



Keith G. Reemtsma

March 20, 1949 - February 5, 2022

Keith Reemtsma 72, of German Valley, passed away, Saturday February 5, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 20, 1949, in Freeport, Illinois to Walter and Lenora (Mennenga) Reemtsma. Keith was a lifelong resident of German Valley, Illinois. He graduated from Forreston High School in 1967, He then graduated from Highland.

On August 18, 1990, he married Dawne (O'Hara) in German Valley, Illinois. They were married on the family farm surrounded my many friends and family. Keith was a Trustee for the Ridott Township, Alumni Member of the Forreston FFA, on the Zoning Board for German Valley, and a member of the Eagles Club. Keith's hobbies started by playing basketball in high school, he enjoyed all things farming from working on the family farm to bailing hay, milking cows and growing beef cattle, and he had a love for horses. Throughout the years he enjoyed his regular coffee regiment with some of his best friends wherever the coffee was brewing. Keith loved Karaoke and was a member of the Fab 4. For most of his life he wrenched on cars, tractors, and small engines. Keith was an avid collector of Farmall and Case IH collectable toy tractors. Keith touched the lives of so many friends and family throughout his hobbies that he shared them with.

Keith's jobs throughout the years entailed driving school bus for Forreston School District, owning the Lincolnette in the Lincoln Mall, driving semi for Moring Disposal, working for Sears and working for Ross Farms.

He is survived by his wife Dawne of German Valley, Illinois, three daughters Heather (Tony) Collalti of Freeport, Illinois, Brandi (Marty) Sellers of Freeport, Illinois, Nycole (Joshua Dinderman) Mulder of German Valley, Illinois, brother, Arlyn (Betty) Reemtsma of Round Rock, Texas, eight grandchildren, Kyle (Keely), Kane, Ty, Gage Collalti of Freeport, Illinois, Caleb, Brooklyn Sellers of Freeport, Illinois, Aaron Dallman, Dylan Mulder of German Valley, Illinois. Also surviving are father and mother in-law Robert and Marilyn O'Hara of Freeport, Illinois.

He was proceeded in death by his parents Walter and Lenora Reemtsma.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Tuesday February 8, 2022, at Burke Tubbs Funeral Home, Freeport. Graveside Services 1:00 p.m. Wednesday February 9, 2022, at Silver Creek Reformed Cemetery, German Valley. A memorial has been established in Keith's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **8**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burke Tubbs Funeral Home- Freeport
504 N. Walnut Street
Freeport, IL 61032
<https://burketubbs.com>

Graveside services

FEB **9**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Silver Creek Reformed Cemetery
326 S Bunker Hill Rd
German Valley, IL 61039

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *RIP Keith... Thoughts & Prayers to the Reemstma girls and brother Arlyn. Cherish those memories.*



Dave & Pam (Book) Riley - February 10 at 12:53 AM

GJ

“ *Hi Dawne and Arlyn and families-I am out of area right now and was so sad to see long time friend Keith passing Many memories of helping Keith thru business and farm years. He always was upbeat on his projects and always had something going .Glad I did get in on some of the good olde days karaoke . My thoughts and prayers with you . Gary J*

Gary J - February 09 at 10:24 AM

BH

“ *Thinking of Keith, only kind words and good memories come to mind through many years. Glad we ran into each other recently and had a good visit. Dawne, may love and kindness surround you and all of the family.*

Brian and Brenda Haugh - February 09 at 07:47 AM

JW

“ *We have known Keith for 52 years. He has been like the brother Jim never had and we could always depend on no matter what or when we needed him. We will always miss him. He was the best friend imaginable. Way too many memories to just have one.*

Jim & Bonnie Weckerly - February 07 at 05:51 PM



“ Keith was my step-dad throughout my whole childhood. He was the BEST dad! He'd sing songs to us while we were helping him with the milking chores. He'd make up his own words as he went along which made us laugh. He was ALWAYS making us laugh! I remember his smile and I can still vividly hear his laugh.

He sometimes would drive us to the farm in an old junkie truck. At the time, as a teenager, I was embarrassed to be seen in it and would duck down as we drove through town. But now I would be proud to be sitting next to him in that old jalopy!

Another memory that I'll never forget is when he let me help him pull calf twins! I'm not sure if I was much help but he sure made me feel like it! He bragged to everyone how I pulled those calves!

I'm thankful that Keith was in our lives even if it were for a short time. I was heartbroken when he and my mom split up. But I will always cherish these memories of Keith and many more!

Tracy Garrett - February 07 at 11:28 AM

GB

“ Oh my heart goes out to you Dawne and his family and grandchildren etc. Keith when I first meet you you were so easy to talk to had a lot of fun down at the valley you were a great singer loved to hear you sing I will miss you coming up to our house asking me to sew things for you and most of all I will miss you saying Hi peach that was my name to you our thoughts and prayers go out to you all rest in peace RIP SMOOTHIE George and Erma Baal

George and Erma Baal - February 05 at 07:45 PM