



Mr Leighton Kesselring

September 10, 2017

Leighton Herbert Kesselring was born on December 19, 1936 and he went home to be with the Lord on September 10, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Christine Kesselring, and his children:

Lynette Muhle and her daughters Christine (Philip) Grisaffi and their sons Brayden, Bryce and Brantley; and Faith (Will) Overhultz and their son Liam; Michelle Irvin and her sons Leighton and Andrew Irvin

He is also survived by five sisters and one brother: Lila Agena, Lorna Miller, Cleo Fresquez, Carolyn Chaon, Carletta Anderson, and Clinton Kesselring

He was born in Poplar, Minnesota and moved to Sidney, Nebraska as a boy. At the age of 12, he accepted Jesus as his personal savior. In high school, he lettered in football and continued to be a lifelong Nebraska Cornhusker fan. In April of 1954 he enlisted in the United States Army National Guard part-time and served for three years and received top scores as a marksman.

Following, in March of 1960, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served four years where he received a military commendation and certificate of distinguished service. Throughout his adult life in Kearney, Nebraska he successfully owned two Amoco service stations for 30 years receiving multiple awards for cleanliness, outstanding businessman, and customer satisfaction and was elected by the Midwestern dealers as a one of eleven representatives for 11,000 dealers to the corporate Amoco Oil board in

Chicago. He was a long-time volunteer for United Way and received an award for year-round service. After selling the service stations, they bought a Days Inn motel and moved to Doniphan, Missouri. There he received the Chairman's Award for his commitment to quality by ownership, management and staff. In his later years, he successfully ran his own home repair business called "Honey-do Service" and was talked into going to work as a Maintenance Tech at South Baldwin Regional Medical Center by the CEO, his neighbor. There he received an award for "Most Outstanding Employee of the Year" and eventually retired after 13+ years. His life was dedicated to hard work and excellence in everything that he did and was always willing to go out of his way to help any family members, friends or strangers. Two of his favorite Bible verses were Proverbs 10:4: "Lazy hands make a man poor but diligent hands bring wealth" and Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God, not by works, so that no one may boast."

Service:

Receiving Line: 10am

Memorial Service: 11am

First Baptist of Foley

221 N. Alston St. Foley AL, 36535.

He will be laid to rest at the Barrancas National Cemetery Naval Air Station
Pensacola Florida later date

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Foley
221 North Alston Street
Foley, AL 36535

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Our hearts and love are with you all . Gene and I was talking the other day and he started talking about uncle Leighton about teasing him having a job cleaning the bathrooms all the time at the station. He always enjoyed Leighton. And remember Chris the horse races that we went to Jim and I and you two. I never laughed so hard when he was getting us better seats and they kept kicking us out. That was my very first and last race horse .. We stayed up late several times when we were in Kearney and really had a good time. You know I bet right now the whole family up there is really having one heck of a jam session. Wish I was there to hear it all once again. Had a lot of those old home jam sessions that we will never here again until we get there . Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all and Saturday night our heart will be in the good ole jam session for his happy sendoff

Maureen and Gene

Maureen Eldred - September 14, 2017 at 11:34 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr Leighton Kesselring .



September 14, 2017 at 12:35 PM

LK

“ I'm truly sorry to hear about your loss of Uncle Leighton. Thoughts and prayers and love.. He is truly going to be missed. We've had good times at the station when we would come to see him in Kearney. Uncle it is until we meet again.. May God be with the family through the coming days... God Bless and we are praying and sending love to the family.

Lisa Kesselring - September 14, 2017 at 01:01 AM

LK

“ A memory of my dear brother we learned a number one lesson at our sister LULA farm you never buried a dead sheep to close to a water well when Lula found out she was a little upset number two lesson dig sheep back up place as far away from well as we could .that day we learned what the difference was how farm people live and city people live .brother you will be greatly missed but one thing I know you are not in my pass you are in the future waiting for us praying for all

Clint@Loretta Kesselring

Loretta Kesselring - September 13, 2017 at 02:51 AM

LK

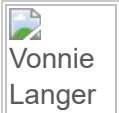
Uncle Leighton,

Thank you for taking Clint and myself on our very first fishing trip on your boat as a kids. I always looked forward to seeing you.

Uncle Leighton helped out many people that needed help coming through your gas station people that you didn't even know you helped. I remember the time when a family was passing through Kearney had no money the father of the car was working on his battery when it exploded in his face. Uncle Leighton went installed a new battery at no charge along with giving the family money to help them make it back home. Uncle Leighton you had heart the size of the Grand Canyon you will be missed love you very much until I see you again take care.

Luke Kesselring

Luke Kesselring - September 13, 2017 at 12:20 PM



Vonnie
Langer

I remember Uncle Leighton giving me and my brother Nicholas antique gas station trucks that were a penny bank! We loved them very much and when he came for a visit at grandma cleo' s and got to meet my family. He loved talking planes with my husband. And just a few months ago I got to talk with him over the phone and I cherish that conversation beyond words. I love you Uncle Leighton and please give my grandma Edna, Grandpa, Aunt Lula and brother Nick our love! Until we are together again! We love you

Vonnie Langer - September 13, 2017 at 10:37 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr Leighton Kesselring .*



September 12, 2017 at 04:39 PM