

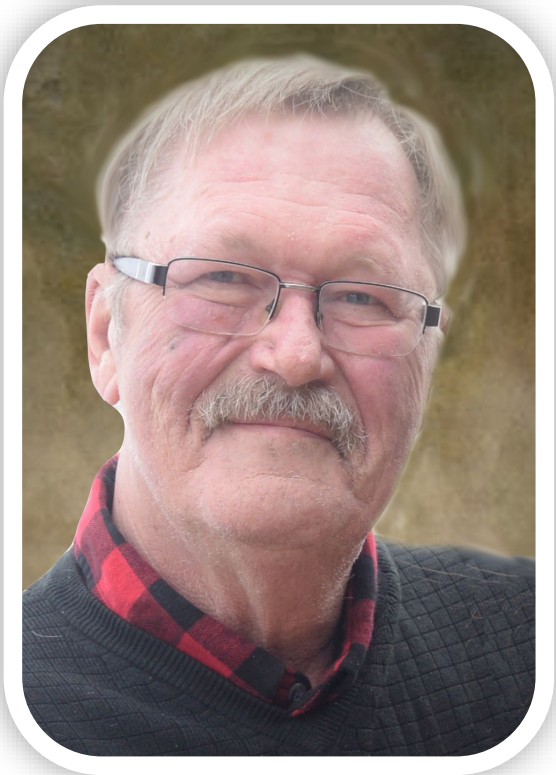
Keith Louis Melville was born on June 9, 1951, in Wadena, Minnesota to Ralph and Virginia (Pikal) Melville. He graduated from Jefferson High School in Alexandria in 1969. Keith attend Moorhead State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art and Social Studies.

On August 26, 1972, Keith was united in marriage to Bonnie Anderson at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria. The couple lived in Luverne, MN and Centerville, SD for a time while Keith started his teaching career. In 1979, the couple moved to Brandon, MN where he started teaching K-12 at Brandon-Evansville School as an Art Teacher. Keith taught for 29 years in Brandon-Evansville, retiring in 2008. After retiring he started working for the city of Brandon doing maintenance. In October, Keith was diagnosed with a brain tumor. After surgery and different stays at nursing homes; they were able to bring Keith home under the wonderful care of Hospice of Douglas County.

Keith was always active in his community and church. He offered his artistic abilities to school plays, community signs, or anything asked of him. Keith had a great sense of humor and loved playing tricks on people. Keith loved going to the grandchildren's games and was very active in sports. He coached Taylor and the senior boys in youth basketball, and always referred to them as HIS boys. He was so proud of all of them and always had to go watch his boys play ball. Keith enjoyed going to their concerts and going to Addi's track and field events for elementary school. He will be remembered as a great husband, father, grandfather, teacher, and friend. Most of all he loved his children, grandchildren and his wife and always told Bonnie he loved her to Infinity and Waaaay Beyond.

Keith died on June 5, 2018, at his home in Brandon surrounded by his family at the age of 66. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie of Brandon; daughters, Heather (Tim) Bitzan of Brandon and Amber (Chris) Becker of Alexandria; three grandsons, Taylor, Tanner and Tyler Bitzan; and one granddaughter, Addisyn Becker; and brother, Craig (special friend, Mary Steffes) Melville of Sartell; and many nieces and nephews.

*In Loving Memory*



*Keith L. Melville*  
*1951 ~ 2018*

**“The Best”**

God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be.  
So he put his arms around you  
and He whispered "Come to Me".  
With tearful eyes we watched you.  
We watched you fade away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He chose to take the best.  
It's lonesome here without you  
we miss you more each day.  
Life doesn't seem the same  
since you have gone away.  
When days are sad and lonely  
and everything goes wrong.  
we seem to hear you whisper  
“Cheer Up and Carry On”  
Each time we see your picture  
you seem to smile and say,  
“Don't cry, I'm in God's hands,  
we'll meet again someday!”

*In Memory of*

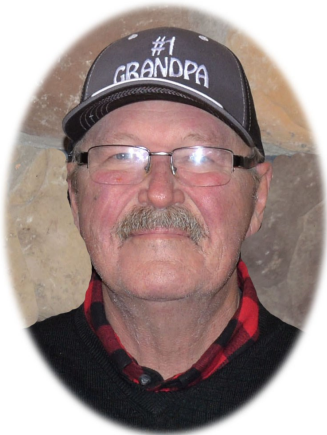
**Keith L. Melville**

June 9, 1951



June 5, 2018

**Celebration of Life Service**  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Brandon, Minnesota  
Monday, June 11, 2018  
10:30 AM



**Officiant**

Reverend Rob Nelson

**Organist**

Diane Alveshere

**Choir**

Voices of Joy

**Urn Bearers**

(Keith's Grandchildren)

Taylor Bitzan

Tanner Bitzan

Tyler Bitzan

Addisyn Becker

**Honorary Urn Bearers**

Tim Bitzan

Chris Becker

Jennifer Melville

Chris Melville

**Inurnment**

Brandon Cemetery  
Brandon, Minnesota