



Mr. Clarence Miller Key

March 23, 1944 - July 1, 2019

KEY, Mr. Clarence Miller - Age 75, passed away Monday, July 1, 2019 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, July 6, 2019 at Ebenezer Ministries, 2130 Center Rd., Burton, MI with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Bishop Urandi Knox, officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Key will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday.

Mr. Clarence Miller Key, "Ole School" was born March 23, 1944 in Memphis, Tennessee, the son of Lawson Miller and Annie Marie Key. Clarence moved to Flint, Michigan and gained employment at AC Spark Plug, a Division of General Motors Corporation where he eventually retired from. He was an avid fisherman and loved to play basketball and horseshoes in his spare time. He was also known to many as "The Baddest Bass Guitar player in Town" because of his devastating skills. Mr. Key had a love for music and played the bass guitar with a high level of passion and skill. He was a member of several groups including: "The Pronouns", "Paramount", "The Flint Cavaliers" and "Heavenly Bound". He would later go on to release his own single, entitled "747".

Mr. Clarence Miller Key leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Romel Key of Grand Blanc, MI; 2 daughters, Frances (Glen) Palmer and Charise (Charles)

Key-Gray; son, Clarence Key Jr.; grandchildren, Teaaqua, Teaqunia, Regina, Cametha, T Lor, Shayona and Emari; 8 sisters, Vera, Lenoir (Willie), Pearlie May, Charlotte, Bertha, Pamela, Camellia and Barbara; 6 brothers, Glen (Bettie), Ronald, Arthur, James, Willie (Ernestine) and James Lee; 21 nieces, 18 nephews; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends; Eugene Harris and Lloyd Williams.

Clarence was preceded in death by: his parents, Annie Marie Key and Lawson Miller Key; sister, Catherine O'Neal (Charles); brother, Theo Burse; and 5 brothers-in-law.

The family would like to express special thanks to: Bishop Urundi Knox and the Ebenezer Ministries family, the Nursing Staff at Ascension Genesys Hospital, the Staff at Reverence Hospice, the Salvation Army Staff, Pastor Samuel Berry III and the Macedonia MBC family and the Staff of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 5. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
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Flint, MI 48505
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Clarence Miller Key*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

CF

“ My name is Craig Fielder ,way back in the Day a friend of mine (David Mays) came running around the corner of Black and Andrew st. (Flint Michigan) looking for me, yelling Hey Craig! there a dude up on N Saginaw St playing a real bass guitar! and we took off running up Black St. to a studio on N. Saginaw St. I was just learning to play and had never seen a bass guitar, I had took all but four strings off a cheap guitar I found and David was teaching me simple bass lines on it while he played guitar and he would always say Man you need to get a bass guitar! I had never seen or could afford one and always wanted to just see one,and as we were running up the street the closer we got I could hear the drums and the bass thumping in the air and when we ran up into the building there Clarence was jamming on that bass guitar, I was awestruck Clarence was in there laying it down! his bass lines were killing me! and the bass looked bigger than what I had expected too!,so when the band took a break, my friend David went and told Clarence about me and Clarence called me up out of the crowd and asked me if I wanted to sit in, and he let me play is bass!, and it changed my life forever!, his bass was the first bass I ever held in my hands he actually took off his bass and strapped it on me and I felt my calling that day, such a powerful feeling over took me I remember that his bass was still warm from him playing it,and the strings looked so thick, I was almost paralyzed with fear the bass was so big and heavy then he asked me what I wanted to play,and said Cold Sweat (James Brown) I told him I just learn it! and the drummer kicked it off and it was like a dream ,every note I played I could feel in my chest and I new right then and there I was going to be a bass player! everybody was dancing, after that Clarence told me I did very good for my first time, I never forgot that and I have always given credit to Clarence for being the man who christen me bass player!,and from that day on I have been a bass player! if it wasn't for Clarence being kind enough to let me sit in and play his bass guitar and putting that bass over my head and resting it on my shoulder that fateful day I would have never become the bass player I am today! since then I have been blessed to have played with some of the greatest musicians in the world and I am so

grateful and have thanked God many times for meeting Clarence Key! Rest In Peace My Brother!

Craig Fielder - June 02, 2022 at 09:38 PM

JH

My Brother from another mother - Poo Poo whom I jammed with in the 70s used to talk about his Big Brother Clarence who he used to borrow one of his guitars from. How he was Jammin @ The Piece of The Rock back in the days before he met Jesus our Lord. Arthur would sure give Clarence his props.

J. Hamric - December 10, 2024 at 06:09 PM

KC

“ James and Katrina Cobb (trina) Giving the family condolences, I remember Clarence loving to fish , and played with my family in there group the heavenly bounds he was quite and a very special person, were sending our love to the family.

katrina Cobb - July 15, 2019 at 02:43 PM

FP

Thank You Love You

Frances palmer - April 21, 2020 at 02:10 PM

CS

“ Charles Summerville lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key



Charles Summerville - July 10, 2019 at 10:30 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Barbara watkins - July 10, 2019 at 08:41 PM

BA

“ *Gone but not forgotten rest in peace*

Barbara - July 10, 2019 at 08:40 PM

KM

“ *Kelvin M. Mackey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Kelvin M. Mackey - July 10, 2019 at 03:31 PM

AL

“ *Alex LaGrone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Alex LaGrone - July 07, 2019 at 08:55 AM

DM

“ Douglas And Mayrene McGruder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key



Douglas and Mayrene McGruder - July 06, 2019 at 11:16 AM

MA

“ Margaret Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key



Margaret Anderson - July 05, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Kimberly Hall-Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key



Kimberly Hall-Miller - July 05, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Miller Key.



July 05, 2019 at 10:27 AM

TA

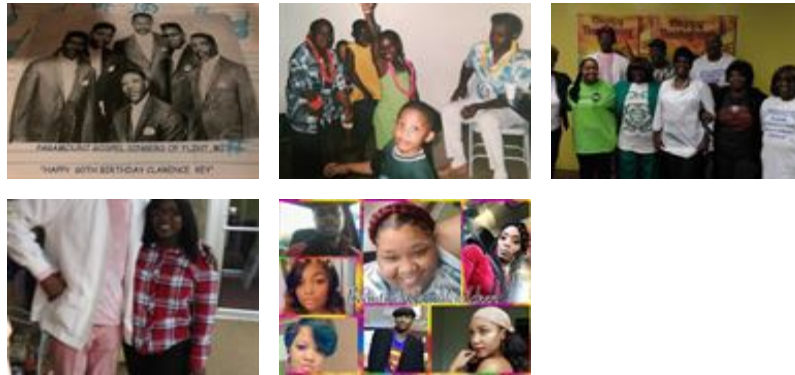
“ Toni K. Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key



Toni K. Adams - July 04, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - July 04, 2019 at 01:02 PM

AW

“ Alberta Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key



alberta williams - July 04, 2019 at 10:18 AM

FS

“ *Faye Starling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



faye starling - July 04, 2019 at 07:23 AM

RP

“ *Reverend Michael Proby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Reverend Michael Proby - July 04, 2019 at 05:57 AM



“ *Sandra Lawson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Sandra Lawson - July 03, 2019 at 09:13 PM

TM

“ *Tamika Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Tamika Mack - July 03, 2019 at 08:24 PM

Krishna Jackson

“ *Krishna Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Krishna Jackson - July 03, 2019 at 07:17 PM



“ *Heart Wind Chime - Silver was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Miller Key.*



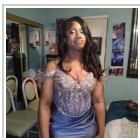
July 03, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Frances Palmer - July 03, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ *Frances Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Frances Palmer - July 03, 2019 at 09:32 AM



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Frances Palmer - July 03, 2019 at 09:25 AM



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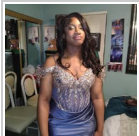
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“ *Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Frances Palmer - July 03, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ *Joann Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Joann Jordan - July 03, 2019 at 07:56 AM

Lloyd Williams

“ Lloyd Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key

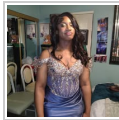


Lloyd Williams - July 02, 2019 at 10:25 PM

CK

Thanks so much 🙏 My Father loved You

Charise Key-Gray - July 03, 2019 at 01:56 PM



Thank You

Frances Palmer - July 10, 2019 at 11:22 PM

DB

“ To the key family we love y'all so much and if u need us we just a phone call away from Pearl Dukes and The Angels of God Gospel Singers

Deaigo Brown - July 02, 2019 at 02:24 PM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key



MINISTER PAM - July 02, 2019 at 10:52 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



MINISTER PAM - July 02, 2019 at 07:49 AM

SP

“ *Sheryl Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Sheryl Payton - July 01, 2019 at 04:30 PM

VE

“ *So sorry for your great loss, my prayers are with your family at this difficult time.*

Velesa - July 01, 2019 at 02:53 PM

LC

“ *Loria Corder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Loria Corder - July 01, 2019 at 01:25 PM

LB

“ *Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Miller Key*



Lynn Barbee - July 01, 2019 at 11:29 AM