



Keith Padgett

October 1, 1947 - December 6, 2021

Keith Padgett passed away at his home in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida on December 6, 2021. Keith was born in West Palm Beach, Florida on October 1, 1947, and grew up in Pahokee, Florida. A star athlete in high school, Keith attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello and Florida Southern University on athletic scholarships before transferring to the University of Florida, where he graduated with a degree in journalism. After graduation, he married Patricia Floyd of Leesburg, Florida. They lived in Gainesville where Keith worked for the University of Florida's Office of Development and Alumni affairs, ultimately becoming the Associate Director.

Keith and Patty relocated to Leesburg where he first worked for Patty's father in the citrus industry. He then worked as a stockbroker at Prudential Bache before eventually joining Entertainment Coaches of America, where he served as President and CEO for many years. After that time, Keith and Patty retired to Howey-in-the-Hills. Keith loved his family, the state of Florida and the Florida Gators; he was patriotic to his core. Keith loved music, especially Elvis. He had many, many long lasting friendships, and he was known for his kind and easygoing nature. Keith had the opportunity to live a full life full of many experiences that, as a boy from humble beginnings, he never failed to appreciate. As he would say, "for a boy who never thought he'd get out of Pahokee, I sure have lived and seen a lot."

Keith is survived by Patty, his wife of 49 years, his daughters Kristin (Keith) and Stephanie (Forrest), his son Preston (Sarah), grandsons Harris and Wells and sister, Ann Rita. Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Zona Padgett, and his brother, Denny Padgett. A service will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg at 2 p.m., followed by a reception at Starlight Ballroom.

In lieu of flowers, the family plans to set up a scholarship fund in support of Pahokee High School students. Checks may be made out to the Keith R. Padgett Memorial Scholarship Fund and mailed to 26136 Avenida Las Colinas #1B, Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737.

Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg in charge of all arrangements.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Patty and family. Len and I did not know of Keith's passing we just heard at a Gator football game this past weekend where his name came up. very late but heartfelt condolence to you and your family. Len and Kristy Weeks St Augustine*

Kristy Weeks - October 07, 2022 at 08:36 AM

DY

“ *Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Doris Yates - December 16, 2021 at 10:46 AM

MT

“ *I wish I could be there today to say goodbye to my lifelong friend, Cypress Avenue cohort and Pahokee High School classmate. Unfortunately, I was exposed to Covid a week ago and I'm quarantined. My most sincere and heartfelt condolences to Patty and the family on your loss. I have quite literally known Keith my entire life. My parents and his were friends back to the time we were born. I will miss knowing he is sharing this planet with me, Ali g with that lazy smile and infectious sense of humor! May God bless you and bring you peace and comfort in the coming days!*

Marty Allen Thomas - December 13, 2021 at 01:00 PM

HJ

“ *Patty and family....*

We are so sad to hear about Keith's passing. May God surround you all with his peace and love.

Howard & Janice - December 12, 2021 at 12:42 AM

JB

“ *Keith Padgett always made everybody feel good about themselves. He was a kind man who showed gentlemanly courtesy to guests, visitors and people passing on the street. Deepest condolences to Patti and the family.*

Jerri Blair - December 11, 2021 at 09:48 AM

RB

“ *May our dear friend, Keith, Rest In Peace. He will be so missed by so many, especially me. We have been friends for years and years and fortunately we were able to have some great and memorable experiences together. Love ya brother and Go Gators!!!*

Roy And Victoria Bridges - December 09, 2021 at 01:02 PM