



Mr. Ronald Douglas Key

December 19, 1955 - April 30, 2026

KEY, Mr. Ronald Douglas - Age 70, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2026 at Henry Ford - Detroit, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, May 15, 2026, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Lovedale Cemetery, 5175 E. Bristol Rd., Flint, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Friday. Mr. Key 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 Thursday

Today, we gather to honor and celebrate the life of Ronald Douglas Key — a man whose life was rooted in hard work, family, resilience, faith, and love. A man whose presence brought strength to those around him and whose legacy will continue living through the people he loved most.

Ronald was born on December 19, 1955, in Flint to Lawson Miller Key and Annie Marie Key, Ronald Douglas Key was raised in faith and found Christ at an early age. He attended Zion Hill Bible Church and carried those values of strength, love, and perseverance throughout his life.

Ronald attended Flint Public Schools and later furthered his education at Mott Community College. He was a man who understood sacrifice and dedication. He spent years working at Kelsey-Hayes Plant and General Motors before later becoming known throughout the community while driving for Redball Cab and Northside Cab Company. Ronald believed in taking care of business,

standing on his word, and doing whatever he could for the people he loved. But beyond the work and responsibilities was the man his family knew best. Ronald loved cooking, dancing, fishing, laughing, and bringing people together. He enjoyed the simple things in life — being surrounded by family, sharing stories, creating memories, and enjoying the people who meant the most to him. His presence carried strength, wisdom, humor, and protection. He was the kind of man who could make people feel safe simply by being there. To his son, Jalen, Ronald was a protector, a provider, and a best friend. Even through difficult times and years that were unfairly lost, their bond remained unbreakable. Jalen carries not only his father's name, but also his strength, resilience, and spirit. There is pain in knowing there were years taken away, but also deep gratitude for the final chapter they were able to share together — moments that included becoming a grandfather, family gatherings, holidays, laughter, and love that will never be forgotten. And to his daughter, Sharmeka, Ronald's love was equally deep and meaningful. A father's love leaves a permanent imprint on his daughter's heart, and Ronald's presence, guidance, and care will continue to live within her forever. Though words cannot fully ease the pain of losing a father, the memories, lessons, and love he gave her will remain a source of strength throughout her life.

One of Ronald's greatest joys was becoming a grandfather to King Matthias Thee Great Key. The pride and happiness he carried in that role brought light to his life and created memories his family will cherish forever.

Ronald Douglas Key leaves behind to cherish his memory: his son, Jalen Key (Savannah Caesar) of Flint; his daughter, Sharmeka Key of Caro, MI; and his beloved grandson, King Matthias Thee Great Key; sisters, Vera Styles, Camellia Key, Barbara Key of Flint, Lenoir (Willie) Owens of Memphis, TN and Charlotte Jones of Saginaw; his brothers Willie (Ernestine) Key of Memphis, TN, Glenn (Betty) Key, and James Key of Flint; sister-in-law, Romel Key; special friends Sheletta Segrest, and Tammy Edwards; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and his Oak Park community family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawson Miller Key and Annie Marie Key; his sisters Catherine (Charles) O'Neill, Pamela (William) Lockhart, and Bertha (Maurice) Shumpert; and his brothers Clarence Key Sr. and Arthur Key.

Though our hearts are heavy today, Ronald's legacy will continue through the family he loved, the lessons he taught, and the memories that will forever remain alive in our hearts. Some people leave behind possessions, while others leave behind impact. Ronald Douglas Key left behind love, strength, wisdom, and a family forever shaped by his presence.

And if Ronald were here today, some of us can still hear him saying the words that carried his confidence, humor, and spirit: "It's your world... I'm just living in it."

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY **14**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
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Family hour

MAY **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 15 at 09:01 AM

RD

“ *Lit a candle for Mr. Ronald Key. My condolences to the family.*



Rudolph Wheaton, DDS - May 22 at 04:35 PM

DE

“ *Debra Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Key*



Debra Evans - May 15 at 12:07 PM

GP

“ Gloria Proby lit a candle in memory of Ronald Key



Gloria Proby - May 15 at 11:11 AM

BT

“ Beverly Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Key



Beverly Tucker - May 15 at 06:24 AM

SH

“ Bobbie Ronald Cindy from Nickerson family you have are heart sympathy.



Shawntel - May 14 at 10:12 AM

DC

“ Danny B Cabine lit a candle in memory of Ronald Key



Danny B Cabine - May 13 at 07:07 PM

AM

“ To the Key families,our Prayers are for you all, 🙏 that you find and share the God type of peace and rest, during these times, Please family, remember God is still in control of all things, for the hear and that to come, Ronnie your are now with the Father of all Creation,every body let's just Praise the Lord 🙏👊,Rest to the Families, Mr.Anthony Moten,

Anthony Moten - May 13 at 02:37 AM

BW

“ My sincere condolences go to Ronald p going to miss you



Barbara a Watkins - May 12 at 07:09 PM

SI

“ Rest well.



Sonceria Ingram-Ford - May 12 at 06:58 PM

CB

“ Cynthia Denise Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key



Cynthia Denise Brown - May 08 at 05:39 PM

WJ

“ *Willie McKay Jr. lit a candle in memory of Ronald Key*



Willie McKay Jr. - May 08 at 02:22 PM

MM

“ *mayrene mcgruder lit a candle in memory of Ronald Key*



mayrene mcgruder - May 08 at 02:08 PM

TS

“ *"Rest Well" Cousin, Sending Love and Prayers to the Family 🙏*



Terry & Shirley - May 07 at 09:07 AM

NO

“ *Narotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Ronald Key*



Narotha Ogden - May 07 at 07:09 AM

KR

“ *Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key*



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - May 06 at 08:39 PM

SJ

“ *To the Keys FAM',
Sorry to hear about the passing of Ronnie.
You have my deepest condolence.
I'm praying for you all.*



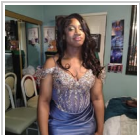
Sharon Jackson - May 06 at 06:06 PM



“ *Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key*



Frances Palmer - May 06 at 04:21 PM



“ *Frances Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key*



Frances Palmer - May 06 at 04:16 PM

TJ

“ Theresa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key



Theresa Jackson - May 05 at 09:52 PM



“ I was able to tell you that I loved you, and you laughed and said, I know you do.. I love you too... You will forever be in our hearts and minds. I love you always uncle Ronnie... Val.

Valentine Jones - May 05 at 11:01 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Valentine Jones - May 05 at 10:53 AM

IH

“ Ida Harkless-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Key



Ida Harkless-Gibson - May 04 at 06:17 PM

DJ

“ Dorothy Jones lit a candle in memory of Ronald Key



Dorothy Jones - May 04 at 05:26 PM

DJ

“ My condolences to my second family the Key Family. Love you all so much 🙏🙏🙏

Dorothy Jones - May 04 at 05:26 PM

EB

“ Our condolences to the Key family fom the Williams and Burnett families

Earnestine Williams Burnett - May 04 at 12:25 PM

EB

“ Earnestine Williams Burnett lit a candle in memory of Ronald Key



Earnestine Williams Burnett - May 04 at 12:21 PM

EB

“ *Earnestine Williams Burnett lit a candle in memory of Ronald Key*



Earnestine Williams Burnett - May 04 at 12:10 PM

EW

“ *Condolences to the family from Williams and Burnett families.*



Earnestine Williams - May 04 at 12:09 PM

TB

“ *Terry Boone-Love and Family sends our LOVE!*



Terry Boone-Love - May 04 at 11:42 AM

MR

“ *Prayers to yhe Key Family*



Maria Ross - May 03 at 07:29 PM

CK

“ *Honoring my big brother. Take your rest in your new mansion. Love you always.*



Camellia Key - May 03 at 01:48 PM

DC



Danny B Cabine - May 13 at 07:08 PM

MC

“ *Marlene Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key*



Marlene Cleveland - May 03 at 12:27 PM

MS

“ *Marilyn Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key*



Marilyn Simmons - May 03 at 10:27 AM

DG

“ R.I.H. MY OPB FAMILY



DUANE GIBSON - May 03 at 07:53 AM

YM

“ Yvette Milton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key



Yvette Milton - May 03 at 12:49 AM

SM

“ I met him when he was married to my sister in law the late Twatta Bingham. (Key). I'm the late Mark Marshall X-Wife. I send the entire Key family my sincerest condolences and prayers for comfort and strength



Shila Moore - May 02 at 04:28 PM

KJ

“ Khris Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key



Khris Johnson - May 02 at 04:16 PM

YM

“ Yvette Milton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key



Yvette Milton - May 02 at 11:55 AM

DE

“ Debra Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key



Debra Evans - May 02 at 09:56 AM

CK

“ Charise Key-Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald Douglas Key



Charise Key-Gray - May 01 at 08:15 PM

CS

“ Fly high my OPB friend and family my condolences to the keys family 🙏🙏🙏



Cliffton Sykes - May 01 at 06:06 PM

TK

“ Terry & Shirley Key lit a candle in memory of
Ronald Key



Terry & Shirley Key - May 01 at 01:19 PM