



Jerry Keith Wheatley

November 2, 1958 - October 8, 2023

Jerry Keith Wheatley, a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, 64, of Decatur, Alabama (formerly Chattanooga, Tennessee) was called home to be with his Savior on October 8th, 2023.

On this day, the world lost an amazing Husband, Dad, Pawpaw, Man. He will be missed daily by those who knew and loved him.

Keith was born on November 2nd, 1958, to Graydon Wheatley and Robbie Hubbard Leslie in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his father, Graydon.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce Welch Wheatley; sons, Brad Wheatley (Kendra) of Soddy Daisy, TN and Capt. Greg Wheatley (Crystal) of Ringgold, GA; daughter, Heather Wheatley McClellan (CPO Zachary McClellan) of Gulfport, MS; grandchildren, Mackenzi and Dru Wheatley (Brad), Piper Wheatley (Greg), Nora, Finley, and Elliot McClellan (Heather); Mother, Robbie Leslie of Mantachie, MS; brothers, Mike Hubbard (Betty) of Lawrenceburg, TN and Terry Wheatley (Merry), of Decatur, AL; sister, Chere Wheatley Lindley (Greg), of Fulton, MS and many additional family members, cousins, nephews, and nieces too many to mention each by name.

Keith will be remembered for the wonderful husband he was, for his love and pride for his family, and for his passion for making his grandkids smile. He was

a devoted child of God who looked forward to fellowship with his church family every week.

He was also a loyal Patriot who was known not only for his contributions to multiple Veteran and Wounded Hero outreach programs, but also for his proud display of the American Flag behind his red, white and blue Harley Davidson every chance he had.

Visitation will be from 11:00am - 1:00 PM, (central time) Thursday, October 12, 2023, at Shelton Funeral Home 2105 Beltline Rd. SW in Decatur, AL. Funeral procession, then burial will follow in Decatur City Cemetery at 1:30PM.. A closing prayer will be given by Pastor Rickey Clemons of Somerville Baptist Church.

Pallbearers include Brad Wheatley, Greg Wheatley, Zachary McClellan, Dru Wheatley, Matt Vinson and Daniel Vinson.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home
2105 Beltline Road SW
Decatur, AL 35601
(256) 353-1620
<https://www.sheltonfuneralhome.net/>

Graveside Service

OCT 12. 1:30 PM (CT)

Decatur City Cemetery
Highway 20
Decatur, AL 35601

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to just now be hearing of Keith's passing. He was always one I could count on to do our repairs at Fortwood Center. I came to think of Keith and Brad as friends and not just work associates. He was a fine man indeed ans I feel privileged to have known him. Dianne Cagle

Dianne Cagle - March 14, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ My Hearts Breaks for your Family my Thoughts and Prayers are with you at this time,Keith was always such a sweet kind Person at Church Love to all.

Lisa Hicks Defur

Lisa Defur - October 12, 2023 at 04:33 PM

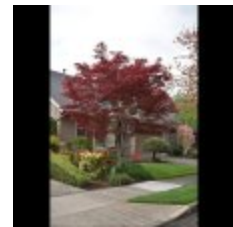


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Keith Wheatley.

October 11, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.



October 11, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.



October 11, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ Keith I was sitting and thinking bout tha time we came to chatty and visted and we went to tha walking bridge in downtown chatty it was a great time but when we got to tha utter side and far a behold there was a glass bridge and I was not gonna cross that thing and you was laffin so hard me ..I finally got across but whew it was scary..I didn't go back across it tho I went down an inbankment up hill crossed a road to get back to where I needed to be😭😭🌀🌀great memories love you and miss you😭😭💔💔10/11/23



Glenda Terry - October 11, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.



October 11, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.



October 11, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.



October 11, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.



October 11, 2023 at 10:30 AM

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“ *The Petroff's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.*



The Petroff's - October 11, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ *I will always remember how much fun I had when Keith invited family over to watch Bama games! He became like a giddy child while watching the Tide Roll ! Keith was a good cook and family was always invited over to celebrate the holidays. Those times will forever be remembered and forever missed. One more really cool deed that Keith loved doing was riding his motorcycle. We laughed when one year he decorated it with lights and rode in the Fecatur Christmas parade as a surprise to all of his family! His home was my home! I miss you!*

Merry Wheatley - October 10, 2023 at 08:49 PM

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“ *Zach & Heather's extended family in NY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Keith Wheatley.*

Zach & Heather's extended family in NY - October 10, 2023 at 08:42 PM

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“ Zach & Heather's extended family in NY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.



Zach & Heather's extended family in NY - October 10, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Keith Wheatley.

October 10, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.



October 10, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.



October 10, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Keith Wheatley.* ”



October 10, 2023 at 04:36 PM