



Mr. Keith Lawrence James

February 6, 1971 - August 30, 2013

Keith Lawrence James, 42, of Orlando was called home to God on Friday, August 30, 2013, after a six year battle with ALS.

Keith was born in the Bronx, New York on February 6, 1971 and moved to Brookfield, Ct. in 1973 with his family. He graduated from Brookfield High School and Southern Connecticut State University.

Keith moved to Orlando after graduation and started his marketing career at Disney. He then moved on to the Orlando Chamber of Commerce and then on to Gray Robinson, Attorneys at Law. He was with Brighthouse Networks , from which he retired due to his illness.

Keith loved the N.Y. Jets and the N.Y. Yankees. He loved nothing more than playing with his twin daughters, Cameron and Sydney, as well as his beloved dog Matti.

He was known for his ever-present smile and great sense of humor, and his willingness to always lend a helping hand.

Keith will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, good son, and a loyal friend to all.

He is survived by his wife Amy and his daughters, Cameron and Sydney. His parents and siblings, Maureen, Cathy, Richard, and a large extended family.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Wednesday, September 4 , 2013 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 861 Maitland Avenue, Maitland, FL 32701 from 6:30PM – 8:00PM. The Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, September 5, 2013 11:00AM at the church. A reception will be held following the service in the Parish Life Center at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, you consider a donation to ALS Association Florida Chapter at www.alsafl.org

You may also pay condolences to www.degusipefuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory, Maitland, FL 407-695-CARE (2273)

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(407) 831-1212
<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

Funeral Mass

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
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Reception

SEP 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Kirk Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Lawrence James*



Kirk Howard - September 25, 2013 at 10:59 AM

TD

“ *The Denaults lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Lawrence James*



The Denaults - September 11, 2013 at 06:24 AM

CH

“ *I feel extremely lucky to have spent the time I did with Keith. He was a great friend and a wonderful person. We will miss him very much. The woll family*

chris - September 06, 2013 at 10:10 PM

AC

“ *He will always be known for his kindness and gentleness... our family were blessed to have known Keith and his beautiful family. Our love to Amy.. a great wife and mother...your strength and endurance is amazing. God bless,*

Masaru and Angela

Angela Celis - September 05, 2013 at 08:57 PM

AU

“ Autumn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Lawrence James



Autumn - September 05, 2013 at 03:46 PM

AU

We are so sorry to here about Keith's passing. Please know that our thoughts, hearts and prayers go out to you and the girls during this time. ~ Autumn, Billy, & Cristian

Autumn - September 05, 2013 at 03:49 PM

TF

“ The Feerick Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Lawrence James



The Feerick Family - September 04, 2013 at 09:02 AM

TF

We were very sorry to hear this news and are thinking of Keith and all of his family during this difficult time.

The Feerick Family - September 04, 2013 at 09:05 AM

LeeAnne Masten

“ LeeAnne Masten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Lawrence James



LeeAnne Masten - September 03, 2013 at 08:09 PM

JN

“ Keith was one of the brightest lights any of us have known. Over the past few days, I've been reading posts about Keith by people that have never met each other and they all remember the same man. I almost typed "kid" because Keith never lost the light he had when he was a boy. Even strapped to a wheelchair, he still had the same bright smile and slightly mischievous expression he wore as a boy. Every one of us remember him this way. ALS took so much from him physically but never touched his soul or his smile and we were all very lucky that he shared so much of both with us. I'll always remember Keith as the kid who could bring a smile to the most hardened heart and joy into any room. No one who could resist the power of that smile and light like that never really goes out. Thank you, Keith. We'll miss you.

Jessica Nealon - September 03, 2013 at 07:10 PM

AV

AMEN Jess! A great gift to the world. What an honor to know him. He is an angel and my Hero. Love to all. xoxoxo

Alysia Vrolyk - September 04, 2013 at 11:24 AM

JN

“ Jessica Nealon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Lawrence James



Jessica Nealon - September 03, 2013 at 06:58 PM

LS

“ *Lynne Salter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Lawrence James*



lynne salter - September 03, 2013 at 05:58 PM

LS

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to Amy, Cameron & Sydney and all of Keith's family & friends. His time with us was cut short by ALS but his affect on our lives will last forever. He brought love, laughter and humor to all he met. I especially recall when Russ and I were able to visit him and family in Fla. We went on a visit to a local, small bird sanctuary in the local area. I have a photo of him in his wheelchair while there, poised on a dock over water and his daughters clambering up on it, one hanging on the back and the other sitting in his lap and all with huge smiles on their faces. He'll be radiating his light from up in the heavens now, so we only have to look up at the stars in the sky to talk to him and bring him close. He is missed by all who knew him and I celebrate his life and all he brought to everyone he knew and loved. With all our love, Lynne & Russ*

lynne salter - September 03, 2013 at 05:50 PM

PD

“ *Pitney Bowes Danbury purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Keith Lawrence James.*



Pitney Bowes Danbury - September 03, 2013 at 01:17 PM



“ Keith was a man full of integrity and smiles. I have fond memories of he and I and the rest of our 2004 Leadership Seminole class. My deepest sympathies to his wife and their beautiful girls! Prayers for comfort and peace!

Stacie Caldwell - September 03, 2013 at 11:31 AM

DK

“ My condolences to Amy and the girls. And both families. Keith is a special friend of mine, one of those people who I wouldn't see for a year at a time. And when I did see him it's like a minute had not passed. I think I'll miss his great laugh most. But luckily it's burned into my memory. I feel your pain. What a great guy to have known since I was 10. Love you, Keith! Dan keefe and family.

dan keefe - September 03, 2013 at 11:09 AM

PF

“ Pamela Franklin-Koniecki lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Lawrence James



Pamela Franklin-Koniecki - September 03, 2013 at 09:08 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Keith Lawrence James.



September 02, 2013 at 10:19 PM

CJ

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



cathy james - September 02, 2013 at 09:56 PM

DA

Thanks for sharing this video. I enjoyed it when Keith would come down to the Fort Lauderdale office of GrayRobinson. We would talk about our girls who are close in age. He was such a nice man in all ways and he will be missed. My sympathy to the entire family. I will be thinking of you.

Debbie Aurand

Debbie Aurand - September 05, 2013 at 08:53 AM

MH

“ *Amy, Cameron and Sydney, please know that your Husband and Father will always be an inspiration to all with his constant smile and loving self. He exemplified an energy and passion for life. Through his journey we each became more aware of his gift of humor and will be forever blessed by his time here on earth. You are loved and with us in prayer! God Bless, Mark*

Mark Hefferin - September 02, 2013 at 03:51 PM

BH

“ Amy, Aunt Nancy and I are saddened by the news of Keith's passing. Know that you and the girls are in our prayers during this time of your bereavement. We've enjoyed the pictures of the twins your mom has sent so we could keep up with their growing up. Would love to see them someday.
Love to you all,
Bill Huggins

Bill Huggins - September 02, 2013 at 12:16 PM

RN

“ My condolences to Amy, Sydney and Cameron, Larry, Nancy Maureen, Richard and Cathy. Keith will be missed.



Richard Nicol - September 02, 2013 at 10:29 AM

DL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences. Having a loved one pass away is one of the hardest things we have to deal with in this life. Please be assured that God does care and will remember your loved one. In times like these I find comfort from God's word the bible. Revelation 21:4 is particularly soothing where God says " and he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Please remember and cherish the memories of you dear loved one and look forward to the time when death will be a thing of the past- just as God has promised.

Dan Lawrence - September 02, 2013 at 08:23 AM

CM

“ My condolences to Amy, the girls and Larry and Nancy. My sadness for you all is very difficult for me to bear. I will always remember Keith and Paul growing up together in Brookfield. Keith will be missed but he is in a better and more peaceful place.
Love, Carol Manko

carol manko - September 02, 2013 at 06:29 AM

JW

“ The first time I met Keith was right out of college at our old stomping ground, The Arbors apartment complex. There were 4 of us girls that lived above Keith, Dave and Vern. Hurricane Erin was coming through and we all decided to welcome it with a hurricane party. From there we were all inseparable very similar to the Friends TV sitcom. I even recall the boys purchasing matching recliners that Joey & Chandler had. Many memories were made that kept us laughing for years. Keith always created a fun atmosphere, always positive and always kept the other guys in line! I will miss you Keith. Thank you for all the great memories! --Jaci Ward

Jaci Ward - September 01, 2013 at 03:42 PM

SN

“ To Amy and the Girls, Larry, Nancy, Maureen, Richard and Cathy,
Keith was a bright light to us all. His joy, love and courage will inspire us for the rest of our lives. He was a true blessing to all, and we'll miss him dearly. We are so very sorry for your loss. God Bless.

With much love,

Steve and Susan



Steve Nealon - September 01, 2013 at 02:35 PM

DN

My deepest sympathy for all of you.

One definition of a gentleman is "...a man who would never willingly hurt another". We who knew Keith would describe him thus, but he was so much more:

a man whose rare courage and grace became even more apparent in his final days; whose inexhaustible trove of good cheer carried all through what must have been more than any of us could have borne were we in his place.

We salute him and will honor his name forever as he honored us.

*He was a man, take him for all in all,
We shall not look upon his like again.*

Uncle Donald

Don Nealon - September 03, 2013 at 07:24 PM