



Joseph Butner Kesler III

May 7, 1957 - September 26, 2020

Joseph Butner Kesler III, age 63, of East Bernstadt, Kentucky passed away Saturday, September 26, 2020 at his residence.

He was the loving husband of Andrea Kesler for 37 years; the son-in-law of Audrey Reed of East Bernstadt; the father of Joshua Kesler (Destiny) and grandson Tennyson of Prestonsburg, Kentucky. He was the son of Martha Kesler of Bowling Green, Kentucky and the brother of Jonathan Kesler (Wagner) of Kent, Washington. He was the brother-in-law of Sonya Reed of Lexington, Kentucky and Darla Harp (Butch) of Georgetown, Kentucky. He is survived by two special aunts, Mary Louise Jenkins of Brandenburg, Kentucky and Frances Norment of Lumberton, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Kesler, Jr., his father-in-law Harmie Reed, and by a very special uncle, Leslie Jenkins, Jr.

He was a member of the New Salem Baptist Church. He was certified as an Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America on January 17, 1972. He was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in 1972. He graduated from ECU with a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcasting. He worked for WKYH/WYMT in Hazard as an anchor from 1983-1986. He established WOBZ-TV9 on November 29, 1993. He also formed "Gospel Sunshine" 98.5 FM Radio. He recently retired and sold his TV station to Wallingford Broadcasting in Richmond and the radio to "The Light of London" WJTE FM.

A private celebration of life honoring Joey will take place. There will be no visitation or funeral service due to COVID-19. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions be made to the New Salem Baptist Church Building Fund, 2182 North Laurel Rd., London, Kentucky 40741. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *House-Rawlings Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Butner Kesler III*



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - September 28, 2020 at 07:12 PM

TM

“ *What sad news today I read in the paper that has been on the corner of my desk since 9/30... As soon as I seen this article that one of my good friends, "and I mean a good friend", someone I became acquainted with in the late 90's had passed, I called my wife to inform her. As I read this article, I don't think Les Dixon could have put it any clearer; Joey was a jokester, his laugh (I can hear it now), the friend that would truly listen to you and your tale as you spoke, and most importantly someone who could make you feel better by just being around him. Josh and Andrea you both are in our prayers. I love this family. I will miss my friend.*

*2020 has been hard, and a rough year; this news hasn't made it any better.
Prayers for you all.*

Your friend Travis McQueen and family.

Travis McQueen - October 08, 2020 at 05:49 PM

KG

“ *Keith Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Joseph Butner Kesler III*



Keith Gilbert - September 30, 2020 at 04:13 PM

BF

“ Betty FELTNER lit a candle in memory of Joseph Butner Kesler III



Betty FELTNER - September 30, 2020 at 11:23 AM

CP

“ Cora Ponder lit a candle in memory of Joseph Butner Kesler III



Cora Ponder - September 30, 2020 at 07:47 AM

AL

“ Andrea and Josh- We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Anne Barnett Lee and David Lee (Mary Louise's sister)

Anne B Lee - September 29, 2020 at 10:26 AM

GG

“ George Goss lit a candle in memory of Joseph Butner Kesler III



George Goss - September 29, 2020 at 07:49 AM



“ Hugs and prayers for all of you. Joey was a good guy and he will be missed by so many. Josh just always try to do the right thing and you will be following in your Dad's footsteps. May God comfort all of you.

Donnie Owens - September 29, 2020 at 05:46 AM

JS

“ Martha,

You and your family have my deepest sympathy. Your son is safe in the arms of God now and has been made whole.

Joyce Young (Wanda Weidemann's sister) - September 28, 2020 at 10:05 PM

AL

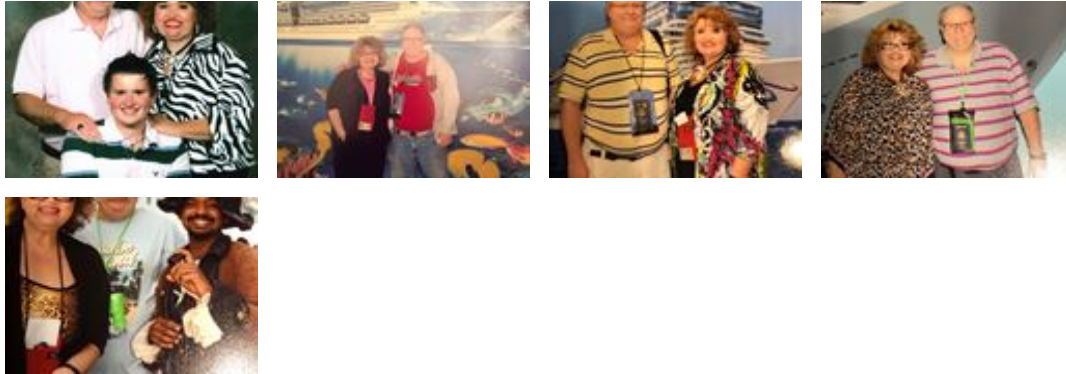
“ Alan & Debbie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Joseph Butner Kesler III



Alan & Debbie Lewis - September 28, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ 76 files added to the album LifeTributes



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - September 28, 2020 at 07:09 PM

JO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Roger and Joyce Osborne



Joyce - September 28, 2020 at 10:09 AM

DM

“ Danny & Kim Mink lit a candle in memory of Joseph Butner Kesler III



Danny & Kim Mink - September 27, 2020 at 09:37 PM

ER

“ Ao sorry for your loss. Dianne ans Bronson Baker



Erica - September 27, 2020 at 08:09 PM

MC

“ I remember going home to East Bernstadt when Joey had just got his station going he gave Dennis and I a tour of the station he knew I liked to cook so he said if I moved back he would set me up with a cooking show! He was so proud of the station love to Andrea, Josh, Tenny, Destiny and Audrey.

marilyn compel - September 27, 2020 at 06:05 PM

AM

“ Praying all peace and comfort during the lose of such a vivid life. God bless you all - Amber Sidles

amber - September 27, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JK

Thank you so much

Josh Kesler - September 30, 2020 at 06:30 AM