



Keith Sonnier

January 25, 1972 - November 24, 2008

Requiem Mass for Keith Joseph Sonnier, 36, of Fort Worth will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2008 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Rev. Timothy Kelly officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Keith passed away on Monday, November 24 at his residence in Ft. Worth. He was born on January 25, 1972 in Dallas, Texas to W.J. and Mary Louise Barbay Sonnier. Keith loved to hunt and fish, and his guns and ammo. He was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, and he was a dedicated employee of Pinnergy, Ltd. Keith was preceded in death by his sister, Jacqueline; grandparents, Roy and Ruth Barbay; and grandfather, Wilson J. Sonnier, Sr. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of two years, Wendy Sonnier of Ft. Worth; children, Vivian Louise Sonnier, Austin Ray McDonald, and Jordyn Lea McDonald; parents, W.J. and Mary Sonnier of Tyler; sister, Deborah Jones and husband Thomas of Tyler; grandmother, Dorothy Sonnier of Port Arthur, mother-in-law and father-in-law, Tanis and Jerry Williams of Fruitvale; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Jamie Williams, Ryan Jones, Thomas Jones, Brian LeFleur, Jimmy Barbay, Billy Bell, Kyle Bell, and Jimmy Carpenter. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, November 28, 2008, with a rosary following at 7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Tribute Wall

LE

“ Hi ya Brother. Well once again you are reunited with you Mom. As sorry as we are to see her go from this Earthly Life, we are so glad to know she is whole again, pain free and being with all the ones she loves. Wendy and I were just saying last week how jealous we were that Mary was gettin the big Bear hugs from ya. We will get ours soon enough.. All is well here. You would be so proud of the kids. Lynzi graduated, Kyle is one heck of a race car driver and little Jady is growing like a weed. She starts Kindergarden in the fall. Where does the time go. Now little Viv she is a pistol...can i tell ya. Growing like a weed and still lookin just like you.
I love you Brother, I think of you often. Accepting you being gone is still really hard for me. I get through it just knowing that its not the end. We will see eachother again.
I love and miss you
Leighan

Leighan - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ HEY BROTHER,
I HAVEN'T STOPPED BY IN AWHILE. JUST WANTED TO FILL
YOU IN ON WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON WITH ME. WELL I
QUIT THE BODY SHOP. I HAVE MOVED ON TO BIGGER AND
BETTER THINGS. I STARTED WORKING FOR AN
INDEPENDANT INSURANCE APPRAISAL COMPANY. I HAVE TO
TRAVEL NOW WITH MY NEW JOB. MY TERRITORY IS THE
AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO AREA AND ALL THEIR SURROUNDING
CITIES. I LOVE IT. ITS ALOT OF DRIVING BUT IT DOES NOT
EVEN FEEL LIKE IM WORKING. IT WILL WEAR YOU OUT
AFTER DRIVING 800MILES IN 2 DAYS BUT SO WORTH IT. IN
TWO DAYS I MADE MORE MONEY THAN I DID WORKING 45
HOURS IN ONE WEEK. I SHOULD HAVE STARTED DOING THIS
A YEAR AGO WHEN I WAS ASKED TO DO IT. GUESS I WAS
SCARED. SHOOT. ITS AWESOME. I GET THE NEEDED BREAK
ONCE A WEEK FROM HOME LIFE AND THE STRESS. I LEAVE
AGAIN ON MONDAY. I HOPE YOU WILL DO ME THE HONOR OF
RIDING SHOTGUN WITH ME THIS TRIP. WOULD LOVE THE
COMPANY. JUST LET ME KNOW YOU ARE THERE. TALK TO
YOU SOON. I LOVE AND MISS YOU MY BROTHER.
ALL MY LOVE
LEIGHAN

LEIGHAN - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ HAPPY 37TH BIRTHDAY MY BROTHER. HAVE A WONDERFUL
CELEBRATION TODAY. WENDY AND I HAD A WONDERFUL
TIME TODAY. THANK YOU.
I LOVE AND MISS YOU
LEIGHAN

Leighan - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ GOOD MORNING MY BROTHER...ITS EARLY ON SATURDAY MORNING TWO MONTHS TO THE DAY YOU WENT HOME TO BE WITH JESUS. I SO LOVE YOU..I MISS YOU. WENDY AND THE KIDDOS ARE COMING DOWN FOR JADYN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY. THEY WILL BE SPENDING THE NIGHT. TONIGHT WE WILL BE CELEBRATING YOU. JOAN AND JIMMY, BILLY AND ME, LYNZI, KYLE. WE WILL BE TELLING OUR STORIES AND REMEMBERING YOU AND WHAT KIND OF WONDERFUL FATHER, HUSBAND, BROTHER, GOD FATHER AND FRIEND YOU ARE. SHAWNA AND KENNETH CAN NOT BE HERE. KENNY IS OUT OF TOWN AND SHAWNA IS HOME WITH SICK KIDDOS. WENDY AND I WILL BE TALKING TO YOU SOON. JUST WANTED TO DROP BY AND SAY I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.
LEIGHAN

Leighan - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ OH MY BROTHER HOW I LOVE AND MISS YOU. TOMORROW WILL BE ONE MONTH SINCE YOU LEFT THIS EARTH AND BEGAN YOUR JOURNEY IN HEAVEN. AS OUR HEARTS LONG FOR YOU DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON YOU ARE CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH OUR KING. THAT IS SPECIAL. WE CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE.
I KEEP YOU CLOSE TO MY HEART ALWAYS. I LOVE YOU BROTHER..MORE THAN YOU EVER KNEW.
HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS...SEND KYLE A LITTLE SOMETHING..CHRISTMAS EVE WHEN HE IS QUIET AND ALONE IS THE BEST TIME. TELL DAD I SAY HELLO AND I LOVE HIM...I KNOW YOU AND HIM ARE FISHING..
I LOVE YOU
LEIGHAN

LEIGHAN - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ WENDY, VIVIAN, JORDYN, AUSTIN, MOM AND DAD.

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see.
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things we never got to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you..
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too..
But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand..
An angel came and called my name and took me by the hand,
It seemed my place was ready - In Heaven far above,
and that I'd have to leave behind, those things I dearly love..*

*But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye.
For all of life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for, so much yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you..
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad..
I thought of all the love we shared, and how much fun we had..
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say goodbye, then kiss you 'til I saw that special smile..*

*But then I fully realized, that it could never be,
'Cause emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.
And when I thought of all those things, I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow. .
But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me, From his great & golden
throne,*

*He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you.
Today your life on Earth is past, but here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last,
and since each day is the same day, there's no longing for the past.*

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*But you have been so faithful, so trusting and so true,
Though there were some times you did some things you shouldn't
do. .*

*But you have been forgiven, and now at last you're free,
So come and take me by the hand, and share my life with me.."
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me, I'll be right there - in your Heart..*

November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *I am very sorry for your loss and it is a real shock. Keith will be missed.*

Robert Helt - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *We will miss you dearly Keith!! You may be gone from this earth but you will never be forgotten. You live on in your daughters eyes, the hearts of others, and the memories that we all will hold onto until we can be with you again. You were a good friend and a great guy and I know that I am a better person for having known you. It's not going to be the same without you here but keep your eye on us and watch over us from where you are!!*

*We love you,
Kenneth and Shawna*

And don't worry about Wendy and the kids, we will take care of them for you!!!!!!

Kenneth and Shawna Bell - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My heart-felt condolences go out to you all during this difficult time. I pray God will give you all an extra measure of Grace and Peace.*

Chance Collins - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *The first time I met him I knew he was family. He was like one of my own sons. He always had a smile and was wonderful to have around. My prayers are with the family.*

Love, Janice

Janice Hughes - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Big Sexy we will miss you very much. We will cherish all the precious moments we shared. You filled our lives with joy and we will forever be thankful for the times you blessed us with your presence. Until we meet again you will be the angel that watches over each and everyone of us. We love you forever and ever....Jimmy & Joanie :0(*

Jimmy & Joanie Carpenter - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Courtney (Barbay) Casterline - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Sonnier family,*

As you all know your Husband, Son, Brother has been apart of my life the last 7 years or so. I love him so very much. Keith became a part of our family the first time we met. We all just clicked. Billy and I deemed Keith my childrens God Father..He loved Kyle and Lynzi so very much and Kyle and Lynzi Loves him. Keith will be missed so very much. I will always remember Keith to be so full of life and love. I had the privledge of introducing Keith and Wendy on my birthday 3 years ago and we all know how that turned out. Keith was the happiest man on earth. He always told me that he did not ever think he would find a woman to love, then our Wendy came along. What a joy to see Keith's face full of love and joy for Wendy..Then here came our LULU. I have seen new fathers in my lifetime but never a new daddy as proud and full of love then I saw Keith. Not to mention Vivie is his little clone. I could go on and on...I do know that Keith loved and adored his family, Wendy, Austin, Jordyn, and Vivie Lou. Wj, Mary he loved you with all his heart and soul..Know that. The two of you raised a wonderful man in Keith. He was a reflection of you both and the values you gave him.

I LOVE YOU KEITH JOSEPH SONNIER. GOD SPEED MY BROTHER. I WILL SEE YOU WHEN THE LORD CALLS ME HOME.

*ALL MY LOVE,
LEIGHAN BELL*

Leighan Bell - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM