



Gregory Keith Kramer

February 26, 1956 - February 29, 2020

Gregory Keith Kramer was born on February 26, 1956, in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to SSgt Bernard Kramer and Agnes (Kissinger) Kramer. He passed away peacefully at his home on February 29, 2020, surrounded by his family.

Greg, perhaps better known as “Birdy” or simply Papa, grew up in France, Colorado, Washington, and New Mexico, before his family made their way to Missouri where he graduated from Richland High School in 1975. Birdy spent his professional life behind the wheel of a diesel, working for Zeigenbein Livestock Hauling, Playcraft Charger, and Carmeco, the latter of which he was proud to call his work family for over 30 years and where his son, Ben, now carries on his legacy of hard work.

In 1982, Greg and Christy (Sanders) married and they spent 38 wonderful years together, raising three children – Samantha, Lacie, and Ben. Papa also leaves behind six adoring grandchildren – Madison, Jude, Zoe, Tildey, Darcy, and Elizabeth. Over the 38 years we were so lucky to have had with our steadfast rock, he rarely, if ever, missed a soccer, basketball, or baseball game if his kids or grandkids were in the field or on the court. He coached his grandchildren’s basketball team and when Ben took to stock car racing, he was the best Crew Chief a driver could’ve asked for.

Our family will forever miss our patriarch, though we take comfort in the life he

lived, the truths he taught us, and the immense and indescribable grace and fight he showed at the end of his life. He was unflinchingly reliable, especially hilarious, endlessly forgiving, humbly but so deeply good, and unquestionably devoted to his family, above all else. "It is what it is," as he would say, and we go on with that in mind and full hearts knowing that we were blessed to have had him while we did.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2020 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Billy Williams officiating. Sally Belshe read Psalm 23 and Samantha Kramer recalled her memories of her father. The song "I'll Fly Away" was played. Serving as escorts were John Gan, Wayne King, Terry Richardson, Larry Baranowski, Jack Eldridge, John Jackson and William Longnecker. Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery of Richland.

Memorial contributions in memory of Gregory Kramer can be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

Richland, MO 65556

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapel of Richland
715 E. Jefferson Avenue
Richland, MO 65556
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Service

MAR 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Gregory Keith Kramer*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 05, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ *Gregory Keith Kramer*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *We're so sorry for your loss. Glen always enjoyed Greg's friendship. He will be missed. Prayers for your family.*
Glen and Emily Mebruer

Glen and Emily Mebruer - March 09, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ 138 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 03, 2020 at 07:11 PM

LD

“ *Leslie Dube lit a candle in memory of Gregory Keith Kramer*



Leslie Dube - March 03, 2020 at 05:11 PM

TI

“ *From our family to yours we send our deepest condolences. We send you all positive thoughts and prayers to each and everyone of you, during this difficult time. Greg always had a smile on his face, and will be missed by so many. May God be with you all through this tragic time.*

Pentecost and McDaniel families

Tiffannie - March 03, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss. Greg was a great man! Will be praying for your family for peace and healing in this time. *Jeremy Thomas*

Jeremy Thomas - March 03, 2020 at 10:23 AM

RB

“ Sorry to hear about Greg. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to your family. *Richie and Tammy Bone*



Richie & Tammy Bone - March 03, 2020 at 08:58 AM

AD

“ I send my heartfelt condolences to the entire family and pray for comfort, grace and peace to sustain you all at this time. 🕊️

Adrian DeGroat - March 03, 2020 at 03:18 AM

MZ

“ *Monica Zarcone lit a candle in memory of Gregory Keith Kramer*



Monica Zarcone - March 02, 2020 at 09:49 PM

LP

“ *Linda K Perdue lit a candle in memory of Gregory Keith Kramer*



Linda K Perdue - March 02, 2020 at 01:02 PM

SP

“ *Shirley Profest lit a candle in memory of Gregory Keith Kramer*



Shirley Profest - March 02, 2020 at 11:51 AM

CL

“ *Christy I am so sorry for your loss, you are all in our thoughts & prayers. Much Love, MARK & CINDY LAURENT*

Cindy Laurent - March 02, 2020 at 11:21 AM

WV

“ *So very sorry for your loss. I don't remember a time that I saw Greg that he didn't have a smile on his face.*
Neal & Vicki Woody

Woody Vicki - March 02, 2020 at 10:46 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Gregory Keith Kramer*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - March 02, 2020 at 10:02 AM

JA

“ *Greg was a great person .He was always the same from the moment I met him.Christy We. are thinking of you and Samantha Lacie And Ben.You will be in our thoughts. And prayers.*

Janice Alexander - March 02, 2020 at 09:49 AM

RH

“ *Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Gregory Keith Kramer*



Robin Hobbs - March 02, 2020 at 08:32 AM

 Darla
Jeffries
Quesenberry

“ *Christy, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Darla Jeffries Quesenberry - March 02, 2020 at 07:39 AM

JD

“ Janet Davis lit a candle in memory of Gregory Keith Kramer



Janet Davis - March 01, 2020 at 11:38 PM

JD

“ Greg was one of the nicest men I knew I met him at Richland high when I first moved to Richland. His daughter Lacie was in the same class as my daughter April (Britzman). He was a hard worker and a good man

Janet Davis - March 01, 2020 at 11:37 PM

SZ

“ Sharon Zarccone sent a virtual gift in memory of Gregory Keith Kramer



Sharon Zarccone - March 01, 2020 at 11:12 PM

SZ

Chris, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers...Love you

Sharon Zarccone - March 01, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ *Tina Zarcone-King lit a candle in memory of Gregory Keith Kramer*



Tina Zarcone-King - March 01, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss ☩
Prayers for the family
Greg was a very long time
friend many years.*



Wm&Ana Willoughby - March 01, 2020 at 10:17 PM