



Harley Roy Keele

January 16, 1939 - November 2, 2020

Harley Roy Keele, 81, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, went to be with his Lord on November 2, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born on January 16, 1939 to Roy Lee and Syble L. Keele.

Harley was married to Carolyn on May 27, 1960. He and Carolyn enjoyed a wonderful life together full of love for over 55 years. Harley was preceded in death by his parents and wife Carolyn.

He is survived by his brother, Garry Keele and wife Ina of Broken Arrow, sister Glenda Bogle and husband TJ of Wagoner, sister Kathy Talbot and husband Richard of Wagoner, brother in law Robert Ingold and wife Betty of Tulsa, brother in law Paul (Buster) Lemon of Okmulgee and many nieces and nephews he loved very much.

Harley started attending church at a very early age. He attended the Church of Christ in Broken Arrow. Harley graduated from The University of Tulsa with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. During his career he was President of Braden Winch in Broken Arrow and spent many years of his career as an executive with PACCAR in Seattle Washington. Harley and Carolyn retired in 1986 and spent several wonderful years together in retirement.

Harley enjoyed his time serving on the Board at First National Bank in Broken Arrow. He also enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, gardening, cooking, studying the Bible and volunteering at the Oklahoma Cancer Specialist and Research Institute. Recently Harley went on mission trips to Belize. He loved life and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Harley was loved by all and will be greatly missed by family and friends. A private family service has been planned in memory of Harley. Interment will be at Park Grove.

Comments



“ Harley is my brother..I always wanted pictures when we were together..He was with me thru every Chemo treatment I had and such an encouragement..I miss him and didn't expect him to die so suddenly..I don't think we ever get ready for them to pass on. I know he is happy in Heaven with his dear wife Carolyn and everyone gone before..Love you brother..and have many memories of times past.



Kathy Talbot - November 17, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Harley was the kindest, funniest, and most empathetic man I have ever met. He was a volunteer at the Oklahoma Cancer Specialists and Research Institute and brightened every Friday that I was there for chemo (November 2018-April 2019). He made sure no one was alone in their journey and always had a funny story, quick grin, or sympathetic ear. It was only after I had gone through two months of treatments that Harley shared the story of his beloved wife's cancer. I felt honored that he did so. It just made his volunteerism at a chemo infusion center all that more extraordinary.

Because of the drugs I was given, I often fell asleep after about an hour and dozed for the remainder of my treatment. My mother was always with me, and I would be vaguely aware that Harley would come back on his rounds and chat with her to keep her spirits up. I just can't emphasize enough his kindness and concern for others! I learned from a mutual friend that Harley had passed, and both my mother and I were tremendously saddened to hear that. But I also know that Harley had a faith as deep as the Grand Canyon and still loved and missed his wife. It makes me smile to think of them together again. May God bless and comfort your family and friends, Harley!

Laura Achhireddy - November 07, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ Harley was my Uncle. He was always up for a celebration of any kind. All of our family enjoyed his company and his love for Jesus Christ brings us great comfort! He was the perfect example of what a person should be. RIP Uncle Harley until we meet again.



Lana Bailey - November 05, 2020 at 02:48 AM



“ Great pics Lana

Kathy Talbot - November 17, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harley Roy Keele.



November 04, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Harley was quite a man. Funny, intelligent,compassionate, accomplished, but most of all a man who trusted God. He brightened so many lives by taking the time to visit and listen to their stories (and share his). Rest now, Harley. Your work is done. Your buddy, Judy McCoy

Judy McCoy - November 04, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ Harley was a volunteer at OCSRI during my cancer treatment. I always go visit when I return! He was an awesome person—very warm, caring, and compassionate—always looked forward to seeing him! He had a true heart for service and was a salt of the earth kind of person! Everyone loved him and I know many have been praying for him! I prayed every day for healing and now am glad he’s with our Lord and in peace. I will miss him so terribly! He was such a dear soul and I’m so blessed to have known him!!

Tawny Rigsby - November 03, 2020 at 07:29 PM