



## Samuel Kyle Ratliff

December 11, 1962 - August 20, 2023

Samuel “Kyle” Ratliff was born in Brookfield, MO on December 11, 1962, to Julian “Reese” Ratliff and Montie Lou Bailey Ratliff. Kyle was a student at Macon County R-IV School attending elementary school in his hometown of Ethel, MO and Junior High/High School in New Cambria, MO. He was a member of the graduating class of 1981. Following High School, Kyle combined his love of working with cattle and driving trucks to begin a career in livestock hauling. He hauled cattle for Jerry Littleton as well as cattle and hogs for B&J Trucking for several years. He never hesitated to take his kids along on a run when they wanted to go, and if they weren’t riding along with him, they would often find a postcard or two in the mailbox from the places he might stop in his travels.

Kyle eventually decided a career change was in order, and he began working the sale barn circuit at various livestock markets throughout northeast Missouri, primarily spending most of his time working in Green City and New Cambria. In Kyle’s own words, he lived his life as a “cow junkie”. He was good at it, and he loved it. He resided close to his hometown throughout most of his life, most recently making his home in New Cambria. Kyle was the guy that was rarely ever on time, but he always showed up. He was rough and tough on the outside, but he had the biggest heart there ever was. There was never any doubt about the people and things Kyle loved and that included his children, Peterbilt trucks, and his beloved dog Kato. In his spare time, he enjoyed tending to the family farm in Ethel and tinkering on whatever he could

get his hands on. He enjoyed watching his kids play sports over the years and he even coached some of their teams. If he wasn't actively coaching a team, he could clearly be heard "coaching" from the sidelines, that is unless a referee happened to remove him from a game or three for not seeing eye-to-eye on a call they may have made or missed.

Kyle loved to make people laugh and he truly did not know a stranger. He would make conversation with everyone whether he knew them or not and his conversations could never be described as short and sweet. He loved to talk, laugh and tell stories and he told some of the BEST stories imaginable.

Kyle is survived by 6 children, Josh Ratliff (Jamie) of Texas, Kyleigh Campbell of New Cambria, Bailey Ratliff (Ethan) of Bucklin, Dakota Kincanon, and Brooklyn Ratliff, both of Green City, and Kennedy Craig of Moberly. Nine grandchildren, Paten, Keenan, Jade, Piper, Lottie, Danny, Nash, Myles, Remington, and Madelyn. Also surviving are his mother, Montie Lou Ratliff of Brookfield, one brother Rick Ratliff, one niece, Mandy Vilano and one nephew Chris Ratliff. Kyle was preceded in death by his father Reese Ratliff and his sister Juletta Ratliff.

Visitation will be held Thursday, August, 31, 2023, from 5:00 pm. to 8:00 pm. at the Ethel Community Church, Ethel, MO. Private burial will be at a later date.

Memorial have been suggested to the Family for funeral expenses, and can be made to Rhodes Funeral Home, and can be left at or mailed to Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO. 64628.

Online condolences can be made at [www.rhodesfh.com](http://www.rhodesfh.com)

Arrangements are under the direction of Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **31**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ethel Community Church  
Ethel, MO 63539

# Tribute Wall

NM

“ I grew up an "Ethel kid" along with Kyle and his family. He was my closest friend in that very scary start to school, kindergarten! He was funny, sweet, helpful, loving, and very naughty all mixed together. As people have said, Kyle was truly a delight to watch play any sport. He was one of the most naturally coordinated people I have known. Kyle had a huge heart and a great passion for his kids. You were the main thing he'd talk about.  
My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Natalie Williams McDonald

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**Natalie McDonald** - August 28, 2023 at 03:03 PM

JD

“ I knew Kyle well over my 13 years at Macon Co R-IV as a parent, a big basketball fan, and as a board member. Kyle was always enthusiastic in whatever role we interacted in and the common theme was that he wanted the best for kids. I was surprised and sad to hear of his passing and want to express my sincere condolences to Kyle's family and pray for peace in a time of great loss and grieving.

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**John Dunham** - August 28, 2023 at 07:33 AM

BM

“ Kyle has been my friend for nearly 50 years, we were in all the sports and activities in school. I don't have a memory of jr high or high school that Kyle wasn't there. Kyle was so much fun to watch as an athlete, he moved with a natural grace that is difficult to describe but if you ever watched him play you know what I mean. If there were shenanigans going on, Kyle knew where. He loved people and loved to have fun. He wasn't afraid to work hard, and was always there if you needed him. He will be missed. It's difficult to think we will never see that grin again.

Barb Mullins - August 26, 2023 at 04:10 PM

LT

“ Kyle was a genuine friend, an original.no matter the time span , when we'd meet we picked up where we last left off. The kids, or stories of our late night sale barn sorting days at New Cambria This line from song is well fitting for Kyle, "I want a well trained dog on a couple acres,, a kind kind lady, and a place to take her,, a few good friends i can count on one of my hands".

I'll miss him Larry T.

Larry Thrasher - August 26, 2023 at 11:40 AM

DG

“ Donna Greene lit a candle in memory of Samuel Kyle Ratliff



Donna Greene - August 25, 2023 at 06:01 PM