



Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys

July 3, 1945 - June 30, 2020

KEYS, Ms. Joyce Sandra - Age 74, passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2020 in Palm Bay, FL. Family hour 10:30 AM Tuesday, July 14, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Rev. Rodrick K. Green officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 AM Tuesday. Public viewing will be during the family hour only.

Joyce was born in Flint, Michigan, on July 3, 1945, daughter of Willie Lee and Irene Lucille Keys whom both proceeded her in death as well as her brother William Jackson Keys and sister Edna Lucille Willis. She is survived by six siblings; brothers Samuel (Marianne) Smiley, Emmett (LaVerne) Smiley, Michael (Janet) Keys, Roosevelt (Sylvia) Keys and Terrance (Sharon) Keys, all of Michigan. One surviving sister Dorothy Robinson of New York along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Joyce graduated from Flint Southwestern in 1963. She worked at the United States Post Office in Flint for ten years before enlisting into the United States Army on December 4, 1978, as a Private First Class. She received many outstanding soldier awards during her deployment in Germany. After completing her six years of service, Joyce accepted a position with Kettering University as an Library Assistant. She worked for Kettering for twelve years

before transitioning to the warmer climate of Palm Bay Florida where she accepted a position as an Library Technician for Florida Technology University. Joyce was passionate in her work at the Library and remained there for seventeen years before retiring on June 28, 2019.

Joyce was an avid reader and an active member of the book club at the University. She loved children and held special relationships with many of her nieces and nephews. They shared cruises together and created memories for which they will treasure forever! Having no children of her own, Joyce adopted two cats. KC deceased and Chloe who survives her. Some of our most joyful times with Joyce was listening to the stories she would tell about “the adventures of KC and Chloe!” Joyce was kind hearted and loved her family and friends.

We would like to extend a special acknowledgement to her friend and social sister, Robin Keys of Palm Bay, Florida! Joyce is loved and will be sadly missed by all.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Family hour & viewing

JUL 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - July 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Joyce. She was always so friendly and kind. I worked with her when she was a mail carrier and a clerk at the Flint Main Post Office during her earlier career in Flint. During those times she always had a book she was reading in her spare time. She truly loved her family, especially her nieces and nephews. May she Rest In Peace.*



Fredricka “Ricky” Gist - July 13, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys*



Pandoretta Jackson - July 13, 2020 at 04:47 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys*



Barbara Morris Wright - July 13, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JS

“ *I'm very sad to hear of Joyce's passing. I worked with her for many years at the Florida Tech Library and hoped she would have a long and happy retirement. She was always especially kind to my husband, a fellow Army person, and to our grandchildren when they would come for an occasional visit to the library. She made many people happy with the box of donuts for the staff that she frequently brought on Fridays. And she did a lot of work for Florida Tech! May she now rest peacefully.*

Joyce always spoke warmly and proudly of her family. My condolences to every one of you.

*Sincerely,
Jean Sparks*

Jean Sparks - July 12, 2020 at 03:29 PM

WS

“ *W. Helmstetter, A. Sepri, K. Turner, J. Sparks purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys.*



W. Helmstetter, A. Sepri, K. Turner, J. Sparks - July 12, 2020
at 03:17 PM

TS

“ *The Evans Library family and the Florida Tech community send condolences and love to Joyce’s family and friends. We were very sorry to hear of her passing. Joyce didn’t seem to want to retire or leave her position at the Library. She enjoyed her work there until the very last day and we were sorry to see her go.*

Joyce was an institution in CATS, what the Library team calls the cataloging workroom. She was always one to wish you a good morning and chat casually about the goings on. She was a resource for all the new employees and university members regularly sought her out for help with theses and dissertations and procedural questions. When she was thanked for her overabundance of help or timeliness on an issue, she would always respond “I aim to please.”

Joyce was forthright, though, too. She didn’t think twice about saying what was on her mind which endeared her to the hearts of the Library team. We could always count on her for candor and straight shooting – all said with a smile or hearty laugh.

Joyce was warm hearted and wonderful. She enjoyed having fun with people, gently teasing them like a big sister. She was a good listener, and it was clear that she genuinely cared about you as a person and enjoyed your company. With a heavy heart, we remember Joyce, our faithful confidant. We will miss her.

*With sincere condolences,
Dr. Holly Miller, Dean of Libraries
and the entire Evans Library staff*

Trenton Smiley - July 10, 2020 at 05:27 PM

VP

“ My condolences to the family members of Ms. Joyce Keys. She was a sweet spirited person that I had the opportunity to get to know while working at Kettering. She had the warmest smile and was a knowledgeable person in our Library and provided a much needed service to our university. It's good to hear that she pour her time into reading and sharing stories with family and our younger generation. I pray that her memories will last a lifetime to those who had the opportunity to engage with her. She was blessed to be a blessing and may she rest in peace.

Venetia Petteway - July 09, 2020 at 04:46 PM

AM

“ 1 file added to the album Family



amber - July 08, 2020 at 12:30 PM

BK

Love looking at these pictures❤️

Brenda Wesley Kimble - July 08, 2020 at 07:12 PM

WH

“ I am very sorry to hear of Joyce’s passing. We worked together for many years, and I will always remember her joyful laugh, and her delightful stories about her kitties. Joyce was a caring person, who always inquired about my children, grandchildren, and family members. She was always concerned about the well-being of the student assistants with whom she worked. Joyce clearly cared about the lives of others and was a service-oriented person, who volunteered with Hospice for many years. She enjoyed reading to, visiting with, and comforting those in Hospice care. I am also grateful for her military service. Joyce was proud of her family, and always looked forward to visits with them. It was a pleasure to meet some of her family members and friends at her retirement party last year. My sincere condolences to her family. I will remember Joyce fondly.

Wendy Helmstetter - July 08, 2020 at 11:32 AM

TS

“ I was always told i was like you
I'll continue lol
I'm gonna miss you
Love always
Your niece
Tammie D.Smiley

Tammie Smiley - July 07, 2020 at 10:38 PM

BK

“ So very sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. We grew up together on Wellington Ave. Mrs. Metcalfe was my Grandmother. I have so many happy memories of our childhood. Mrs Keys would have those delicious fried fish on Fridays!

I remember Edna graduating from Nursing School and how happy we were seeing her in her white uniform! Condolences to the family.

🙏 Rest in Heavenly Peace Joyce. 🕊️



Brenda Wesley Kimble - July 07, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys.



July 07, 2020 at 11:30 AM

BD

“ Brenda Jordan Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys



Brenda Jordan Dilworth - July 07, 2020 at 10:41 AM

PO

“ I'm saddened to hear of Ms. Joyce's passing. She was like a mother to me during my tenure at Florida Tech. She was a very giving person - In fact, when she found out I was getting married in 2014, she made it her priority to provide my wife and I with a gift (of which we will never forget). RIP Joyce - you will certainly be missed.

Phillip O'Meally - July 07, 2020 at 08:50 AM

SS

“ Aunt Joyce we shared a lot of good times together, you were always there to support me, your huggable and smiling face Will be missed, but the good memories Will remain in my heart forever. Love always your niece SHAWN SMILEY.

SHAWN SMILEY - July 06, 2020 at 11:12 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys



Yvonne Tidwell - July 06, 2020 at 09:48 PM

VW

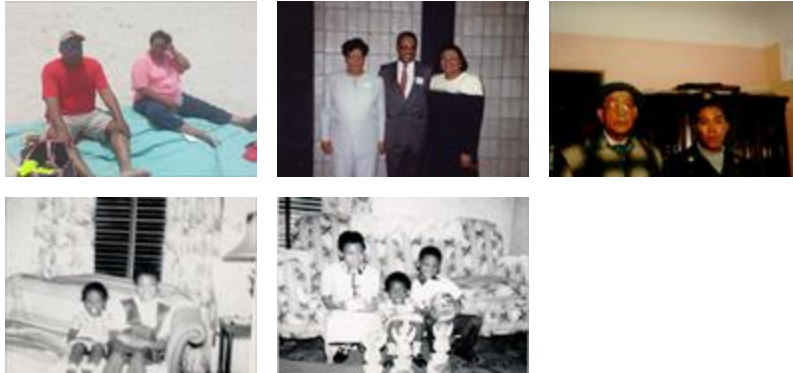
“ Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys



Velma Williams - July 06, 2020 at 04:46 PM

TK

“ 15 files added to the album Family



Ted Keys - July 06, 2020 at 04:43 PM

RT

“ We are so sorry to hear about Joyce's passing. As I shared at her Evans Library retirement party last year, I remember well her personal interview, when we hired Joyce, and how impressed I was that volunteering in meaningful ways was so important to her. Joyce and I shared many laughs about her experiences in my research course that she took. Boolean logic (she called it "boo") was her favorite.

Richard & Kathy Turner - July 06, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ms. Joyce Sandra Keys.



July 06, 2020 at 01:49 PM