



Keith James Efird

December 2, 1942 - October 19, 2021

On October 19, 2021 at 3:40 am, Keith James Efird, 78, of Locust was called home to be with his Lord and Savior. His funeral service will be at 3 PM on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 at Providence Church of God with Rev. Jerry Ingle and Rev. Torben Stroupe officiating. Visitation will be on Saturday, Oct 23 at the church from 5 until 7 PM.

Keith was born Dec. 2, 1942 in Stanly County, NC to the late Willie P. Efird and Gladys Barbee Efird. He was also preceded in death by his brother Wayne Efird and sister Wanda Morgan. Keith owned and operated Efird Grading Company until his retirement. He owned and operated Locust Restaurant for over 20 years. He served in the NC Army National Guard from 1963-1967 as a Sgt. Of Troup C 196 CAV. He was a lifelong member of Providence Church of God and served as a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He had previously served on the Locust Planning and Zoning Board and the Locust VFD Board of Directors. Keith was a family man whose passion was watching and supporting his grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports. His hobbies involved racing cars, fishing, and raising his cattle.

Keith is survived by his wife of 59 years, Doris Almond Efird of the home. Other survivors include two daughters, Vicki Love (Phil) and Angie Haigler (Michael) all of Locust, NC; a brother, Doyle Efird (Dianne) of Stanfield, NC; a sister, Linda Efird Wensil (Terry) of New London, NC, sister in law, Freida Efird of Oakboro, NC; brother in law, Garry Morgan of Albemarle, NC; five

grandchildren, Bradley Love of Simpsonville, SC, Allysan Love, Randi Griffin (Devin), Dylan Haigler and Ashlyn Haigler all of Locust, NC and three great grandchildren, Jordan Love, Bentley Griffin and McKynlee Griffin.

Memorials may be sent to, Muscular Dystrophy Association, 207 Regency Executive Park Drive, St# 170, Charlotte, NC 28217.

Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Locust is serving the Efird family.

Cemetery Details

Providence Church of God Cemetery

Locust, NC 28097

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Providence Church of God
Locust, NC 28097

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Providence Church of God
Locust, NC 28097

Burial

OCT **24** (ET)

Providence Church of God Cemetery
Locust, NC 28097

Tribute Wall

MK

“ My condolences to Doris, Vicki, Angie and the entire family. Praying for peace and comfort for each of you. Everyone who knew Keith will remember him fondly; always a smile on his face and a helping hand outstretched. What a wonderful man to work for all those many years ago during my youth at the Locust Restaurant. He brought such joy to so many through his love of God. My prayers are with each of you as you celebrate, through tears and laughter, and beautiful memories, his life well lived. He will be missed. Love to all. Michelle Hunter Keane and Family

Michelle Keane - October 24, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Keith James Efird.



October 23, 2021 at 09:31 AM

CL

“ Cheryl Little lit a candle in memory of Keith James Efird



Cheryl Little - October 22, 2021 at 08:23 PM

CL

“ Even though it's been many years since I've seen Keith and Doris, I still have such fond memories. Keith was such a loving person, I still remember him encouraging me when I was nervous about being in the Christmas play at church, and the smile he gave me during the play. Such a long time ago but I've never forgotten. Doris, Vicki and Angie you have all my prayers for peace and comfort. Love to you all, as you're entire family had an impact on me.

Cheryl Little - October 22, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keith James Efird.



October 22, 2021 at 01:00 PM

LL

“ I have known Keith all of my life. I had the pleasure of working for him so many, many years ago at the tender young age of 16 at his restaurant as his dishwasher. In addition, we attended Providence Church of God for many years together. He was a loving father to his children and a wonderful husband to Doris and a great friend. He will be remembered as a Godly role model, an honest and hard working man who loved his Lord, family and country. Keith will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our prayers are with Doris, Vicki, Angie and family.

Lisa Lippard - October 22, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DF

“ *Derwin & Kenna Brooks & Family purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Keith James Efird.*



Derwin & Kenna Brooks & Family - October 22, 2021 at 10:32 AM

TF

“ *Terry Williams - Diane Barbee & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Keith James Efird.*



Terry Williams - Diane Barbee & family - October 22, 2021 at 10:31 AM

TB

“ *We lived next door to Keith for almost 20 years. He was like a father to me, and was a Grandfather to our children. He will be greatly missed. We are praying for you, Doris, Angie, and Vicki.*

The Burnetts - October 22, 2021 at 07:00 AM

JP

“ *Keith was many things to many people, yet somehow he was always the same!! He was an amazing blessing and role model, a good man, never to be forgotten. I know heaven got even sweeter this week, and I look forward to seeing him again one day! Love and prayers for all of his precious family!*

James & Sherry Potts - October 21, 2021 at 08:29 PM

RH

“ *Doris & Family,*
I was saddened to learn of Keith's passing. Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. I have been friends with Keith since childhood, when my brother became part of the extended Efird family (uncle). To know Keith was to know a Godly family man who was a gentle giant in his community. Wishing the family peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. May God bless and keep you in His care, now and in the days to come.

Rachel Helms

Rachel Helms - October 21, 2021 at 06:26 PM

HA

“ *It was a joy to know Keith Effird. The years we spent pastoring the Providence Church Of God, he treated us like family. The many times we went out to eat after church together. He was a wonderful friend and allowed the love of Christ to shine through him and a great servant to the kingdom of God. Earth's loss heaven's gain. Another Solider has made it home. Praying for the family. We love you all. ❤️*

Harold & Cindy Ashe - October 21, 2021 at 05:19 PM

JH

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all the family. May God surround you with peace.*

Jody & Becky Hartsell - October 21, 2021 at 04:44 PM

MW

“ Keith was one of the sweetest kindest man I have ever known. He was so supportive of us when we pastored the Providence church. Everybody was better by knowing Keith Efird.. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Margaret Whichard - October 21, 2021 at 04:01 PM

OH

“ Doris and family, Oron and I are so very sorry for your loss. Keith was a great man who was always there to help anyone. Prayers and big hugs to you all!

Oron and Jane Huneycutt

Oron & Jane Huneycutt - October 21, 2021 at 03:32 PM

CL

“ To know Keith was to love him. I've known him all my life and considered him like a brother. Doris, you , Vicki and Angie and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Keith has received his healing.

Carolyn Little - October 21, 2021 at 02:10 PM

CF

“ Please accept mine and Rex's sincere heartfelt sympathy. There just are words to express our feeling of loss. I will always remember and be so grateful for all the family gatherings and reunions. May you feel God's arms around you and comfort you during this time. Peace be with you.



Carolyn and Rex Faust - October 21, 2021 at 11:40 AM

TP

“ Please accept our sincere heartfelt sympathy.
There are no words that we could say that could ease the heartache you are feeling in your hearts right now. We simply pray that God wrap his arms around your family and bring peace to you, may He surround you with the love and warmth of close family and friends.

Terry & Elaine Page - October 21, 2021 at 10:58 AM

TP

“ Terry & Elaine Page lit a candle in memory of
Keith James Efird



Terry & Elaine Page - October 21, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the
family of Keith James Efird.



October 21, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Keith James Efird.



October 21, 2021 at 10:34 AM

LH

“ In the early 1980s, I was privileged to work for Keith and Doris at Locust Restaurant part-time while I was in school. Keith and Doris were such hard-working, fine Christian people. I learned so much from both of them. By example, they taught the young workers under their care what it meant to be humble, care for your neighbors, be honest and fair, and to do your best at the task at hand. Some of my sweetest memories are of the hours I spent working there and my wonderful co-workers and customers. Keith will be missed not only by his family but by our whole community. Rest in peace, good and faithful servant.

Lisa Efird Hartsell

Lisa Hartsell - October 21, 2021 at 08:42 AM

CE

“ I've always enjoyed brief conversations with Keith. He always seem to have time to chat and treated me with utmost respect. I learned of his passing from Phil out here in the pasture in Stanfield where I last spoke with Keith.
My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of loss.

Chuck Easley - October 21, 2021 at 08:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keith James Efird.



October 20, 2021 at 11:44 PM

CB

“ *our thoughts and prayers are with you during the time. Ive known Keith ever since i was a little. My day and keith worked together in Charlotte with Blane Hathcock. Scott and Cynthia Burleson*

Cynthia Burleson - October 20, 2021 at 07:09 PM