



## Keith Lynn Hedges

October 25, 1957 - November 23, 2024

Keith Lynn Hedges, 67, went to be with the Lord Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Banner – University Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona.

He was born in Bluffton on Oct. 25, 1957, to Kenneth L. and Judith (Krinn) Hedges. Keith grew up in the Markle, Uniondale area and graduated from Norwell High School, where he was an active member of the Chamber Singers Choir and trumpeter in the nationally acclaimed Norwell Marching Band.

He graduated from Manchester College and worked at Lincoln Life Insurance Company for 14 years. There he met the love of his life, Diana McCullough and her three sons. They were married at Lake Tahoe, California, on April 4, 1987.

Loving to cook for his new family, he graduated from Culinary Art Institute in Scottsdale, Arizona, in 1995. He started as a chef at the Bellagio Hotel & Casino in Vegas, and then at L'Auberge, a Five Star restaurant and resort in Sedona, Arizona. Later he moved east for a short time and was a chef in upstate New York and a ski resort in New Hampshire, then worked at Winn Hotel at Le Cirque Restaurant in Las Vegas. He moved back to what he called home in Sedona, working at L'Auberge de Sedona as a master chef and kitchen manager.

Keith loved working with people, had a very caring heart, was always willing to help anyone, and brought fun and laughter to any event.

Keith is survived by his wife, Diana of Sedona; his mother, Judy (Krinn) Hedges Grove and a stepfather, Robert Grove of Bluffton; his three stepsons, Jeffrey Keaffaber of Florida, who works as a water specialist with Sea World and Disney, Jay Thomas Keaffaber of Sedona, and Andrew (April) Keaffaber and grandson McKinley of Bennington, Vermont; three sisters, Rebecca Gruesbeck of Indianapolis, Deborah (Scott) Trout of South Whitley, and Julia (Lon) Johnson of Fort Wayne; step-brother, Mark (Denise) Grove of Churubusco; step-sister, Beth (Jeff) Stevens of Turkey Lake, Indiana; and eight nieces and nephews and their families.

Keith was preceded by his father, Kenneth L. Hedges; grandparents, Leroy and Vera Hedges and Harold and Mildred Krinn; and nephew, Aaron Klefeker.

A Celebration of Keith's Life Service be held at First Baptist Church in Bluffton at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, with visitation for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Fund or charity of your choice instead of flowers.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **15**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
202 W. Cherry St.  
Bluffton, IN

## Celebration of Life Service

DEC **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Keith Lynn Hedges*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - December 15, 2024 at 05:06 PM