



Keithley Roderick Deaton

June 5, 1950 - September 3, 2024

Keithley Roderick Deaton, of London, Kentucky and a cherished member of the community, passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at the age of 74. Keithley retired from Senture, where he made a lasting impact in the recruiting department. His career was marked by dedication and a genuine passion for helping others find their path.

An avid sports fan, Keithley passionately followed the University of Kentucky Wildcats and Hazard High School teams. His enthusiasm for sports was matched only by his love for golf, a pastime that brought him immense joy and many cherished memories.

Known for his friendly demeanor, Keithley never met a stranger and always had a kind word and helpful hand for those in need. His generosity, kindness, and distinctive ability to hold his own in any argument—often with a knowing grin and the occasional reminder that he was always right—endeared him to many. His signature phrase, “Stop being stupid,” was both a humorous and heartfelt reminder of his straightforward, no-nonsense approach to life.

Keithley’s presence was a comforting constant in Eastern Kentucky, where his knowledge of the community and its people was unparalleled. He had an extraordinary knack for making everyone he met feel like a friend, and his impeccable sense of style and pleasant aroma made a lasting impression on

those around him.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Delores Mattingly Deaton; three children, Keith Deaton & wife Suzanne, Kelly Pratt & husband Scott, Kevin Deaton & wife Cathy, all of Hazard, KY; nine grandchildren, McKenna Deaton, Zane Deaton, Matthew Couch, Mason Couch, Maddox Couch, David Napier, Carson Deaton, Kendall Deaton, Miracle Hubbard; two stepchildren, Conrad Cessna & wife Johnna of London, KY, along with their children, Jacyi & Jasper, Christopher Cessna & wife Whitney of Louisville, KY, along with their child, Remi; special friends, Trish Mulligan, Jim Holliday, Charles Wooton; plus a host of other family and friends to mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roderick & Mae Campbell Deaton; and by two siblings, Denny Deaton, Betty Jo Roach.

Keithley Roderick Deaton's vibrant spirit and larger-than-life personality will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of kindness, humor, and steadfast friendship will continue to live on in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have crossed his path.

Funeral services for Keithley Roderick Deaton will be held on Friday, September 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel of House-Rawlings Funeral Home with Brad Parrett officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday, September 6, 2024 beginning at 11:30 a.m. until the funeral hour, also at the funeral home. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

House-Rawlings Funeral Home
510 East 4th Street
London, KY 40741
(606) 864-2158
info@houserawlings.com
<https://houserawlings.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *House-Rawlings Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Keithley Roderick Deaton*



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - September 06, 2024 at 06:47 PM

FI

“ *Dear Delores,*

I was so deeply saddened to learn of your husband's passing. I just found out, and I'm so sorry for the delay in reaching out.

Please accept my sincerest condolences during this incredibly difficult time. My thoughts are with you.

*With sympathy,
Fitz*

Fitz - March 19, 2025 at 04:02 PM

CH

“ *Delores, you have my deepest sympathy in the loss of Keithly. I am thankful that you got to share life with him. I wish you the best and hope to see you when I next visit London. You are loved! Cheryl Fowler Hamilton*

Cheryl Fowler Hamilton - September 07, 2024 at 04:55 PM

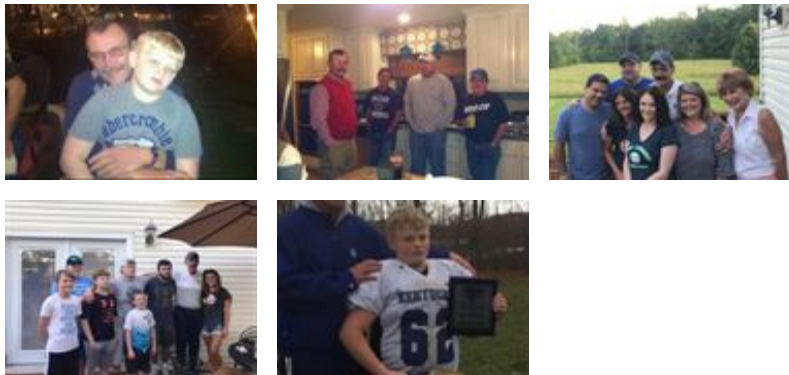
SR

“ so sorry to hear about Mr Deatons passing . i was his server at the BP restaurant. he and his friend used to come in on Sunday morning.He was a pleasure to serve, always upbeat , so kind. hadn't seen him for sometime, he has been and will be missed.

Sharon radford - September 06, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Life Tributes



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - September 06, 2024 at 12:15 AM

RC

“ I always thought the world of KR. Praying for his family and friends

Rick Combs - September 05, 2024 at 09:52 PM

DL

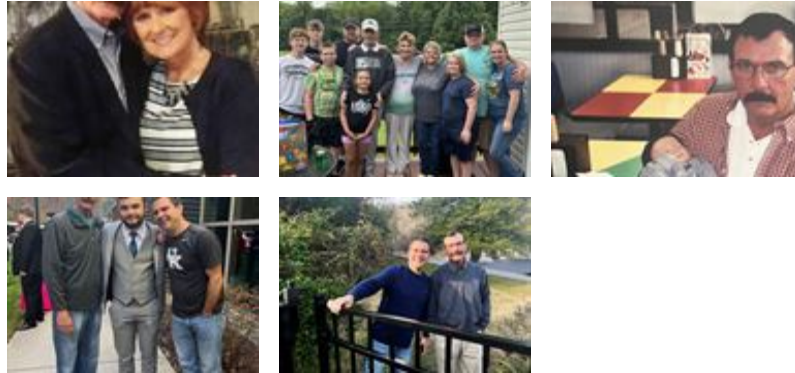
“ My condolences to the family!



Dianne Dixon Logan - September 05, 2024 at 09:00 PM



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House-Rawlings Funeral Home - September 05, 2024 at 01:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Keithley Roderick Deaton*.



September 05, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ *NNI KY Education Team* purchased the *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* for the family of *Keithley Roderick Deaton*.



NNI KY Education Team - September 05, 2024 at 07:27 AM

PN

“ Pamela Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Keithley Roderick Deaton



Pamela Nicholson - September 04, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Keithley Roderick Deaton.



September 04, 2024 at 03:55 PM

KW

“ Kay Deaton & Denise Deaton Wilson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Keithley Roderick Deaton.



Kay Deaton & Denise Deaton Wilson - September 04, 2024 at 03:41 PM

DM

“ Delores I am sooo sorry to hear of your husband's death. I know your heart is broken. Please know that you are being thought of and prayed for. Hugs my friend.

Debbie Montgomery - September 04, 2024 at 03:33 PM

JF

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT K R DEATON
WORKED WITH HIM AT SENTURE FOR
YEARS YOU WILL BE MISSED BY SO
MANY FRIENDS R I P K R MY FRIEND



JEFFREY FAMILY - September 04, 2024 at 02:23 PM

KB

“ I am so sorry to hear of KR's passing He was one of a kind and will
surely be missed here on earth. RIP My condolences to all his many
loved ones

Karen Bellomy - September 04, 2024 at 01:56 PM

PL

“ We are very sorry for your loss and will
remember you in our prayers. Love, Pat and
Gary Lindon



Patricia Lindon - September 04, 2024 at 01:51 PM

NW

“ Nikki Wilson purchased the Simply Elegant Spath
iphyllum for the family of Keithley Roderick
Deaton.



Nikki Wilson - September 04, 2024 at 12:59 PM