



Keith L. Eisenmann

May 9, 1951 - November 26, 2019

BLISSFIELD- Keith L. Eisenmann, 68, died in an accident Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at his beloved farm.

Born May 9, 1951 to Lowell I. and Eileen J. (Hazard) Eisenmann, Keith lived loving and following Jesus Christ. Faith, family, and farming describe Keith's legacy, instilled in him while growing up and building a close family bond. He was humble, amazingly kind and generous, always smiling, and full of integrity and the joy of the Lord. During his school years, he played in the band and several sports, football being his favorite. In 1968 as football captain he crowned the Homecoming Queen Barbara Slaybaugh, his sweetheart since middle school. He was an FFA member, earning the State Farmer, State Officer, and the national American Farmers awards. He also received Farm Bureau's first-runner-up Michigan Young Farmer Award. He graduated from Blissfield High School in 1969 and later from Michigan State University (1973) as an AGR Fraternity member with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Mechanization. Upon graduation, he started full time farming with his father, a passion in his heart from the age of eight. Later he farmed with both brothers, Zell and Noel, and most recently with Zell (EGA, Inc.).

On June 17, 1972, Keith began 47 years of marriage with his sweetheart and best friend, Barbara Slaybaugh. The love of each other's lives, together they farmed, cheered on the Spartans, and invested in their family and Elem3nt

Church, where he was a member and elder. He was a faithful youth leader for 25 years, plus taught many Bible studies and small groups. Keith continually built memories with family and friends through MSU games, camping, sharing ice cream (especially with his grandkids), and restoring old cars. He also enjoyed using his engineering mind to fix things at home, on the farm, and for many loved ones.

An amazing husband, father and grandfather, he is survived by Barbara; his children Audra (Stephen) Paulaski of Palmyra; Jamie (Mark) Warner of Old Hickory, TN; Eric (Tamar) Eisenmann of Spring Arbor; and Natalie (Eli) Benko of Adrian; grandchildren Dominic, Malcolm and Henry Warner, Mikelle and Titus Eisenmann, Tessa, Miles, Josie, and Noelle Benko; siblings Wonet Kulwicki (Richard Ryan) of Onsted, Dawn (Sam) Rupp of Hudson, Rose (Adrian) Ninaber of Amherstburg, Canada, Zell (Rita) Eisenmann of Blissfield, and Noel (Dorothy) Eisenmann of Blissfield; brother-in-law Douglas (Fay) Slaybaugh of San Clemente, CA; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, Theodore and Phyllis Slaybaugh.

The memorial service for Keith will be Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Elem3nt Church in Blissfield with Pastor Gayle Ruble officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Elem3nt Church and on Saturday from 10:00 am until the time of the service. Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield is handling the arrangements. Private burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to honor Keith can be made to Elem3nt Church. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Elem3nt Church
220 East Jefferson Street
Blissfield, MI

Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Elem3nt Church
220 East Jefferson Street
Blissfield, MI

Memorial Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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220 East Jefferson Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Keith L. Eisenmann*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *So sad & sorry to all the family & friends. Know you are going to really miss Keith. Now left with precious memories forever. Keeping you all in my Prayers.*

Avalyn Eisenman-Bear

Avalyn Eisenmann-Bear - December 07, 2019 at 09:30 PM



“ *It is with great sadness that I just heard about Keith passing. I was fortunate and had the opportunity to coach Keith my first year at Blissfield(1969) he was a captain of our football team and a true leader. He had an affectionate smile was liked by all of his teammates and a genuine leader. Keith being a man of God will be deeply missed by Barb, his family, and all his friends. My thoughts and prayers will be with Barb and the family during this difficult time.*



Coach Larry Tuttle

Larry Tuttle - December 07, 2019 at 11:16 AM

DS

“ I'm so sad for you all with this death. He was a great Godly man. I used to work for him in the 80s planting tomatoes. The was so much laughter in the trailer sorting tomatoes. The family made the job so much fun to come to. Even out on the planter he made you feel at home. He was always smiling at church and was friendly to all. Im sorry for your loss but I know he is in heaven. He will be missed byall.

Dawn (McMullen) Studebaker - December 07, 2019 at 08:35 AM

RS

“ Our deepest condolences to the Eisenmann family. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron and Sandy Saylor

Ronald Saylor - December 06, 2019 at 04:25 PM

RS

“ Ronald Saylor lit a candle in memory of Keith L. Eisenmann



Ronald Saylor - December 06, 2019 at 04:19 PM

MT

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Barb, Zell and family. Keith was a special friend through Gordon and Kathy, he will be greatly missed. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike and Kathy Tulgestke - December 06, 2019 at 09:12 AM

KB

“ There are no words that can express how deeply saddened and shocked we were to get the news about Keith. I went to high school with Barb and Keith, and they were the perfect couple. Everyone looked up to and admired them. I am so glad I was able to reconnect with them at our 50th class reunion this summer. When I think about Keith, I remember that he always had a smile on his face. Barb, I hope your beautiful family and your faith give you comfort now and throughout the rough times ahead. Please know that everyone is thinking about you and mourning along with all of you. --Kay (Purser) Beher

Kay Beher - December 04, 2019 at 03:57 PM

ME

“ I have such wonderful memories of my cousin Keith. He was always smiling, always positive. Our families lived 3 miles apart. We went to the same high school and same church growing up. Then Keith joined me at MSU while I was there. So I have always loved seeing the way Barb and Keith loved each other and cared for their families. Each time we came from Texas to visit, we paid a visit to them and their farm. They always welcomed us and our kids. I feel this loss even here in Texas. I lit a candle for Keith at the special service that our U. Methodist Church hosted here on Monday where we remember the ones we have lost. I am coming to Blissfield this week end from Texas to give a hug to Barb and all of Keith's siblings who are so special to me. I pray for all of them in this tragic loss. but especially for Barb who lost this love and best friend and for Zell who lost his brother, best friend, and business partner. Good that Keith is with our Lord, but we will sure miss him here.

Mary Eisenmann Eaker - December 04, 2019 at 03:31 PM

RY

“ Josh Beaverson shared the sad news with me. I would see Keith occasionally at different farm events including a meeting he generously hosted in his shop. It was clear to me that he was a follower of Christ just from the brief conversations that we had. I pray that family and friends would know the comfort that God gives to the hurting.

Ryan Oehler
Ag Leader

Ryan - December 04, 2019 at 10:39 AM

PT

“ So, so very sorry for you loss, Barb. I am here to tell you that the loss never goes away, just gets further away. And....in the meantime you learn to live a different life without him. You have the Good Lord on your side and He will see you through this. 💕💕

Pat Tagsold - December 04, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Keith L. Eisenmann.



December 03, 2019 at 10:38 AM

EH

“ Evelyn H. lit a candle in memory of Keith L. Eisenmann



Evelyn H. - December 02, 2019 at 02:07 PM



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December 02, 2019 at 01:29 PM

CG

“ Colin and Leann and Kathy and Gordon purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Keith L. Eisenmann.



Colin and Leann and Kathy and Gordon - December 02, 2019 at 09:14 AM

AS

“ I had the privilege of coaching Keith in two sports at BHS. He was the ultimate team player.
My thoughts and prayers are with Barb and all of the family and friends of this amazing man. May he R I P knowing that his time on earth was an example for all of us who new and loved him. Coach Al Schaffer

Al Schaffer - November 30, 2019 at 10:43 PM

SK

“ So sorry for your loss. God Bless You and your families. Our Hearts and Prayers go out to you all. Mark and Sandi

Sandi Katz - November 30, 2019 at 07:59 PM



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November 29, 2019 at 11:14 PM

DI

“ We are so sad to hear about Keith accident. May the Good Lord be with you Barb and the rest of your family at these trying times Our prayers with you all

DICK & BARB IOTT - November 29, 2019 at 10:06 PM

LK

“ keith is a great man of god and was a wonderful human being. i was truly blessed to have known him .i loved him like a brother and will miss him .until we meet again; lynn

Lynn Keller - November 29, 2019 at 09:37 PM

DB

So sorry for your loss. I knew him from school. Great guy Prayers to all

Diane Bowen - November 30, 2019 at 01:20 PM

VH

“ *As a youth leader Keith. And Barb taught my kids a lot about Jesus. My heart breaks for you Barb, but we know. He is with Jesus*

Violet Hutton - November 29, 2019 at 08:41 PM

VP

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences to the Eisenmann family.*
Brian and Vicki Papenhagen

vicki papenhagen - November 29, 2019 at 07:16 PM



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