



Kenneth Dobbins Cofer

August 23, 1941 - December 22, 2018

Kenneth Dobbins Cofer, age 77 of Searcy, passed away Saturday, December 22, 2018. He was born August 23, 1941 in Searcy to Wilson and Frances Cofer. He was a dairy farmer and a Deacon at First Baptist Church of Searcy. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jane Cofer; two daughters, Carol Bradford and husband Matt of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Susan Fell and husband Rob of Yukon, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Connor Smith of Yukon, Brooks and Cade Bradford of Chattanooga; three brothers, Larry Cofer and wife Elsie Mae of Ottumwa, Iowa, Bobby Cofer and wife Danna of Searcy, Terry Cofer and wife Tami of Searcy; and a host of loving nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Charles E. Cofer.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 27, from 12:30 until 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church of Searcy with funeral services to follow at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Searcy or to the Humane Society of Searcy.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church, Searcy
Spring & Center Sts.
Searcy, AR 72143

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Dobbins Cofer* ”



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 26, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ Kenny Cofer was a straight arrow in more ways than one. I know this for a fact because I'm his first cousin. Almost 70 years ago, my mother, sister and I were deposited in a little house on the Cofer farm just a few yards away from the Cofer farmhouse. I won't go into the details but we were desperate at the time and the Cofers took us in. For that, I will forever be grateful.

I was only 6-years-old at the time and I didn't know nothin' about nothin' at the time. The 3 oldest Cofer sons took me in under their wing when they weren't working. Those boys started drivin' tractors right out of the cradle, I think.

Kenny, especially, was kind to me. He let me look at his "Book of Knowledge" Encyclopedia set any time I wanted; although, I always just looked at the chart in the 'P' volume about the planets tellin' me how long it would take to get to each planet flyin' at 350 mph in a propellor-driven aircraft. If I'd left then, I still wouldn't be to some of the outer planets. Kenny warned be against tryin' it anyway.

Here's the main thing. Kenny read (and let me read) a comic book called "Straight Arrow" about a Comanche chief who righted wrongs on the western frontier. Kenny also showed me how to make myself a bow and arrow set like his. It got me interested in Indians who, later as it turned out, became Native Americans and Indigenous People -- but we won't go into all that here. I just can't say how much that kind of simple kindness means to a six-year-old, lost kid.

Kenneth Cofer was a straight arrow his entire life in every aspect of it. I wish I'd turned out as half a good a person as he was. I'll always admire him.

Bob W. er, OK, Bobby Wayne Lewis, that's me.

Bob Lewis - December 26, 2018 at 11:12 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Kenneth Dobbins Cofer.*



December 26, 2018 at 02:43 PM



“ *Jane, Carol, Susan and families, Marcia and I want to express our condolences at this time of sorrow. We all know that Ken is in heaven and feeling no pain and no limitations. Please let us know if we can do anything for you in the coming days. We are praying for comfort for you and your family.*

Danny Dobbins - December 25, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Dobbins Cofer.*



December 25, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Jane, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorry. You and Kenny were also so kind to me whenever I saw you in Searcy. God bless you.*
Martha Grubb

Martha - December 25, 2018 at 08:19 AM

PM

“ We are so sorry for your loss, please remember we are praying for you during this most difficult time-sonny pam and robin mullins

Pamela R Mullins - December 24, 2018 at 07:50 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers!

Ben and Cindy Reynolds, Montgomery, Al.

Cindy Reynolds - December 24, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Dobbins Cofer.



December 24, 2018 at 11:53 AM

VH

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Cofer family.



Veda Hollowoay - December 24, 2018 at 09:37 AM

JH

“ Cofer Family; My thoughts and prayers are with you; Johnny Hodges

Johnny Hodges - December 24, 2018 at 09:11 AM

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“ *The Cofer family are a big part of our community. Back when my parents were farming, they pitched in to help when needed and were good neighbors . Everyone knew all the neighbors and we were just like family. Several in our community were recognized as farm family of the year. The Cofers have been part of my life since I was born. You are good Christian folks and I love you all. Praying for Jane and the rest of the family.*

Donna Turner - December 24, 2018 at 12:36 AM