



Randall Glen Prater

August 23, 1957 - May 10, 2017

Randall Glen Prater, passed away at his home on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, he was 59. Randy was born on August 23, 1957 in Joplin, Missouri to Kenneth and Lola (Roberts) Prater. He was a graduate of Wyandotte High School, and then enlisted into the United States Marines. He married his wife of thirty-eight years, Rita Leist on August 5, 1978. Mr. Prater owned his company that was founded in 1903 Prater Hardwood Products Inc. since 1981. Randy was THE Cardinals Fan. He enjoyed woodworking and building things around the house. He also enjoyed working in his gardens and flower beds.

His family includes his parents Kenneth and Lola Prater, his wife Rita Prater of the home, his children Sarah Prater of Wyandotte, Hannah Lollar and her husband Derric of Fairland, Chris Prater and his wife Jill of Wyandotte, a brother Rick Prater and his wife Diana of Wyandotte, and his grandchildren; Stone, Shana, Nicholas, Grant, Abigail, Cedar, Samuel, Asher and Addilyn. There will be a time of Visitation from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Friday, May 12, 2017 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami. Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Randy's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Randall Glen Prater*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 12, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ *I just found out today. My apologies for being late. Randy my friend, you left us too soon. Even though we didn't stay in touch very much through the years, Randy has always been my friend. He always had a smile and a kind word. My fondest memories are the times we were bike riding together with Creslie, Mark, and others. Those were great times. The crazy things we did with our bikes would terrify any parent today, LOL. Rest in peace, my friend. You will not be forgotten. My deepest condolences to the Prater family.*

Chris Hunt

Chris Hunt - May 22, 2017 at 08:53 AM

RP

Chris, it means alot to us that you've reached out with your memories of Randy. He definitely left us much too soon. I recall the friendship you two shared and the wild stunts you guys performed with your bikes. I'm sorry I didn't find a way to get in touch with you. Take care....

Rick W Prater - May 23, 2017 at 07:04 PM



Thanks Rick. No apology necessary. 20 years of active duty and 4 years of overseas contracting made me a little hard to find. I did get to visit with Randy in 94 and again a few years ago in Miami. I am back in the area now. My e-mail is Huntster57@gmail.com. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.

Chris Hunt - May 25, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Randall Glen Prater.



May 13, 2017 at 02:29 PM



“ Robert, myself and several other High School running mates will all have fond memories to remember our time with Randy.

Randy was always ready for adventure, and there were numerous of them, some of most memorable occurred just before he joined the service.

Please accept my most heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.

Steve Able - May 12, 2017 at 10:48 AM



My favorite memory with Randy was a vacation trip to Glacier National Park, the summer of 1972. We thought it would fun to dive into the river at the south end of the park. That water was cold!! Needless to say, we got out pretty quick!!

Mark Prater - May 12, 2017 at 03:47 PM

MG

Randy was a great person,remember visiting with him many times,it was always a pleasure,please accept my condolences and prayers,so sorry for your loss.

Mark Gwartney - May 12, 2017 at 05:03 PM

 Rick Prater

"memorable adventures..." I would love to see a lineup of all the classic muscle cars from those days. Your Nova, Randy's GTO, Creslie's was a Chevelle, right? Wonder if anybody every thought to take a pic of them all together? Thanks for your remembrance, Steve.

Rick Prater - May 13, 2017 at 04:57 AM



“ 75 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 12, 2017 at 08:36 AM

ML

“ Such a brilliant mind and kind spirit, was our Randy. There are so many memories of him, one could not find the space to print them all. But the most recent enjoyment, the fun and challenges he brought to our conversations, kept me watching with anticipation, to what his response would be. I feel so honored, so loved by our Heavenly Father, to have been allowed the short years of his existence, here, on planet Earth, and in turn, having these debates, these challenging questions, these down right funny opportunities of communication. I will miss our Randy and the back-and-forth English corrections we shared, our "come now, let us reason together", and his twinkling eyes when humor entered the conversation. You could see it emerging even on his Facebook posts...when he wasn't debating the latest craziness going on in our government. As his niece, Ami Hall, so rightly stated, "I will deeply miss my Uncle Randy Prater here on earth but am thankful for the hope of Heaven and the promise of seeing him again"...I just couldn't have put it any better. I so look forward to seeing our Randy, again, the other side of this human experience. (I think he just corrected my English...sorry if I didn't get it right, Randy). ;-)



Mary Lewis - May 12, 2017 at 08:13 AM

Rick Prater

Beautiful words, Auntie. Love you..

Rick Prater - May 13, 2017 at 05:08 AM

DM

“ David And Betty Mcdonald lit a candle in memory of Randall Glen Prater



David and Betty Mcdonald - May 11, 2017 at 11:06 PM

 Karrie Laughlin

“ Hey Old Friend,

I wanted to reach out to you before too much time got away. Not sure where to start, but I think about you once in a while. What I am grateful to remember is how you encouraged me when I was such a young Christian.

I remember the night you came to Joplin and sat with me at Mazzio's Pizza in the wee hours of the morning even though your work day at the saw mill started at 5am. You never said, "I have to go, I have an early day". I was sick about a Christian girl that I fell in love with and you sat and encouraged me to be patient. I followed your advice and it paid off. Thank you. When we got married you stood up with me.

I also remember the day you baptized me in your above ground pool in ther back yard. My memories of that day are from 15 feet high looking down on us.

There are so many memories in my young life that I remember and I want to thank you in person before too much time passes.

*Thank you Randy,
Thank you*

Tom

Karrie Laughlin - May 11, 2017 at 10:51 PM

AB

“ Anthony Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Randall Glen Prater



Anthony Blackburn - May 11, 2017 at 10:48 PM

TH

“ *My deepest condolences to Rick and the entire Prater family. May Randy's memory bring you comfort during your deepest heartache.*

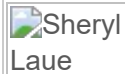
*Terry (Robinson) Van Hooser
Wyandotte Class of 1978*

Terry Van Hooser - May 11, 2017 at 09:08 PM

 Rick
Prater

Thank you, Terry.

Rick Prater - May 13, 2017 at 04:59 AM

 Sheryl
Laue

“ *So sorry to hear this. I remember you all from our time in Miami and going to Wyandotte school. My prayers are with you all.*

Sheryl Laue - May 11, 2017 at 06:46 PM

 Rick
Prater

Thank you, Sheryl.

Rick Prater - May 13, 2017 at 05:00 AM

DJ

“ *What a great Nephew!*
My memories start with our families vacationing together in Colorado. Hiking in snow, cold mountain streams, and discovering old gold mines. Then later it was exciting baseball games with our star lefty (Randy) throwing strikes across the plate and cheering our Wyandotte Bears on to victory!
Then later, listening to the result of thorough research and prayerful wisdom as Randy spoke encouraging words from the pulpit of Fellowship of Christians. Then later having the result of his wisdom as an elder in our church.
And besides all this, his daring courage, ingenuity, and hard work increasing the size of "Prater Hardwoods" giving opportunity and new jobs to friends and family. Finally, I know Randy as a loving family man, holding the ongoing tradition of God first, family second, and whoever he could third. Who knows how many lives he helped and encouraged--in so many thoughtful ways.

Denny Johnson - May 11, 2017 at 06:33 PM

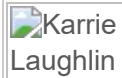


Chandra
Millard

“ *Chandra Millard sent a virtual gift in memory of Randall Glen Prater*



Chandra Millard - May 11, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ We were so surprised to hear about Randy's passing. Randy was a great friend to our family and he raised a set of amazing kids, with the help of Rita, of course:). Tom remembers that Randy baptized him in Ken and Lola's pool back in 1985. Our love and prayers go out to the entire family. I know he will be missed!

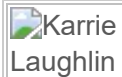
Love,
Tom, Karrie and family

Karrie Laughlin - May 11, 2017 at 06:28 PM



Thank you, Karrie.

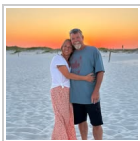
Rick Prater - May 13, 2017 at 05:01 AM



“ Karrie Laughlin lit a candle in memory of Randall Glen Prater



Karrie Laughlin - May 11, 2017 at 06:24 PM



“ So very sorry for everyone's loss, he was a great man. Sending prayers for entire family, thinking of all of you, Brian and Christy Fletcher



Christy George Fletcher - May 11, 2017 at 05:53 PM

GF

“ Randy was a wonderful man and cousin. He, his brother Rick, my late sister Rhonda, and I were very close. Our families went camping together in Colorado for many years. Those were always fun, special family times. Times I will always remember and treasure. As we grew older, we didn't get to spend much time together, but we were always happy to see each other when those times occurred. One special memory I have is of the time when Randy was a marine. He was overseas, but he took the time to write me an encouraging letter when I was having trouble with someone at work. He, also, told me that he wrote a letter to the person who was treating me unfairly, and let his thoughts on the matter be known. After all these years, I still have that letter. I will miss my loving, wonderful cousin, but he will always be in my heart. I hope Randy and my sister Rhonda are meeting up for some cousin time in Heaven.

Glenda Fansler - May 11, 2017 at 04:59 PM



Those were great times, indeed. Love you, cousin.

Rick Prater - May 13, 2017 at 05:06 AM

ML

“ Dear Prater Family,
We just want you to know that we are praying for you. May God send you comfort at this time. Let us know if there is anything we can do.
The Lipe's
Troy and Michelle



MICHELLE LIPE - May 11, 2017 at 03:57 PM

RR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! I have so many memories of our school years and afterwards that I can't think of them all, but he was a wonderful cousin and I will miss him so!* ”



Rennah Robinson - May 11, 2017 at 01:55 PM