



Hank Allen Keech

February 1, 1960 - November 13, 2021

Hank Allen Keech, age 61 of Muldrow, Oklahoma passed away on Saturday, November 13th, 2021, at Baptist South in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Hank was born on February 1st, 1960, in Belle Gardens, California to Herman and Lillie Keech. He was the youngest of 3 children.

Hank and his family lived in California until they moved to Eudora, Kansas in 1965. Hank attended school in Eudora for his teenage years. In 1972 the family moved to Ozark, Arkansas. Hank completed his high school years in Ozark graduating in 1978.

Hank married and divorced twice, shortly after high school he meet Melinda Ramsey, they were married for 4 years, exchanging vows May of 1981 in Charleston, Arkansas, a year later Melinda gave birth to Hanks only child, Jason Allen Keech. Jason was born April 11th 1982.

Hank later married Melody Medlock together they helped raise Jason and Melody's 3 children until they divorced in 1993 after 8 years of marriage.

Hank took pride in working hard. Over Hanks adult life he had very few employers. Shortly after high school he worked for Greenville tubing as a fabricator from Jan 1980 until March 1983. He left Greenville for a job at Whirlpool, after 24 years of employment at the Fort Smith plant Hank was laid-off. Hank quickly found a job at Arkansas Lamp as a production supervisor from 2008 till 2011. Hank was a currently employed at Georgia Pacific in Fort Smith where he had worked as a Press Operator for some time.

In Hanks free time, if he was not playing cards or board games with family and friends, he was enjoying fishing, hunting and hiking. Being outdoors was Hanks favorite. He loved to travel and explore the National Parks across the northern states. Most recently Hank loved to hunt Geocaches and enjoyed sharing his new found hiking spots with his mom and sister.

Hank was preceded in death by his dad, Herman Keech; his brother Russell Keech; and two grandsons, Ryder and Cason Stubblefield

Hank is survived by his son, Jason Keech of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; 2 step-daughters, Christy Hobson (Tiffany) of Muldrow, Angela Cox of Alma, Arkansas; mother, Lillie Keech

of Alma; sister, Shirley Keech of Ozark; grandson, Tyler Stubblefield of Cecil, Arkansas; a niece and nephew; three aunts; an uncle; many cousins; and a handful of great nieces and nephews.

Visitations will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, November 19, 2021 at Shaffer Funeral Home with Brother J. D. Ellison officiating under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home with burial at Highland Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Waylon Ziesenis, Cion Harris, Jekai Harris, Jacob Ziesenis, Tyler Stubblefield and Don Farmer.

Hank will mostly be remembered for being a devoted son, beloved father and a caring brother.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Highway 64 West
Ozark, AR 72949

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

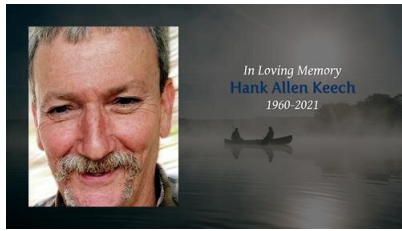
NOV **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hank Allen Keech*



Shaffer Funeral Home - November 17, 2021 at 01:50 PM

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Love the video

Lisa Rockhill - November 18, 2021 at 01:03 AM

MB

What a Beautiful video

Michele Burrows - November 18, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ *Hank Allen Keech*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM

BS

“ *Me and Hank were best friends in school. We hunted, fished, camped, and just whatever together. I killed my first buck hunting with Hank. As we got older he moved away to be closer to work. We kept in touch from time to time. He was going to bring his Mom and sister to visit in a few weeks. I'll forget the good times we had. I'll miss him.*

Bobby Smith - November 19, 2021 at 07:29 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Hank Allen Keech.*



November 18, 2021 at 03:21 PM

MB

“ *The time we had together will never be forgotten the road trips the parks and of course movie Nights I love you and you will never be forgotten Rest High I miss you terribly*



Michele Burrows - November 17, 2021 at 05:42 PM

MB

July 2021 to now was too short of a Time to be with you but we both said it was like we known each other for years we bonded instantly I can honestly say I miss your smile your laughter and your tight hugs

Michele Burrows - November 18, 2021 at 06:41 PM

AL

“ *So many things to remember over the past year and a half, so many laughs. I don't know where to begin or leave off. I'm going to find one of your cashes and I'm keeping it. What am I gonna do with your case of it butterscotch Lifesavers do you know Christmas is coming waterfall sunset country Drive I miss you Hank I love you*

Angela Laughery - November 17, 2021 at 07:52 AM

“ Hank and I met January 1st 2021 face to face on our first date. Though we walked on a different path the Journey of our friendship began and was almost magical. We were taking our first date selfie when a woman walk by and said she would take the picture for us and asked how long we had to married. She thought sure we were on our anniversary date. I told her it was a first date she said wow I would have never thought it. (Pictures included of our 1st date)

Living 302.8 miles across the state of Oklahoma didn't affect the friends we had quickly become. Laughter was always a part of our long night of texting or our 3 hour phone conversation. Good vibes...

I learned Hank was a man with a velvet heart covered with steel. If you never took the time to really know him you missed out. He lived life as a good man, he loved deep. He shared of how proud he had become of his son as watched him from afar grow into the positive man he had become and what an inspiration he was for him. He missed his grandson and not having opportunity to bond with him while he was young. He had a bond with his sister most only wish they could have. I loved that he always wanted to include her on our hiking/road trips. We had fun. He shared the father figure he had from his dad growing up and how he was the husband a man should be to his wife. His mom was such a daily highlight of his life. Hank shared of the good men and women he worked with notates some were just lazy. 😂 He lived good, loved deep & worked hard. His favorite christian artist included. The Gaithers & Easters. His favorite scripture was 1 Samuel 16:7. ❤️

The memories of our friendship will be forever cherished and sometimes causes my eyes to be leaky and roll over the smile spread across my face from a good memory.

Hank left us with a legacy of being a good person. No matter what happens in life... Choose to be a good person... It is a choice & Its the greatest legacy.



Lisa Rockhill - November 17, 2021 at 12:59 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Hank Allen Keech.*



November 16, 2021 at 01:14 AM