



Albert W. "Chip" Keil

May 27, 1946 - May 22, 2026

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Albert W. (Chip) Keil, 79, a lifelong resident of Livingston, NY, died unexpectedly on May 22, 2026, at Albany Medical Center. Born in Hudson on May 27, 1946, Chip was the son of the late Albert G. and Mildred (Brower) Keil.

Chip is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Diane (Kurzyna), daughters Jessica Castagnola (Jorge), of Saugerties, and Juliana Keil of Great Barrington, MA; and his son, Mark Keil of Kerhonkson. Also surviving are granddaughters Jade and Violet Biasin; and grandsons Mark, Brandon, Cade and Tye Keil; a sister, Dawn Gates, and brothers Kim and Brad Keil.

Chip grew up working in the family business, started by his father in 1948, first known as Keil Farm Supply, later known as Keil Equipment Company, Inc., and served as President for over 30 years before his retirement. Proud of the 75 year history of the business, Chip had a particular fondness for International Harvester, or "Red" tractors, the original brand sold at their Livingston store. Even when the company transitioned to selling John Deere products, he remained a loyal fan of the IH brand, and enjoyed collecting all types of memorabilia related to the brand.

A proud veteran, he served in the NY Army National Guard from 1968 to 1973 and was honorably discharged as Second Lieutenant. He also served as Treasurer of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Manorton for many years, and was a member of the Columbia County Historical Society, Hudson Valley Old Time Power Association, the Century Museum and Village and Collectors Association in Rhinebeck and the Connecticut Antique Machinery Museum. For many years, he with his wife and daughters, could be found selling and displaying farm toys at the Dutchess County Fair, and various other tractor-related shows throughout the Hudson Valley and in Connecticut.

Over the years, Chip amassed a large collection of farm-related memorabilia and signage, which he enjoyed hunting for at the many antique flea markets he and Diane attended throughout the state and beyond. Their annual trip to Aruba, spanning over 30 years, was also a special highlight, and the venue of both daughter's weddings. At home, Chip could be found mowing and maintaining their 20 acre horse farm in Livingston known as "Twin Pines Farm", where they have resided since 1984.

Calling hours will be held from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29, 2026, at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home, 110 Green Street, Hudson, NY. Friends and family are also invited to a celebration of his life, which will be held at the Churchtown Firehouse, 2219 County Route 27, Claverack, on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Chip's name may be made to the Columbia-Greene County Humane Society, 111 Humane Society Road, Hudson, NY 12534.

Upcoming Events

Visitation Hours

MAY **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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