



Leroy Keith

December 12, 1928 - August 1, 2023

Leroy Keith, 94, of Chattanooga, passed away Tuesday, August 1, 2023, in a local hospital. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on December 12, 1928 to Robert Keith and Lucy Dickens Gilbert. Leroy was educated at Howard Elementary School. He worked at DuPont for several years and made his career in housekeeping at Memorial Hospital for 16 years from where he later retired. Leroy was a faithful member of Westside Baptist Church for 50+ years until his health declined. He was an usher and sang in the choir. Leroy was a resident of Mary Walker Towers for 27 years. He received a VIP honor award for Volunteer Services from C-HSD in 1993-1994, as well as a Resident Greeter for Mary Walker Towers, and an Award of Appreciation from the Chattanooga Housing Authority from 1999-2004. Leroy was an avid Howard Girls and Boys Basketball Team fan who went to all the games for over 60 years and had his personal seat at the games. He loved riding the CARTA bus every day from the end of the line and back. Leroy was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Battle Keith; father, Robert Keith; mother, Lucy Dickens Gilbert; grandfather, Bud Dickens; grandmother, Lillie Dickens; sister, Mary Ethel Ruffin; brother, James "Sonny" Clark; aunt, Ethel Jones; uncle, Melvin Dickens, Sr.; and cousin, James Day. Survivors include his caretaker and devoted daughter, Lawanda (Herman, Sr.) Prater; sons, Van (Brenda) Keith, Sr. and Stanley (Brenda) Keith; granddaughters, Danielle (Eric) Madding and Stacie Carter; grandsons, Van Keith, Jr., Benjamin Keith, and Herman Prater, Jr. great-grandson, Jalen Moore; affectionately known as Uncle Leroy to

Paulette (Riley) Walker, Seabron (Mickey) Battle, Renee (John) Word, and Wilson (Ida) Perry; a host of great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. Leroy will lie-in-state on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 9 a.m. at Westside Baptist Church. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon at the church with Carol Johnson as the eulogist. Burial in Highland Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

AUG **19**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Westside Baptist Church
4001 Hughes Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37410

Service

AUG **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FB

“ I extend my condolences and my prayers to this family. Praise God for the life and legacy of Mr Keith. I prayer he continues to comfort your hearts during this time.



Felix Beasley - August 18, 2023 at 07:41 PM

JJ

“ JACQUELINE JONES-MILLER lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith



JACQUELINE JONES-MILLER - August 18, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ Been knowing Mr Leroy from Coward Street was always nice and kind...even after he moved to Mary Walker Towers



Lenard Wigfall - August 18, 2023 at 06:35 AM

LH

“ Laretta Harrison lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith



Laretta Harrison - August 16, 2023 at 07:34 PM

DH

“ *My condolences to the Family.*



Dianne Hicks - August 16, 2023 at 01:34 PM

MS

“ *What I remember most about Leroy was his attachment to his transistor radio! My condolences to the family*❤️



MARCIA Smith - August 14, 2023 at 06:05 PM

KG

Van & Wanda, my prayers 🙏 are that the Lord will comfort you. I remember growing up on Long St. and seeing Van at other times after graduating from Howard. God can be a comforter who's mi d is stayed on him. My condolences for your family. Katherine Gibbs Garth

Katherine Gibbs Garth - August 18, 2023 at 08:41 PM

DW

“ *Dechante Williams lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith*



Dechante Williams - August 13, 2023 at 01:10 PM

MK

“ *Marcie Keith-Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith*



Marcie Keith-Tolliver - August 11, 2023 at 10:33 PM

LD

“ *Mr Keith will truly be missed, one of my favorite bus riders, still loved his fresca, my condolences to the family.*

Leroy Dandy - August 11, 2023 at 10:22 PM

SS

“ *My condolences to Stanley Keith and his family in the passing of our loved one, Mr. Leroy Keith. My prayers are for your peace, comfort and strength at this time. Much love* ❤️

Sherrian Stinson - August 11, 2023 at 03:30 PM

MB

“ *Uncle Leroy will be truly missed praying for strenth for our family Seabron and Mickey Battle*



Mickey Battle - August 11, 2023 at 12:55 PM

VL

“ *Vanessa Lowery lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith*



Vanessa Lowery - August 10, 2023 at 02:34 PM

GM

“ *Glenda Morgan lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith*



Glenda Morgan - August 10, 2023 at 01:44 PM

SK

“ *Sharon Kennard lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith*



Sharon Kennard - August 10, 2023 at 10:37 AM

PW

“ We know this is a difficult time, with the transition of your father but our thoughts are with you and your family as you grieve.

Howard Class of 1968

Pat Underwood Williams



Pat Underwood Williams - August 10, 2023 at 07:44 AM

JA

Your memories will linger forever in the hearts of all that you shared your life with. From the residents at Mary Walker Towers, submitted by Jackie Abernathy 🙏 RIP 🙏

Jackie Robinson Abernathy - August 10, 2023 at 09:56 PM

RQ

“ Richard And Linda Qualls lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith



Richard and Linda Qualls - August 09, 2023 at 07:19 PM

EP

“ Eura Pierre lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith



Eura Pierre - August 09, 2023 at 08:45 AM

DR

“ *Sending Our Condolences to Mrs. Lawanda & family, sorry for your Loss. Absent From The Body, Is Present With Our Father. Job well done Mr.Keith. Take your rest.*
The Hatten, Hamler, Bobbie, & Tony



Doris Readus - August 08, 2023 at 05:20 PM

VB

“ *Our sincere condolences is extended to the Keith and Prater families. May peace and comfort be with each of you in the days to come is our prayer. Vincinetta Brown and Family.*



Vincinetta P. Brown - August 08, 2023 at 02:39 PM

LR

“ *Lera Richmond lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith*



Lera Richmond - August 08, 2023 at 02:01 PM

DS

“ *Dywana Sanders lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith*



Dywana Sanders - August 08, 2023 at 08:48 AM

RH

“ I am so sorry for you and your family for losing your father. If only words could remove your heart's emptiness, I would write you a book. Please let memories of your dad comfort you during the coming days. You are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry to the whole family for such a loss. May happy memories comfort you in this time of sorrow.

Our Deepest Sympathy!

Van and Regina Hickman

Regina Patten Hickman - August 07, 2023 at 08:14 PM



VB

“ Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith



Vincinetta Brown - August 07, 2023 at 11:27 AM

MR

“ Michael And Ann Robinson lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith



Michael and Ann Robinson - August 06, 2023 at 03:47 PM

MR

Michael & Ann Robinson (Atlanta, GA)

Michael Robinson - August 06, 2023 at 03:59 PM

VT

“ Vickie Fielder Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith



Vickie Fielder Thornhill - August 06, 2023 at 12:17 PM

TF

“ The Jordan & Gordon Family lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith



The Jordan & Gordon Family - August 05, 2023 at 05:31 PM

MB

“ UNCLE LEROY YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED LOVE SEABRON AND MICKEY



Mickey Battle - August 05, 2023 at 04:28 PM

JS

“ Stanley and Family, my condolences and prayers. Janice '71



J Sledge - August 05, 2023 at 03:52 PM

JF

“ *Joyce Fears lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith*



Joyce Fears - August 05, 2023 at 09:37 AM

,C

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr.Leroy Keith*



,Natalie Carter - August 04, 2023 at 12:18 AM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of Leroy Keith*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - August 03, 2023 at 07:46 PM

VL

Vanessa Lowery

Vanessa Lowery - August 10, 2023 at 11:55 AM

NG

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies for the loss of Brother Keith. He was a kind man that served the Lord with gladness. We could always count on Bro Keith for a kind, funny, and encouraging word. May the peace of our Lord dwell with his family as they prepare for his homegoing and may you all be assured of our great heavenly reunion that anchors our hope.
Kindly, Natasha Graham

Natasha Graham - August 03, 2023 at 01:33 PM