



## Keith B. Werninck

August 18, 1937 - November 15, 2020

Keith Bloom Werninck of St. Augustine, Florida passed away on November 15th, 2020. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Born on August 18, 1937 in Freevill, New York, he moved to St. Augustine, FL as a young man after helping his father build a home on Anastasia Island. He served in the United States Navy for 2 years before joining the Army National Guard. Keith opened L. Werninck and Son in St. Augustine, FL in 1964. He had many faithful and loyal employees over the 56 years he owned and operated the lumber yard.

Keith was an active member of the community, serving on the board of the Builders Association of St. John's County and the First Union Bank.

He was a member of the St. Augustine Jaycees and was involved in many local and national charities. Some of Keith's favorite charities were the Mt. Dora Children's Home, The Boys Scouts, Red Wagon and the Boys Ranch.

His favorite charities involved helping children and the local community. The charity closest to his heart was the St. Jude Children's Hospital. He was instrumental in the development of the annual St. Jude's fundraiser in St. Augustine, started in 2013.

Keith was an avid fisherman and won many trophies and awards for his love of fishing. He was on the board of the Marlin Club and a member of the Camachee Cove Yacht Club. He made lifelong friends from his love of fishing. Keith was a member of the St Augustine Church of Christ.

Keith is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Connie Kay Werninck, and three wonderful children; Keith Scott Werninck (Tammy), Tracey Werninck, and Steven Werninck (Natalia), all from St. Augustine, FL. He was a loving grandfather to Clayton, Sara, Alexander, Zachery, Adam, Kayla-Ann, and Elizabeth (Lizzie). Keith has 2 surviving brothers, Kirby Werninck of Columbia, South Carolina and Lionel Werninck of Horseheads, New York, as well as several nieces, nephews, and one great grandson.

He is preceded in death by his parents Lionel and Ella Werninck, son Randy Werninck and daughter Kaysie Werninck.

A memorial service is planned for 2:00pm on Saturday, November 28th at the St. Augustine Church of Christ, 2900 Lewis Speedway. In lieu of flowers, please send any memorial contributions to the St. Jude's Children Hospital or the St. Augustine Church of Christ.

# Events

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**NOV** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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St. Augustine Church of Christ

2900 Lewis Speedway, Saint Augustine, US, 32084

# Comments

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“ Keith and his family were neighbors of mine on Davis Shores since Keith Jr. and I were kids. I have been a builder in St. Augustine since 1977. L. Werninck and Sons was always my go to lumber yard. Keith Sr. Was always there to give good advice and assist in any way possible. Whenever construction draws did not coincide with my monthly statements, I could always call him and ask for a little more time to pay my invoice, and he always said no problem, I know that you are good for it. Keith Sr., Keith Jr., and their entire staff ran a truly Hometown business, where they were long time friends and partners with their customers.

I will miss Keith Sr. And know that he is in a better place and at peace now. I regret that I can not go to his service today. My condolences go out to Connie, Keith Jr. and their family.

Len Weeks

Len Weeks - November 28, 2020 at 10:50 AM

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“ I built my home and another as owner builder. I absolutely could not have done it without Keith's guidance. Keith was always willing to help. From material to suggesting subs he was there. If there is finer man in in St Augustine, I haven't met him. You will be missed sir. My condolences to Keith Jr and the rest of the family.  
John Allen

John Allen - November 23, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ Pam and I were so saddened to hear about Keith's passing. Our deepest condolences go out to Connie and the whole Werninck family all of which are wonderful friends. We have the fondest memories when we were neighbors in Prairie Creek and ever since that time. The girls were the best of friends growing up together, and so were all of as a family. Keith was a great man in many respects a true friend and we have great memories of him which will be with us forever. God bless you.

Ken & Pam Forrester

Ken Forrester - November 23, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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“ God bless the Werninck family. Their loss is tremendous..

Back in 1978 I was a wet-behind-the-ears, twenty-three year old lumber salesman on the job for less than 2 years. On my first solo sales trip I stumbled upon L Werninck & Sons by accident. I had no idea who they were. Keith and I hit it off right away. He knew how green I was, so he grabbed me by the arm and said "Come on. Let's impress your bosses." He took me around the yard and gave me an order for six or seven truckloads of lumber... a huge amount back in 1978. I was stunned, so was were my bosses. And the relationship grew from there.

While the business we did with Werninck was tremendous over the last 40+ years, that's not what I'll miss. Keith was one of greatest people I've met during my career. Kind, generous and unflappable. There seems to be shortage of folks like that nowadays, so we'll miss him even more.

Sail on sailor....

Rick Sanders

Rick Sanders - November 23, 2020 at 09:49 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keith B. Werninck.



November 23, 2020 at 08:59 AM

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“ Mr. Werninck! You are amazing. You have the respect of the whole community and GOD

only makes special souls like you, every once in a while. No words could express our

feelings of absolute love for you.

Blessed Be your family and friends!

Endless prayers of joy are everywhere in our hearts because of your Heart of Gold!

Rusty

(Castle Ottis)

**Rusty** - November 20, 2020 at 06:12 PM