



## Keith Leroy Merrill

July 10, 1934 - January 18, 2013

Keith Leroy Merrill, age 78 of Albia passed away Friday, January 18, 2013, at his residence in Albia, under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice of Albia.

Keith was born on July 10, 1934, in Monroe County, Iowa to Roy Monroe and Georgia Maxine (Sines) Merrill. He attended and graduated from Moravia High School, Class of 1953. After school Keith served in the United States Air Force. On June 10, 1963 Keith married Linda Eileen Singler. To this union two children were born, Scott and Kellie

Keith spent a career in the United States Air Force, stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Illinois. After his retirement from the military he moved back home to Albia. Keith spent much of his time with his hobbies such as his local upholstery, Merrill's Custom Upholstery. Keith had many talents as well as hobbies. He also loved spending time with his family and friends. He loved his Harley Davidson and his dog Barkley. Keith was a member of Faith Community Church in Eddyville.

Keith is survived by his two children, Scott Merrill of Albia, and Kellie (Michael) Armstrong of Pawnee, IL; two grandchildren, Austin and Jake Armstrong. Keith is also survived by two nieces, Kim Brimyer, and Julie Merrill; a nephew, Larry R Merrill Jr.; and several great nieces, nephews and cousins.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Maxine; his wife Linda; a brother, Larry; and a sister-in-law Janice.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00A.M., Wednesday, January 23, 2013, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Rev. Richard Grimes officiating. Burial will be in Oak View Cemetery in Albia with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose.

Visitation will begin at 9:00a.m. until time of service, Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Keith Leroy Merrill*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Keith Leroy Merrill*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Scott and Kellie; I was unable to attend services today because of my condition. I value the friendship of your Dad and Mom more than anyone else. From school to Anchorage back to Iowa. Keith and I hunted together in Alaska. We were able to move into their apartment when they moved on base. Long about the time Scott was born. After discharge and back home Linda and I seen each other at Walmart. That was when I met (Kellie ). After that we and other friends spent Christmas with them. They always had the house decorated so very nice. They will always be in my heart and prayers. I will miss them greatly. Gary Bleything*

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**Gary Bleything - Ottumwa, IA - Friend** - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Scott & Kellie,

*I'm so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I just happened to be flipping through the local paper and the name caught my attention. Then I saw the picture and the memories came flooding back of days when we were little kids in Thomasboro. I had not heard that your mom had passed as well. You both, as well as your family's are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,  
Michelle*

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**Michelle (Ellison) Carlson - Gifford, IL - Friend** - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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**Gary Bleything - Ottumwa, IA - Friend** - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Scott and Kellie,  
You sure have our sympathy. We used to hear from them every Christmas after they moved from Broadway St. They were sweet people and good friends. We felt so bad when we heard of your mom's passing. I can't imagine what my kids would think at their age loosing both parent.  
We will be thinking of you.  
Homer and Jane Foster*

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**Homer and Jane Foster - IL** - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Kellie and Scott,  
  
Your dad loved you both very much. I remember when you used to look up into his eyes, Kellie; your eyes sparkled like an angel. With my deepest sympathy, love and prayers.*

*Alan Rutledge*

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**Alan Rutledge** - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Keith and Linda were great friends, I worked with Keith at Chanute AFB and we rode cycles together. He was like the big brother I never had. I had always hoped to drive out and visit but the telephone had to suffice. I called him near his birthday and Christmas. He will be missed a LOT.*

*Chuck*

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**Charles Kibler - Fisher, IL - Friend** - January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM