



Robert Lawrence Keener

July 18, 1956 - April 8, 2013

Mr. Robert Lawrence Keener

Funeral service for Robert Lawrence Keener, age 56, of Decatur,

will be Thursday, April 11, 2013, 2:00 p.m. at Westmeade Baptist Church

with Rev. Dr. Scotty Hogan officiating and Shelton Funeral Home directing.

The family will receive friends today from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home,

and for one hour prior to service at the church.

Interment will be in Burningtree Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Keener, who died Monday, April 8, 2013, at Huntsville Hospital,

was born July 18, 1956, in Beckley, WV,

to Lawrence Keener and Elizabeth Ramsey Keener.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Lawrence Keener, II, and his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife, Pamela Evans Keener of Decatur;

two sons, Derek Keener and Kyle Keener, both of Decatur;

two sisters, Nancy Atkins (Steve) of Decatur,

and Mary Ann Dillon (Gary) of Beckley, WV;

three nephews, Sean Heironimus (Alli), Brandon Atkins, and Jason Dillon;

and one niece, Sara Dillon.

Pallbearers will be Steve Atkins, Brandon Atkins, Sean Heironimus,

Jason Dillon, Paul Smith, and Keith Taylor.

Memorial donations may be made to Westmeade Baptist Church

or to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Jon Cairns



Shelton Funeral Home - January 14, 2022 at 02:56 PM

MG

“ Dear Pam, Derek, and Kyle, We are so sorry to hear about Bob passing away. We extend our deepest sympathies to your family. We knew him for many years and he was a good family man. Our prayers go out to you all. Please call if you have a need. The Giordano family



Michelle, Nicky, PJ, and Adrienne Giordano - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Pam, Derek and Kyle, Robert and I first crossed paths in 1999, for a presentation we did at Browns Ferry Nuclear for the VFDs for the RRP upgrade that was planned. Since then Robert and I have had an ongoing relationship, including those first EUOG meetings. I knew that Robert was not feeling well when he suddenly cancelled a dinner we had scheduled in Naperville earlier this year. After that we had several telephone and Email exchanges and I sensed something wasn't right. On Monday evening late I got an Email from one of my associates letting me know that Robert had passed. I was devastated. On Tuesday there was a forwarded internal Email notice from within TVA. It began "Just wanted to let you all know that the great Robert Keener has passed." I have been in this business for 43 years. Over this period I have seldom been touched by a person with the capabilities, competence and dedication of your husband and your son's father. Working in a government environment only adds to the rules, the regulations, the processes and the process hurdles one need's to navigate. Robert was a master at it, and was probably the most effective person I have ever seen at simply making things happen, when they needed to happen, and for all the right reasons. Please let the boys know that we believe that Robert will always be there for you all. After all it is Robert. He will continue to manage just about everything, now through influence and grace Please accept our most sincere condolences on your loss. The "great Robert Keener" may have passed, but he will never be gone from our hearts. With sincere regret and with our prayers, Al and Jane Giesecke



Al & Jane Giesecke - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Pam and family, My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Like Mark Ramsey, I knew Robert many, many years ago. We graduated from the same high school and Robert and I attended West Virginia Tech together. He was an upstanding young man and was consistent in his walk with the Lord. I hope that The Lord of all comfort will be with you all in these days ahead. With kind regards, Ed and Robin
Lively Romans 8:35-39



Ed Lively - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Pam, Derek, and Kyle, I would like to express my sincere condolences on the passing of your husband and father of your children. I have only known Robert a short period of his life but I considered him a good personal friend and a excellent work colleague. He was a great project a manger for TVA and I enjoyed working on his projects, especially traveling with him to manufactures facilities for equipment checkout. 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."



David Murray - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ My prayer is with you and your family. May God continue to give you strength.



Veronica S. Hudgins - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Pam and family, I did not know Robert personally, however, I did know his mom and dad through church and I work with his sister Mary Ann. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May the Lord's presence and comfort strengthen everyone during this time and in the days to follow. J. D. and Karen Higginbotham



J. D. and Karen Higginbotham - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Pam, You may not remember me, but I worked with Robert and you at BFNP back in the 80's. I always thought well of Robert and enjoyed talking with him. My sympathy to you and the boys.



Randy Summers - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ i want the elevator doors to open and robert to stroll out. i can't believe that's not going to happen again. robert was so unique, i have never known anyone like him. as another friend said yesterday, he was just bigger than life. i always admired the fact that i never had to guard my words with robert - i could always tell him what i thought and he never got mad. he would listen and consider, and even if he didn't agree, he didn't take our differences personally, and we were still friends. he had a big heart, and accepted people as they are. robert was one of the smartest people i've ever known, and i know he was one of the most brilliant long-range thinkers i've ever been around. he could wear you out, talking about details, but anyone with a brain quickly came to realize that if you had an idea, robert probably thought of it months ago and had a plan in place for it. BFN and TVA are a much poorer place now. the world is, too. robert was one of a kind, and i miss him. i wish we could see that sly sparkle in his eyes one more time. goodbye, old friend.



laura thrasher - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Pam, Derek, and Kyle, I worked with Robert at Browns Ferry several years ago and had the greatest respect for him and his leadership. I had the pleasure to work with him on several projects and recieved great help and advice from him. We often would talk about guitars and I admired pictures of his collection and was so glad to hear of his sons enjoying playing also. May God bless all of you at this time and I thank God for such a friend as Robert.



Don Shields - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ There were only two people at my time at Browns Ferry that had such a profound affect on my life, Larry Roque and Robert Keener, both who are now gone to glory to serve our Lord in heaven. Robert was such a formidable character, that strong veneer and unrelenting constitution that he displayed during his professional career but had the soul of such a gentle giant. He saw the best in others and would push others to see their best and to be their best. He would never call himself a mentor, he would prefer to be known as your friend and colleague. Those that he touched during his walk on earth were enriched by the teachings and lessons that were learned from him. To Pam and your sons, hold steadfast to faith, your love for one another, and your love for Robert. Grief is a natural human emotion that is experienced the loss of a love one. Grief is not necessarily an indication of a lack of faith, but can be an expression of the depth of the love we had for someone. He left such a legacy only few can compare or aspire to. He will be missed. I miss him already. John 16:22 reads - so with you: now is your time of grief, but I (Robert) will see you again and you will rejoice and no one will take away your joy.



Pamela Henighan - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Pam Kyle and I would like to extend our sincere condolences for your loss. Best Regards Rick Cutsinger



Rick Cutsinger - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dearest Pam, Derek and Kyle, Words cannot even begin to express my sorrow. Just know that my arms are wrapped around you during this time of loss.



Deb Kirby - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Pam, Derek, and Kyle, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during these trying times. Your father was an amazing gentleman who mentored me through work for many years and always brought out the best in me. I was able to travel to multiple locations throughout the country with him and there was never a dull moment when he got to telling his stories. May all the memories of your father be with you forever. Sincerely, Jon Cairns



Jon Cairns - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Our thoughts and prayers go to you and your family in this difficult time. It was truly a joy working with Robert and considered him both a colleague and good friend. Robert's creativity and persistence was unequalled. He always was 1 or 2 steps ahead making sure performance exceeded expectation.. I cannot say enough of good words... We have a lot of fond memories and will miss him dearly.



Bob Kleeb - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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Bob Kleeb - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Pam, Derek and Kyle Our prayers are with you because of the loss of Robert. Robert was a great friend, even though I had not seen him for quite some time however, I still considered him a good friend. We had some good times together at Church, school and other activities during our teen age years. Derek and Kyle your Dad was a great friend, he was always there if you needed someone. He always had a word of encouragement. He was by my Best man and I could not have had a better man by my side. I know all of you will miss him, however one day we will see him in Heaven! Mark Ramsey



Mark and Leola Ramsey - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM