



Keith Bova Sr.

January 24, 1951 - July 24, 2018

Keith G. Bova, 67, of New Britain, husband of Ann (Marinelli) Bova, passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at home. Born and raised in Long Branch, NJ, he lived in Memphis, TN for 11 years, moving to New Britain in 1980. A graduate of Long Branch High School, he received his Bachelor's Degree from Christian Brothers College in Memphis. Keith worked in management, sales and other positions with FedEx from 1977 to 2004 and later for Rexel Corp. in Hartford for 13 years, retiring in June 2017. He enjoyed his years as a literacy volunteer, among other community activities. He was a member of the Friday afternoon golf league at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain; Saturnites at Shuttle Meadow Country Club and was a former baseball and youth soccer coach. Keith loved playing tennis and golf, and had a lifelong love of the New York Yankees.

Keith was a loving husband and was devoted to his family. Besides Ann, his wife of over 40 years, he leaves a son, Keith Bova II, his wife Victoria and their children Sophia, Audrey and Luke; a sister-in-law, Constance Mazzarella and her husband Vinnie, a brother-in-law, Michael Marinelli and his wife Victoria, and a brother, Kevin Bova and his wife Eileen; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Keith's family will receive friends and relatives Saturday August 11, 2018 from 9 to 10:45 AM at the Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street, West Hartford followed by a memorial service at 11 AM in the church. A repast will be held after the memorial service at the Back #9 Tavern at the Stanley Golf Course, 245 Hartford Rd. New Britain, CT 06053. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Keith & Ann Bova Family Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain (for the primary benefit of local children and families), 74A Vine Street, New Britain, CT 06052. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 11. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM.

Universalist Church of West Hartford
433 Fern Street
West Hartford, CT

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

VB

“ I love Keith as my own father. What stands out most to me about him is that he loved staunchly and unabashedly. It was visceral and afforded him a certain vulnerability that drew people in. He loved to learn, to experience new things and to laugh loudly. He was comfortable in his skin and happy to watch the world unfold. He was strong and kind and found beauty and joy with ease. He worked hard but didn't complain. He was proud of his family and his accomplishments. He was “good” in the truest sense of the word. He'll be actively missed and mourned by many, but we're all better for having known him. Though we grieve Keith's death, let us hold on to our memories as precious gifts and let us not bury our love with death.

I'll remember his infectious smile and his dirty jokes. I'll remember his childlike pleasure when he was with his grandchildren. I'll remember running and swimming and eating and talking with him. I'll remember him making fun of me good naturedly and hugging me hard and I'll always remember his spark.

“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. For death begins with life's first breath and life begins at touch of death. It is what it is.” Seneca, Roman Philosopher; John Oxenham, English Poet; Keith Bova, my father-in law.

Vicky Bova - August 02, 2018 at 01:58 PM

JN

“ Dear Ann, So sorry to hear of Keith's untimely passing. We are praying for you and your family. Sincerely, Jerilyn Knapple Nagel and David Nagel.

Jerilyn Knapple Nagel - August 01, 2018 at 03:41 PM

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Ken Malpocker - July 31, 2018 at 11:53 AM

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Ken Malpocker - July 31, 2018 at 11:25 AM

CS

“ Will never forget little league baseball and running together at 5 o'clock in the morning

corky sylvester - July 29, 2018 at 07:37 PM

JR

“ With deepest sympathy,in memories we find comfort in time,we find peace.Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Joe and Maria Renzella

joseph renzella - July 29, 2018 at 05:20 PM

PR

“ Ann, my heart goes out to you and your family. I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Pat Rutkowski

Pat Rutkowski - July 27, 2018 at 08:59 PM

RJ

“ Ann, so sad to hear of Keith's passing. I will always remember coaching with and against him and our good friend Lou Rio. Those were great days in the Walicki Little League because they were days centered on our families. I will remember his great laugh, his sense of humor and his commitment to his community. And of course, the love and passion he always exuded when speaking about his family. A great man who will be missed. Our condolences to you, Keith and all of the Bova/Marinelli family.

Ron and Aurora Jakubowski

Ron Jakubowski - July 26, 2018 at 10:41 PM



“ *Ann, my deepest sympathy on Keith's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Susan Forbes

Susan Forbes - July 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM

NS

“ *To the Bova family: I send my deepest sympathy for your great loss. I knew Keith and Kevin as children growing up in Long Branch as my mother, Carmella Bova Adiano, was first cousin to Greg, He, Opal and the boys used to visit our house on Woolley Ave. in West End in the 1950s. His grandfather and mine were brothers. I send wishes that, in time, your grief will ease and happier memories prevail.*

Nina Adiano Scharrett, Old Saybrook, CT

Nina Scharrett - July 26, 2018 at 08:38 AM

JB

“ *Sincerest Condolences on Keiths passing. In my conversations with him he always had a positive perspective. Kindred tennis lovers!*

Jeff Bruemmer

Jeff Bruemmer - July 26, 2018 at 06:34 AM

AP

“ *Ann, So sorry to hear your husband's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Sincerely,
Arlene & Dan Palmer*

Arlene & Dan Palmer - July 25, 2018 at 09:27 PM

BM

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Keith was a terrific guy and a great friend. We met 49 yrs ago at CBC and spent four years that were some of the best years of my life. Wonderful memories, Keith even traveled to my family home in Troy NY for our New Years party one year. I spoke with Keith two years ago before the gathering in Memphis, his spirit was strong as it was in college. I will always remember his smile and his laugh.*

*Bob Mirch
aka Bronco*

Bob Mirch - July 25, 2018 at 04:32 PM

KB

I have known Keith for 38 years. Great guy. Fun to be with and always a good time person. Could talk about anything and no subject was too uninteresting for him to delve into.

Enjoyed sharing Manchester City Football Club and NYCFC with him. Nice to see for someone who never played the game. Along with K2, of course.

Get a kick from this

When I did some driving for Keith back and forth to New Jersey for his cancer treatments, we would talk about all kinds of things. Among them were Keith complaining about the (less than perfect) driving habits of Vicky, his daughter-in-law who also drove him back and forth on these long rides. What I later discovered from Vicky was that Keith complained about my driving to her. All I could do was laugh. Vicky too. We all got a good laugh about it. With Keith, a sense of humor was never far away.

I will miss you, brother.

Kevin

Kevin J Bruemmer - July 25, 2018 at 07:14 PM

AH

Ann, and K2 (never heard that before), deepest sympathies on your loss. I know Keith put up one hell of a fight, as we would have expected. And never seemed to lose that smile all the time. Keith was a great guy, always smiling; he could have a bad golf game, but never a bad day, even when I visited a few weeks ago, still upbeat and smiling. Thoughts and prayers.

Art and Claudia Helfgott

Art Helfgott - July 26, 2018 at 11:26 AM

PS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole Family at this time; we were lucky enough to share some unforgettable times with Keith at CBC and will always remember his smiling face and easygoing attitude. Warm regards.

*Pat and Bambi Salvail
aka...the Dogger*

Pat Salvail - July 29, 2018 at 08:10 PM