



KEITH STEWART  
BRADY

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1938-2021

Keith was born on May 25, 1938, in Lethbridge, Alberta. He passed away on February 3, 2021, surrounded at home by his loving family. He was 82 years old.

Keith loved creation and loved the Creator.

### The early years

The first 15 years of Keith's life was spent growing up on a prairie homestead near Turin, Alberta. He was the youngest of four children: older brothers Glen and Ralph and older sister Laurel. He especially enjoyed riding bareback across miles of open prairie on his horse "Patty", accompanied by his faithful dog "Butch".

On April 4, 1958, Keith married his childhood sweetheart Myrna and they began married life as ranch hands in southwest Alberta at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. On days off, and especially in the fall, Keith and Myrna loved to trek through the mountains.

On June 9, 1962, Keith and Myrna made another decision that would affect their lives forever—they were baptized as Jehovah's Witnesses. Keith later recalled: "We learned ... [from our Bible studies] that the earth and the beauties of creation we enjoyed would never be completely ruined by man's careless actions. As I now look at the mountains it was with new meaning and understanding about how they came to be and why everything is there for a purpose."

After their marriage, Keith and Myrna became parents to nine children—six boys and three girls. Over the following decades the Brady family grew to include 14 grandchildren, as well as great-grandchildren.





## Life as a national park ranger

In July 1966, Keith accepted a job as a national park ranger (warden) and he moved his young family to Banff National Park. They lived for a time at the Minnewanka ranger station. Myrna described it as the most beautiful place she had ever lived. It was not unusual for the family to be sitting in the living room and see a grizzly bear walk across their front lawn.

In January 1972, Keith accepted a transfer to Waterton Lakes National Park, which would be the family home for the next 23 years. In the summers, the Brady boys loved to accompany their dad on overnight backpacking or horseback trips into the mountains. In the early fall, the whole family would often go camping in the mountains. It was a special time.



Keith later recalled: "It is difficult to describe the thoughts and emotions that one feels in the wilderness and solitude of the backcountry: what it's like to ride [on horseback] out of the timber



to the beginning of long open meadows of dwarf birch, willow and other vegetation associated with alpine tundra ... It is times like this when silence is truly deafening as creation and nature speak without words. It was time to express appreciation to the One who made all of this possible. Then, when I thought things couldn't be more breathtaking, they would; with the blaze of fall colors that made everything take on an even more spectacular beauty."

Keith was interviewed for the June 8, 1989 issue of *Awake!* on enjoying the world's national parks. His interview, entitled "Enjoy Them in Safety", gives a glimpse into his personality and includes a small collection of his many stories as a national park ranger.





Keith and Myrna endeavored to inculcate love for creation and the Creator, Jehovah God, in the hearts of their children. Attending congregation meetings was part of their weekly activity. The Bradys were well known for their yellow 12-passenger van which they needed for their large family. They delighted to increase their preaching activity each April,

driving through the vast southern Alberta foothills to share the good news of God's Kingdom with the ranching and farming communities (Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20); the children loved the family picnics on those occasions.



In 1995, Keith was granted an early retirement from the national parks service, which allowed him to spend even more time in his theocratic activities as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Keith and Myrna moved to a beautiful acreage along the edge of the Rocky Mountains about 15 kilometers north of Waterton Park. Keith loved to explain to visitors the abundant flora and fauna on the property. Looking back on his retirement, Keith wrote: "In reality, Myrna and I have retired from working in the national parks but the new and real life is just beginning."



During his illness Keith was greatly comforted by the Bible's promise that in the coming earthly Paradise he would be resurrected back to life along with countless millions of others (Psalm 37:29; John 5:28, 29). He prayed with and for his family and quoted Scriptures he found especially encouraging including Ecclesiastes 12:13, Daniel 12:13, and parts of Hebrews 11:1-39.

He reassured his family that soon, in the coming Paradise, they would have "lots of time to visit".

While words may fail to convey the pain of losing Keith, we look forward to the time when words will fail to capture the joy of having Jehovah God bring Keith back to life, where he will have the privilege along with his family, friends, and billions of others to help restore Paradise to the earth, where old age, sickness and death will be "no more" (Isaiah 33:24; Revelation 21:3, 4). Then Keith, and all who love creation and the Creator, will enjoy life to the very full.

