



## Keith Robert MacDonald

July 29, 1956 - July 12, 2018

Keith Robert MacDonald, age 61, of Pickford, Michigan, died on July 12, 2018 in St. Ignace, Michigan. He was born on July 29, 1956 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Robert Wayne and Stella Bernice (Nayback) MacDonald.

Keith grew up in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School with the class of 1974. He began working at the Pickford Meat Company in the summers and in the woods during the winters. He married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Susie Miller, on July 12, 1975. They made their home in Pickford and raised three children. Keith started and operated his own business, MacDonald Distributing Co. for twenty years, delivering Seyfert's and later Jay's potato chips to stores across the Eastern Upper Peninsula. He began working at the Pickford Building Center in 2000, where he was an assistant manager and known as a jack-of-all-trades.

Keith was a member of the Pickford Volunteer Fire Department for over 25 years and part of the Pickford Sports Boosters, Raber Sportsman's Club, and St. Mary's Walleye Club. He was a varsity football coach for 13 years and was instrumental in the construction of the Pickford Athletic Complex. He loved all sports, especially when he was watching his kids and grandkids play. Keith also liked spending time outdoors fishing, hunting, and cutting wood. Keith, with fishing partner Tom Taylor, won the Cabela's Master Walleye Circuit Tournament in Sault Ste. Marie in August 2017.

Above all, Keith loved his family, friends, and treating people well. He was a teacher in his own right, whether he was on the football field, tinkering in the garage, or out on the Munuscong Bay. He was a kind man and lived a life of integrity, qualities he instilled in his children and grandchildren.

Keith is survived by his wife of 44 years, Susie MacDonald; children, Randy (Shaunna) MacDonald of Pickford, Stacey (Ron) Miller of Dafter, and Amy (Grahame Murray) MacDonald of Raleigh, North Carolina; grandchildren, Ella, Tessa, Eli, Rena, Liam, Haley, Tommy, and Owen; mother, Bernice MacDonald of Pickford; brothers, Danny MacDonald of Gwinn, Michigan, Dean (Ami) MacDonald of Macon, Georgia, sisters, Kathy (Roger) Jacobson, of Pickford, and Bonnie (Dave) Fox of Easley, South Carolina; mother-in-law, Marion Miller of Pickford; brothers-in-law, Tim (Patsy) Miller of Pickford, Marty (Sherry) Miller of Pickford, Kurt (Brenda) Miller of Fairbanks, Alaska; and sister-in-law, Jan (Mark) Huber of Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

Keith is preceded in death by his father, Robert MacDonald; father-in-law, Jim Miller; and nephew, Danny MacDonald Jr.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 15, 2018 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, in Pickford. The Funeral Service will follow at 5:00 P.M. with Pastor Matthew Lamb officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pickford Booster Club (Memo: Football Field Maintenance), P.O. Box 278, Pickford, MI 49774 or St. Mary's Walleye Club, care of Andre Sawruk, 2275 E. Maleport Dr. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **15**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774  
(906) 647-3400  
flfh@familylifefh.com  
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Keith Robert MacDonald*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Keith Robert MacDonald*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Keith Robert MacDonald*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Keith. I'm thinking of you and praying for you and your family.  
Lynn and Wayne Suida*

**Lynn Suida** - July 20, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ *Eikenhout Inc- purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Keith Robert MacDonald.*



**Eikenhout Inc-** - July 20, 2018 at 01:50 PM

GG

“ Amy,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Many years after my father's passing, I can attest that he is still with me, and I celebrate those moments when I am clearly my father's daughter. May you continue to feel your father's presence.*

*Please let your family at Wake Tech know how we can support you.*

*Gayle Greene*

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**Gayle Greene** - July 16, 2018 at 03:03 PM

JG

“ *Josie George lit a candle in memory of Keith Robert MacDonald*



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**Josie George** - July 16, 2018 at 12:02 PM

JG

*Amy,*

*We, at Wake Tech's Effectiveness & Innovation Division send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May God sustain you and may your memories of your beloved father, husband, and friend bring smiles to your face each time you think of him.*

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**Josie George** - July 16, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ *Yellow Rose Bud (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Keith Robert MacDonald.*



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July 16, 2018 at 07:55 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Keith Robert MacDonald.*



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July 15, 2018 at 07:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keith Robert MacDonald.*



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July 14, 2018 at 03:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keith Robert MacDonald.*



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July 14, 2018 at 02:05 PM

KP

“ All of our love and support to the MacDonald family from our family in Raleigh, North Carolina. Sending you healing thoughts, -Kate Pattison and Jacob Osten



Kate Pattison - July 14, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Keith Robert MacDonald.



July 14, 2018 at 09:50 AM

AG

“ Sending our sympathy and love to you all during this sad time of great loss. you are in our thoughts and prayers, Ann Marie, Kerry, Lorne and Lorena, Elva and Mary Lynne

ann Goring - July 14, 2018 at 01:24 AM

DC

“ We at Big D's Diner are also so saddened. We always knew that Keith would be in for lunch at least once a week and always came in way after the lunch rush was over he always sat at table one and no matter who waited on him the girls always had time to eat their lunch with him or just sit and chat for a bit. He was one of those guys that could just make your day with Just a simple smile.....The smile will be missed but never ever forgotten.

Daryl & Julie Clegg - July 13, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keith Robert MacDonald.*



July 13, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keith Robert MacDonald.*



July 13, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Keith Robert MacDonald.*



July 13, 2018 at 08:12 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keith Robert MacDonald.*



July 13, 2018 at 07:18 PM

TN

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. This is another example of a life gone too soon. For us it is a reminder to live each day like it is our last because we never know when God will call. He will be missed for sure. Love and Hugs to all of you. Terry and Catherine

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**Terry and Catherine Catherine Nayback** - July 13, 2018 at 06:37 PM

LJ

“ Prayers to the MacDonald family! Keith is leaving a huge void in his family, community and Pickford Building Center. We are all still numb and will miss him very much!

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**Linda Johnson** - July 13, 2018 at 05:30 PM

JH

“ Words cannot begin to describe this great man. So many words that need to be said, comforting words, caring words, and loving words to you all. Keith was kind, and good, and wonderful, caring, comforting, and so loving. He will be missed is an understatement. You are all in our hearts and on our minds. With much love, Uncle Tony & Aunt Lois & Family.

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**Julie Hoffmeyer** - July 13, 2018 at 04:50 PM