friends have fond memories to hold close in our hearts. R.I.P.

Elaine Stamper - May 28 at 07:43 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words & memory candle.

Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 01:15 PM



“ Tom and I extend our condolences. Keith was a student centered advocate for kids! His willingness to share wisdom and skill taught me to navigate the school system. I appreciated his guidance as a young teacher. May you find comfort in his life well lived! It is just now we learned of his passing. We will keep you in prayers. Tom and Lynn Brahler

Lynn - July 19 at 11:34 AM



“ Thank you for the kind words.

Wanda Sidley - July 22 at 08:24 PM



“ What a great person! I knew him at North Royalton High School. He helped me so many times. Keith was very knowledgeable in both Special Education, building career skills and job trading. Keith had a great sense of humor. I truly enjoyed being around him. RIP Keith! You will certainly be missed. Prayers to Wanda and the entire family. Dave Murphy

Dave Murphy - May 28 at 09:46 AM



“ Keith liked working with you transitioning students post high school. He also enjoyed your sense of humor.

Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 12:57 PM



“ I have such fond memories with you during all of our special family events and get togethers, which I shall cherish and embrace forever! You were a wonderful uncle and thank you for always being there for me! God bless you and I know our paths will cross once again. Love, Ryan

Ryan Malott - May 27 at 08:42 PM



“ Family get togethers held a special place in his heart. Thank you.

Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 01:02 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Keith's passing. What a shock to me as I've always remembered him as a vibrant and very caring individual to all he met. I was truly privileged to work with both him and Wanda in Parma and North Royalton School Districts. My condolences to Wanda and the Sidley Family.
RIP Old Friend!
Carol Moehring

Carol Moehring - May 27 at 08:14 PM



“ We loved working with you. You were professional, creative, compassionate & fun - all in one. That made it easier to have successful outcomes for students.

Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 11:49 AM



“ Dear Wanda, Sid, Wade, Donna, Allison, Caroline, Kim and Jade,
We are truly sorry for the loss you all have suffered. The guy who was the "host with the most" for all of the many wonderful family gatherings held at his and Wanda's lovely home has passed on. Although friends and family are filled with sadness, it is fitting that there will be a Celebration of Life for Keith, a man who, perhaps because he lost his father at such an early age, did not waste one day of his 73 years here on earth. Keith's humor, conversational skills, love of family and friends, and most notably complete devotion to Wanda, his wife, co-worker, friend and partner in everything he did will never pass on, for they will live in the hearts of those who loved him.

With our most heartfelt Condolences and love,
Dik and Karen

Karen Malott - May 27 at 08:30 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words. Keith did live a full life.

Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 11:37 AM



“ Ill start off by saying Wanda & family.. I am so, so sorry for your loss. Keith was a purely genuine soul. Amongst many of our conversations while in the hospital, he would never fail to speak of his love for family & friends. Of course, he'd speak of other things, like politics, golfing, his beautiful career, and more, lol. I'll forever remember Keith's advice every time I'd say goodbye, "think of something you've been putting off for awhile and do it for you". Keith's life was honorable until the very end, I feel honored to be even able to say I was his nurse during his stay at Cleveland clinic. I'm just glad he's no longer suffering. Wanda, you also are amazing and I am so very sorry, love. Thanks for letting me care for your loved one. I'll be thinking and praying for you all.

Have the juiciest burger/ beer in Heaven & fly high, Keith

With much love and condolences,

Ayrianna Lord

Ayrianna Lord - May 26 at 07:59 PM



“ Thank you, Ayrianna. Keith wanted to write a letter to your supervisor about what a nice job you did caring for him, but he did not get to it because he spent 2 days doing so many things he had been missing with me and our 2 sons. He died comfortably & peacefully.

Wanda Sidley - May 26 at 08:50 PM



“ A true gentleman, kind neighbor, friend, lovely human. We enjoyed your last visit to our patio in the summer of 2020 and the many neighborhood gatherings over the years. You were certainly a person to gravitate toward for great conversation & inspiration. Such a fine life you led, well done.

Heidi & Dave Schwarz - May 26 at 06:34 PM



“ Dear Wanda and Family,
We are so saddened to hear of Keith's passing. Bill and I have so many wonderful memories of him, since our early teenage years. He will always hold a special place in our hearts.
God Bless you and the children as you go through this most difficult time. We will truly miss him

Mary and Bill Schempp - May 27 at 01:50 PM



“ Keith loved to keep in touch with all of his friends from Middleburg Heights; it is very special that you are still having reunions.

Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 11:44 AM



“ Thank you Heidi & Dave for your kind words.

Wanda Sidley - June 08 at 07:15 PM



“ Our condolences. I met Keith as a customer many, many years ago. He wasn't just a customer, he became a friend. I enjoyed our conversations and his thoughtful opinions. I'm going to miss him. Our prayers to Keith's family.
Paul & Barb Zivich

Barb Zivich - May 26 at 04:40 PM



“ Thank you. Keith always looked forward to your conversations.

Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 11:39 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Keith. I will always remember his infectious smile! We had a great staff of Normandy and the always Fridays at Stancato's. Please know Wanda and his family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Connie Shirey

Connie Shirey - May 26 at 03:21 PM



“ Thank you, Connie. Those were fun days - good memories.
Wanda Sidley - May 26 at 08:52 PM



“ One of the finest special educators that I have ever known in my career.A compassionate,sensitive and yet realistic.A real loss to our community
Bill Oliverio - May 26 at 09:39 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss, Wanda. Please accept our sincere condolences.
Terri Kirk-Hull and Dave Hull
terri Kirk-Hull - May 28 at 01:02 AM



“ Thank you.
Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 01:05 PM



“ Thanks, Bill for your kind words.
Wanda Sidley - June 08 at 07:16 PM



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Sid Sidley - May 26 at 11:19 AM



“ Dad, thank you for teaching and guiding me through out my life. I would not be who I am and where I am without you. I love you.



Wade Sidley - May 25 at 10:33 PM



“ Keith, The view has always been better with you!! Love, Wanda



Wanda Sidley - May 25 at 05:08 PM



“ Dad, I love you and am forever thankful for your love, guidance, and great memories, especially fun times out on the boat! Thank you for being the "1st place OK World's Greatest Best OK Dude of a Dad". Much Love, Sid



Sid Sidley - May 25 at 04:47 PM



“ Keith, You have been the love of my life and my best friend! I could not have asked for a better husband or father. I am thankful for all the precious time we had together. You have left me and our family with so many precious memories. We have had the deepest love, a true partnership in every way, and, so much fun - always laughing together! Until we meet again... Love, Wanda

Wanda Sidley - May 25 at 04:35 PM



“ Keith, You are a true friend. When ever I saw you ask me how I was doing. And I would say fine. I learned a lot from you. From my high school years to my adult years. You were my Work-study coordinator. And you will always be in everybody's hearts
Donna Goodwin

Donna Goodwin - May 27 at 10:51 AM



“ Dear Wanda and the Sidley Family,

I was sad to learn of Keith's passing .I enjoyed keeping in touch through his many emails. May his soul rest in peace in our Lord's Heavenly Kingdom. My deepest condolences.'

Respectfully,

Ron Tvorik (Retired Normandy High School)

Ronald Tvorik - May 28 at 02:36 PM



“ He enjoyed your annual newsletter & emails.

Wanda Sidley - May 30 at 01:08 PM



“ Dear Wanda and the Sidley Family!

Jon and I have been thinking about you all in this difficult time...

Just as we met you and Keith not long time ago, Jon and I realized how wonderful the two of you were and how lucky we were to be accepted by you to be your friends. We so loved the way Keith was thinking! We loved his sense of humor, his kindness, his warmth! We were hoping to see him again and again.

Dear Wanda, although your life partner is gone, Keith will always be near you. The sweet memories of him will linger always. He will continue to give you strength and you will forever feel loved by him.

This fall, we will be looking for a beautiful tree or a flowering bush and plant it in our yard. This way, every morning when I take a walk, I will be saying: hello Mom, hello Dad, hello Edward, hello Kitamura San, hello Mary, hello Dorothy, hello Jolie, and also HELLO KEITH! All these people I loved and lost but I somehow feel their presence, And I will look up and I will see his face and I will smile!

Sending lots of love, Jon and Regina

Regina Trueblood - May 30 at 04:51 PM



“ Thank you.I will look forward to a walk in your beautiful yard to see whatever you have chosen.

wanda Sidley - June 07 at 01:17 PM



“ Donna, Thanks for you kind words.

Wanda Sidley - June 08 at 07:18 PM