

In Loving Memory



John L. Key 5/2/1938 – 10/6/2023

To God be the Glory.

Calling Hours Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 11 am-12pm

Unity Baptist Church 1358 Mt. Vernon Ave. Columbus OH 43203

Memorial Service, immediately following.

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## **Obituary**

John L Key was born on May 2, 1938, in Rossville, Tennessee to parents Willie and Juanita Key. He relocated to Gary, Indiana at a young age where he later attended Roosevelt High School. He enlisted in the Air Force and was active during the Korean War. He was a recipient of several Military Honors during his 4 years of service.

Upon returning to Gary, he worked at Gary Tube Works- US Steel until his retirement. He then worked part-time for Sears, specializing in heating and cooling repairs for several years. After leaving this employment, he continued to use his knowledge often doing home repairs for anyone in need. He was a car aficionado and extremely gifted at working on cars. He could build a house from the ground up and practically did so when remodeling one of his homes. In addition to fixing things and helping others, he loved to travel, hunt, fish and spend time with family and friends. His intelligence, ingenuity and compassion were displayed by his quick-witted sense of humor, ability to build anything and love for God and his family.

While living in Gary, John was a faithful member of True Faith Church where he served as a deacon until he relocated to Columbus Ohio. He was an active member at Unity Baptist Church in Columbus Ohio until God called him home on the morning of October 6, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents Willie and Juanita Key; sister, Willette Gordon; daughter, Vivian Key. He leaves to cherish his loving memories: sister, Dorothy Key; children: Kevin(Fabi) Key of Friendly, MD [m. Joan], Sheldon(Felicia) of Memphis, TN, Janell Key of Gary, IN and Sharlynn (Lynn) Key of Columbus, OH [m. Charlene]; grandchildren: Tasha(Marcus) Gill, Aaron Key, Vanessa Lee, Roslynn Lee, Kevin Key Jr., Jasmine (Dorian) Key-Rhea, Brandon Key, Jalisa Key, and Victoria Key; 11 great-grandchildren, cherished friend Denise Hale, beloved pet Koco, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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**Order of Service**

Officiant .....Associate Pastor of Unity Baptist Church  
Musical Selection..... Unity Baptist Church Choir  
Scripture..... Psalms 27: 1-5 (Pulpit)  
Obituary..... (Read Silently)  
Expressions of Love/ Remarks .....2 minute limit  
Musical Selection.....Unity Baptist Church  
Eulogy/ Closing Remarks -----Associate Pastor of Unity Baptist Church

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I thought of you today, but that is nothing new.

I thought about you yesterday and the days before that too.

I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.

All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake from which I will Never part.

God has you in His arms

And I have you in my Heart.

~ Author Unknown~

### **Acknowledgements**

We are truly moved by the outpouring of love and support shown to our father and his family. It is a true testament of the wonderful man that he was and the life that he lived. We could never repay you for being there in our time of need, but we hope you accept our heartfelt Thank You.

~The Key Family~

Repast for family members immediately following Memorial Service provided by Unity Baptist Church