



## Keith P. Honkala

July 2, 1958 - October 7, 2024

Ashby/Ashburnham - Keith P. Honkala 66 of Ashburnham, Massachusetts passed away peacefully at his home on October 7, 2024 surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Keith was born in Fitchburg on July 2, 1958, a son of the late Rauni D. and Theresa M. (Kiley) Honkala and grew up in Ashby, after graduating from North Middlesex Regional High School in 1976 he went on to study at Doane University in Crete Nebraska on a football scholarship. Keith was active in the Ashby Boy Scouts and became an Eagle Scout. Keith was highly active throughout his younger life playing baseball, Pop Warner Football and skiing.

Keith was an avid outdoor sportsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. He was a former member of the Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club, Fitchburg Sportsman Club, Turnpike Rod and Gun Club, British American Club and the Ashby Legion. He was a good friend who was loved by many and loved to be outdoors.

In 1980 Keith met the love of his life Teresa and they soon became the best of friends and shared a marriage of 38 years.

Keith was a Licensed General Contractor and owner of Honkala Construction Company Inc. Honkala Construction Inc was in business for 65 years thru

three generations. One of his most commendable accomplishments was his skills as a general contractor. He recently retired in July 2024.

Keith was known for his strong will, unwavering determination, and love and support for his family and friends. Keith was predeceased by his father, Rauni and his mother Theresa Honkala, and his brothers Kevin and Kris Honkala.

He leaves his wife Teresa (Bowes) Honkala of Ashburnham, two daughters Stacey Honkala of Boston and Shana Honkala of Fitchburg; three grandchildren, Jaxson, Oakley and Maverick; four sisters, Debra Honkala and Diane Carson both of Townsend, Dale Helle of Leominster, and Donna Childs of Ashby, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held in the Glenwood Cemetery in Ashby on Saturday, October 19, at 11AM.

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

763 Main Street  
Ashby, MA 01431

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KL

“ So sorry for your loss. It was always so much fun to see Keith up at Mount Watatic in the past. We would run into each other often whether it was hunting or in the grocery store. So many great memories with Keith skiing up at the mountain.  
Condolences, Karl Lahtinen

Karl Lahtinen - May 21, 2025 at 07:55 PM

BR

“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Bob has many good memories of Keith. We always stop at your family monument to pray.  
Brenda & Bob



Brenda - November 18, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DM

“ So sorry to see this. If I saw this in time I would have been at the service. Last time I saw Keith was at the sauna by the pond in Ashby! Always liked him and glad I knew him. I'd like to send my love to the family as you all have a special place in my heart. God bless❤️

Doug MacPhee - October 25, 2024 at 10:59 PM

SQ

“ I am very sorry to hear of a life ending way too soon. I always enjoyed running into Kieth in our woods and will miss his genuine smile. Steve Quinn

stephen quinn - October 25, 2024 at 10:01 PM

AC

“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Honkala Family. RIP Keith  
Arlene Chaplin

Arlene Chaplin - October 24, 2024 at 09:32 AM

KH

Our sincere condolences to all of the Honkala families . I have fond memories in their house when we were much younger. Kyle Allen Hotaling

kyle Hotaling - October 24, 2024 at 08:01 PM

LS

“ My condolences to all of the Honkala family!  
Lisa Baker Sheehan

Lisa Baker Sheehan - October 20, 2024 at 01:57 PM

DF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Darin Flinkstrom - October 17, 2024 at 09:26 PM

HJ

“ Heather, Pete, and Lucas Johnson purchased the  
Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of  
Keith P. Honkala.



Heather, Pete, and Lucas Johnson - October 17, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Keith P. Honkala.*



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October 16, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ *Vivian Cordio planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Keith P. Honkala.*

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**Vivian Cordio** - October 16, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ *Love, Darlene purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Keith P. Honkala.*



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**Love, Darlene** - October 15, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ *Dear Teresa,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I never had the pleasure of meeting Keith but having been your life partner, he must have been a good man and husband. I know you wouldn't have it any other way. My prayers are with you.  
Mark Senecal*

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**Mark Senecal** - October 14, 2024 at 12:44 PM

BC

“ Theresa, so sorry for your loss.

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**Bruce Colburn** - October 12, 2024 at 08:12 PM

LC

“ Keith was a great guy. Always had a smile and an easy laugh. My heartfelt condolences to the entire family. I'm so sorry you've experienced the loss of both Keith and Chris in such a short timespan . May God hold you all in his caring arms. The twinkle in Keith's mischievous eyes is something I will always remember. Godspeed.

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**Lisa Collins** - October 12, 2024 at 12:56 PM

RK

“ So sorry for your loss

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**Ronnie Knox** - October 11, 2024 at 10:14 AM

SB

“ Dearest Theresa and family, sending over hugs and love in the loss of someone so very dear. Our families spent so much time growing up together and for that we are blessed. Please know that I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Love....Sandy

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**Sandra Bowers** - October 10, 2024 at 05:21 PM