



## Mr. Keith Edward Parris

September 10, 1960 - February 20, 2025

PARRIS, Mr. Keith Edward - Age 64, passed away Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Corewell Health Blodgett, Grand Rapids, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, March 10, 2025 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the chapel 10:00 AM Monday. Mr. Parris will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday. Keith Edward Parris (affectionately called "Sug Edward" by his Aunt Dorothy) was born on September 10, 1960, in Detroit, MI, to Frances (Parris) Cleaves and Clifford Parris. He accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and deeply valued his spiritual relationship with God. Keith attended Flint Public Schools and graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1978. A natural athlete, he excelled in basketball, football, and wrestling – even earning the title of State Champion in 1978 during his time at Flint Northern. His dedication and talent led to his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2014. A true sports enthusiast, Keith carried his love for athletics throughout his life. In June 1981, Keith enlisted in the United States Army, where he proudly served his country. He was Honorably Discharged in 1984 and remained committed to lifelong learning, earning several certifications throughout his career. Keith's faith was evident in his love for family and community. A dedicated servant, he generously gave his time to volunteering,

often helping at homeless shelters and rescue missions. He was actively involved in the Veterans Association and Hero's Corner, always seeking ways to uplift and support others. Blessed with a beautiful singing voice, many compared him to Philip Bailey of Earth, Wind & Fire. As a child, he would put on concerts for his family, cousins, and friends bringing joy to those around him. He cherished time with family and found happiness in their company. Keith had a gift for organization and an innate ability to improve everything he touched. He left a lasting impact on those who knew him, not just through his actions, but through the kindness and dedication he showed every day. Keith Edward Parris leaves to celebrate his life: siblings, Monique Cleaves-Byrd, Ali (Naseera) Cleaves, Mateen (Chanda) Cleaves, Shelby Pope, all of Flint, Kathy Parris of Dearborn Heights, MI, Venetia McDaniel of Laurel, MD, and Clifford Parris of Boston, MA; aunts, Dorothy Barrett and Charlene Taylor, both of Detroit, MI, Anita Smylor and Claire McClinton, both of Flint, and Tommie Jean Thomas of Houston, TX; uncles, George Cleaves of Flint, and Richard Taylor of Detroit, MI; brother-in-law, Sean Byrd; nephews, Antonio Cleaves, Jalen Lewis, Ali and Khali Cleaves, Rahmad Dent, Sean Byrd Jr., Mateen Cleaves Jr., Nasir and Amir Cleaves; niece, Keera Byrd; sister-cousins, Donele Wilkins, Rolinda Barrett, Tracey (Markus) Irving, Kimberly (Walter) Chappell, and Deanna (Todd) Moss; cousins, Robert and Carlos Boaz, Autumn (Stut) Dailey, Christine and Tracy Murphy, Tonya Barrett, Char Pippins, Debbie Johnson, Malinda Wilson, and Rod Moore; special sister, Tonya Norris; honorary sons, Jonathan Mangles and Joey Montana; honorary grandchildren, Mackenzie and Grayson Mangles, Kaiden and Ava Montano; special friends, Sandy Mangles, Natalie "Pooh" Johnson, the Johnson family, Anthony Bowling, Cynthia Baskins, Carl Stevens, Craig (Monte) Johnson, Rayford Stevens and a host of other family, friends and relatives. Keith was preceded in death by his mother, Frances Cleaves; fathers, Clifford Parris and Herbert Cleaves; grandparents, Betty and Roscoe Livingston, Gladys (Ben) Thomas; brothers, Herbert "Sluggo" Cleaves Jr., Ryan Parris and Michael Hister; sister, Robin Parris; aunts, Willie Parris and

Claudette Pippins; cousins, Tony Barrett, Tony Smylor and Jackie Pippins; and special mother, Eldorado Johnson. A thank you is extended to The Veterans Association, Hero's Corner, and Acts of Gospel Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR **9**. 10:00 AM - 4:00 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

MAR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Keith Edward Parris*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 10, 2025 at 08:31 AM

RM

*I love you cuz, big brother gonna miss ya man. Give aunt Fran and uncle Herbert one too*

Roderick m - March 10, 2025 at 12:09 PM

RM

*Hug*

Roderick m - March 10, 2025 at 03:40 PM

MM

*Yes I would like to give my condolences to the family I love you all. May God give you strength in these trying times. 🙏🙏🙏*

Maxine Murphy - March 10, 2025 at 03:44 PM



*I love you Shug ... Today, tomorrow and forever...*

Clarissa McMurry - April 11, 2025 at 06:08 PM



*Your Lil Shug....Helen...Blillu!*

Clarissa McMurry - April 11, 2025 at 06:18 PM

KM

*Thinking of you today as pictures come up on my phone and crying. I miss you so much Keith. You would be so proud of me right now and wish you were here to share the success in my life right now.*

**Kenni Marino** - February 11 at 02:19 PM

KM

*“ I miss and think of you everyday. I'll always carry the nick name of Sunny D. I sit and cry every day going thru all of our pictures.*



**Kendra Marino** - July 13, 2025 at 10:17 PM

RM

*“ I love you cuz gonna miss you man,give everyone a hug for me bruh*



**Roderick Moore** - March 10, 2025 at 03:47 PM

CH

*“ Keith you were truly one of the best💔 you'll never be forgotten ❤️*



**Christine Hawthorne** - March 10, 2025 at 12:41 PM

CH

“ Keith we go waaay back cuz I love you so much and I remember all the fun we had together and the mischief we got into together ❤️  
Rest eternally my dear sweet cousin/brother 🙏🙏

Christine Hawthorne - March 10, 2025 at 11:06 AM

AB

“ Kieth memories of you will forever remain in my heart. Prayers for the family 🙏

Anthony Bowling - March 10, 2025 at 09:59 AM

TS

“ Trina Renee Stewart/Classmate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Edward Parris



Trina Renee Stewart/Classmate - March 09, 2025 at 11:21 PM

JD

“ I love you, you were a big part of my childhood. You will be missed  
RIP ❤️ 🙏



Johnson Debbie - March 09, 2025 at 05:39 PM

KM

“ Prayers of strength, comfort and peace doing your time of breavement❤️



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**Kathy Maynor/Class mate** - March 09, 2025 at 04:19 PM

JA

“ Nothing but love and kindness...rest well Cousin. Love you family.

Joi



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**Joi Copeland Askew** - March 08, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Keith Edward Parris.



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March 06, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Keith Edward Parris.

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March 06, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Keith Edward Parris.*



March 06, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Edward Parris*



**Christine Brown** - March 06, 2025 at 03:05 AM



“ *Awesome guy, Keith!! My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to his entire family. He was my friend growing up, I'm truly saddened to hear of his passing. May God grant each of you, His peace, strength, and comfort. My prayers of love are with you.*



*Respectfully, Teresa Re-Re Anthony, Sammy & family. ❤️ 🙏🙏🙏*

**Teresa Anthony-Johnson & Family** - March 05, 2025 at 08:31 PM



*To my brother I will always love you for your inspiration and the wisdom you share with me you had to go always willing to help anyone rest in peace my brother and may God comfort and bless your family*

**Charles Young** - March 10, 2025 at 10:31 AM

KM

*Charles contact me 917-225-1617 I want to go in on a tree to plant in the memory of Keith*

**Kendra Marino** - July 13, 2025 at 10:18 PM

MM

“ *Yes, I would like to give my condolences to the family that God continue to give you strength in your times of sorrow. God bless each and every last one of you.*

**Maxine Murphy** - March 05, 2025 at 06:14 PM

FP

“ *Felisia T Peoples lit a candle in memory of Keith Parris*



**Felisia T Peoples** - March 05, 2025 at 10:34 AM

CR

“ *My deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends. Your presence will always be present in many ways in our recovery coaching 🙏.*

**Cheri Ruiz** - March 03, 2025 at 07:08 PM

CH

“ *My condolences to all the families RIP, Cheryl Harris and Family, FtWorth TX*



**Cheryl Delores Harris** - March 02, 2025 at 07:12 PM

GS

“ Sending prayers and loving arms to surround my family, Monique, Ali & Mateen and families. Keith fought a good battle and may he rest in peace knowing he was loved. 🌸💔



Gloria Scruggs - March 01, 2025 at 02:42 PM

OM

“ Ollie Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Edward Parris



Ollie Morris - March 01, 2025 at 11:04 AM

CB

“ Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Edward Parris



Christine Brown - March 01, 2025 at 10:23 AM

TF

“ Send love and sincere prayers, up for the entire family! God grantveach of you, His strength, love and peace during this trial. Remember that, God knows and He cares, He'll never put more on you, than you can bear. Rest well, Keith. ❤️🙏🙏🙏



Teresa Anthony-Johnson & Family - February 28, 2025 at 01:12 PM

KC

“ *Kim E. Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith Edward Parris*



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**Kim E. Carpenter** - February 27, 2025 at 02:23 AM