



## Keith Wardrup

July 30, 1968 - February 12, 2019

Keith Duane Wardrup passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2019. He was born on July 30, 1968 as the only son of Don and Freeda Wardrup, and little brother to sisters Kathy and Donna. Growing up Keith loved being active in band and tennis. Playing the trombone and serving as co-drum major were highlights of his years at Corsicana High School. Keith went on to Navarro College where he continued his love for band. He studied at Sam Houston State University and received his Bachelor of Education at Stephen F. Austin University and his Masters of Educational Leadership at LeTourneau University.

Keith dedicated his professional life to elementary education. His career began at Cathedral Christian School in Beaumont, where his proudest moments were the Christmas and Easter pageants he organized to allow students to demonstrate the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He then moved to Montgomery County and began teaching at The Woodlands Christian Academy where he won Teacher of the Year in 2004. For the last 12 years he has been a fourth-grade teacher at Oak Ridge Elementary School in Conroe ISD. In 2013 Keith was again named Teacher of the Year and in 2018 the Humanitarian of the Year.

His legacy is the countless students who developed a love for science because of Mr. Wardrup's entertaining and educational experiments. He empowered his students to believe they were loved, respected, and the reason he was there each day. He will forever be remembered for his sense of

humor, funny faces, his smile, and his garden.

Eight years ago, his passion for science moved outdoors when he created the Discovery Park Garden at Oak Ridge Elementary. Keith designed, planted, and cultivated a myriad of vegetables, flowers, trees, and a fruit orchard to bring science to life for the students and faculty at Oak Ridge. On any given day including the weekend you could find Mr. Wardrup nurturing his garden. It was his dream for ORE Discovery Park to be a spring board for a place in Conroe ISD where students and teachers could come and experience science, math, and nature first hand.

Keith is preceded in death by his loving father Don Wardrup in 2013, mother Freeda Wardrup in 1997 and his sister Kathy Parker in 2018. He is survived by his sister Donna Barton of Corsicana; his Aunt Joan Fair of Dallas; nieces Nikki Barton, Heather White and Beth Kennedy; and the love of his life Alicia Garza of Houston along with the numerous friends and students who were honored to have known Keith.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 17th from 12:30 - 2:00pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Graveside Service will be held Sunday, March 17th at 2:30pm at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Judson Davenport, Lane Grayson, Jon McPherson, Vincent Green, Bob Brunk and Frank Williams. Honorary Pallbearers will be Charles Stevenson and Gary Vineyard.

# Cemetery Details

## Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
[info@griffin-roughton.com](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

## Graveside Funeral Service

MAR 17. 2:30 PM (CT)

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery  
700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Tribute Wall



“ *Keith Wardrup*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Keith was one of the greatest teachers my son could have had st TWCA. His teaching style brought out the best in his students and his hands on math and science projects were in a class of their own. When Jonathan learned of his death, he of course was shocked and heart broken. He commented that Keith was one of his most influential teachers he had at TWCA and how his death would be a huge loss to the teaching community at Oak Ridge Elementary. God took you home as He felt your work was done, we live on saddened but know you are already gardening and are reunited with family. You were loved by many and will be missed!*

**Sibylle Waugh** - February 23, 2019 at 05:43 AM



“ *My Brother- Keith Wardrup 1968-2019 I'm so honored to be your sister, my heart is broken, but I know without a doubt that you are having the best reunion with Mom, Dad, and Kathy in heaven. R.I.P.*

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**Donna Barton** - February 17, 2019 at 06:42 AM

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“ My Brother-Keith D. Wardrup, an inspiration to many, honored to be your sister, may you RIP



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Donna J Barton - February 17, 2019 at 12:10 AM