



Deacon Efral L. Keys Sr.

November 1, 1937 - October 20, 2021

Efral L. Keys Sr. (Sam), 83, of Peoria departed this life on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at his residence. Efral was born to Willie Keys Sr. and Alberta Wallace on November 1, 1937, in Tunica, Mississippi.

Efral received his education from Phoenix High School in Marion, Arkansas. In 1954 he enlisted into the U.S. Navy. He was employed with American General and retired in November 2000.

Efral accepted Christ at an early age. He was a devoted Deacon, Superintendent and Sunday School teacher at Rising Sun Baptist Church. Efral touched many lives and left behind a great legacy and impression that will never be forgotten.

Efral in addition to his loving parent was preceded: Della Mae Keys (wife); Ocie Keys (ex-wife); Henry Wallace (Stepfather); and 3 grandsons.

Efral leaves to mourn; a beautiful stepmother Mary Keys; five daughters; Annette (Geoffrey) Munger in Lanesboro, MN, Hellen Hall in Minneapolis, MN, Dondra (Anthony) Chatman in Peoria, IL, Patrise Keys in St Louis, MO and Dianne Keys in Peoria, IL; two sons; Henry Donald in West Memphis, AR and Efral (Kimberly) Keys Jr. in Peoria, IL; seven sisters; Lillie Keys, Ruth Turner, Margert Washington, Mary Katherine Keys and Linda Keys; two brothers; Willie Keys and James (Mary) Keys; One special sister-in-law; Azzie Jenkins; three honorable daughters; Sonya Copeland, Demetra Gains and Cathy Collins; 27 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; ex-wife: Doris Keys and a host of great-great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins

and friends whom will miss him dearly.

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Rising Sun Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one-hour prior at 9:00 a.m. Rev. John Gibson, Pastor will officiate.

Efral will be laid to rest at Lutheran.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Rising Sun Church

Celebration of Life

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rising Sun Church

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Chandler Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Efral L. Keys Sr.




Chandler Family - November 08, 2021 at 12:28 PM

DK

“ Efral was a good God fearing mad. A awesome man and a very loving husband and father. Rip. Love you forever.

Doris Davis keys - November 04, 2021 at 02:11 PM

 Barbara Vinson

“ Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Efral L. Keys Sr.



Barbara Vinson - November 01, 2021 at 12:30 AM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Efral L. Keys Sr.



Kathy Collins - October 31, 2021 at 11:10 PM

CL

“ *RIP MR. KEYS!! My condolences to Patrise and family!! May GOD continue to bless your family!!!*



Carolyn Lobdell - October 30, 2021 at 05:56 AM

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“ *Carolyn Lobdell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Efral L. Keys Sr.*



Carolyn Lobdell - October 30, 2021 at 05:51 AM

JB

“ *MR.KEYS OUR GENTLE GIANT DEACON THAT I AFFECTIONALLY CALLED HIM "DADDY KEYS" WILL 4EVER 4ALWAYS BE MISSED. TO HIS FAMILY I'M PRAYING FOR YOUR STRENGTH IN THE LORD . HE'S RESTING PEACEFULLY IN THE MASTERS ARMS NO DOUBT. HE'LL BE WATCHING OVER HIS LOVE ONES FROM UP YONDER.
REST IN PARADISE GBNF 🕊️❤️ JOANIE🙏*



Joanie Brown - October 28, 2021 at 02:49 PM