

Keith Douglas Kaiser July 13, 1952 - April 11, 2025



Keith Douglas Kaiser, 72, of Kansas City, Missouri, passed away on April 11, 2025, after suffering an unexpected heart attack in the early morning hours of April 10.

Born July 13, 1952, in Detroit, Michigan to Marvin and Joyce (Olson) Kaiser, Keith lived a life defined by service, adventure, and an enduring childlike spirit. As someone who embodied the quote "Never grow so full of the adult, that there isn't room for the child to play," Keith touched countless lives through his many passions and volunteer work.

Keith treasured family gatherings and traditions. He was the dedicated turkey chef at every Thanksgiving, while family members contributed their favorite appetizers and sides. His love for hosting extended to summer cookouts and fun at the community pool at their home association. Keith found special joy in outings with his grandboys, Matthew and Patrick, and cherished musical moments gathered around the player piano with loved ones. He also enjoyed getting together with the MN KaiserKlan extended family as often as he could. These simple family pleasures were at the heart of who he was.



Keith was a dedicated Boy Scout leader who passionately advocated for boy-led troops. As a BSA Roundtable Commissioner, he evangelized this approach, leaving a lasting impact on scouting in his community. His commitment extended to supporting SNAWS (Sharing Native American Ways) and BSA Venturing. Keith was Roundtable Venturing Commissioner from 2002-2011. He ran the JOTA station (Jamboree on the Air) for many years at Scout Camporee.

A licensed ham radio operator, WA0TJT, since his teenage years, Keith proudly achieved Extra Class status and devoted himself to emergency communications. He created and maintained a Net-Control Manager online program, often spending hours daily over the past decade improving this valuable resource for the amateur radio community.

Keith and his wife enjoyed providing communications support as net control or communication operators for community events including the MS 500, Biking for Babies, the Cider Mill Ride and other community bike ride events.



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They were members of the local Northland ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) group and enjoyed leading and participating in KC Metro Simulated Emergency Test Exercises to test capabilities during a crisis situation.

Keith also created the K2BSA call sign for radio-scouting and set up a radio station for use by the scouts at Camp Naish.

Keith's adventurous spirit led him to high-altitude balloon launching and recoveries, combining his technical expertise with his love of exploration. He was an avid member of GPSL (Great Plains Super Launch superlaunch.org).

Throughout his life, Keith received numerous awards for his contributions to BSA, radio scouting and amateur radio, the main ones being:

- 1997 - BSA Woodbadge certification - Many other leadership awards in Scouting preceded this.
- 2000 North Star District Heart of America Council BSA Roundtable Commissioner Award
- 2011 -Silver Beaver award in Scouting-highest level for an adult volunteer
- April 2015 - ARRL Service in Scouting Award - first in MO and 15th in the nation
- Jan 2023 - Eagle Award from MO-Kan Council- Regional Council of Amateur Radio Organizations, Inc.

Keith is survived by his loving wife and life partner, Deb Duncan Kaiser, whom he married on Valentine's Day in 2003 in Maple Grove, MN; son Brendan Kaiser of Kansas City, MO; daughter Shannon Kaiser Semple of Kansas City, MO; adoring grandboys Matthew Semple (13) and Patrick Semple (11); daughter Bridget Kaiser of Gladstone, MO and step-son Nathan LaGrou of Manhattan, KS; siblings Kurt Kaiser (Val), Karen Deanne (Don Smith) and Kraig Kaiser (Kelly); and many cherished family and friends whose lives he enriched. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Joyce Olson Kaiser, sister Kryston Kaiser Wiseley, Aunt Marion Olson Wick, and others.

Keith will be remembered for his generosity, technical ingenuity, and the childlike wonder he brought to everything he did. His legacy lives on in the many people and organizations he selflessly served. His legacy will live on through NCM.

An Open House Celebration of Life is planned for June 21 and June 22, each day from 11am till 2pm to hopefully accommodate all who would like to attend. We will listen to his eclectic music selection and there will be photos streaming and audio to celebrate his very fully lived life.



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