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Robert Kevin Flowers, son of the late Bill Flowers and Jane Averett Flowers, was born November 3, 1962, in Sikeston, Missouri, and departed this life on February 2, 2019, at Saint Louis University Hospital after a three-and-a-half-year battle against multiple myeloma.

A lifelong resident of Dexter, Missouri, Kevin was involved in many activities including FFA and multiple sports. In particular he enjoyed playing football and was recognized as a member of the All Conference team his senior year. Kevin went on to attend Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas and then Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Kevin graduated college in May of 1985 with a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture.

On July 28, 1984, Kevin was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Kelly O'Daniell, at the Dexter Church of Christ. Mrs. Flowers survives of the home. In addition to his wife, Kevin is survived by two daughters, Aleshia Eftink and husband Nathan Eftink of Kelso, Missouri, and Delaney Flowers of Dexter, Missouri. Kevin is also survived by one grandson, John Robert Eftink, also of Kelso. Furthermore, Kevin is survived by two brothers, Stanley Flowers and wife, Sue Flowers of Dexter, Missouri, and Timothy Flowers and wife Kimberly Flowers of Dexter, Missouri. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Besides his family, Kevin was most proud of Flowers Fish Farm. As a young boy, Kevin developed his love for aquaculture and always aspired to work beside his father,

Bill Flowers. Through his hard work and dedication, Kevin was instrumental in transforming the farm from the 75 water acres of his youth to 425 acres, making it one of the largest catfish farms in the Midwest. Kevin was a member and past president of the Missouri Aquaculture Association as well as the Missouri Aquaculture Council. He was held with high regard in aquaculture community for his years of experience and wealth of knowledge.

Kevin was a man of great faith and impacted many by providing a wonderful Christian example of love, humility, and selfless generosity. He was a lifelong member of the Dexter Church of Christ. As a child he attended Bootheel Youth Camp and supported its mission spiritually and financially. He also proudly served as a past member of its board. Kevin was a loving husband and father as well as a loyal and supportive friend. He was always ready with a soft smile, kind words of encouragement, and bear hugs, whether you knew you wanted them or not. Kevin also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and visiting the family cabin. He loved playing cards, marbles, board games, and completing puzzles. Regardless of the activity, he was always excited to spend time with family and friends.

In celebration of his life, friends may visit the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the Dexter Church of Christ beginning at 10:30 AM.

Mr. Jeremy Tucker will be officiating.

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