



## Keith Harvey Spriggs

February 3, 1938 - April 19, 2020

Keith Harvey Spriggs, age 82, of Cherokee, entered eternal life on Sunday, April 19, 2020 from his home where he passed peacefully after a year of declining health.

Keith was born on February 3, 1938 to Howard and Mildred (Harvey) Spriggs on the family farm near McCune, Kansas. He was a lifelong resident of southeast Kansas and graduated with the class of 1955 from Cherokee County Rural High School in Columbus. He spent his professional career as an estimator and superintendent in commercial construction, retiring from Deill Construction in Pittsburg. He was a long-time employee of Shields Construction and General Service Corporation in Oswego before returning to Deill, where he finished his career.

Keith was a devoted husband and loving father. He nurtured his children through sharing his love of adventure, science, technology, literature, and music throughout their lives. He welcomed their friends into the home and always had a joke or funny story to share. He was a long-time Sunday School teacher of the young adults class at the First Baptist Church in Columbus, where he formed cherished friendships. He was an avid hobbyist with many interests and valued friendships seeded in his love of model airplanes, antique automobiles, auto restoration, and most recently, his craft of building miniature tools and antique furniture. He collected and restored antique Fords, accomplishing two complete restorations of convertibles from the 1950s. He was respected by his peers for his strict attention to detail, causing his chronicles and restoration guides to be published by several journals dedicated to vintage automobiles and airplane modeling. Keith and Deanie enjoyed flea markets and antique stores, and traveling from coast-to-coast and throughout Europe with his children.

Keith is survived by his wife of 30 years, Mary Willa Deane "Deanie" (Littlejohn) Spriggs, of the home, his children Lisa Eisele and James Spriggs, from his first marriage to Joanne Chavez Gould, sisters Jean Faucett and Carole Audley, two nieces, Rebecca Bumgarner and Suzanne Borgia, and one nephew, Kevin Henderson. Survivors also include Brian and Allan Tullis, the sons of Deanie, and Cheryl Martin, Kristy Herron, and Terry Peak, the

children of his former wife, the late Beverly Capron. From this union, Papa Keith was blessed with grandchildren and great grandchildren that were the light of his life. Keith was predeceased by his parents and one sister, Nondis Burnett.

As per Keith's wishes, there will not be a funeral service. Due to the public health declaration, there will not be a visitation, but his life will be celebrated each day by all who were blessed to know him. Memorials may be left to the Columbus Museum and Genealogy Library, 100 S. Tennessee, Columbus, KS 66725.

# Comments

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“ Betty L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Keith Harvey Spriggs.



Betty L. - April 25 at 10:55 AM

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“ I have known Keith since he and my sister first dated in the '50s long before they got back together and married. I remember him leaving a black Lab in our care while he was gone for awhile (boot camp or something). The dog and I played for hours every day. Other memories include going to the local drive-in theaters with them on dates. I was bribed to sit in the bed of my sister's pickup and watch the movie. You get the picture. That must be when I acquired my love of beer. Cheers go good old times and memories.

Bill Capron - April 23 at 12:53 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Keith Harvey Spriggs.



April 21 at 07:19 PM

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“ Grandpa Keith will always be loved and remembered as one of the funniest and coolest guys to hang out with. He sure knew how to keep kids entertained, whether by showing off his cars and latest projects or telling stories and likely pulling your leg. Grandpa Keith, you will be missed but always fondly remembered as a man inclined to make you smile. Thoughts and prayers to all his family and friends.

Anson Tullis - April 21 at 03:13 PM



“ Thank you, Anson. That is very sweet and I know he thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Lisa Eisele - April 21 at 11:27 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Keith



Lisa Eisele - April 21 at 02:49 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keith Harvey Spriggs.



April 21 at 01:25 PM

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“ My heart is broken. What a special man. He and my dad worked together at Deill Construction way back in the 50s or 60s. I remember going to he and Joanne's home. Of course through the years everyone moved on and we lost touch. Sometime ago when my husband and I had the classic car museum in Arma, Keith showed up one day and my husband and he spent a lot of time talking "Fords". My dad had already passed but it was so nice to visit with Keith about the years he and my dad worked together and shared a friendship and now he and my husband were developing a friendship. We had great conversations and he shared memories of my dad that I will always hold dear to my heart. As he learned more about the museum I was involved with he became interested in that project and we proudly displayed many of his miniatures during the Smithsonian exhibit which we hosted at Miners Hall Museum. I think he was very proud of that. We will certainly miss visiting with this kind and caring man. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. I'm sure he and my dad are visiting once again and having a great time.

Scotty & Phyllis (Liposek) Bitner - April 20 at 11:32 PM



“ Phyllis,

Thank you for sharing these memories. Dad always spoke highly of your father and had an

abundance of stories about the good times and great friends from his Deill days.

With appreciation from our entire family,

Lisa

**Lisa Eisele** - April 22 at 09:10 AM

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“Thinking of you, Lisa and how special your Dad was and his great sense of humor...”

Love

Kevin DeAngelis

**Kevin DeAngelis** - April 20 at 10:27 PM



“ Thank you, Kevin. We were both blessed with great dads.

**Lisa Eisele** - April 20 at 10:51 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayer Keith old Bud

**Al Christopherson** - April 20 at 09:00 PM

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“ When I was little and we had snow, Dad and Uncle Virn would get the big sled out. Keith and the Wrights and Kogers would get on and Dad would pull everyone around town. They always put me on the back. I would fly off and lay in the road. Thank God Dad looked out his rear view mirror because the boys were making too much noise to hear me yelling.

Keith was so impressive with his work space. He could make anything.

I love the story when we had storms and his mom would put all her jewelry in her purse and sit on the bed till it was over.

We had good times. Hugs to all. Take care of yourselves...Janet Scovell

**Janet Nora Scovell** - April 20 at 05:20 PM



“ Thank you, Janet. We appreciate your sharing those precious memories. What a wonderful neighborhood we enjoyed. Lisa

**lisa eisele** - April 20 at 07:40 PM

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“ A long time friend of mine and my late husband, Ed Grundy. Keith was as humorous as Will Rogers and words as wise as Solomon. He will surely be missed. He was so proud of his daughter and son. And so much love for his wife Deanie. My prayers are with you all.  
Cherryl

**Cherryl Grundy** - April 20 at 05:11 PM



“ Hi Cheryl,  
Dad was talking about his friendship with Ed within the past week. Thank you for sharing such comforting words at this difficult time. I hope Ed and Dad are enjoying a wonderful reunion.  
Lisa

**Lisa Eisele** - April 21 at 11:26 AM



“ only new Keith for the past few years thru R.C. modeling. I loved his since of Humor and marveled at his miniatures he made. one of the last men left that had so much talent and knowledge He will be missed  
Rick frisbie



**Rick Frisbie** - April 20 at 04:23 PM



“ Keith was a great friend to know. Rest in peace.

**Joanna Hughes** - April 20 at 03:42 PM