



Kerry Lin Balcaen

April 27, 1955 - February 14, 2021

Kerry Lin Balcaen, 65, was born on April 27th, 1955 in Cheyenne, WY to Carleen and Elmer Balcaen. His spirit departed from Chandler Regional Hospital on February 14th, 2021. He lived in Cheyenne, WY for 55 years and in Gilbert/Chandler, AZ for almost 11 years.

Kerry operated and eventually owned Balcaen's Body Shop for his entire professional career working alongside his brother and his dad.

Kerry was preceded in death by his two sisters, Kathy Martin and Debbye Lathrop and his parents Elmer and Carleen Balcaen.

He is survived by his two children Tanner Balcaen (Staci) and Hailey Riley (Jason) and six grandchildren: Tatum Balcaen; Nicole Sanford; Jax Balcaen; and Keegan; Hudson; and Brendan Riley. He also leaves his brother, Kevin Balcaen, nieces, and nephews.

Kerry loved racing and cars, and a part of his heart will always belong to Big Country Speedway. Whether he was winning a track championship or watching a race on Sunday from the comfort of his home, Kerry's love for racing was etched into his DNA. Not only did he love racing, but he was also passionate about restoring cars. He was in the middle of restoring a '34 Ford prior to his death. In 2005, he had an opportunity to be part of the American Television Series "Overhaulin". Kerry also loved going boating and jet-skiing at various Wyoming lakes like Guernsey and Glendo with his family and friends.

Kerry's unwavering love for his children was evident through all of his years as a dad. From the many school and sporting events to partnering with Tanner to race a Thunder Car, he would do almost anything for Hailey and Tanner. To his children, he was "Dad" and to his grandchildren, he was "Papa". His grandkids loved their Papa, and he was a dedicated one. He changed diapers, made them meals, picked them up from school, took them to get treats and joyfully laughed when they did something funny.

In his later years, Kerry reestablished his relationship with God and Jesus and was on a journey to solidify his faith. Friends and family championed his efforts and now Kerry walks among the angels.

Memorial services will be held at Wiederspahn Radomsky on Saturday, February 27th at 10 a.m. with a reception following in The Gathering Place.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to be made to the American Cancer

Society or a charity of choice.

Events

FEB **Service** 10:00AM

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Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes
1900 East 19th Street, Cheyenne, WY, US, 82001

FEB **Reception** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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The Gathering Place
1900 East 21st Street, Cheyenne, WY, US, 82001

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Wiederspahn - Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes - February 26, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ Thank you for sharing. Kerry was a wonderful dad, grandad and friend. Dave and Jacki Weidensee

Jacki Weidensee - February 27, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ RIP KERRY BILL NOUD

BILL NOUD - February 27, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ We were all so saddened to hear about Kerry's passing away. We were so glad to have Kerry and his family as our neighbors across the street for so many years while our kids were growing up. We so enjoyed talking with him about every day things which we did so often. John and I as well as Chris and Amanda hope that your happy memories help you get through this most difficult time. We've sure missed you all as our neighbors! John and I have thought of Kerry often and did get to Arizona once to meet up with him, Hailey and her family for dinner. We had the best visit! All our sympathy for your loss.

John, Jackie, Chris & Amanda Lee

jackie Lee - February 27, 2021 at 12:28 PM



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Hailey Riley - February 21, 2021 at 02:19 PM



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Hailey Riley - February 21, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ a good friend who will be missed by many. RIP Kerry, Jim Larson and family.

Jim Larson - February 21, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ May God Bless

Buddy Trujillo - February 20, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ My thoughts and blessings to all Kerry's family. Always a good guy and a good driver. Many memories of high school and at Big Country. RIP

Keith Adams - February 20, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ Kerry was a wonder person and friend. He helped me and a lot of stock car drivers find parts and work on our cars. If he was in the pits and you had an issue he was one of the first to get his hands dirty. He will be greatly missed.
Karen Lewis Nestorick

Karen Lewis Nestorick - February 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Katheryn Sierocki lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lin Balcaen



Katheryn Sierocki - February 19, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ Tanner, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Katheryn Sierocki - February 19, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kerry Lin Balcaen.



February 19, 2021 at 07:20 PM