



## Steven Wayne Keng

February 11, 1951 - June 15, 2015

"Now the man of the hour has taken his final bow as the curtain comes down. I feel that this is just goodbye for now" - Pearl Jam

Funeral services for Steven Keng, 64 of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 2015 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings with Rev. Greg Gaskamp and Rev. Al Hoerig of Grace Lutheran Church in Giddings officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Friday, June 19, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Steven Wayne Keng was born on February 11, 1951 in Giddings, Texas to Thomas Winston Keng and Arline (Liberty) Keng. He grew up in Giddings and graduated from Giddings High School in 1969. He attended college at Texas A&M in College Station where he received a Bachelor of Arts in 1972. He then attended law school at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated in 1976. Steven has practiced law in the Lee County area since that time.

On February 29, 1992, Steven married Mary Kay Knittel, his high school sweetheart, at Martin Luther Lutheran Church, ELCA in Giddings. He was an

active member at Martin Luther Lutheran Church and held various council offices and sang in the church choir until the church's separation from the ELCA. Steven spearheaded the birth of Grace Lutheran Church, ELCA in March of 2010 and even held worship services in his home in the beginning. At the time of his death, he was Minister of Evangelism and had served as president of the congregation for two terms.

Steven had served the Lee County community as Justice of the Peace from 1978 until 1982 and as Lee County Attorney from 1984 until 1996. He was a member of the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department for fifteen years where he oversaw the antique hobby horse restoration project at Fireman's Park. Steven was a past member of the Lions Club and a former cub scout leader. He had a lifelong love of music and sang in the Lee County Opera and Handel's Messiah. Steven was a member of a Christian band, Rushing Wind, and served as a music team leader for Walk to Emmaus.

Steven had many varied interests including playing the guitar, singing, collecting motorcycles, biking and sharing his vast knowledge on various subjects. He always had a smile and a joke to tell. He never met a stranger. Steven was adamant about helping others, especially those on the margins of society. He was a loving son, husband, brother, father and friend who always put others first.

Steven passed away on Monday, June 15, 2015 in an Austin hospital following a battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Winston Keng.

Steven is survived by his wife, Mary Kay Keng of Giddings; three children, Wesley T. Keng & his wife, Leticia of Giddings, Jeremy J. Keng of Austin and Stephanie Kay Keng of Lubbock; three grandchildren, William, Alexander and

Violet Keng all of Giddings; his mother, Arline Keng of Giddings; two sisters, Kathy Ray & her husband, John of Giddings and Judy Keaghey & her husband, Jeff of Giddings as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and the Grace Lutheran Church family.

Serving as pallbearers will be Charlie Akin, Gary Doyle, James Eichler, Taylor Larson, Keith Leonard, Richard Surovik, Randy Stewart, Clarence Wolfshohl and Ben Droemer.

In lieu of flowers, the Keng family recommends that memorial contributions be made to the Grace Lutheran Church Building Fund or to the charity of one's choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
(979) 542-3113  
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Visitation

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## Church Service

JUN 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Catholic Church  
526 S. Grimes  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall

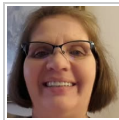


“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Wayne Keng*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 17, 2015 at 08:41 PM



*We are so sorry to hear this. May God Bless your family in this time of need.*

*Bruce, Rashel (Kessel), Shelby, Austin, Bruce II Carrico*

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**Rashel Carrico** - June 17, 2015 at 11:17 PM

LD

*A great life of a wonderful person, it was an honor to call him a classmate and friend. He will be missed.*

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**Lois Dallmeyer** - June 19, 2015 at 06:14 AM

MT

“ *Steven was an outstanding individual - if I would have lived in Giddings after college - I am sure that we would have been best of friends. His parents were always outstanding.*

*Sincerely,  
Marshall Toppel  
10 Barons Place  
Conroe, Texas 77304*

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**Marshall A Toppel** - August 05, 2015 at 04:09 PM

LD

“ My heartfelt condolences to Steve's family. I met him 30 years ago while working as a legal assistant in the area, and we continued our professional friendship up through the time I left my employment from the Giddings area. It was always a joy running in to him. He was quite a character and always enjoyed talking with me about a few of my past employers. His presence will be missed.

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**Laura Denton** - June 23, 2015 at 02:08 PM

EP

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Steve. He was a great friend, I loved playing music with him. John and I send our love to the whole family.

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**Ellen Prewett** - June 21, 2015 at 06:17 PM

LG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

*Travis and Lynn Gunter*

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**lynn gunter** - June 19, 2015 at 04:41 PM

DC

“ A kind man with an infectious smile. Steven will be missed.

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**Donna Cashion** - June 19, 2015 at 02:07 PM

JL

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Steven's family during this time of great sorrow for the loss of your son, brother, husband and father. I know that Steven will be deeply missed. My prayers will be with each of you.



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**Janet Keng Lennon** - June 19, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ *Mary I was saddened to hear this news. Steven was always kind, caring, and always had a genuine heart. Our prayers go out to you and your family. We will miss him.*



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**Rebecca Bowen** - June 19, 2015 at 02:26 AM



“ *Dear Kengs, Mike and I send love and prayers to you all. Steve was a great person and will be missed by so many. Carolyn Jatzlau*

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**Carolyn Jatzlau** - June 19, 2015 at 12:58 AM



“ *Dolly (Droemer) Hoeinghaus lit a candle in memory of Steven Wayne Keng*



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**Dolly (Droemer) Hoeinghaus** - June 18, 2015 at 11:43 PM



*Mary Kay and family, I was saddened to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry I am. Take comfort in knowing those who love will be reunited in eternity. Dolly (Droemer) Hoeinghaus*

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**Dolly (Droemer) Hoeinghaus** - June 18, 2015 at 11:47 PM

CH

“It's been a long day without you, my friend  
And I'll tell you all about it when I see you again  
We've come a long way from where we began  
Oh, I'll tell you all about it when I see you again  
When I see you again.”

*You may never know how much you meant to me. Rest easy my friend, gather some more jokes to make me laugh, and I will see you when I get there.*

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**Cathy Hammond** - June 18, 2015 at 11:37 PM

CN

“We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless each of you during this difficult time. You have our deepest sympathy.”

*Terry and Cindy Namken*



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**Cindy Namken** - June 18, 2015 at 11:08 PM

BM

“Billy Maxey lit a candle in memory of Steven Wayne Keng”



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**Billy Maxey** - June 18, 2015 at 09:40 PM

JE

“ To all the family, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Don't think of him as away, his journey's just begun. In a place of warmth and comfort, where there are no day or years. Think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched. For nothing loved is ever lost.*

*RIP Mr. Steve Keng  
Jessie & Peggy Lewis*

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**Jessie** - June 18, 2015 at 09:00 PM

SK

“ To a man and his wife who looked out for me like I am one of their own family members.

*I am missing you terribly dear friend!*

*With Love,*

*Shelia Kmoch*

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**Shelia Kmoch** - June 18, 2015 at 07:35 PM

EJ

“ Our deepest sympathies.  
*Ewaldt & Gina Knobloch, Jr.*

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**Ewaldt & Gina Knobloch, Jr.** - June 18, 2015 at 01:56 PM

SH

“ To all of the family, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with everyone. We are so very, very sorry to hear about Steven. His memories will live on in your hearts and be treasured forever. He is looking down on you all with love. May God Bless all of you.



*Love, Sam and Lana King - Houston*

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**Sam and Lana King - Houston** - June 18, 2015 at 01:02 PM

SJ

“ From the Janda family to the Keng family we wish you our most heartfelt sympathy in this time of great grief. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ assures all of us that our reward in heaven is much greater than anything that we will experience here on earth to those that believe in him, being a good Christian man, Steve is basking in the glow of our Lord. God Bless

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**steve janda** - June 18, 2015 at 11:30 AM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss what an honorable, caring man...and oh that God given voice ! He will be missed by so many and the whole town. He was always ready to share his time for a worthwhile project for others. Most Sincerely, Lavonne Morrow

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**Lavonne Morrow** - June 18, 2015 at 10:46 AM

LP

“ *Linda Pfeffer lit a candle in memory of Steven Wayne Keng*



Linda Pfeffer - June 18, 2015 at 08:42 AM

MS

“ *Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Steven Wayne Keng*



Michelle Schuetz - June 18, 2015 at 08:32 AM

MS

*I am so sorry for your loss Mary Kay. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God continue to give you strength, comfort and peace during this time and days ahead. Remember all the good times, those will not be forgotten. Steve will be missed by many, we have an angel watching and taking care of us all. God bless you and your family.*

*Michelle Schuetz*

Michelle Schuetz - June 18, 2015 at 08:38 AM

SS

“ *Sharon Schindler lit a candle in memory of Steven Wayne Keng*



Sharon Schindler - June 18, 2015 at 06:04 AM

RW

“ I forgot to add in my earlier post, I remember Steve singing the solo "Wind Beneath My Wings" (Copy Right T/ Bette Midler) At Ted Furgusen's funeral (My Production Foreman When I Was The Drlg. Supt. CFO At Holifield Oil Company) at Martin Luther, Lutheran Church. What A Beautiful voice!. It Made the hair stand up on the back of my neck. Steve was a class act. I Know he has a large part of leading the choir in heaven right now!

*RIP Mr. Steve Keng!  
God Bless The remaining Family:  
Richard Wieder Sr.*

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**Richard Wieder** - June 18, 2015 at 03:53 AM

JM

“ Dear Mary Kay and children, I am just learning of your loss, and am so very sorry to hear this. I have many great memories of you guys, and I will never forget the kindness you and Steven showed me and my family in years past. One of my favorite memories is going to hear Rushing Wind, and then the times that Steven just sat in the living room picking and grinning, and singing. And of course, my walk to Emmaus. Precious memories.  
Love, Jeanie



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**Jeanie Mundine** - June 17, 2015 at 09:30 PM

RW

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Keng for the loss of their loved one. God bless.

*Richard & Edith Wieder*



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**Richard Wieder** - June 17, 2015 at 08:57 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 17, 2015 at 08:21 PM

HW

“ Heartfelt condolences to the entire Keng Family. May your fond memories with him get you through this difficult time. God hold you and bless you. Nick and Heather Wolfe, Lubbock, Texas.

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**Heather Wolfe** - June 17, 2015 at 04:25 PM

BN

“ Mary Kay, so sorry to hear about Steven. It never seems fair, but death is often the greatest relief for the suffering. He was a true friend and I will always remember his joyful smile. May our memories live on forever.



*Bonnie Naumann - Bandera, TX*

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**Bonnie Naumann** - June 17, 2015 at 04:17 PM

AP

“ Steven was a wonderful man and neighbor. I will surely miss his smile, jokes and stories. He has helped us in many ways and he will surely be missed. Mary Kay and family you all are in our thoughts and prayers and may God watch over and bless you all during this difficult time. RIP the wonderful Mr. Steven Keng.

Sincerely,  
Joseph & Amy Poncik and Chris Robbins

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Amy Poncik - June 17, 2015 at 02:33 PM

KA

“ We are so sorry to hear this...sending prayers that God will give peace, strength & comfort you with His peace & sweet memories.  
Jay & Kathy Anderson

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Kathy {Keng} Anderson - June 17, 2015 at 12:56 PM

PR

“ I will remember our times in the Courtroom, going Pheasant hunting in Kansas, the String Prairee Social Club and much more. The one thing that will stay with me forever was Steve's help and guidance on my Walk to Emmaus. Farewell my Brother. Philip Ryan  
Huntsville, Texas

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Philip Ryan - June 17, 2015 at 10:38 AM

DG

“ Oh! Mary Kay and the Keng family. I was shocked to hear this morning about Steven. May Our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and guide you through these painful times. I am so sorry for your loss. May our God strength and comfort you. Daryl

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Daryl W Gersch - June 17, 2015 at 10:27 AM

SS

“ *Our sympathies go out to you all. We will always remember his wonderful voice, he is now, singing with GOD's angels.*

Sherwin & Jane Siegmund - June 17, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear the news of Steve's death. My father thought highly of him; I know he will be missed. Praying for you all.*

Lara Chapman - June 17, 2015 at 03:37 AM

JW

“ *Steven has been a good friend and he always had a good joke for us. Most of the time the jokes were about his profession. We will miss him so much and pray for the family that God grants them much needed peace and comfort at this time.*

*Janis and Quatie Wolfshohl*

janis wolfshohl - June 16, 2015 at 08:12 PM

AG

“ *Sending our Deepest sympathy to all of you. Praying Gods Peace and comfort to you in the days and weeks to come.*

Alice and Ernie Goerlitz - June 16, 2015 at 06:54 PM