



## Lester Ray Keene

February 28, 1943 - July 4, 2021

Keene, Lester Ray  
1943-2021

Lester Ray Keene, age 78, departed this earth on Sunday, July 4, 2021. Born on February 28, 1943 in Coffeyville, Kansas he is preceded in death by his parents Albert and Sadie Keene, brother Bobbie and sisters Joann (Don) Skidgel, Janet(Connie) Hall, son Ricky Ray and son-in-law Mathew Murphy.

He is survived by the love of his life and best friend Betty, his sons Robert and David Riggs and daughters Vickie (Matt) Hurt and Lisa Murphy, beloved grandchildren (9), great grandchildren (11) with another on the way and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

He was the founder of Keene Plumbing and raised a family in Caney, Kansas until he moved to Glenpool, Oklahoma to grow a successful commercial plumbing business in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He had a passion for living life to the fullest. He especially loved car racing. Spending many nights and weekends on the racetrack, Lester was known for his fun-loving spirit and hard work ethic. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle.

His favorite holiday was the Fourth of July, and he was known for epic trips to the firework stands. Roman candle wars .....(kids don't try it), mortar explosions and traveling to another state for bottle rockets while heading to the races. The Fourth of July will forever be a special memorial of our dad, his Independence Day to go home with the Lord.

It's hard to believe the day has come to say goodbye but maybe we should say until we meet again. We will always remember a famous quote from our dad, "the key is to remain calm at all times." Today we will try our best.

Graveside services will be held 1 PM Monday, July 12, 2021 at Sunnyside Cemetery, 408 North Hooker Street, Caney, Kansas under the direction of Serenity Funerals and Cremation, 4170 E. Admiral Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma with a celebration of life to follow at the Caney Rec Center, 403 E. 1st Ave., Caney, Kansas. All are welcome to attend and share memories.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JUL 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sunnyside Cemetery  
408 N Hooker St  
Caney, KS 67333

# Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Lester Ray Keene.*



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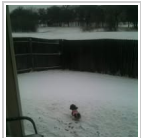


“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester Ray Keene.*



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“ *Aunt Betty, Lisa, Vickie, Robert, David and family, I am so sorry you are going through this journey of loss. I know Uncle Lester is in Heaven rejoicing and walking again with all the family that's there. Some of my earliest memories of him, I was probably 6, we lived in Tulsa with Granny and he was always working on a car to race or fixing someone's car. I loved going to watch him race at the Tulsa Speedway, and I always bragged to my friends that my Uncle was a racer. Lester was always there to help family and friends, I even called him a few times to get some plumbing advice on how to fix a sink and he walked me through it. He was definitely a "firecracker" and my family and I are all going to miss him. Praying for you all and Love you!*

*Shelia*

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**Shelia Nordin** - July 07, 2021 at 11:35 PM



“ *Uncle Lester, I will miss you. Jodi always spoke so highly of you. The absolute greatest gift you gave me was that your daughter Lisa is the sister I never had. She has your wit and spunk. Thank you for being so kind and gracious to me over the years.*

*I will continue to bestow the same kindness to Aunt Betty and Lisa.*

*Till I see you again Uncle Lester.*

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**Richie Gonzales** - July 07, 2021 at 08:51 PM

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“ *I know the Keene family has many wonderful memories to share and I pray God gives them the strength they need at this time to smile as they remember the special times they had together. Sending prayers for all his family.*  
*Jan Todd*



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**T-Bar Country** - July 07, 2021 at 08:26 PM

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*I've know him for a long time,hugs and prayers for all of you Betty,Lisa,Robert,and David*

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**brenda kniffen** - July 08, 2021 at 03:36 PM