



Keith Billingsley

July 29, 1953 - April 28, 2024

Keith Billingsley, age 70, passed away Sunday, April 28th, 2024 with his family by his side.

Family will receive friends at a celebration of life gathering at White Church Christian Church, in Kansas City, KS, on Saturday, May 18th from 2 to 4 pm.

A life-long Kansas City area resident, he was born July 29th, 1953 to Darrel and Alva Nee (Wagner) Billingsley. Growing up he enjoyed devouring books (preferring sci-fi, fantasy and fiction), collecting comic books, rewriting scripts, discovering area movie theaters, attending as many concerts as possible, engaging in long conversations and debates with an excellent group of life long friends.

Keith and Jennifer were married 45 years and they met in 1976 at Kansas City Kansas Community College room 123, or maybe it was room 132, the theater performance room. Keith onstage while Jennifer preferred backstage.

Keith enjoyed acting and participated from his high school days at Wyandotte

High School, KCKCC and various area community theater groups.

Keith retired from Shawnee Mission Public School 512 in 2005 after 33 years of service, the last 20 years were spend at Belinder Elementary School in Prairie Village, KS as Head Custodian. Keith was regularly requested by the students to read to them, he had an excellent voice, piercing blue eyes and bushy eyebrows that really brought stories to life.

In addition to his parents Keith was preceded in death by brother-in-law, Tom Elmer, sister-in-law, Teri Billingsley, niece, Tina Elmer and too many extended family and friends to mention but they are very cherished and missed.

Keith is survived by wife, Jennifer, son, Shadow, sister, Dara Elmer, brother, Kent Billingsley, nieces, Lisa Elmer, Cara Whittle & family, Samantha Creach & family and uncle, Dexter Billingsley & family.

Family ask that in lieu of flowers please do something for you or your family in Keith's memory.

Tribute Wall

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“ When Jennifer started dating Keith I thought why was she dating this kinda hippy, free spirit, laid back , drama- actor guy? I knew she was a little like him but so not like our family. He wore Kaftans and sandals —weird to a bunch of rednecks! 🤔 He was sitting on our deck that was raised off the ground and it was a hot 4th of July and wearing his Kaftan or dress as my husband called it. He pulled it up a little bit past his knees to cool things off underneath. My husband, was sitting down from him and looking towards him ,to pull his skirt down and cover up!
I'm not sure what he saw but knowing Keith —well I'll let you guess. Keith turned out to be a sweet- wonderful brother-in-law that will be sorely missed by me.

Kathy Turley - May 18, 2024 at 12:10 PM

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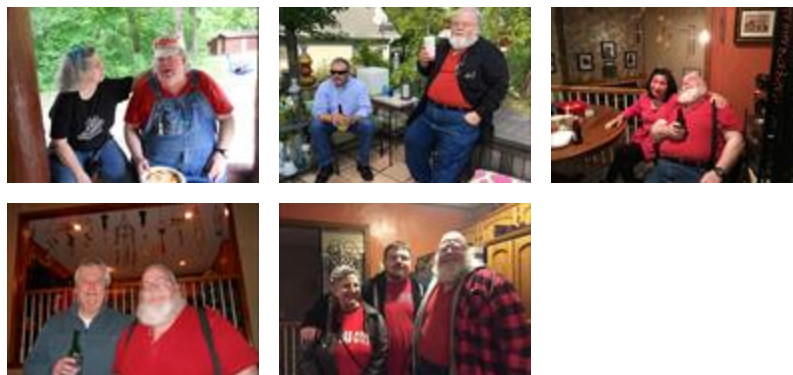
And I forgot smart— everyone wanted him on their team when we played Trivial Pursuit !!

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“ In 1968 when I was fourteen years old Keith introduced me to the music of the Velvet Underground, Nico, Kaleidoscope, the West Coast Pop Art Experimental Band, Gandalf and HP Lovecraft (the writer as well as the band, now that I think of it), among others. Through him I learned of film makers like Kubrick and Cassavetes, and he also counseled and comforted me during my first bout of unrequited love. Now it all seems like a thousand years ago and at the same time only yesterday, such is the nature of Time, the Thief.

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