



Mr. Keith "Keecho" Rawls

November 18, 1954 - November 11, 2013

RAWLS, Mr. Keith "Keecho" – Age 58 Life is a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanisheth away. Keith vanished from our view on November 11, 2013 from the University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, November 16, 2013 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 4805 N. Saginaw St. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Dr. Henry L. Fuller officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Rawls will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday with family present from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

His Dad coined the nickname "Keecho" which became his trademark.

He began his earthly life on November 18, 1954 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Rev. Robert W. and Estelle Rawls. He grew up here, in Flint, attended Flint public schools, graduating from Northern High School. He later attended Clark College, majoring in music which became his professional career. Because of his God-given talent, he became a composer and producer of a number of albums for various artists, including his own groups, "Freda Grace and Rhinestone, featuring Freda Grace and Ros Sweeper; and Jamm, featuring Fred Sawyers. His mastery of the keyboard positioned him to tour with several noted artists, among who was the acclaimed vocalist, Peabo Bryson. He was

also the first musical director for the UniverSoul Circus.

Growing up in a Christian home, he learned the importance of having a meaningful relationship with God and accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized by the Reverend Cameron Alexander, Pastor of Antioch North Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. He then composed and produced music for several gospel groups.

He leaves to cherish loving memories: 1 son, Corey (Valarie) Rawls; North Bergen, New Jersey; Mother, Estelle Kathleen Rawls; 2 brothers, Robert A. "Bobby" Rawls, Flint and Dennis R. (Sylvia) Rawls, Millbrae, California; 3 sisters, Anita L. Aikins, Flint; Sylvia K. Lester and Judi E. Rawls, both of Atlanta, Georgia; 2 grandchildren, Tamari and Kiran; 2 aunts, Lillian (James) Bell, Della Rawls; 3 nieces; 4 nephews; several cousins, including Winona Rawls and son, Allen (Coraleen) Rawls, Detroit, Michigan; mother of his son, Fredi Grace (Kurt) Mitchell, Atlanta, Georgia; several great nieces and nephews, and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by father, Reverend Robert W. Rawls, both sets of grandparents; niece, Sidney Lester and nephew, Marcus Aikins.

The family expresses many, many thanks to the Staff of the Critical Care Unit of Fourth Floor, Hurley Medical Center; the Staff of Critical Care Unit of Seventh Floor, University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Dr. Elmahid Saeed. Pastor Henry Fuller and the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church family; Pastor Phillip Washington of the St. James C.M.E. Church family.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM - 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

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
4805 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505

Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Keith "Keecho" Rawls*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Michele Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Keith "Keecho" Rawls*



Michele Davis - November 17, 2013 at 08:45 AM



“ *My heart is sadden to learn of the homegoing of my brother/friend. Mrs. Rawls and Rev Rawls gave us unconditional love. and For that I am thankfull for knowing my family for so long. May God give you His Peace that only He can Give. Anita, Bobby, Dennis, Sylvia and Judy, Love you all more than You Know. Forever are our memories that we will Hold on to. RIH Keith you will be missed....Michele aka "MISSY"*

MJichele Davis - November 17, 2013 at 08:43 AM



“ Keith:

I enjoyed being your room mate during our Jr. & Sr. years at Clark College/CAU. You always brightened every room you entered and filled it with genuine laughter. Your zest for life, family and music was beyond measure. I will always cherish our friendship and fond memories.

May God bless the Rawls family and give them strength during this difficult hour.

God Bless,

Harold "H.B. Sullivan

Harold Sullivan - November 16, 2013 at 05:11 PM

PB

“ *To Ms Estelle, Bobby and the rest of the family,
I pray grace and peace for you at this time. Keith was special.
Love you all,
Patricia (Cooley) Brooks-Hamer*

Patricia (Cooley) Brooks-Hamer - November 15, 2013 at 11:04 PM

EH

“ Life brings about many encounters and I was blessed to have known Keith from Northern High (graduated with my older sister in 72), yet the most remarkable thing is God allowed our paths to cross in Atlanta Ga. Upon my arrival in Atlanta there was a period of time when I had that valley experience and Keith was there to help lift my spirits. I want to extend my most humble condolence to the Rawls family, may my brother Rest in Peace.

Eugene Harris Jr

Eugene Harris - November 15, 2013 at 03:06 PM

DE

“ To the entire Rawls Family I extend my deepest sympathy in the passing of Keith. May GOD grant you strength and peace as only HE can. GOD bless you! Love you ALL.

Deidre Spight~Woodson

Deidre~Spight~Woodson - November 15, 2013 at 01:59 PM

MH

“ Mereda Davis Johnson and Genet Hopewell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Keith "Keecho" Rawls.



Mereda Davis Johnson and Genet Hopewell - November 15, 2013 at 12:30 PM

MJ

“ We will miss Keith but will always cherish the memories! He was my husband's best man at our wedding in December of 1979 and I have treasured him every since. There are many memorable moments we all shared through the years and for that, I am thankful. Not many men pass through this world with a heart as loving as Keith's. We are blessed that God placed him in our lives, but sad that he had to leave us so soon. Keith, may you rest in peace!

Mereda Davis Johnson - November 15, 2013 at 11:50 AM

DB

“ Dear Family,
I'm not sure where to begin because Keith and I were like brother and sister. We laughed so much together I just can't believe my friend is gone. I know Keith loved the Lord and rejoicing in Heaven. I will miss you Keith.....Love Dixie Smith Brown

Dixie Smith Brown - November 15, 2013 at 07:14 AM

SM

“ What a Blessing to make Music with ,and hang with" Keecho " who always brought out the best in me. May your family and friends be blessed as we will miss you,but you will always be in my heart and on my mind.

Skip McCain - November 14, 2013 at 04:45 PM

GM

“ My sincere condolences to the Rawls family. We grew up together in Vernon Chapel Church. You have my deepest sympathy.

Gwenith E McGill - November 14, 2013 at 04:20 PM

LI

“ Dear Rawls Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is tremendous, even with the passage of time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress according to Psalms 83:18, and Psalms 65:2. Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again, as promised at John 5:28.29 and Isaiah 25:8. My family and I wish you and yours peace.

Lisa - November 13, 2013 at 08:09 PM

JP

“ Thanks for letting me carry your horn home back in the sixth grade
You were a star in the making

Jackie Lark Porter - November 13, 2013 at 04:24 PM

VH

“ A good man and talented musician will be missed...Keecho you
have completed your journey...Now R.I.P my brother.

victor hodge - November 13, 2013 at 02:48 PM

SC

“ Keith was a longtime friend, and fellow musician, and I am greatly
saddened by his passing. My prayers & condolences go to his
family...

Steven Charles - November 13, 2013 at 01:48 PM

MH

“ RIP My brother you will be missed. Maceo Holloway

Maceo Holloway - November 13, 2013 at 01:32 PM

SN

“ Keecho was a good friend and a good man. He will be missed not only by his family, but by the many friends he made throughout his life. My deepest condolences to the Rawls family.

Sharon Rae North - November 13, 2013 at 01:18 PM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith "Keecho" Rawls



Valerie Southall - November 13, 2013 at 04:34 AM

PL

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Death is such a hateful and ugly event. But God's words in the Bible give us future hope at Isaiah 25:8 where HE promises to wipe away our tears and swallow up death forever. May you find comfort from God's words in the Bible.

Peggy Land - November 12, 2013 at 02:52 PM

JF

“ Joseph, MaeCarolyn Cochran And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keith "Keecho" Rawls



Joseph, MaeCarolyn Cochran and family - November 12, 2013 at 11:16 AM

VH

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victor hodge - November 13, 2013 at 02:43 PM