



Kerry Lee Felton

December 10, 1965 - March 13, 2025

Kerry Lee Felton, age 59, of Richland Center, WI, passed away peacefully on March 13, 2025, at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse surrounded by family. Kerry was born on December 10, 1965, to Robert “Bob” and Jean Felton. He grew up on the family farm in Sabin and graduated from Richland High School in 1984. On March 4, 1995, Kerry married Kim Turnipseed, and although they later divorced, their time together was an important chapter in his life.

Kerry devoted his life to his family’s farm, where he proudly carried on the tradition of dairy farming. In addition to his work on the farm, he was the owner of Sleepy Hollow Auto Sales in Sabin and operated his own hauling and trucking business.

A man of many interests, Kerry enjoyed playing cards, taking ATV trips out west, and attending High Mileage band performances. He cherished the time spent in Florida during the winter months, visiting friends and enjoying the sunshine.

Kerry's passion for agriculture was evident in every aspect of his life. A dedicated dairy farmer and avid custom farming enthusiast, he was particularly known for his love of showing beef cattle. He was thrilled to pass on this passion to his daughter, Danielle, and took great pride in watching her

win numerous awards in the show ring.

Over the years, Kerry earned many accolades, winning district and national beef shows, which reflected his tireless work and commitment to excellence. His legacy lives on through the many lives he touched, the lessons he shared, and the next generation that continues his love for farming and livestock.

Kerry is survived by his daughters, Danielle (Alex Gratz), Julieann Turnipseed (Joe Quinn); companion Lisa Wilson; brother LaVon "Spanky" (Michelle) Felton; sister Bobbi Jo Felton-Persinger; nieces Janie Felton (Wyatt Oldham), Cheyenne Twiton (Thomas); nephews Wyatt Larson, Sawyer Felton; former spouse, Kim Felton; aunts and uncles Jane and Frank Zarada, Cathy and Dean Starkey; other relatives, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Bob and Jean Felton, and grandparents Gerald and Geraldine Felton, Bernard and Gladys Starkey.

His family would like to thank the ICU staff at Gundersen Health System for the compassionate care they gave to Kerry at the end of his life.

A celebration of Kerry's life with a time for sharing will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Lonesome Dove in Boaz, from 1-4p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mount Tabor Cemetery are preferred.

A private burial will be held at a later date at Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Sabin.

"Cattle are the heart of our farm, teaching us patience, resilience, and the beauty of the land."

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Boaz Lonesome Dove Bar
25259 Jefferson St.
Richland Center, WI 53581

Tribute Wall

LB

“ I haven't seen Kerry in years but we used to show cattle together in high school through 4-H. He was a wonderful person and friend. His parents were special too. I'm so sorry for your loss. I still remember his smile and laugh. May your continued memories help you through this sad sad time.

Lisa Bee

Lisa Bee - March 17, 2025 at 02:08 PM

DD

“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Felton family and all of Kerry's loved ones. Such a great guy with an infectious laugh.... I will always hold the memories I have close.



Darcy Dobbs - March 16, 2025 at 07:44 PM

MH

“ We bought cars from Kerry and his parents. My husband John worked for Bob and then Kerry . Kerry will be missed, loved but never forgotten.



Michelle John Heitmann - March 14, 2025 at 07:39 PM

VK

“ The world lost a beautiful soul yesterday and heaven gained another angel. Kerry will forever hold a place in my heart. Although I have only known him 6 years, I am certain that God placed him in my life at the exact time I needed him...and he needed me. Six years ago, October, I was a single mom of 3 little boys on a downward spiral in life, trying to figure out how I was going to keep a business going by myself with 3 young kids, going through a miscarriage and a divorce all at the same time. The divorce had caused me to lose my church family and my best friend of over 20 years. I remember laying in bed that night praying for it all to be over. Praying for God to take away the pain, because I couldn't imagine life going on or the pain ever fading. My heart was so shattered. 💔

Kerry was that answer to that prayer that night. He didn't know me, but he had seen my unrelated comment on a trucking page on Facebook and reached out with something along the lines of: "You don't know me, but I saw your comment on a trucker group I'm in and I wanted to reach out and say hi and let you know we don't live very far apart if you ever wanted to grab coffee and talk about the industry." To be honest, I didn't know what to think in that moment, but mostly it was anger. I know that I came off as snarky in the midst of my emotions, but that didn't seem to phase him. He came back with something just as sarcastic.

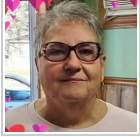
Within a week, we met and he took me and Exavier along for a short run, in his truck, up to Zumbrota, MN to deliver cattle. From there, the friendship blossomed. I got to know his family and friends and he tucked my boys under his invisible wings and took them in like his own. He was the laughter in my day. The person who kept me accountable and on the straight and narrow thru what was one of the hardest periods of my life. Little did I know at the time, Kerry needed me too...me and the boys. He was a stubborn farmer, set in his ways and ideas and I was always playing the devil's advocate, trying to show him different perspectives on situations. He had a ton in common, but there was a ton we didn't have in common. I don't

think one day went by that he didn't dog my Ford nor was there a day that I didn't challenge him to a hauling contest with his GMC  . He loved John Deere tractors and that was one thing we had common grounds on. He was only a part of my life for a small fraction, and I in his, but it was a monumental one with lasting memories. Life took us both in opposite directions, as we were ultimately on different paths in life, but I was so glad to hear when he met Lisa and found his "someone". He deserved every bit of happiness the world could give him

He loved the boys so much. They put a sparkle in his eyes that he was missing. He always encouraged their mischievous behavior and spoiled them. He had recently gone through a divorce himself and was still picking up the peices. It was like the boys moved time backwards for him and he got to be young again, having them ride along on loads or sit with him in the tractor. He was the laughter I needed when my heart hurt. He was the voice of reason when I felt like doing or saying something stupid or in anger. He was the one I tossed business ideas past and the one who I leaned on heavily for everything. He was TIME to me. Time for me to heal. Time for me to relove. Time for me to process and think straight. He became my family and so did his family and he will be greatly missed.

I don't think he ever took me seriously when I thanked him for saving my life that night, but I hope, as he's looking down on us right now, he realizes what an angel he truly was and how he unknowingly picked up a shattered heart and mended it piece by piece, smile by smile, laugh by laugh, Ford comment after Ford comment, Kickstart after Kickstart.

Victoria Kelley - March 14, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ I bought many vehicles at Sabin Sleepy Hollow. I always thought Kerry was so nice, friendly, and easy to work with. I didn't know he was sick. I am so sorry that Kerry passed away , he was much too young. Prayers and thoughts for friends and family.
Sue Crook

Sue Crook - March 14, 2025 at 03:49 PM

DP

“ I went to school with Kerry & he always had a laugh that brightened the day...I'm so truly sorry to hear of his passing. Deepest condolences to all of his loved ones ❤️🙏

Dawn Pliner - March 14, 2025 at 01:40 PM

SS

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I had Kerry as a student at Washington School many years ago. Good memories of him.

Shirley Steiner - March 14, 2025 at 01:31 PM

BW

“ I've known Kerry since High School. Had many good times with him years back. My sympathy to his family and may he Rest in Peace.

Bobby Whetzal - March 14, 2025 at 01:13 PM

MJ

“ I have fond memories of Kerry growing up! My deepest condolences goes out to the family. 🙏

Mindy Jensen - March 14, 2025 at 01:04 PM