



Keith M. Vitelli

October 18, 1949 - July 27, 2024

Keith M. Vitelli, 74, of Plainville, passed away Saturday July 27, 2024. A New Britain native all of his life, Keith was a graduate of Pulaski High School and Porter & Chester Institute. Keith went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army.

After his military service, Keith found his calling as a tool and gauge maker, dedicating his skills to local companies such as Alden Tool, Parker Hannifin, and C & A Machine. His work ethic and commitment to excellence were evident in all he did.

Keith was a master craftsman and would spend hours in his workshop making custom cabinetry and furniture. He loved to golf and looked forward to playing as often as he could. He loved to play video poker at Mohegan Sun Casino and then have a burger at Bobby Flay's, or if he "won big," a steak at Michael Jordan's. On Thursday nights he could often be found playing cards at the New Britain Elks Lodge. Keith's greatest passion though was his love for the New York Giants. Sundays were his favorite as he watched golf, football and had pasta at his best friend, Kenny's house.

He is survived by his wife, Susan (Baxer) Vitelli; two daughters, Amy Galvin and her husband Eric of Southington, and Megan Carlson and her husband James of East Berlin; and four grandchildren, Abigail and Brady Galvin, and Madelyn and Bryce Carlson. Keith also leaves behind his brother-in-law, Michael Baxer, and his wife Linda; sister-in-law, Patty Baxer, and her husband Kurt Garrison; his aunt Joan Poirier; brother-in-law Paul Stone; and numerous

cousins, nieces, and nephews. Keith was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Linda Stone.

Keith's friendships were a testament to his calm and likable nature, with many friends becoming like family, especially Kenny Garbellini, Silvia Rydecki and Silvia's family. Lastly, Keith lovingly called his grand dog, Olive, his "service dog" and cherished her regular visits; he was one of her most favorite people. A Memorial Mass with military honors will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 11:30 am at St. Paul Church, 479 Alling Street, Kensington. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donating to a local food pantry in your community. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsofuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

AUG **19**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul Church
485 Alling Street
CT 06037

Tribute Wall

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“ As a teen, back in the later 1960's into 1970's at the beach, it seemed that whenever I arrived at Grandma Vitelli's summer cottage a weekend at Sound View in Old Lyme, CT, our oldest cousins Linda and Keith were already there. Was nice, I was able to see them more that way (coming from Southington, they lived in New Britain). When he saw you, Keith always had his loving smile with a twinkle in his eyes, was happy to see you, you knew he loved his cousins..la famiglia. But funny, at our ages, we each had our own individual plans with friends out for the evening. 5 of us cousins left will be missing you and all those family times. Susan (Ingriselli) Caron

Susan Caron - August 23, 2024 at 11:15 AM

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“ Susan, Amy and Megan,
My family and I send our deepest condolences on the passing of Keith. I remember him constantly working in the shed with all of his woodworking tools and machines. I was always amazed by the things he could build and fix around the house. I also remember him as a quiet and calm person, which wasn't hard compared to my dad. I appreciate the friendship he showed my dad and our family.

Kevin Forbes - August 11, 2024 at 02:38 PM