



Keith McKinley

SEP 23, 1974 - APR 7, 2015



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Keith McKinley, a three-sport coach of 17 years, passed away on April 7, 2015 at the age of 40. He was well-suited for the life he led. Keith was the ultimate coach and the ultimate teacher. He taught his athletes to play with determination, dedication and integrity both on and off the field.

He taught his children that loving one another, worshiping God and growing up to simply become good people is more important than any home run or soccer goal. He taught his brother that it doesn't always matter what everyone else thinks and one experience in life can be worth a thousand lessons later.

Keith taught his friends that life is to be lived, that you shouldn't take yourself too seriously and that you should never turn down an opportunity for a quick-witted comeback.

He taught his parents that it is impossible to love too deeply and that grandchildren are the best things in the whole wide world. And he taught his wife that funny songs and guitar strings go a long way when you're convinced that you've met the woman you're going to marry.


Keith is survived by his loving wife Nikki, children Kohl, Kami and Kenner McKinley, his parents Steve and Susan Marrs, two brothers Josh Marrs and his wife Jessica and their children Judd and Jaycee, and Michael Marrs, grandmother Francis Beene, grandparents Gene and Olene Marrs, Aunt Linda Petty, cousin Robert Petty, Tanner and Cammille, cousin Robin and Kyle Adams, Anna and Isaac, Cousin Laura and Brett, Evelyn and Margot. He is also survived by his wife's loving family The Kennedys and numerous other family and friends. Keith's grandfather Bennie Beene and his uncle, Harold Beene, precede him in passing.


His family would like to invite everyone to join them in a Celebration of Keith's life on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 11am at Mobberly Baptist Church.

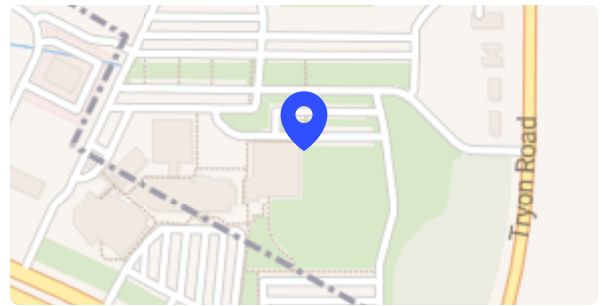


Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, April 11, 2015

 11:00 AM CT

 **Mobberly Baptist Church**
625 E. Loop 281, Longview TX





Tribute Wall

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TS

Tessa Nall(Saxon) lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 14 at 5:24 PM

TS

Tessa Nall(Saxon) April 14 at 5:25 PM

Nikki and family I am so sorry for your loss. Keith was a great friend and person all around he will be missed. Prayers for each of you!

DM

Dawn (Hall) Moses lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 11 at 5:44 AM

MK

Mandy Kramer lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 11 at 2:51 AM

JT

John And Shirley Tiger lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 10 at 11:31 AM

MW

Miranda Welch lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 10 at 8:11 AM



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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the McKinley family.



April 10 at 8:00 AM



Michelle Webb Gordon posted:

Steve and Susan, I'm so so sorry for your loss, I'm praying that God will comfort you and your family, and that he will give you peace and understanding. Keith had an impact on a lot of lives, in a way that you should be so proud of, remember the good times. "Our loving heavenly Father, who washed away our sins, will also wipe away our tears...Michelle Webb Gordon

April 10 at 4:22 AM



Michelle Webb Gordon lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 10 at 4:05 AM



Andi Stanley lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 9 at 10:00 PM



Sierra Young posted:

I always loved seeing Keith with his brother Josh. Keith seemed to be the back bone to the family and his brother's role model. I'm so sorry for the family. Keith always had a smile on his face. He loved to give other a hard time and pick at people. He was a wonderful person to be around. Praying for the kids, family, friends and wife Nikki.

April 9 at 2:35 PM



Teri Conner lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 9 at 2:15 PM



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PH

Poncy Holly lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 9 at 12:50 PM

PH

Poncy Holly posted:

Lifting family up in prayers during this time, may God bless and give you peace

April 9 at 12:49 PM

MS

Matthew Smith sent a virtual gift in honor of Keith .



April 9 at 12:31 PM

MS

Mattison Smith lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 9 at 12:29 PM

GS

Gail Shaw lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 9 at 9:23 AM

GS Gail Shaw April 9 at 9:25 AM
Keith was a truly good man that loved his family with his heart & soul**He will be missed**

MC

Mike & Sherry Chastain lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 9 at 9:20 AM



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TF

The Chastain Family lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 9 at 9:18 AM



TJ

Tim Johnson sent a virtual gift in honor of Keith .

April 9 at 9:15 AM



SM

Stephanie Mcquay lit a candle in honor of Keith .

God Bless his family and the communities of Diana and Ore City. Such a tragic loss.

April 9 at 6:23 AM



TM

Tammy Myers lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 9 at 5:27 AM



MB

Mike And Brenda Bowden sent a Basket of Joy to the McKinley family.

April 9 at 5:24 AM



MB

Mike & Brenda Bowden lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 9 at 4:15 AM





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Pam Porter Crisler lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 9 at 3:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the McKinley family.

April 9 at 1:55 AM



Sandy Flinn lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 9 at 1:05 AM



Ashley Moore lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 8 at 5:03 PM



Crissy Drennan lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 8 at 4:53 PM





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JW

Jaden Wilson lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 8 at 4:28 PM

JW

Jaden Wilson April 8 at 4:53 PM

enjoy the green grass of Heaven as much as you did the green grass of fields of Earth. RIP Coach McKinley. Love, Jaden Wilson

DB

Deb Bishop lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 8 at 4:25 PM

PW

Patricia Westmoreland lit a candle in honor of Keith .

I remember when Keith coached both my nephews such a great guy gone to soon



April 8 at 4:13 PM

KS

Kikki Smith lit a candle in honor of Keith .

Keeping you all in my prayers. He was an awesome man and will be missed.



April 8 at 3:23 PM

TD

Thomas & Brandi Davidson lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 8 at 3:02 PM



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CW

Candice Wenrich lit a candle in honor of Keith .

Constant prayers going up to the McKinley family!!

April 8 at 2:50 PM



PP

Pam Pipes lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 8 at 2:42 PM



MS

Michael Soper posted:

First time I met Keith I was watching him coach baseball practice at OCH . After explaining the how's and why's of hitting grounders and bunting , he picked up the bat and took about a dozen pitches. He hit every pitch with a hot grounder or a bunt. I was so impressed with his ability to demonstrate what he was teaching , I waited till practice was over so I could tell him what a great job he was doing. He will be missed and remembered by many. May God bless his family for a lifetime. Michael Soper

April 8 at 1:18 PM

VF

Vada Fields posted:

Keith was such a sweet little boy, I remember so many good times with him and my son Michael. Sorry to say we grew apart in later years, but from all I read he grew up to be a great man, father, husband & son. My heart goes out to his family. May God Bless you all. We will keep you in our prayers. Love, Vada Fields

April 8 at 1:03 PM

TT

Tommie Turner posted:

Keith and my son Chance riding hot wheels in Lubbock, TX. He was a precious person and will be missed so much...I just regret we grew apart.... Love to all his family, his beautiful mother Susan, wife Nikki and those 3 beautiful babies....

April 8 at 12:44 PM



WH

Wendy Henson posted:

I remember working at Ore City Middle School with Michelle Kennedy when Nikki first started dating Keith. Michelle was so excited to tell me about this coach that was so perfect for her daughter, but I didn't meet him until several years later when we worked together at OCHS. I admired his dedication to everything he did and his humor, but most of all his dedication to his beautiful wife and children. Both of my daughters loved him! My youngest couldn't leave on her last day of high school until she got a picture with Coach. He was a wonderful teacher and a great co-worker. Staff trainings and faculty meetings were always a hoot when he was there. He definitely kept us laughing. I'm so shocked and saddened by his loss, and I saw more than one big, senior boy cry yesterday. His life touched so many! My prayers are for his entire family and all those friends, co-workers, and students that will miss him so much, but especially for Nikki and the kids as they adjust to life without the man their lives revolved around. God bless you and keep you always.

April 8 at 10:33 AM

MC

Marcus Camp posted:

Missing you brother! The impact you made on the kids and the coaching staff at New Diana will be remembered always! My heart and love goes out to Nikki, their children and the rest of Keith's family and friends.

April 8 at 9:21 AM

MW

Mandi Stegall Wise posted:

My heart is broken for Nikki, the kids, and the entire family!! Every memory I have of Keith is a great one!!! He was always making us laugh!!! Will continue to keep the family in my prayers!! Love to all.

April 8 at 9:17 AM

VL

Veronica Leyva lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 8 at 9:00 AM



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Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the McKinley family.



April 8 at 8:47 AM



Wendy Myers lit a candle in honor of Keith .

My prayers and thought's are with y'all at this difficult time... +++



April 8 at 8:05 AM



Travis Richter posted:

Man its still so hard to believe! My condolences to Nikki and the kids I cant imagine how hard this is for all of you. I think the last time I really talked to Keith about anything other than random sports messages on FB he asked me if I could help him record some songs he had written. A few years passed and we just never got around to planning it out. I remember the last time we actually hung out it was on a weekend visit back to Nacogdoches for SFA homecoming, this was a couple of years after we graduated college, we hadn't really spoken at all and I remember us just sitting on someones patio one evening looking out drinking a cool one and just talking and it was like we didn't miss a beat, like we still talked everyday. He was such a genuine great guy and I truly regret losing touch over the years. So many memories, he's the first person to take a set of clippers and shave my head after he convinced me it would look better since I was losing it anyway... we had pretty much every Kinesiology class together and roomed together several years. He got me out of jams many times and we got into a few together. I'm glad to see how loved and respected he was in the towns he has coached and taught over the years. We lost a great man but we are all better for having known him.

April 8 at 8:01 AM



Marrs Electric Inc. lit a candle in honor of Keith .



April 8 at 7:48 AM



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SA

Sandra Allbright lit a candle in honor of Keith .

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EH

Erin Buchanan-Hufstetler lit a candle in honor of Keith .

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AC

Amber Cryer lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 8 at 7:21 AM



TH

Teresa Hopper Hufstetler lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 8 at 7:17 AM



TS

Tara Thomas Smith lit a candle in honor of Keith .

April 8 at 7:05 AM



TH

Teresa Holt shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

PRAYING FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

April 8 at 6:39 AM





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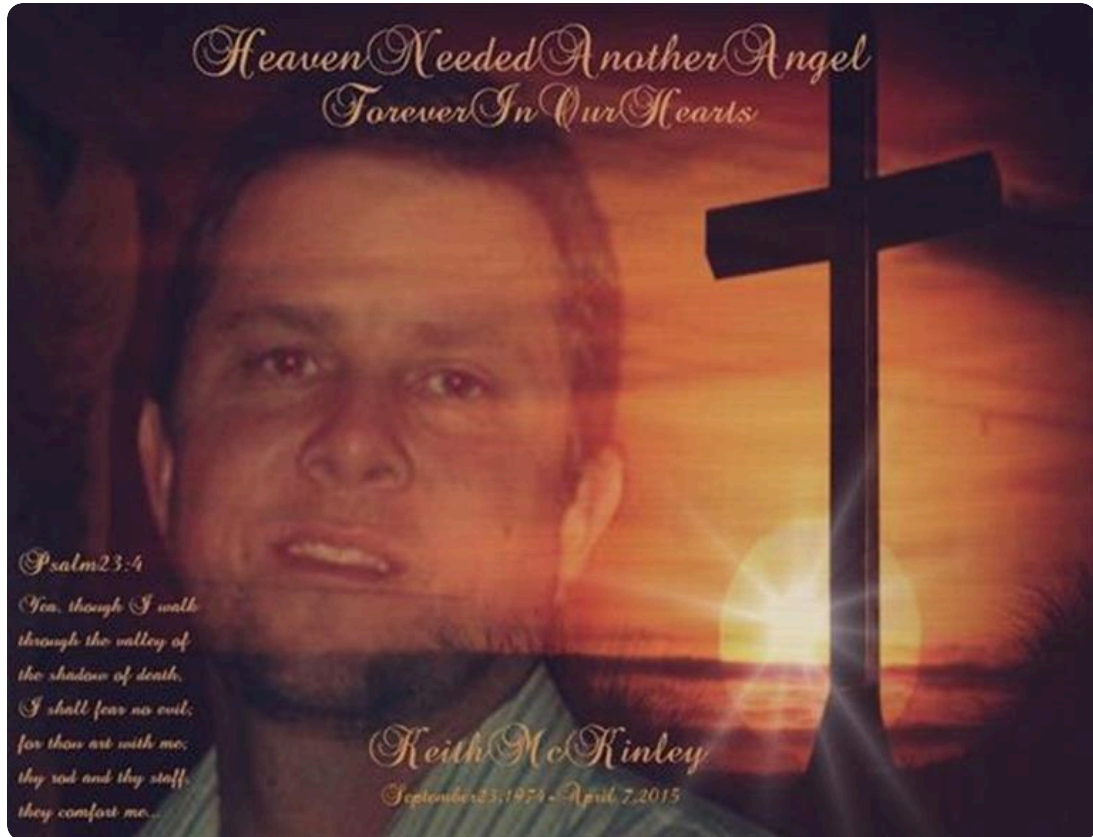
April 8 at 6:37 AM





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April 8 at 6:39 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Keith by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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