



Kerry (KAYO) Russell Kephart

June 25, 1933 - August 9, 2018

Kerry (KAYO) Russell Kephart, 85, Holden, Missouri passed away August 9, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. KAYO was born June 25, 1933 to Kenneth Russell Kephart and Lucy B. (Slack) Kephart in Elm, Missouri. KAYO graduated from Holden High School in 1951 as valedictorian of the class. Kayo attended University of Missouri and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and Army ROTC and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. In April 1955 he married Carolyn Sue Barnhart and in September 1955 Kayo served in the United States 5th Army Anti Aircraft Division of the U.S. Army until his discharge as a First Lieutenant in 1957. KAYO then returned to MU where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education. KAYO worked in the Holden R-3 School District for 28 years (1959 – 1987) and served as the Vocational Agriculture teacher and FFA Sponsor. KAYO was a member of the First Baptist Church, Holden Jaycee's, National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, and the Holden Gun Club. KAYO is survived by his wife Carolyn of the home; three sons, Kenneth Edgar Kephart and wife Terrie, Holden Missouri, James Russell (Rusty) Kephart and wife Kathleen, Holden, Missouri, David Michael Kephart and wife Beverly, Holden, Missouri. One brother Jerry D. Kephart and wife Wanda, Liberty, Missouri, eight Grandchildren and six Great-Grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Holden FFA Alumni or Holden First Baptist Church Stain Glass window fund in memory of Kerry KAYO Kephart.

A Celebration of Life service will be held to honor the life of KAYO on Saturday August 18, 2018 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the First Baptist Church 601 South Market Street, Holden, Missouri.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Holden
601 South Market
Holden, MO 64040

Tribute Wall

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“ Pat and Jerry Corkran and Lycia, Shari and families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kerry (KAYO) Russell Kephart.



Pat and Jerry Corkran and Lycia, Shari and families - August 14, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ What else could I ever say other than Kayo was the type of man this world needs. He always had my respect. He touched many lives in the Holden area. He will truly be missed by every student he taught over the years. Prayers to the family



Jim Garten - August 12, 2018 at 11:27 PM

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“ Dear Kenneth and Terry my prayers are with you in your time of loss . Any Eichelberger

Annie eichelberger - August 11, 2018 at 05:44 AM

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“ Kephart Family. I was fortunate to be among the first students he taught VO AG to in Holden. In the spring of 1960 he loaded up a car load of us not always the best behaved students the world has even known and took us to Columbia to the State FFA Convention. For housing Mr Kephart arranged for us to stay at his in laws house and went to his Father In Laws Pool House for recreation in non scheduled time at the convention. Some of us he had helped to try to make livestock judges at that convention.

The next year he took us back to the convention again with the same general arrangements. Some of what he taught us apparently was remembered since the cattle judging team was in the top of the State that year.

Your family will be in our prayers as you mourn the lost of this man.

Gary Reynolds Holden High School Class of 1961

Gary Reynolds - August 10, 2018 at 09:05 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Mr. Kephart was an excellent teacher and leader who never quit on anybody.

Charlie Sipes - August 10, 2018 at 01:47 PM