

Christopher R. Keller

BROOKLYN - Christopher R. Keller, age 41, of Brooklyn, passed away Monday, August 10, 2020. Memorial service: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday August 26, 2020 at the Michael J. Manatt Center, Brooklyn with Rev. David Rogula officiating. Burial will be at the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. Visitation: 3-7 p.m., Tuesday August 25, 2020 at the Michael J. Manatt Center, Brooklyn. Memorials may be contributed to the Cement Mixer Wrestling Club. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn is assisting the family with arrangements.



Christopher Robert Keller was born September 22, 1978 in Davenport, Iowa. He was raised by his father Dan Keller and mother Lynn (Defenbaugh) Keller. Chris started his education in Williamsburg until his family moved to Brooklyn in 1994 where he graduated from BGM High School in 1997. He worked at Nesselroad's Chevrolet, Victor Plastics and was currently employed as a lineman with Brooklyn Municipal Utilities.

On October 4, 2003, Chris was united in marriage to the love of his life, Leah Plants. To this union, the couple had 3 amazing children Shamus (15), Shawn (12) and Shaelynn (10). Chris was very involved in the community, serving on the Brooklyn Fire Department for almost 18 years, 3 as fire chief. He also served on the Brooklyn city council for 9 years, the Brooklyn Ambulance, and the Brooklyn Telephone board. He was also a Mason with Poweshiek Lodge 174.

Chris loved his family first and foremost. He enjoyed attending his children's events and helped in any capacity needed. He always encouraged his children to try their best and to enjoy what they were involved in. Chris loved taking his boys turkey hunting and being Shae's date to the daddy/daughter dance. He was an avid wrestling fan and could often be seen coaching on the sidelines for his boys, their teammates, and his nephews. Chris was crazy about the Iowa State Fair and would often make trips to Des Moines just to drive through the fairgrounds. Chris never knew a stranger. He would go out of his way to help anyone, never expecting anything in return. He was kind, strong, smart, and funny. His laugh and smile were infectious. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend and will be deeply missed by every person whose life he touched.

Those left to honor Chris are his wife Leah of almost 17 years, children Shamus, Shawn and Shaelynn, mother Lynn Keller of Durant, Iowa, father Dan Keller of Arizona, brother Todd (Candi) Keller of Monroe, sister Melissa (Michael) Gary of Sully, his sisters-in-law Melissa (Jason) Dalton of Newton, Kristen (Chad) Prior of Williamsburg, Allison (Luke) Morris of Brooklyn, Hannah Plants (fiancé Noah Bollinger) of Des Moines, brother-in-law Matthew (Hanna) Plants of Des Moines, mother-in-law Anne (Andy) McCulley of Brooklyn and father-in-law Dennis (Teri) Plants of Des Moines. Chris was a proud "Uncle Chunky" to 20 nieces and nephews. Online Condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

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Derecho claims two lives in Poweshiek County

The destructive Aug. 10 derecho left two fatalities in its wake, both firefighters, Chris Keller of Brooklyn and Samantha Wierson of Malcom.

Keller, who has served on the Brooklyn City Council for a number of years, was a member of the Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department and was also employed by Brooklyn Municipal Utility.

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Clerk Sheri Sharer, Keller was working Monday afternoon to restore power to Brooklyn customers when he was fatality electrocuted.

Arrangements for Keller's funeral have not been finalized.

Wierson has been a member of the Malcom volunteer fire department for eight years along with her husband, Jeff, who also has volunteered for the past eight years.

According to Rick Puls, treasurer

of the Malcom Volunteer Fire Department, Wierson was in her Malcom home during the derecho when a tree fell on the home, came through the roof into the house and killed her.

Wierson is originally from the Indianola area, and her family scheduled a visitation in Indianola on Saturday, Aug. 15, following by burial in the nearby town of Sandyville.

The derecho claimed three lives statewide: these two, plus the life of Thomas Rowland, 63, of Solon who was killed by a falling tree while on his bicycle.

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