



Keith Matthew Chiro

July 29, 1952 - December 25, 2017

Keith Matthew Chiro, Sr. went to be with his Lord on Monday, December 25, 2017 at the age of 65 years old. Compassionate son of the late Matthew Joseph Chiro, Jr. and Marion Jeanne Alleno Chiro, grandson of the late Joseph Matthew Chiro, Theresa Neidhardt Chiro, and Jeanne Josephine Duffourc-Barrios, and nephew of the late Bobby Barrios. He is survived by the love of his life, Margaret “Maggie” Barr Chiro, who he was a devoted husband of 40 years. He is survived by his children, Kenneth Gerard Munch, Jr. (Melissa Jones Munch), and Keith Matthew Chiro, Jr. (Brittany Daniel), his grandchildren Kennedy A. Munch, Keith M. Chiro, III, Kaden G. Munch, and Mason J. Munch, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifetime friend of the Giarrusso Family.

Keith was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, but was a life-long resident of the City of Kenner. He graduated from East Jefferson High School in 1970, and earned his Bachelor’s degree from Southwestern Louisiana University. He briefly worked for the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office and Avondale Shipyards, but in 1982 he followed in the footsteps of his father, and began working for the City of Kenner. In 1991, Keith was named the City of Kenner’s Director of Code Enforcement, a title which he held for more than 20 years. During his 28 year career at the City of Kenner, he held numerous titles such as code enforcement director, assistant director, interim director of public works on two occasions, operations manager of the city regulatory department and office manager. While at the City of Kenner, Keith played a key role in the

city's efforts to streamline the building regulatory process; conduct building code and zoning inspection sweeps in problem neighborhoods; initiate a revamp of city code of ordinances, merging them into the International Building Code, and his tireless work to help rebuild Kenner and its infrastructure after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Those who worked with him said that when Keith Chiro was appointed office manager in the city regulatory department he set about the task of studying and learning Kenner's voluminous building code and he eventually attained the ability to quote the building code from the memory the same way many religious scholars can quote the Bible by chapter and verse. He had the ability to recall property plats and their owners throughout Kenner, resolved enforcement disagreements in a manner that treated all involved fairly. He was a person who wanted to help solve problems that no one else seemed to know how. One of his greatest achievements as the Director of Code Enforcement was the completion of the Community Rating System for the flood insurance program. The system is used to set flood insurance rates for every community in the nation. He spent months learning the system, assembling documents for all Kenner properties that were made part of the city's application for new flood insurance rates and supporting the data in meetings with the National Flood Insurance Program, which granted Kenner a change from Class 8 to Class 7, resulting in a savings in insurance premiums for Kenner property owners. Keith became a certified Flood Plain Manager and, in 2010 he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the National Flood Insurance Program for his dedication, knowledge, and assistance to the people of Kenner. As head of Code Enforcement, Keith was also responsible for overseeing the city brake tag station, the animal control personnel, and issuance of occupational licenses. In addition to his dedication to his career, Keith treasured the time spent with his grandsons, whom were the apple of his eyes. He was a man of many talents, but he loved gourmet cooking for his family, taking out his boat and going fishing, gardening, skiing, and traveling to California, which was his second home. Keith was an extraordinary man that

will be deeply missed by all those who had the honor of knowing him. Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend a visitation from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. before the Service commences. Inurnment in Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to do so is encouraged to make a donation to the American Diabetes Association and Louisiana SPCA in honor of Keith Matthew Chiro, Sr.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

121 City Park Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
info@muhleisen.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Keith Matthew Chiro*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Lindsey Barr Muller lit a candle in memory of Keith Matthew Chiro*

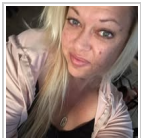


Lindsey Barr Muller - January 04, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ *i was in such shock to hear about keith passing. still doesnt seem real. everytime they came he was always smiling. wish that i could have been down there to support my sister. rip keith. love and miss you maggie*

Lindsey Barr Muller - January 04, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ *ALWAYS a kind soul who welcomed me into his family with open arms. BEST father, husband, & grandfather. Cooked GREAT meals and loved his dogs! Rest easy, Paw, with MawMaw Chiro and Junior in Heaven. 🙏🏻*

Robyn Royes-Munch - December 29, 2017 at 09:16 PM

LE

“ *Leah lit a candle in memory of Keith Matthew Chiro*



Leah - December 29, 2017 at 04:07 PM

 Kelly Gilmore

“ *Prayers for you all, he was a wonderful man. We have many wonderful memories with you all, and he will be missed. Sending our love and prayers. Love, Kelly, Destiny, and Madison Gilmore*

Kelly Gilmore - December 28, 2017 at 11:39 PM

LR

“ *Prayers for Mr. Keith, Keith, Mrs. Maggie, Kenny, and all the family. He was such a sweet man and I know he's in heaven watching over you. Love always, Laura*

Laura Mayronne Rittiner - December 28, 2017 at 09:50 AM

CL

“ *Dear Maggie and family, my heart is broken and my sympathy goes out to you. Keith was such a loving husband, father and grandfather. It was my great pleasure to have known him and work with him for so many years in the City of Kenner government. He was always gentle and kind. I always considered him more a friend than a colleague. Less than a month ago I ran into Keith and we had a short but sweet reunion. We lost a good man.*

Carol Luna

Carol Luna - December 27, 2017 at 02:26 PM

LW

*Dear Mrs. Maggie & Family
My thoughts & prayers to you & your family. Mr. Chiro was a wonderful caring man. I worked with him at the City of Jenner & my family grew up with his family. He was a brilliant man in all he did but he always put caring in there to get the job done. He will be missed by many & will always be loved by thousands.
God Bless you & your family.*

Lena Carboni Wimprine - December 28, 2017 at 03:22 PM

AM

*“ I am happy to have known Keith through working with him at the COK. He was always such a great guy, NEVER turned anyone down with a helping hand and had a silly side to him as well. My Mom, Donna Schedler worked with him for many many years and I know she thought highly of him as well. I'm sure she welcomed him into Heaven. I am so very sorry for your loss.
Ashlee Schedler Morel*

Ashlee Schedler Morel - December 27, 2017 at 01:59 PM

LO

“ Thoughts and prayers for Keith's family. I worked with him @COK many years ago.

Lotus - December 27, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ Knew Keith from COK. He was always helpful and pleasant. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Bartlyn Macaluso David

Bartlyn David - December 27, 2017 at 12:37 PM

PF

“ Thankful to have known and worked with Keith at COK. Prayers for him & family.

Patricia Fertitta - December 27, 2017 at 11:41 AM

AM

“ Audrey Mayronne lit a candle in memory of Keith Matthew Chiro



audrey mayronne - December 27, 2017 at 09:46 AM

AM

I am so sorry for your loss, my sincerest condolences for Maggie, Kenny and Keith during this most difficult time. May the perpetual light shine upon Keith. I am in disbelief! ❤️

audrey mayronne - December 27, 2017 at 09:49 AM

NB

Dear Maggie and family. Keith was truly one of the most dedicated public servants I had the honor to have served with . I knew Keith and his Dad very well and always considered him a special friend. Keith was respected by all he served in the public interest.. Maggie in the years I served all people respected Keith and as I look around our city I can see the many accomplishment that were a part of his Legacy. I loved Keith!! Nick Baroni

Nick Baroni - December 27, 2017 at 08:20 PM

RM

“ Sorry to hear of Keith passing praying for his Family at this trying time ...

Rose Mobley - December 27, 2017 at 09:16 AM

HF

“ *Helana R. Lenox & Family lit a candle in memory of Keith Matthew Chiro*



Helana R. Lenox & Family - December 26, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Prayers for Maggie and the boys. Also for my dad and his siblings who lost a great friend.*

Carrie Davitz - December 26, 2017 at 06:34 PM