



Floyd Keeling

August 19, 1932 - January 31, 2013

Floyd Keeling, son of the late Claude Millard and Leta Agnes (Kimbrough) Keeling, was born August 19, 1932 in Wheaton, Missouri. As a young boy, Floyd grew up on a farm and became quite the entrepreneur. He would catch rabbits and pick strawberries to sell and make his own money.

Floyd attended school in Rocky Comfort and would ride his horse to school every day. One thing Floyd was very proud of was when he was in high school, the school basketball team he played for, won the one class 32 team Sub-Regional Championship and went on to play at state.

Floyd and his family moved to the Fort Leonard Wood area when it reopened in 1950. He began working on post as a mechanic. It was while on post that he met the love of his life, Helen Marie Minnick who was a bookkeeper for the PX. They met in February 1951 and were united in marriage in September 1951. They were together for the next 60 years. Their first home was a little cabin on the Big Piney River in Devil's Elbow. Floyd and Helen were blessed with three children: Michael, Debby and Jonnie.

Floyd and his dad owned and operated Keeling Foreign Car Repair. They were located right outside the main gate of Fort Leonard Wood and Floyd worked there for nearly 50 years before retiring.

After retirement, Floyd enjoyed being outdoors; whether it was fishing or attending the annual family float trip reunion. He was an avid lifelong St. Louis Cardinal fan and also liked sports in general. For several years, Floyd drove the team bus for the Waynesville sports teams.

Floyd's number one priority was his family and his number two priority was having fun. He tried to combine the two as much as possible. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he loved to watch them play sports and visit with them every chance he could.

Floyd passed away the morning of Thursday, January 31, 2013 in his home having attained the age of eighty years. He will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory his son Michael and wife Patty, his daughter Debby Leuthen and husband Mike, his daughter Jonnie Figg and husband Jim all of Waynesville; four grandchildren, Kasie Lercher and her husband Brock of Richland, Cody Keeling of Columbia, Allison Keeling of Waynesville, Zane Keeling of Avondale, AZ and great granddaughter Brooklynn Lercher of Richland. He is also survived by sisters, Bonnie Schrimpsheer of Waynesville and Melba Harrington and husband John of Republic; brothers Dale "Otis" Keeling of Dixon and Billy Keeling and wife Jan of Columbia; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Floyd had a philosophy that everyone should have fun, love your family, and be thankful for the time you have together. He also taught us that you ate your eggs with mustard and if you are out of cornbread to have with your beans, it is okay to use chocolate cake.

No services are planned at this time and memorial contributions can be made to the Waynesville Athletic Booster Club.

Tribute Wall



“ *Floyd Keeling*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Mike, Debby and Jonnie, I just heard today of Floyd's passing. You mom and dad were my second set of parents and you were my brother and sisters. I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. If I can do anything for you.....please let me know.*

Debby Hull - February 12, 2013 at 12:58 PM



“ *I remember the couples bowling team we were on with you and Helen. It was a fun time with you two. I know you are with her now. Mike, Debby and Jonnie just remember the memories you share with your parents are yours to keep forever.*

Carol French - February 12, 2013 at 02:21 AM



“ *Bonnie Mentola lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling*



Bonnie Mentola - February 04, 2013 at 05:05 PM

DW

“ *Dave & Johnna Wilson lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling*



Dave & Johnna Wilson - February 04, 2013 at 11:48 AM

PC

“ *Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling*



Pamela Cox - February 04, 2013 at 11:06 AM

RD

“ *Robert & Cornelia Dodds lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling*



Robert & Cornelia Dodds - February 03, 2013 at 11:04 AM

RD

“ *Floyd and Helen were super people and shared a blessed life. Always gracious and full of joy, they will both be missed by all that knew them. Our sympathy is sent to all of Floyd's family and friends. May your memories be happy and give you comfort.*
Corny & Bob Dodds

Robert & Cornelia Dodds - February 03, 2013 at 11:03 AM

PE

“ *Patti Espinoza lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling*



Patti Espinoza - February 01, 2013 at 05:22 PM

JS

“ *Jerri Shreve lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling*



jerri shreve - February 01, 2013 at 02:04 PM



“ *Janis Thompson lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling*



Janis Thompson - February 01, 2013 at 12:55 PM

JT

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you.*



Janis Thompson - February 01, 2013 at 12:47 PM

DT

“ Mike, Debby, and Jonnie, I'm so sorry for your lose. Your father was a great man, and I've always had a lot of respect for him. Danne Collins and I used to have lunch two or three times a week at the diner and always enjoyed the visits. David Tritten

David Tritten - February 01, 2013 at 10:20 AM

CL

“ Charlene Long-Nalley lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling



Charlene Long-Nalley - February 01, 2013 at 10:09 AM

LH

“ I have such fond memories of Helen and Floyd. They were a team. Floyd kept my VW running. They are special people you never forget. Their children are testaments to them. Love to the family.

Luge Hardman - February 01, 2013 at 09:55 AM

PF

“ Paul And Bonnie Frantzen lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling



Paul and Bonnie Frantzen - February 01, 2013 at 09:23 AM

BA

“ *Bill And Sue Anderson lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling*



Bill and Sue Anderson - February 01, 2013 at 08:16 AM

SL

“ *Steve Lynch lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling*



Steve Lynch - February 01, 2013 at 08:11 AM

SL

May God bless each of you with His comfort and grace.

Steve Lynch - February 01, 2013 at 08:12 AM

MS

“ *Marlin [Gan] Stevens lit a candle in memory of Floyd Keeling*



Marlin [Gan] Stevens - February 01, 2013 at 07:45 AM

CT

“*Floyd you will be truly missed by your wonderful children and grandchildren. You and Helen have left them and your friends with many years of laughter and good times. I'll be thankful for the memories of our birthdays being just a day apart and going at Pomme on those poker runs....I am smiling just thinking about what joy and fun we had celebrating our big day. Thanks for the Memories Floyd, now you are with Helen the greatest gift of your life.*

Cheryl Teague - January 31, 2013 at 05:05 PM