



Charles H. "Pheeze" Kemper Jr.

December 22, 1938 - March 26, 2017

Charles H. "Pheeze" Kemper, Jr., 78, of Troy, Missouri, was called home with the Lord surrounded by his family on Sunday, March 26, 2017. He was born on December 22, 1938 at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri and was the son of Charles H. Kemper, Sr. and Anna D'Arline (Watts) Kemper. With deep roots in Lincoln County, Pheeze graduated from Buchanan High School in 1957 and continued his education at Central Methodist College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1961. He did graduate studies at the University of Missouri in Columbia and the University of Arizona.

Beginning his teaching career with the Fourth Grade at Hawk Point Elementary School in 1963, Pheeze then transferred to Claude Brown Elementary School in 1964. He was the manager of Kemper Lumber in Troy, Missouri, formerly known as Kemper Lumber and Undertaking. He took over the reins 1969 at the death of his father. The business was sold in 1978.

The City of Troy was blessed to have Pheeze serve as mayor for 24 years until his retirement on April 6, 2010. He took great pride in all aspects of being mayor but there were a few achievements that he held dear to his heart, namely the booming business growth and the expansion of recreational parks within the city limits of Troy. During this time, he also served on the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission and as its chairman.

Pheeze loved his faith, family and his town. His actions spoke louder than words and for Pheeze that said a lot. He was dedicated to his community serving on numerous committees and boards and valued the friendships he

gained along the way. Pheeze served on the Board of Directors for the Lincoln County Ambulance District from 1974 to 1977. He gave 22 years of dedicated, loyal and devoted service to the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis International, serving as the District Governor for the 1978-1979 Kiwanis Year, District Secretary from 1983 to 2004, and was honored as Troy's Kiwanian of the Year 2004 – 2005.

Pheeze served on the Lincoln County Fair Board as treasurer and was very active with the 4-H and FFA programs. He was a member of the Missouri Public Entity Risk Management Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2009 and was recognized for his outstanding service there. The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce named him Man of the Year in 1993 and Friend of the Chamber in 2010. He was one of the first members of the community to be honored by the Troy Britton House Board at their Annual Roast, and was a major supporter of this historical site. During his time of service with the Mid America Center for Ministry, he served on the board of the Missouri School of Religion from 2007 to 2012. He also served on Executive Committee in the role of Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Pheeze was one of the founding fathers for the Lincoln County MO Habitat for Humanity, something he took great pride in. He was a hard working team member since the inception of the Lincoln County Resource Board and championed the "Put Kids First" campaign in Lincoln County.

Pheeze was very knowledgeable regarding Troy history and enjoyed sharing and reminiscing about the "good ole days." He also enjoyed a wide collection of antique model funeral coaches. He loved every moment he shared with his family, spending time at the sheep shows and supporting his grandchildren through their church and school activities as well as 4-H and F.F.A.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Mary Anne (Smith) Kemper of Troy; one daughter, Caroline Nann Green and husband Brad of Hawk Point; one son, Timothy Watts Kemper and wife Mende (Staten) of Hawk Point; four beautiful grandchildren: James Green, Cari Green, Ava Kemper and Addison

Kemper; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: W. Parks Smith (Barb Weber) of St. Louis, Caroline Pohlman (Larry) of Springfield and Martha Bland (Michael) of St. Louis; nieces and nephews: Stephanie Smith, Aaron Smith (Kelli Harsh), Sarah Souza (David), Maggie Bland (Chris O'Connor), Katie Bland, Gretchen Pohlman and Gregory Pohlman; cousins: Michael Kemper Riess of Harrisburg, PA, Robbyn Morris of Louisiana, MO and Richard Ringhausen of Arkansas; his cat, Wrangler and many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Friends will be received from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. A celebration of life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at the KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel in Troy, Missouri. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made to the Lincoln County, Missouri, Habitat for Humanity or Zion United Church of Christ in Troy, Missouri, in care of KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at www.kempermillardkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com Phone 636-528-8221

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy
351 Monroe St.
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Celebration of Life

APR 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Charles H. "Pheeze" Kemper Jr.

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ Charles H. "Pheeze" Kemper Jr.

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Mary Anne and the family on the loss off Mr. Kemper, my 6th grade teacher and 4-H and Lincoln County Fair beloved booster. He was THE teacher everyone wanted at Troy circa 1985! I have the fondest memories of my childhood with Mr. Kemper including many stories he would tell including the Fae doe doe story that I remember to this day. God bless your memory Mr. Kemper that I will carry with me forever, and prayers to your wonderful family. - Jason Harmon

Jason Harmon - April 30, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ My deepest sympathy, Mary Anne, to you and your family. I so enjoyed spending time with Pheeze at the fall retreat of the MSQG. He will be sorely missed by Troy residents as well as his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Harryette Underwood

Harryette Underwood - April 05, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles H. "Pheeze" Kemper Jr..*



March 31, 2017 at 06:44 PM



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March 30, 2017 at 02:18 PM



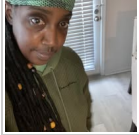
“ *Mrs. Kemper; My deepest sympathy to you and the children.*
Paul Watts

Paul Watts - March 30, 2017 at 08:17 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear this, Mary Anne. Pheeze was indeed the "Face of Troy", and he represented it well.*

Diana Parson - March 29, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ *My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Kemper family.*



Angela Niles - March 29, 2017 at 03:39 PM

TE

“ *Pheeze was the first person to welcome us to Troy. After that we became friends who teased each other quite a bit. I will miss the back and forth we had going. Many a Sunday after church we would join Mary Anne and Pheeze for lunch and then travel the back roads around Troy. I sure enjoyed the history lessons on Lincoln and Pike counties that went with those rides. We will miss you Pheeze.*
Gus and Terry



Terry Elia - March 29, 2017 at 03:13 PM

CH

“ *Carl & Liz Hedges purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Charles H. "Pheeze" Kemper Jr..*



Carl & Liz Hedges - March 29, 2017 at 12:16 PM

KB

“ We have lovely memories of the Germanna Foundation summer trip to Germany when Charles was able to visit his Kemper family roots in the village of Muesen. What a delightful, cheerful, thoughtful traveling companion he was. Madison and I send our heartfelt condolences to Mary Anne and the family. Fondly, Katharine Brown

Katharine Brown - March 29, 2017 at 12:11 PM

LC

“ I first met "Pheeze" while he was serving as the Executive Secretary of the Missouri - Arkansas District while I was serving as President of the Hannibal "Early Birds" Kiwanis Club of Hannibal and later as the Lt. Governor for Division 1. What impressed me most about "Pheeze" was his positive attitude, pleasant smile, and attention to detail. He kept the MO - ARK District running very smoothly and efficiently. His care and concern for the children in our two state district was also important to him. I will always cherish our friendship and the positive work that he did for his local Kiwanis Club as well as the District, and Kiwanis International. God Bless you "Pheeze" for all the great works that you accomplished here on earth.

*Larry B. Craig
Past President and
Life Member of the
Hannibal "Early Birds" Kiwanis Club and
Past Lt. Governor of Division 1*

Larr B. Craig - March 29, 2017 at 11:22 AM

MD

“ Matt & Debi Dodd purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles H. "Pheeze" Kemper Jr..



Matt & Debi Dodd - March 29, 2017 at 11:17 AM

GH

“ Mary Anne,
Gene and I wish to express our sympathy to you and your family.
May love & time soften your sorrow and bring you peace.

Gene and Frances Hall

Gene Hall - March 29, 2017 at 07:27 AM

DL

“ My heart is heavy for the Kemper family. Mr. Keeper was truly a great man. I will always remember his smile (even his eyes smiled!); his strong, deep voice (he was also a very good singer); he always had a hug for me & usually had a silly joke! I haven't seen him in many years ... memories of him make my heart smile. The Kemper family is in my prayers ... I am very sorry for their loss.

Dibi (Estelle) Lay - March 29, 2017 at 07:12 AM

DS

“ My condolences to the family. Pheeze was a great man. Many good childhood memories involving Pheeze and the Kemper family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Doug South - March 29, 2017 at 06:23 AM

MH

“ *My condolences to the family of the Kemper's*



Michele Haynes - March 29, 2017 at 06:00 AM

MR

“ *My condolences to the family. "Pheeze" was not only a great public servant who truly loved his community but he was also a dear friend. He always brought a bright smile and personality to all he participated in . You'll be missed my friend.*

Mike Thomas, KWRE/KFAV Radio - March 29, 2017 at 03:20 AM

 Jennifer Leigh

“ *Jennifer Leigh lit a candle in memory of Charles H. "Pheeze" Kemper Jr.*



Jennifer Leigh - March 28, 2017 at 09:38 PM

RW

“ Dear Mary Anne, Nan, and Tim,
We are so sorry for your loss of Pheeze. You all have our deepest and heartfelt sympathy. Please know that you all have been in our prayers. Pheeze was an outstanding Kiwanian and served the organization well as District Governor and District Secretary. He was unflappable in any crisis and was extremely witty, funny, organized, and personable. He had a great speaking voice. He loved his family and he loved life and people. I always considered him a good, close, loyal and trusted friend and mentor. We shared innumerable good times with Pheeze and all of you. Pheeze was also a devoted Christian and I have no doubt where he is now and some day we will all be reunited.
May your faith and fond memories of this dedicated servant sustain you all in this difficult time.

In Christian love and Kiwanis service, Ralph, Sally, Mary Ann, Win, Debra, and Lance

Ralph and Sally Wilson - March 28, 2017 at 09:19 PM

JY

“ Jim and Jennifer Young purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Charles H. "Pheeze" Kemper Jr..



Jim and Jennifer Young - March 28, 2017 at 08:19 PM