



Robert Keith Ecklund

April 14, 1976 - December 15, 2019

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Robert Keith Ecklund, 43, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away December 15, 2019. Visitation will be Sunday, December 22, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Coleman Funeral Home in Olive Branch. A funeral service will be held Monday, December 23, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home. We will reconvene at 1:00 p.m., for a graveside committal service at Greenwood Cemetery (158 Cromwell St., West Point, MS 39773). Rev. Stephen Sparks and Pastor Darian Duckworth will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch is in charge of arrangements.

Keith Ecklund was born on April 14, 1976, in Camp Lejeune, NC. He grew up in Manhattan, KS, where he made some forever friends. Keith married his high school sweetheart, Hilary Brooke Baugh, in 2001. He worked as a pilot seeding clouds in Western Kansas after graduating from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Studies. He also was a flight instructor for a brief time at Kansas State University, in Salina, KS, before accepting a piloting position in the state of Washington. Keith loved flying and was working for Delta Airlines at the time of his death.

Keith had a very adventurous soul. He was an avid outdoorsman, and he also enjoyed different music and singing. He and his wife met while both involved in their high school choir, along with many of their friends. In college, Keith was a member of the choir and the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was one of Kansas State University's biggest fans, especially when it came to football. Keith was also a member of the Airline Pilot Association.

Keith Ecklund leaves behind his wife of 18 years, Hilary Ecklund of Olive Branch; his daughter, Carly Anne Ecklund of Olive Branch; one sister, Amelia (Myron) Hannigan of Lawrence, KS; and his parents, Mary Carr Ecklund and Robert David Ecklund of West Point, MS; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jennifer and Bruce Baugh, of Derby, KS; two sisters-in-law, Heather Jani of Derby, and Sydney Kaus of Andover, KS; one niece,

Lauren Jani of Cooperberg, PA; three nephews, Gage Kaus, Reid Kaus, and Chase Kaus, all of Andover; three aunts, Elizabeth McGlohn of West Point, Sue Mietzner of Pittsburgh, PA, and Joan Ecklund of Old Saybrook, CT, along with their families; and two uncles, Steve Ecklund of Port Orange, FL, and Robert McGlohn of Greenville, SC, and their families. He is also survived by many McGlohn, Mietzner, and Ecklund cousins whom he enjoyed visiting over the years.

Keith Ecklund was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Olgart Ecklund; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGlohn.

In lieu of traditional gifts, memorials can be made in honor of Robert Keith Ecklund the donor's choice of his daughter's college education fund, (c/o Hilary Ecklund; 8697 Turkey Creek Dr., Olive Branch, MS 38654) or the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (www.nfwf.org). The NFWF works to protect and restore our nation's fish, wildlife, plants, and habitats; the very places Keith loved to be along with his family and friends.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Events

Greenwood Cemetery

158 Cromwell St.

West Point, MS, 39773

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Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

6815 Parkview Boulevard, Olive Branch, MS, US, 38654

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Funeral Service

10:00AM

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Committal

01:00PM

Greenwood Cemetery

158 Cromwell St., West Point, MS, US, 39773

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Coleman Funeral Home - December 20, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ I miss my friend.

MELLISA ANDERSON - December 20, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ My heart aches for you and your family, Hillary. Even though it has been several years since we had seen you and Keith, I will always remember him for his ever-present smile, great sense of humor, and complete kindness. I cherish the time I got to spend flying with him as he was always one of my favorite people to work with! I hope you are able to find some peace, and please know that you are our thoughts. Respectfully, The Kullick Family

Andrew Kullick - December 25, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ I am so very sad to hear about Keith, my most sincere wishes of comfort during this trying time for you & your family. Keith was my mentor at Delta Airlines when I was a new-hire. I remember asking him over the phone one day “why he had become a mentor?” And he replied “I dunno, I just wanted to help people because I know it can be difficult.” That pretty much summed up my relationship with him, he was always there to answer a question or give advice, and if he was busy, he always called back! Always. I was lucky enough to meet him in person and have lunch with him, at his favorite Chinese restaurant, one day when he had a layover in Portland. Our friendship may have been small, but he made a big impression on me and I'm very thankful to have known him. He will be missed!

Jim Burckhard

Jim - December 23, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ Mary Carr and Robert - so sorry about Keith. I remember him as a wonderful young man and I know that your hearts are broken, as mine is for you. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Lee Meigs (formerly Stutzman)

S. Lee Meigs - December 23, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ So very sorry of your family's lost. May good memories of Keith and the grace of our Lord Jesus give you peace, comfort and hope during these difficult days ahead. Jesus loves you everyone; I pray he is your Savior and Friend. Faith is only Believing . . . plus nothing else.

Joe T Massey - December 20, 2019 at 09:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Keith Ecklund.



December 20, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Coleman Funeral Home - December 20, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ Keith was one of my dear friends growing up. We had quite the group that used to run around together; Keith, John C., Brad M., Brian O., John T & Noah M. I have so many fond memories throughout the years of hanging out together. He was the ultimate prankster and loved to laugh. We would play a prank or just talk about something and before long we were laughing until we cried. A few of the great memories include shooting his potato gun (which he shot through his basketball backboard), him flying his model airplane (which he ran into the side of a hill the 1st time out), shooting popcorn kernels into the tubas during B-ball games, riding with

the top off in his jeep, playing with his flying squirrel and many, many more. All good fun and so much laughter. He was truly the most kind hearted soul and a great friend. My love and prayers go out to Hillary, Carly and the Ecklund family.

- Toby Denning

Toby Denning - December 18, 2019 at 07:32 PM



“ Thank you so very much Toby for all your kind words. It means so much to us during this very difficult time. And we also want to thank you for enlightening us about the popcorn kernels in the Tubas!! We hadn't heard about that!! We had a great laugh over that one!! Thank u! That's the best medicine and the best way to honor Keith!!
Love, the Ecklund Family

Amelia - December 20, 2019 at 05:28 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Keith and our time spent growing up on Erickson Street. He had a great sense of humor and liked to joke around. It may have been dropping a pet snake in your lap without warning or convincing you a certain ride at the county fair “wouldn't go upside down”. One thing is for sure, there was never a dull moment when Keith was there! He will be greatly missed.

Kris Kobiskie

Kris Kobiskie - December 18, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Godspeed, Keith. I sure enjoyed flying with you at Horizon Air. You will be missed, my friend.

John Swanson - December 18, 2019 at 06:45 AM



“ Keith was one of my best friends. I will always remember him for his humor and his laugh. So many times he would have us rolling in laughter simply because of how funny HE thought something was. Infectious. I will miss him.
John Carson

John Carson - December 18, 2019 at 12:36 AM



“ Keith was a great neighbor. He grilled out regularly and spend a lot of time in his backyard playing with Carly. I will miss him.
Richard Bell

Richard Bell - December 17, 2019 at 08:50 PM