



Mrs. Mary Keyes

May 13, 1927 - June 22, 2025

KEYES, Mrs. Mary - Age 98, passed away Sunday, June 22, 2025, at her residence. Family hour 11:30 AM Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, 930 E. Myrtle Ave., with funeral service commencing at 12:30 PM Pastor Stephen Murphy, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Bedford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:30 AM Saturday. 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 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday, July 11, 2025. The daughter of Ida Howard and Oscar Reeves. She was raised in the city of Flint by her mother and stepfather Charles Howard and attended the Flint Public Schools.

She met and married the love of her life, Russell Keyes, and to that union they had 9 children, 2 girls and 7 boys. Mary was employed and retired from Hurley Medical Center after working 15 years in Public Safety.

She was a faithful member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Flint. Along her spiritual journey she served thirty-five plus years on the Mother's Board and was a Leader and Co-leader of the Phebian Missionary Ministry. Mary found joy not only in her connection to God in her worship, but she found joy in connecting with family and friends.

Her passions included traveling, shopping, bowling, sewing, working in her

flower garden, baking, and spending time with her family and cooking those family dinners. She joined a quilt making class and enjoyed the fellowship with the other ladies in the class. She was also a part of the Ennis Center that made 120 quilts for adopted children. Mother Keyes found herself engaging in all types of crafts including scrapbooking and greeting card making.

Mother Keyes was a beacon of light and a ray of sunshine in the lives of all who knew her. She can be remembered for her gentle spirit, her kindness, and her compassion. She had an unwavering dedication to caring for others.

Her legacy continues with: 2 daughters, Joanne Batson & Joyce Keyes; 2 sons, Jeffery (Angel) Keyes, & Rodney Keyes; grandchildren, B.J., Krysta (Donnie), Gabriel (Rochelle), Fanechia (Emmanuel), Damarius (Joubert) Dorhea (Kenneth), Shawnda, Allen, Toya (James), Donielle (Yama), Chris (Rose), Cianna, Jamar, Darcyl, Imani, Jacolby, Tiffany (Clyde), Trabien, Greg, Amari, Dajuana (Feronda), Zion; niece, Carol Roberson; daughters-in-law, Debra Keyes, and Jane Keyes; many great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends including special friend and partner in Crime, Bertha Burns.

She was preceded in death by husband, Russell Keyes; parents, Ida Howard and Oscar Reeves; sons, Norman, Gary, Allen, Gregory, and Brian Keyes; grandson, Derrick Keyes; son-in-law, Bennie Batson; mother-in-law, Effie Keyes; step-father; Charles Howard; sisters-in-law, Hazel & Marion, Special thanks to caregivers, McClaren Hospice Care, Pastor Murphy and Metropolitan Baptist Church family, Pastor Knowlin and Jackson Memorial Temple Church family.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 11. 12:00 PM - 6:00 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

JUL 12. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle
930 E. Myrtle Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

JUL 12. 12:30 PM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle
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Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall

WK

“ *Willie Kirby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Willie Kirby - September 15, 2025 at 05:11 PM

ME

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Mary Keyes. Prayers for strength, peace and comfort as you live on without your loved one. I was on vacation and found out that Mary had passed. I had the pleasure of of working with with Mary at Hurley Medical Center. She was always professional, soft spoken yet stern and greeted you with a smile. I know you all have many memories with her you can treasure. May God bless each one and meet your needs. Rest in Peace, Mary Keyes.*



Mildred Holloway Evans - July 15, 2025 at 01:36 PM

DD

“ *Debra Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes*



Debra Davis - July 15, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *Benita Green sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Benita Green - July 14, 2025 at 04:15 PM

BG

“ *Benita Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Benita Green - July 14, 2025 at 04:01 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Cassandra Burks - July 13, 2025 at 12:05 PM

JR

“ *John/Lessie Rhymes lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes*



John/Lessie Rhymes - July 12, 2025 at 10:39 AM

BM

“ *Bertha Moses lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes*



Bertha Moses - July 12, 2025 at 10:16 AM

CT

“ *Such a sweet spirit with a beautiful smile 🙏*



cynthia Turner - July 12, 2025 at 09:55 AM

OG

“ *Ondria Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes*



Ondria Gillespie - July 11, 2025 at 09:49 PM

PH

“ *My deepest sympathy to Joanne Batson and Family. Ms. Keyes was such a sweetheart. One of the most kindest and loving ladies that I've ever met. Love y'all and I'm praying for you. Patricia (Brooks) Hamer and Family.*

Patricia Hamer - July 11, 2025 at 09:24 PM

CF

“ *Cleveland Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Keyes.*



Cleveland Family - July 09, 2025 at 10:07 PM

MS

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Mrs. Keyes family. What a blessing to live to 98*



Maxine Stapleton - July 09, 2025 at 08:47 AM

AE

“ *April Ewing lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



April Ewing - July 09, 2025 at 12:27 AM

LL

“ *Linda Lenear lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Linda Lenear - July 08, 2025 at 02:23 PM

SD

“ *Shelton Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes*



Shelton Davis - July 08, 2025 at 12:46 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Mills lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Jerry Mills - July 08, 2025 at 09:46 AM

CK

“ ‘Grandmother, Mary’ was an extraordinary person, a true beacon of wisdom and also a refreshing voice of reason. She always greeted you with a smile, warmth and comfort. You could feel it the moment you would even look at her...she had that sort of rare aura/glow about her.

The lasting effect that she would leave on those that were close to her was both, real time and passive, as you would go through life and remember some of the messages she would give you, that you couldn't help but acknowledge, when they became true to you later on in life. Due to my humble beginnings, my particular experience with my Grandmother was truly a unique one. I find myself reflecting on our past interactions more so as I've gotten older. When we last spoke, our more than 2 - hour conversation felt like merely 15 minutes...that's how engaging/thought provoking and immersive a conversation with her would be when she started verbally 'cookin'... for she was an incredible listener...she would always let you get your point across, then she would briefly pause, as if to make sure you were done rambling, LOL!. What typically would come after that was a response that, for all those savvy enough to listen to what she was saying, would be true pearls of wisdom being passed along to help you make sense of what some consider the crazy world that we live in today. For at 98 years of age, Grandmother had long since been there and done THAT, to which you speak, a myriad of times already, in one form or fashion.

While we all grieve over this monumental loss to our family, we can all be thankful, grateful and proud to have been blessed to have her as a family rudder, so to speak. Grandmother was as worldly, intelligent, strong and 'no nonsense' as any human being can become. Now I know where my late, great Father, Gary Keyes, got those traits from! Grandmother was exactly the example that we all should strive to follow. During one of our last deep conversations, Grandmother told me that, as a man, I should always take out the time to reflect. To sit down and just THINK...because, in general, our condition in life is nothing more than a sum of all of our choices,

no matter what good or bad breaks we think we've gotten from 'the Man' or whatever. It's up to us to figure it out for ourselves because no one else will, and talk is cheap.

Words of wisdom...GEMS such as that, highlighted the uniqueness of Grandmother. Her example has equipped our family to now have many "rudders" to hopefully navigate our extended families through life in her likeness. And I must add...Grandmother's hugs were so, so very tight and POSITIVE energy transferring. Her sweet smile and warm giggle would just put you at ease and make you feel peaceful inside. The POWER of her hugs cannot be overstated... they were like mini miracles of love every time she gave you one... period.

We love you, Grandmother...the level of thankfulness that I feel for you being a part of my life can never be fully expressed in words, but I'll surely try to explain it to you when I see you again.

Rest in heaven.

*-Christopher & Rose Keyes and Family
(Grandson)*

Chris Keyes - July 08, 2025 at 08:55 AM

MP

“ Michele Parker lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



Michele Parker - July 06, 2025 at 08:55 AM

PR

“ Patricia Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



Patricia Roberts - July 05, 2025 at 02:50 PM

SM

“ Sharon M Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



Sharon M Mixon - July 05, 2025 at 10:35 AM

CB

“ Carolyn Batson-Burt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Carolyn Batson-Burt - July 05, 2025 at 04:06 AM

JK

“ Jeanne Keys-Wells lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



Jeanne Keys-Wells - July 02, 2025 at 09:46 PM

JG

“ Jeanette Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Jeanette Grady - June 30, 2025 at 06:19 PM

JW

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



Janice Williams - June 30, 2025 at 09:01 AM

PL

“ Phyllis Brown Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Phyllis Brown Leslie - June 29, 2025 at 09:03 PM

CS

“ Carolyn D Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Carolyn D Stewart - June 29, 2025 at 08:31 PM

HV

“ HURLEY VOUNLTEERS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



HURLEY VOUNLTEERS - June 29, 2025 at 12:02 PM

HV

“ HURLEY VOUNLTEERS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



HURLEY VOUNLTEERS - June 29, 2025 at 12:01 PM

JR

“ John/Lessie Rhymes lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



John/Lessie Rhymes - June 29, 2025 at 06:15 AM

KR

“ Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - June 28, 2025 at 05:18 PM

TC

“ Our deepest heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Mrs. Mary Keyes during this time of sadness. Rest well Mrs. Keyes.



The St. John Street Historical Committee - June 28, 2025 at 11:01 AM

MB

“ Monika F Brandon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Monika F Brandon - June 27, 2025 at 07:57 PM

LJ

“ My heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Keys family. 🙏❤️🌹



Lisa Johnson - June 27, 2025 at 06:12 PM

MM

“ Marva McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



marva McDaniel - June 27, 2025 at 03:28 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Mary Hughes - June 27, 2025 at 01:21 PM

DS

“ *Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Dixie Smith - June 27, 2025 at 09:05 AM

YC

“ *Yolonda Cross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Yolonda Cross - June 27, 2025 at 09:04 AM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Aileen Spence - June 27, 2025 at 08:36 AM

AS

“ Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Aileen Spence - June 27, 2025 at 08:36 AM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Aileen Spence - June 27, 2025 at 08:36 AM

CA

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the Keyes family 🌹



Crystal Ashburn - June 26, 2025 at 05:26 PM

DO

“ Deloris Odom lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



Deloris Odom - June 26, 2025 at 11:34 AM

CC

“ *Claudia Croom lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes*



Claudia Croom - June 26, 2025 at 11:24 AM

TH

“ *Tammie L Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Tammie L Henderson - June 26, 2025 at 05:55 AM

EB

“ *Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Eddie and Linda Booth - June 25, 2025 at 11:33 PM

OG

“ *Ondria Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Ondria Gillespie - June 25, 2025 at 10:21 PM

GL

“ *Gina Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Gina Lee - June 25, 2025 at 07:51 PM

LP

“ *Leola Page lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Leola Page - June 25, 2025 at 07:08 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Peggy Stribling - June 25, 2025 at 12:58 PM

TT

“ *Terry Turnbow-Upton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Terry Turnbow-Upton - June 25, 2025 at 11:30 AM

BH

“ *Mary was always so kind to our patients, both with her kind words and actions, may her soul so rest in peace.*

Barb Hammonds - June 25, 2025 at 11:28 AM

BM

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



Bertha Moses - June 25, 2025 at 11:23 AM

LC

“ *Lois Edwards Carmel, Indiana lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



lois edwards Carmel, Indiana - June 25, 2025 at 10:47 AM

AH

“ *Antionette Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Antionette hardy - June 25, 2025 at 09:59 AM

BF

“ *Bettie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Bettie Flowers - June 25, 2025 at 09:38 AM

WS

“ *Wanda Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes*



Wanda Stitt - June 25, 2025 at 09:05 AM

EW

“ *Rest Easy Mrs. Keyes* 🙏

Ebony White - June 25, 2025 at 08:39 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Jesse Kirksey - June 25, 2025 at 01:36 AM

LB

“ *Condolences in the passing of Mrs Keyes. I meet her years ago she was a very sweet person and she will be missed. May God comfort you at this time.*



Lisa (James) Blakley - June 24, 2025 at 09:25 PM

LC

“ *Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Lois Cunningham - June 24, 2025 at 08:35 PM

PM

“ *Pat Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Pat Moore - June 24, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DP

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



Doretha Phillips - June 24, 2025 at 07:56 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Kathy Cleveland - June 24, 2025 at 06:26 PM

KC

“ *Send condolences with prayers for your family. Mrs. Keyes was my mother's best friend ❤️ She was, the most beautiful, loving and kind lady. I witnessed true friendship between Mrs. Mary Keys and my Moma. My family shared many beautiful memories with Mrs. Mary, that we cherish. At Mrs. Mary 80 birthday celebration she said my Dad was her only brother! JoAnn, driving Mrs. Mary to Chicago for my dad's birthday celebration! Many years of traveling together to name a few. Mrs. Mary is already missed. She will always be loved by the Cleveland family💕*



Kathy Cleveland - June 24, 2025 at 06:25 PM

AH

“ *Anita Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Anita Harris - June 24, 2025 at 05:52 PM

PW

“ Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Patricia Williams - June 24, 2025 at 04:46 PM

PS

“ Pat Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Pat Spencer - June 24, 2025 at 04:18 PM

DM

“ Debra Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Debra Miller - June 24, 2025 at 03:43 PM

IR

“ Iris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Iris - June 24, 2025 at 03:26 PM

DL

“ Heartfelt Sympathy goes out to the Keyes Family



Debra LaCour - June 24, 2025 at 03:07 PM

JM

“ Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Jimmye Maxwell - June 24, 2025 at 02:55 PM

CB

“ Missing you Mother Keyes, your sweet demeanor, our sometimes long talks & exchanging recipes...😊 God bless the entire family with strength & love.
Love, Cherry

Cherry L. Brown - June 24, 2025 at 12:34 PM

CB

“ Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



Cherry L. Brown - June 24, 2025 at 12:23 PM

PP

“ PJ & Glenda Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



PJ & Glenda Pointer - June 24, 2025 at 10:19 AM

BW

“ Betty Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Betty Wiggins - June 24, 2025 at 06:45 AM

CT

“ Cynthia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Cynthia Threlkeld - June 24, 2025 at 04:56 AM

CT

“ Cynthia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Cynthia Threlkeld - June 23, 2025 at 11:56 PM

AR

“ *Aniska Roper-Craig sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Aniska Roper-Craig - June 23, 2025 at 10:19 PM

AP

“ *Al, Michele & Caleb Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Al, Michele & Caleb Parker - June 23, 2025 at 09:57 PM

JP

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Keys family. Mother keys was a very sweet kind loving Mother at Metropolitan. Love peace and blessings to Mothers family. 🤍🙏🤍*



Joan Pointer - June 23, 2025 at 09:41 PM

NB

“ *Nellie Bacon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Nellie Bacon - June 23, 2025 at 07:08 PM

MM

“ *Marva McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



marva McDaniel - June 23, 2025 at 05:47 PM

MR

“ *MARLITA Ann Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



MARLITA Ann Rhodes - June 23, 2025 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes*



Jacqueline Scott - June 23, 2025 at 01:23 PM

KB

“ *Kim Buckner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Keyes*



Kim Buckner - June 23, 2025 at 01:16 PM

JM

“ Today, with heavy hearts, we say goodbye to a woman whose presence was a blessing, whose strength was quiet but unwavering, and whose love shaped generations.

Born in May of 1927, my grandmother, Mary Keyes witnessed nearly a century of change in the world—but some things about her never changed: her kindness, her grace, and the deep well of love she poured into her family and those lucky enough to know her. She lived with dignity, with wisdom born from years of experience, and with a gentle spirit that brought comfort to all who were near her.

She was the heart of our family—our foundation, our safe place, our storyteller, and our teacher. Through her, we learned what it meant to be faithful, to be strong in the face of hardship, and to find joy in the simple moments—laughing at the kitchen table, bowling, golfing, tending to a garden, or hearing her hum a hymn she’d known since childhood.

Even as we grieve, we are grateful. Grateful for every moment, every memory, every lesson. Grateful for the legacy of love she leaves behind—a legacy that will live on in us, and in the way we choose to love each other.

Rest well, Grandmother. Your journey on this earth may be done, but your spirit will remain with us always—in our hearts, in our homes, and in the quiet strength you taught us to carry.

You were deeply loved. You will be forever missed.

James and Toya Martin - June 23, 2025 at 11:35 AM

JT

“ Jerome And Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld - June 23, 2025 at 11:10 AM

BL

“ Barbara Leake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Barbara Leake - June 23, 2025 at 09:26 AM

JF

“ JAMES RUSSELL FORTE lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



JAMES RUSSELL FORTE - June 23, 2025 at 09:21 AM

LB

“ Lois Bell lit a candle in memory of Mary Keyes



Lois Bell - June 23, 2025 at 09:01 AM

TF

“ *The Anderson Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Keyes*



The Anderson Family - June 23, 2025 at 08:39 AM

CC

“ *CLAUDIA CROOM*



Claudia Croom - June 23, 2025 at 12:07 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn Buckley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Carolyn Buckley - June 22, 2025 at 11:02 PM

IR

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



Iris - June 22, 2025 at 09:02 PM

CT

“ Cynthia Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Cynthia Tipton - June 22, 2025 at 08:24 PM

PS

“ Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Peggy Stribling - June 22, 2025 at 06:13 PM

MW

“ Love and prayers to the family of Mrs. Keyes ❤️
🙏 Love to you JoAnne Batson.



Mary (Keels) Wilkes - June 22, 2025 at 04:08 PM

MH

“ Mr. & Mrs. Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes



Mr. & Mrs. Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker - June 22, 2025 at 03:03 PM

AR

“ *Aniska Roper-Craig lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Aniska Roper-Craig - June 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Keyes*



Wanda Harrison - June 22, 2025 at 01:52 PM