



Robert Kemper,

September 14, 2011

Services for Robert Nicholas Kemper, Jr., 51, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Monsignor Joe Strickland and Rev. Scott Wiley officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Palestine at 3:00 PM under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Kemper passed away due to a tragic accident at home on September 14, 2011 in Tyler. He was born on October 3, 1959 in Chicago, Illinois to Robert Nicholas Kemper, Sr. and Anne Katherine Burke Kemper. Mr. Kemper was a graduate of St. Paul High School in Covington, Louisiana, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Baylor University. He was the owner of Rose Renovations in Tyler and was a futures trader. He was a member of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler. Mr. Kemper was a devoted and loyal husband, father, son, brother and friend who loved the Lord and left behind a legacy of faith. His treasures on earth were his family, especially when they could travel together. Mr. Kemper was preceded in death by his father, Robert Kemper, Sr.; his daughter, Kristina Marie Kemper; brother, Michael Kemper; and sister, Patricia Kemper. He is survived by a loving family including his devoted wife of 29 years, Rebecca Jordan Kemper of Tyler; his mother, Anne Kemper of San Antonio; his daughter, Rachel Kemper of Tyler; his son, Kurtis Kemper of Tyler; sisters, Katherine Willett of Atlanta, Georgia, Mary Kemper-Gonzalez and husband Joe of San Antonio, Annemarie Roy and husband Michael of Denver, Colorado; brother, Arthur Kemper and wife Elizabeth of

Miami Lakes, Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Arthur Kemper, David Jordan Craig Mercer, Michael Miller, Michael Roy, Joe Gonzalez, Joey Seeber, and Henri Fuselier. Visitation is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. Memorials in honor of Robert Kemper, Jr. may be made to the Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Regional Catholic School, 1405 East Southeast Loop 323, Tyler, Texas 75701 or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ God bless you Rebecca and family in this terrible time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Liz

Liz Moseley Justice - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ It was such a joy to watch with Bob our sons play soccer together through the snow, cold and rain. Bob was always there and rooting for Curtis and the team. He was a good man and I always appreciated the fact he told you how he saw it. We need more men like him. His extended soccer family deeply regrets his passing and we appreciate all his support through the years for our teams. We pray for the entire Kemper family and may God Bless you. Rebecca or Curtis if you need anything just call us and we will be there. With our Love The Hillin Family

Mark Hillin - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Rebecca & Kurtis:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief. If there is anything at all that we can do for you please do not hesitate to let us know.

Mike, Melissa and Mikey Wilkins

Melissa Wilkins - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ We have indeed lost a friend and our hearts are heavy at the prospect of his absence from this earth. However, we know he was welcomed into heaven with open arms and a "well done" -- a person who cared for others -- a true servant to those who new him. We send our love, sympathy and appreciation to Rebecca and all of his family.

Michael & Juanita Hackney - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Such a great friend...I will miss him.

James and Lydia Landrum - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Rebecca and family,I was saddened to hear the news about Bob. Praying for all of you during this difficult time.

Wendy Wagley - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ We are praying for your family and ask God to give you His incredible compassion, love and comfort right now.

Wendy Sheffield - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Bobby has been my close friend since the Kempers first moved to Palestine. We've kept up through the years including having meeting his family up here in Alaska and staying with them when my father died. Life with Bobby was always exciting and entertaining, even when we worked together. I will miss my friend, but always keep a place in my heart for him.

Clif

Clif Posey - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KW

“*Bob, you were the Bomb my brother! Full of life, smiles, bluster, intelligence, humor, but most of all, full of faith and heart. You lived your life they way we all should - taking it by the horns and making us all come along for the ride. Thank you for that. I will miss you dearly - you were my advisor, my mentor, my friend, my brother.*

This is an Irish saying I love...I read this again today and realized it's what you'd say...we will all find solace in the joy you brought Bob.

Remembered Joy

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I follow the plan God laid for me.
I saw His face, I heard His call,
I took His hand and left it all...
I could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
And if my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savoured much:
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief-
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow*

I love you. Your sister Kate.

Kate Kemper Willett - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Please let us know if we can be of help. You and your family will be in our prayers.

Steve Jordan - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I was sorry to hear of Bobby's tragic accident and passing. My sympathy is with you and your family during this time. You will be in my prayers for comfort and strength.

Karl Davis - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Rebecca, Rachel, Kurtis and Aunt Anne,
Our love and prayers are with all of you. How I wish we could be with you during such a difficult time. We love you all.
Lizzy

Tom & Lizzy Burke Simmons - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, and your family. Martha Styner

Martha Styner - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I really don't know what to say, Rebecca. I am dumbfounded by this. My heart is so heavy for you. Your husband was a 'one of a kind' guy. Of course, you know that and I'm sure that's what turned your head and stole your heart when he blew into Palestine like nothing before and nothing since, those many years ago. I am so so sorry about many things in my life and not staying in touch with you and Bobby even as you were just down the road from me and my family in Jacksonville, is one of them. If you EVER need anything and you think we can help, please do not hesitate to let myself or Kristie know. God Bless you and keep you safe till we can all be together again.

Mark (and Kristie Powell) Trezise - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Dear Rebecca, Rachel, & Kurt

Our sincere sympathy to each of you and to your family. May God be with you during this time and the days ahead. Our prayers are with each of you.

Tim & Judy Richmond

Tim & Judy Richmond - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss. Bob was a good man. Your family will be in our prayers.

John & Cindy Hamilton - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are sorry for the tragic loss in the Kemper family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

The Zeorlin Family

The Zeorlin Family - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ So sorry and socked to hear the news.
*Diane called us Wed.night. I called Roger.
Wish we could have been there for the funeral. Thinking of you all
instead.*

Neil Nelson - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM