

November 2024 LEGENDS LEDGER



**Mack Rogers' 2004
Z06 Blue Commorative
Corvette**

November Meeting

11 am Saturday, November 9

Outback Steak House

1509 N. Central Expressway, Plano, TX

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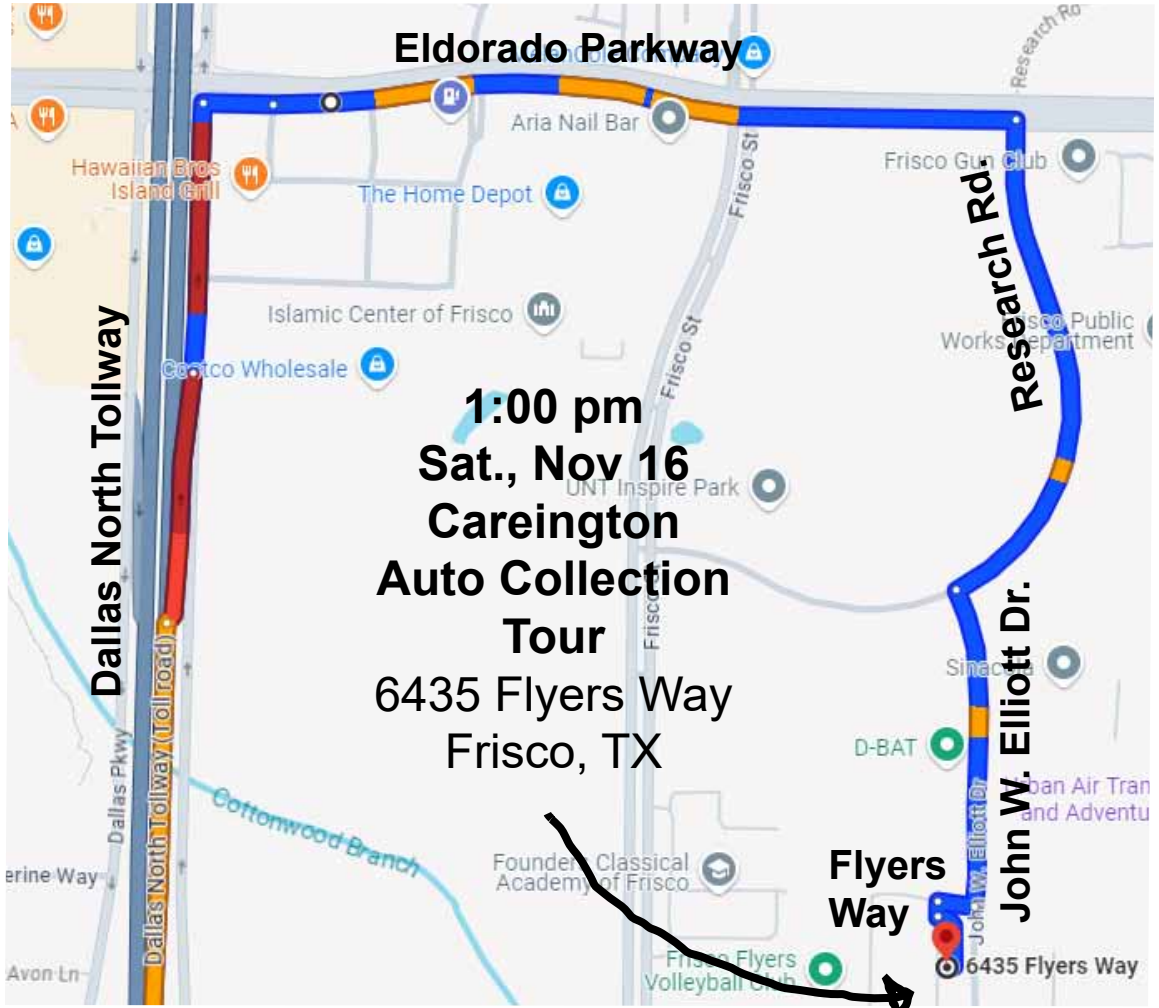
Upcoming Events

2024



*CLoT Club Participation Event

- *Nov 9 Legends Club Meeting** Outback Steak House Plano, TX
- Nov 10 Alex Viola Memorial Car Show** Keller Town Hall Keller, TX
Keller Town Hall, 1100 Bear Creek Parkway, Keller, TX 10am-5pm. Gates open 6am.
Registration opens at 8am. A huge show to remember a military hero. Fly-overs.
- Nov 16 Careington Auto Museum Tour** 6435 Flyers Way Frisco, TX
1:00 pm Come to see this car collection during the **Solid Axle Corvette Club Annual Meeting**, even if you're not a SACC member. Donations to Careington's charities, CK Family Services and Families of WW II Veterans are welcome. (between Dallas N. Parkway and Preston Rd.)
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- *Dec 7 Lewisville Christmas Parade** Lewisville, TX
Staging begins at 11:30 am along Cowan between Parnell & Main. Enter to meet the Corvette Legends at Elm & Edna Streets east of Medical Center of Lewisville. Decorate your car and wear Christmas apparel. **Parade starts at 1 pm.** Bring proof of insurance. Go to lunch together after parade about 2:00 pm at Main Street Cafe, 208 E Main, Lewisville. Contact Diane Preston 405-615-3856 for details. Parade is sponsored by Huffines Auto Dealerships Lewisville, our club sponsor.
- *Dec 14 Legends Club Meeting** Prairie House Restaurant Lewisville, TX
- *Jan 11 After-Holiday Party** TBA
- *Feb 14-16 Autorama** Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Fwy. Dallas, TX
Set up on Wed., Feb 12. Move in on Thurs. Feb. 13. Show Fri.-Sun. 14-16. Legends plans to display six Corvettes again this year. Call Tom, if you want yours to be in the show. Get your application into Tom early, so our club gets a good spot in Market Hall. Sign up to man the display and promote the Legends club during this three-day indoor show. Contact Tom Hubbert, 972-897-3045 or email thubbert@verizon.net.



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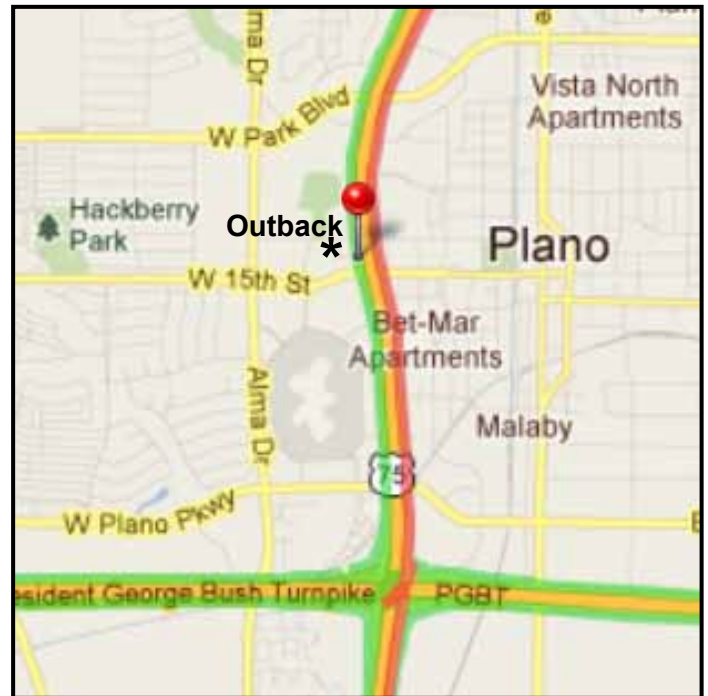
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If you have a recommendation for a guest speaker to address the club at one of our meetings, please contact
 Len Woodruff: Lenwoodruff@gmail.com or (972) 979-5722

Membership Information:

Coordinated by Dennis Conte (see above)
\$40 for annual membership
Dues are paid annually at a meeting or mailed to:

Club Mailing Address:

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**CORVETTE
LEGENDS OF TEXAS**

GENERAL MEETING--October 12, 2024

Spring Creek BBQ Restaurant, Richardson

The members of Corvette Legends were called to order by President Sam Deneault at 11:56 am. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Attendance was recorded as 47.

New Members: David and Hope Schall with a Rally Red '67 convertible L79

Lady Legends Winner: Sandy Allen

50/50 Pot Winner: Len Woodruff (\$78)

Meetings: November 9-Outback Steak House in Plano.
December 12-Prairie House in Lewisville.
January 11-After Holiday party. Plans are in progress, more info coming soon.

Sam asked for a moment of silence to remember Ken Weller who passed away September 14. Diane Preston announced that she had just received a call that Keith May had passed on September 23. May they rest in peace.

Diane was happy that everyone received their newsletters in the mail. Yeah!! She also extended an invitation to members to attend the annual Solid Axle Corvette Club meeting on Saturday, November 16 at 1pm. It will be held at the Careington Auto Museum in Frisco and give us a great opportunity to see the Carington auto collection. More details are in the newsletter.

Tom Hubbert and Dan Jacobs are beginning plans for Autorama. It will be held Feb. 14-16. Setup day is Feb. 12, move in day is Feb. 13. The club will have 6 spots, 3 spots for C1, C2 and C3 cars, the remaining 3 for any generation. One car is already signed up. The earlier we get our club entries submitted, the better display area we're given. Contact Tom or Dan soon if you're interested in displaying your car. It's a fun weekend to show or just attend and look at the cars.

Sam reminded members about the Halloween party at Kimberly and Ed Atchley's house on October 19 at 8 pm in Richardson.

Dennis Conte asked for a show of hands for members interested in a future road trip(s) sometime next year. Option 1 is Big Bend National Park in May/June or September. Option 2 is Route 66 west ending in Santa Monica, CA. There were a number of hands that went up so he'll be looking into it... Stay tuned.

The Texas NCRS Flight Judging will be Friday/Saturday, October 18 & 19 at Embassy Suites in Frisco (7600 John Q Hammons Dr). Judging will be for 1953-2007 cars

Brad Sammis & his 66 in the Blue Parking area!



Tom Hubbert, Sandy Lainson, Len Woodruff, Dennis Conte and Tom Lainson visit behind Lainson's 1961 in the Red parking area before the meeting.



Kerry & Jan Smith, Millie & Bob Van Guilder, Kurtis & Sandy Allen, Diane & Bill Foot and in the background John & Jane Cantleberry.



Guy Coyne and Bob Kirk

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Nomads & Vettes



During their national convention in Boise, Idaho in July, the Chevrolet Nomad Association members voted on their favorite Corvette on display during the visit from the Valley Corvettes of Boise. Gerry Boren's 1960 Corvette earned the Nomad Choice Vette Award. Boren received a plaque from Jim Crouch. Crouch and his wife, Alanna, organized the convention activities for 2024 in Boise, including the visit with the Valley Corvettes of Boise. Gerry and Linda Boren are long-time members of Corvette Legends of Texas, even now that they have retired to live in Idaho.

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and newer cars will also be on display. The Solid Axle Corvette Club will have a display of one of their member's Vettes in the lobby of the ballroom where the NCRS judging will be held. Diane Preston and her volunteers will have an info table set up for signing up new members for both the Solid Axle Club and Legends.

Sulphur Springs Corvette Show will be Friday/Saturday, October 25 & 26. Club members have attended this show in the past. Some changes have been made so that the club can now park together at the show. It's a judged show with trophies/plaques awarded to all winners. There's no pre-registration's It's on-site registration with a \$30 fee.

Sharon Conde, Debbie Garrison, and Cathy Hubbert are planning for the Jan. 11, 2025 After-Holiday party. If you have suggestions for entertainment, or would like to help, please contact them.

Club officer elections will be in November/December. Tom Hubbert will run for President. Jeff Clevenger will run for VP-Operations. Dan Jacobs will run for VP-Special Events. We'll need people to formally nominate them at the November meeting. Voting will be done at the December meeting. Other members are encouraged to run for any office. The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Conde, Secretary

NCRS Texas Regional Judging



Tim Wardlaw displayed his Blue Ribbon-judged, White Fuel-Injected 1962 in the Lobby for the SACC info table.

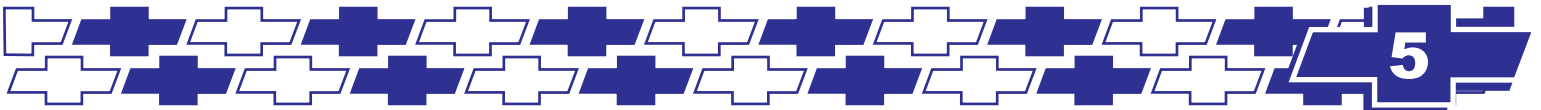
You could always see a Legends member somewhere during the weekend enjoying the display of amazing Corvettes at NCRS. Bob & Sherri Demmel, Fred Hagar, Joe Maulsby and others were on the NCRS team. Tom Hubbert, Diane & Bill Preston, and others worked the SACC/Legends membership table.



Tom Jackson putting his 1972 Ghost Gray LT-1 through Performance Verification before judging.



Diego Silva (lower left) confers with judges about a tire issue on Tom Jackson's spare. John Totter (upper left) and others look on.






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Gary & Cheryl William's 2018 Black Rose Convertible



Tom Schipper's 2020 Red Coupe



Sam Deneault's 1964 Red Coupe



Walter Plumley with his 1966 Red Convertible



Linda Deneault's 2014 Red Coupe



Bill & Diane Preston's Black & White Fuel-Injected 1957



Dan & Brenda Jacob's 2008 Copper convertible



Greg & Judy Bailey's Black 2017 Coupe



Gary Don Brittain's Blue 1982 Coupe



Craig & Sharon Conde's 2014 Red Coupe

Long-time Legends member Dan Jacobs is the man in charge of the beautiful new facility that houses Staint Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Flower Mound, Texas. He was also in charge of EVERYTHING for their Fall Festival on Saturday evening, September 28! There was a Cake Walk, Midway Games, Face Painting, Food and more.

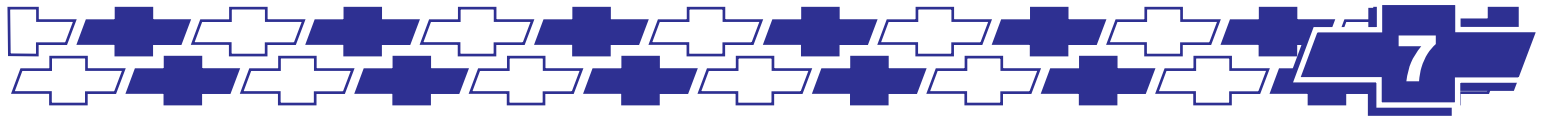
Our Legends members showed up with eleven Corvettes (and one 1956 Pontiac Chiefton station wagon) to participate with all the other cars in Dan's car show! Sharon and Craig Conde had the foresight to bring pop-up covers so our group could sit in the shade. The day was nice, but shade was needed!

Several members attended Saturday evening Mass in the new church and were blessed by the air conditioning.



Kevin & Lisa Shedden's Blue 2023

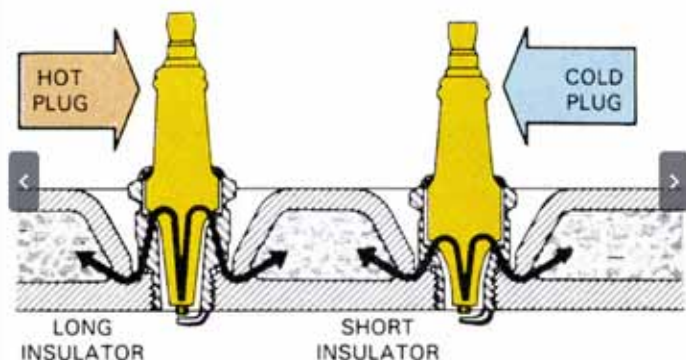
<h1 style="margin: 0;">Club Member Discounts</h1>		<p>Legends members get Fleet Pricing on Parts at Huffines Chevrolet in Lewisville</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Corvette World of Dallas offers Legends Members a 10% Discount on purchases of Accessories, Clothing, Parts, Service, etc. Not Corvettes!</p>	<p>Batteries Plus+ Discount Get the commercial price on any batteries and home, commercial or auto light bulbs at the Lewisville or Denton locations by asking for the "Corvette Legends" Discount. If your business needs batteries, contact Tom Atchison 214-215-1948 for a personal quote.</p>
			





10 Factors That Affect Correct Spark Plug Heat Range

A “hot” spark plug has a longer insulator that prevents heat transfer into the water jackets. It keeps more heat in the tip of the spark plug, which helps burn off combustion chamber deposits. But if there’s too much retained heat, the engine will experience preignition. A “cold” spark has a shorter insulator and retains less heat at the tip end—but if it’s too cold, deposits accumulate and eventually the plug will short out (known as “fouling”).



Spark plug heat range is the relative temperature of the spark plug’s core nose. Critical factors involved in choosing the correct spark plug heat range include:

1. Air/Fuel Mixture: Lean air/fuel ratios raise cylinder-head temperatures, requiring a colder plug. Rich air/fuel ratios require a hotter plug to prevent fouling. Mixtures that cause the plugs to read lean might contribute to preignition or detonation.

2. Spark Advance: Ignition timing has one of the greatest effects on heat-range choice. Advancing timing raises combustion temperatures, calling for colder plugs. Retarding the timing lowers combustion temperatures, calling for hotter plugs.

3. Compression Ratio: Increasing the mechanical compression ratio raises cylinder pressure, resulting in higher cylinder temperatures. The higher the compression ratio, the colder the spark plug needs to be. According to Champion Spark Plugs, for normally aspirated, gasoline-fueled engines, a good rule of thumb is to go about one heat range colder for each full point in compression ratio increase from 9:1 through about 12.5:1, and two heat ranges colder for each point increase between 12.5:1 and 14.5:1. Beyond 14.5:1, 3-4 heat range reductions per point may be needed.

4. Gasoline Quality: With leaded fuels, the lead is attracted to the hotter (core-nose) part of the plug, causing

glazing. Running a slightly colder plug helps prevent this. On today’s cleaner-burning, oxygenated, unleaded gas, an equivalent engine needs to run about 1-2 heat ranges hotter plug than originally specified (many plug makers have revised their catalog listings for legacy applications to reflect this reality).

5. Methanol: Alky-fueled engines need a plug at least one step colder than “normal” for an equivalent gas-fueled motor.

6. Nitrous Oxide: Nitrous raises cylinder temperatures and might require a plug at least 1-2 heat ranges colder for race engines. Lower output street systems might be able to use the standard plug recommendations if you use nitrous oxide only for short bursts (less than 10 seconds).

7. Supercharging/Turbocharging: With increased chamber pressure and temperature, boosted engines need two or more heat ranges colder plugs. Extreme high-boost, race-only apps may need a surface-gap plug.

8. Sustained Acceleration: Prolonged acceleration or high-speed driving raises temperatures and calls for colder plugs.

9. Elevation: Leaning the mixture and advancing the timing partially compensates for lost power and efficiency caused by higher elevation. Spark-plug heat ranges should stay the same as at sea level, unless racing above 3,000 feet, where one step hotter usually suffices.

10. Engine condition: Hotter plugs can crutch a worn engine suffering from worn or leaking piston rings or valve guides—for a while.



The cold Champion C57HCX racing plug (right) has a shorter insulator tip that helps prevent tip overheating and preignition in high-speed engines. A hotter plug such as the RC12YC street plug (left) has a long insulator tip; it holds more heat and tends to burn off deposits.

WHAT YEAR AM I

by John Spencer

Answers on page 10



The following characteristics are common to Corvettes from 1973 thru 1977

1. I am modeled after the Mako Shark Concept car.
2. My rear glass is a fixed vertical pane that cannot be removed.
3. I have what is known as removable T-tops.
4. I display the Stingray script on my front fender quarter panel.

Each of following details are unique to only one year in this range. *Can you match each year to the feature?*

1. My rear bumper is a two piece molded bumper.
2. I am a coupe but do not have air exhaust vents on my rear deck.
3. I am a convertible with push bumper extrusions front and rear.
4. I have a molded front bumper but still have a chrome rear bumper.
5. I do not have the Stingray script on my fenders and I have the cross flag emblem on my nose.

New Members

David &
Hope Schall
Plano, TX
1967 Red
Convertible



Birthdays for November

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 11-06 Stefanie Sammis | 11-23 JoAnn Brumit |
| 11-08 Ron Spurlock | 11-24 Gary Williams |
| 11-09 Brian Ratcliff | 11-26 Al Macdonald |
| 11-10 Donna Wadley | 11-26 Andi Kirk |
| 11-13 Jan Manning | 11-27 David Schall |
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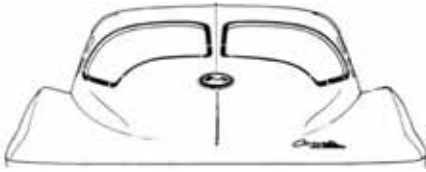


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The Brazos River Corvette Club held their annual "Vettes on the Historic Square" at Granbury, Texas on October 12.

A total of 109 Corvettes were entered and many additional Vettes were on display. Ken Dobbs' beautiful Silver 1963 Split-Window Coupe was the C2 First Place winner.



What Year Am I--Answers from page 4:

1. 1974 - The 1974 Corvette saw the disappearance of the chrome bumper (front or rear). Molded bumpers were here to stay, but the 1974 rear bumper was a two piece bumper. This was changed to a one piece unit in 1975.
2. 1976 - The air extractor vents on the rear deck were removed in 1976.
3. 1975 - Was the last year of the convertible and the first year with push bumper extrusions added to the front and rear of the car.
4. 1973 - Was a transition year from the chrome bumpers to the molded body color bumpers of today.
5. 1977 - The 1976 was the last year the Stingray script would be found on the Corvette. The nose emblem was changed to the now familiar crossed flags.



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Keith William May

Keith May, 64, passed away on September 23, 2024, in Dallas, Texas. He was born on November 30, 1959, in Dallas, Texas to parents Adrian Kenneth May and Kathleen Margaret (McDermott) May.

Keith was well known for his hard work ethic, his courage, his sense of adventure, his big heart, his unique sense of humor, and his loyalty to family and friends. He could always be counted on to lend a helping hand or to provide valuable advice on any repairs needed for our automobiles or our homes, as he was always our go-to guy for advice since he had hands-on experience with just about any task we would ask him about.

Keith had a love for fast cars and racing and was an avid fan of NASCAR. He was a Chevy man, and he owned two Corvettes and at least two Silverado trucks, which he worked hard to keep in showroom condition at all times.

His sense of responsibility of ownership was also reflected in the way he took care of his house and yard, inside and out. Keith was also a motorcycle enthusiast. He took many bike trips through northern Arkansas,



where he loved to take in the scenery. Keith also loved sports, and he was an avid Cowboys, Mavericks, and Rangers fan.

The greatest quality that we all know in Keith was his loyalty and devotion to his friends, many of whom he had known since childhood or had worked with over the last 40 years in the elevator industry. Keith demonstrated that loyalty throughout his life even during his last year, after having been diagnosed with cancer by helping our family members and friends whenever we would need it. Even during his last couple of months, Keith continued to fight against the cancer to push forward to help others through his service.

Keith is preceded in death by his parents Adrian Kenneth May and Kathleen Margaret (McDermott) May, his maternal grandfather Walter Thomas McDermott and maternal grandmother Catherine Mary (Delaney) McDermott, uncle Philip Walter McDermott, his paternal grandfather and namesake William Perry May and paternal step grandmother Merle May, and nephews David "Bo" Earl Bryant Jr. and Joseph Paul May.

Keith is survived by his brother Michael Paul May and his wife Nomi, brother Ralph Neil May, sister Mary Bryant, and brother Stephen Daniel May and his wife Ashley as well as nieces and nephews, all of whom, along with Keith's friends, will sorely miss him.

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