



## Kay Allen Keller

August 15, 1940 - July 17, 2022

Kay Allen Keller, 81, of Cleona, PA, died suddenly at his home on July 17, 2022. Born in Rockland Township, Berks County, he was the son of Carol W. and Dorothy G. (Drey) Keller. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 55 years, Gwen; daughter Amanda Rapoza, wife of Gary Rapoza of Little Compton, RI; son Jonathan Keller, husband of Amber Keller of Golden, CO; and five grandsons: Matthew, Joseph and Evan Rapoza, and Jackson and William Keller. He is also survived by sisters Judith (Keller) O'Neil, wife of Larry O'Neil, and Elaine (Keller) Becker, widow of Dennis Becker, and by brother Ricky Keller, husband of Conni Keller.

Kay, known to many as Allen, graduated from Brandywine Heights High School and received a degree in fuel technology from Pennsylvania State University. He served in the Army Reserve in the railway transportation battalion in Philadelphia. His lifelong passion was a love of trains - big and small, steam and diesel, old and new - which he gladly shared with everyone. Many a weekend and summer vacation were spent sharing this passion with his grandsons. Kay put his college degree to use working for many railroad companies, retiring from both Amtrak and then Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad. In recent years he combined his love of coal and railroading in becoming President of Lebanon Blue Mountain Railroad in which he was active until his death.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 20 at 1:00pm at Christ Mertz Lutheran Church (Dryville). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to

either: Christ Mertz Lutheran Church (Dryville), 16 Fleetwood Road, Fleetwood, PA 19522. (Designated in memory of K. Allen Keller); or Reading Company Technical and Historical Society, P. O. Box 15143, Reading, PA 19612-5143. (Use K. Allen Keller Memorial Fund on subject line.)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Christ Mertz Lutheran Church  
16 Fleetwood Road  
Fleetwood, PA 19522

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ I worked with Allen when he was at the RBMRR. I was CMO at the PWRR. Bless your soul.

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**David Rutkowski** - October 14, 2022 at 09:03 PM

JN

“ Condolences to you, Gwen; we spoke during the last fishing trip, 2 or 3 years ago. Also to your daughter and son. I had many good times with Allen, both on China steam trips, in the US, and Ontario. (Canada) I will miss him as a very good friend and fellow railroader. RIP, Allen

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**Joseph Naismith** - July 26, 2022 at 04:23 PM

WW

“ I worked with Al at the RBMN. He was great to work with and always had a smile on his face. Had lunch with him at the Railroad House in Sinking Spring and talked about the old times. He will be missed. Wayne Weikel

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**Wayne Weikel** - July 25, 2022 at 02:50 PM

RP

“ I will remember Allen in prayers. He was the epitome of a gentleman-He was President of Locomotive Maintenance Officers Association in 1982. Ron Pondel of LMOA

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**Ron Pondel** - July 22, 2022 at 12:33 PM

JC

“ Rest In Peace Kay. My Deepest Condolences to the Keller Family.



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**Joe Constantine** - July 21, 2022 at 11:06 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jonathan Keller** - July 21, 2022 at 05:43 PM



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**Jonathan Keller** - July 21, 2022 at 05:42 PM