



Mrs. Dianne Keyes

July 17, 1944 - September 22, 2015

KEYES, Mrs. Dianne - Age 71, passed away Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at Genesee Care Center, Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Patrick W. Sanders, Sr. officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Keyes will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family present from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Mrs. Dianne S. Keyes was born July 17, 1944 in Flint, Michigan the 4th of 5 children born to Richard James and Addie Mae Simpson. She was raised in a "Christian Home." She attended Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle and was baptized at an early age. Dianne sung (beautiful soprano) and played the piano, playing for the Bluebells and The 4 Bells. She sung with the "Wilson Ensemble" and later moved her membership to New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church. Dianne loved God and music, she sung faithfully with the "IV's" up until her health began to decline. She attended Parkland Elementary, Emerson and Whittier Jr. High, and graduated from Flint Southwestern High School, "Class of 1963." Dianne was employed at A.C. Spark Plug, a division of General Motors and later worked as a Cook, she would often cook for visiting guests of the church. She loved to fishing and bowling and was quite

skillful at it. After graduation she married Norman Keyes and to this union 2 daughters were born. Dianne loved her family and was a proud grandmother who loved everyone of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a cheerful, outspoken nature and would bring lots of laughter to any gathering.

Mrs. Dianne S. Keyes leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Dorhea (Kenny) Burrell of Cleveland, OH and Shawnda Simmons of Flint; 9 grandchildren, Zaquesha, Kiara (Dimitri), Jauquaze, Isiah, Juanicka, Chaniese, Juanay, Joseph and Juakobe; 9 great-grandchildren; sister, Cherry L. Brown; 2 brothers, William D. (Rose) and Henry D. (Pamela) Simpson; sister-in-law of deceased brother, Richard, (Ophelia) Simpson; adopted sister, Denise M. Fleming (James) Roberts of Savannah, GA; 5 nieces, Tonya (Phillip) Dukes, Stephanie, Indi Simpson, Rhonda (Woody) Greene and Cherry A. Brown; 6 nephews, Richard III, Sharif and Tomar Simpson, Charles Jr. (Kathy) Brown, David and Kennard Simpson; mother-in-law, Mary Keyes; 2 sisters-in-law, Joyce Keyes and JoAnn Batson; 5 brothers-in-law, Gary (Deborah), Rodney (Evella), Allen (Charlette), Gregory (Jane) and Jeffrey (Angel) Keys; a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Shirley Caver, Shirley Vaughn, Zenobia Traylor, Lillie Thomas and Keith Champion.

Mrs. Keyes was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Keyes; parents, Richard James and Addie Mae Simpson; grandparents, oldest brother, brother-in-law, father-in-law, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family would like to express special thanks to New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church family, Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle family, The Cross Missionary Baptist Church family, Crestmont Nursing Care Center, Genesee Health Care, Shawnda and Juanay.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dianne Keyes*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Linda Chilton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Linda Chilton - October 04, 2015 at 06:44 AM



“ *Sorry I missed your mom going away celebration I never forget all the laughs we she shouldn't been red fox and Steve Harvey 😊 I prey you girls did a wonderful taking care mom and the rest family love you, ll*

Joyce Keyes - October 02, 2015 at 04:46 PM

“ It's hard to identify a starting point when you were known before you knew yourself. My precious Dianne! Momma? I wanna go with Dianne. Momma! I wanna go over to Dianne's house. She loved me. I loved her. We had - still have - "history". She (age 11) was my first sister and my first babysitter - I was six months old. She was my first singing inspiration... my first piano instructor... my fishing coach... my greatest fan... my childhood teacher and role model. She was my "GIFT!"

Our families were indescribably close. Uncle Richard and Aunt Mae were my second parents. They loved my parents and my parents loved them. So it was inevitable for the Simpson and Fleming families to merge into one. Richard Jr., David, Henry, Cherry and Dianne, became my brothers and sisters; and I became the baby sister. We have laughed together, cried together, played together, sang together, slept together, fished together, cooked together, and ate together - among other things :-). They loved on me and I loved on their kids...BUT, it all began with Dianne!

When one forgets where they've been, they lose sight of where they're going.

When one forgets how they got over, they are destined to go back and cross over again.

When one forgets who shaped their lives, they deny the very Sovereignty of God.

I shall NEVER... forget!

I am who I am because God strategically placed His vessel named "Dianne" in my life - to shape me and prepare me for my life's journey!

In the book of Jeremiah, chapter 29 and verse 11, the Lord says "I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for."

God knew then... and He knows now. It's all been planned out

before we ever were.

I submit to His Will and thank Him for my "GIFT!"

Evangelist Denise Fleming-Roberts - October 01, 2015 at 12:36 PM

FF

“ *Flois Dukes And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Flois Dukes and Family - October 01, 2015 at 12:10 AM

TJ

“ *Teresa Murray Jenkis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Teresa Murray Jenkis - October 01, 2015 at 12:03 AM

GM

“ *GLORIA MOSES-COLEN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



GLORIA MOSES-COLEN - September 29, 2015 at 10:42 PM

TW

“ Tammy Webb-Blount lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



Tammy Webb-Blount - September 29, 2015 at 05:06 PM

MF

“ Maudie Coley FCWC sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



Maudie Coley FCWC - September 29, 2015 at 03:50 PM

C(

“ Clarence (bubba)Burks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



Clarence (bubba)Burks - September 29, 2015 at 01:07 PM

GA

“ Gina Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



Gina Allen - September 29, 2015 at 01:05 PM

DS

“ *Delois & Jackie Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Delois & Jackie Scott - September 28, 2015 at 10:41 PM

BH

“ *Bettye Hendricks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Bettye Hendricks - September 28, 2015 at 10:23 PM

JW

“ *Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Janice Williams - September 28, 2015 at 07:52 PM

DP

“ *Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Doretha Phillips - September 28, 2015 at 11:06 AM

BW

“ *Barbara A. Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Barbara A. Wright - September 28, 2015 at 10:28 AM

BW

Peace be with you and in you and around you, thinking of you and family in these difficult moments

Barbara A. Wright - September 28, 2015 at 10:31 AM

SB

“ *Sonia D. Breed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Sonia D. Breed - September 27, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ *49 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - September 27, 2015 at 04:17 PM

JM

“ Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



Jeannie Mayberry - September 27, 2015 at 12:16 PM

AP

“ Rest In Heavenly Peace
Love Monica and LeLee



Alisha Patton - September 26, 2015 at 04:13 PM

ET

“ My condolences to the family of Dianne. I did not know her personally, but have grieved over the loss of loved ones. I have been comforted by a scripture in Gods' Holy word the Bible, Psalm 55:22 assures us that we can take our worries to God and he will comfort us. I hope this comforts you also.

E Torres - September 26, 2015 at 08:43 AM

RD

“ Rita Burks Doyle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



Rita Burks Doyle - September 26, 2015 at 08:24 AM

DH

“ *Deborah Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Deborah Holbrook - September 25, 2015 at 01:30 AM


Anthony Paxton

“ *Anthony Paxton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Anthony Paxton - September 24, 2015 at 09:45 PM

KW

“ *Karen Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



karen wilson - September 24, 2015 at 09:32 PM

TP

“ *Tonya Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Tonya Price - September 24, 2015 at 09:23 PM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Betty Tipper - September 24, 2015 at 04:50 PM

KR

“ *We had so much fun together, I will truly miss the many laugh's our lost is Heaven's gain, the Heavenly choir has a new 1st soprano. and a musician, cause you can play. and very well at that. Just setting here remembering so many moments we had together. LOVE YOU! you have brooke my face*

KEITH R.CHAMPION - September 24, 2015 at 02:47 PM

AK

“ *Condolences to Doreah and Shawnda*

April Kelley - September 24, 2015 at 10:18 AM

SM

“ *Doreah and family you have my deepest sympathy. Ms.Dianne was a funny person who always kept me laughing.*

sharon mixon - September 24, 2015 at 10:15 AM

JD

“ *Judith Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Judith Dixon - September 24, 2015 at 09:35 AM



“ Renee Thompson-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



Renee Thompson-Jones - September 24, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



A Jeffrey LaValley - September 23, 2015 at 10:37 PM



“ Bertha Moses lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



Bertha Moses - September 23, 2015 at 10:31 PM



“ The Mother's Board, and the Intercessory Prayer Ministry of New Jerusalem FGBC, are praying that the Lord will bring the entire family strength and comfort that only He can give.



Mother Margaret Montgomery - September 23, 2015 at 06:28 PM

MM

“ At a time when words are hard to find, may you know God's comforting presence, His strength and His Faithful Love.to carry you through with Heartfelt Sympathy.

Mother Margaret Montgomery - September 23, 2015 at 06:16 PM

SP

“ Dorea and Shonda my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,God bless you all

Sandra Payne,
Warren Mi

sandra payne - September 23, 2015 at 01:38 PM

SP

“ Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



sandra payne - September 23, 2015 at 01:32 PM

DW

“ Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes



Diane Williams - September 23, 2015 at 07:45 AM

IH

“ *Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Iris Hare - September 22, 2015 at 10:28 PM

CH

“ *Calvin And Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianne Keyes*



Calvin and Pamela Hightower - September 22, 2015 at 05:53 PM