



Wendell Keeton

June 18, 1936 - December 21, 2016

Wendell Keeton, age 80, of Albia, passed away on December 21, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family.

Wendell was born on June 18, 1936 at home in rural Monroe County to Marion and Enid (Murdy) Keeton. He grew up and attended country schools until eventually enrolling at the Lovilia High School. On January 22, 1956 he was united in marriage to Claudean Tarbell at the Nazarene Church in Albia. To this union three children were born, Carl, Gordon, and Roxann. Together, Wendell and Claudean spent 60 years of marriage together.

Wendell was employed at Maytag for 12 years before taking a job at John Deere Ottumwa Works where he retired after 28 years. Wendell also owned his own saddle shop where he sold saddles and tack. He was a member of the Iowa Coon Hunters Association, a member of the Monroe County Saddle Club and was also a lifetime member of the Original Mountain Curs Breeding Association. Wendell enjoyed being outdoors, coon hunting, attending horse sales, country music shows, and raising chickens, donkeys and other exotic animals. His real joy in life was spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Claudean Keeton; his children, Carl (Jackie) Keeton, Gordon (Stacey) Keeton and Roxann (David) Valentine; four

grandsons, Nick, Nathan, Nolan (Taylor) Valentine and David (Robin) Keeton; a granddaughter, Amanda (Ross) Small; three great grandchildren, Kayla Valentine, Sydnee Houser, and Ryker Keeton; two sisters, Lora (Bob) Whicker and Janet Watt; a brother, Tom Keeton and several nieces and nephews.

Wendell is preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Enid and a grandson, Dustin Keeton.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia. Burial will follow services at Union Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 26, 2016, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Wendell's family present throughout the day and evening to greet friends and family.

Memorials have been established to the Blakesburg Christian Church or the American Kidney Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Burial

DEC **27**. 11:45 AM (CT)

Union Chapel Cemetery
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall



“ *Wendell Keeton*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Wendell Keeton*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *What a great friend, sure enjoyed see him at swaps and auctions, will be deeply missed. Dennis, Gail and family.*

Gail Connolly - December 27, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ *Judy,Lois,Ruby & Marshall purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wendell Keeton.*



Judy,Lois,Ruby & Marshall - December 26, 2016 at 07:25 PM

RL

“ Claudean, Gordon, Roxann & Families
Lora, Tom, & Janet

So sorry to hear about Wendell, our thoughts and prayers, to you at this difficult time. May your many wonderful memories sustain you now and in the future.

Ruby Losee

Ruby Losee - December 26, 2016 at 06:14 PM

 Paula
Surber

“ We have missed the old shoe salesman the last few years at Rutledge. Rest in peace Wendell.
The Surbers

Paula Surber - December 26, 2016 at 06:27 AM

JB

“ I always heard of him long before I'd ever met him. It was always of what fowl he had, a horse or a mule, or a tree dog.
I'd say a true living example of how you can live life, take care of business, but have friends, be a friend and treat people how you want to be treated.
I've learned in my old age there's many ways to be successful and to measure prosperity and to me what a wealthy man he was!!!

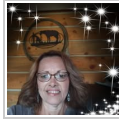
Jeremy Breckenridge - December 24, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ *Lora Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Wendell Keeton*



Lora Nickerson - December 24, 2016 at 08:52 AM



I am Sonny Meffords daughter I remember coming to his house when I was little. He would always sent some kind of critter home with me. Bought chickens from him at the Albia flea market. RIP. I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS

Lora Nickerson - December 24, 2016 at 08:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wendell Keeton.*



December 23, 2016 at 11:40 PM



“ *Wendell will be missed very much. Such a kind, sweet man. Our sincere condolences.*

Bernie and Connie Meisterburg

Bernie and Connie Meisterburg - December 23, 2016 at 01:44 PM

VL

“ *Regards to the family. Claudean was a great childhood neighbor. I remember her children visiting the grandparents across the street from us. A very sweet family. Janet and I went to Albia High School together. Sorry for your loss. Memories will sustain you. Vicki Woodard Luptowski*

Vicki Woodard Luptowski - December 23, 2016 at 12:21 PM

DF

“ *dancing on his feet square dancing. his smile and laugh. great kind man. rest well my friend.*

darla frakes - December 23, 2016 at 09:30 AM