



## Keith Ellis Houston

July 16, 1965 - August 20, 2025

Keith Ellis Houston, 60, of Travelers Rest, SC, after 2 years, won his hard-fought battle with numerous medical issues on August 20, 2025 with his loving wife of 2 years, Casey, at his side.

Born in Tallahassee, FL, Keith is the son of Karen Spychalski (mother) and Lynda Houston (stepmother). He was preceded in death by his father, Tom Houston and stepfather, Richard Spychalski.

Keith is survived by his children, Savannah Houston and Ellis Houston and his stepsons, Lane Galloway and Levi Galloway. Keith was a brother to Stacey Johnson (Mitch), Jeanne Melin (Rich), Andrew Dana (Amy), Kevin Dana (Casey) and Marvin Rea (Christine).

Keith was a proud graduate of Florida State University where he attended on a soccer scholarship.

For more than 25 years, he devoted his career to helping others as a Paramedic with Pickens County EMS and Bowers EMS, as well as taught others in Paramedic school. For 2 years, he was a police officer in Orlando, FL.

Having survived a brain tumor himself, Keith was passionate about raising awareness for Brain Tumors and participated in many fundraisers, including cycling with Livestrong, Lance Armstrong's Foundation.

Keith enjoyed Gunsmithing, competing in Shooting Competitions, Woodworking, cheering for his Florida State Seminoles and spending as much time possible with his wife.

The family will be at the home.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at The Howze Mortuary from 1:00 p.m. until 1:50 p.m.

A Celebration of Life will follow the visitation in The Howze Mortuary Chapel at 2:00 p.m.

Memorial service will be live-streamed beginning at 1:55 p.m. on [www.facebook.com/thehowzemortuary](http://www.facebook.com/thehowzemortuary).

# Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**AUG 30.** 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

### Service

**AUG 30.** 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
6714 State Park Rd.  
Travelers Rest  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
[thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com](mailto:thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Keith Ellis Houston.



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August 29, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ Sunshine House Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Keith Ellis Houston.

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**Sunshine House Family** - August 29, 2025 at 08:25 AM



“ Sunshine House Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Keith Ellis Houston.



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August 28, 2025 at 01:38 PM



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

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“ Jeanne, Rich, Kelsey and Alex Meli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Keith Ellis Houston.

Jeanne, Rich, Kelsey and Alex Meli - August 27, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ Jeanne, Rich, Kelsey and Alex Meli purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Keith Ellis Houston.



Jeanne, Rich, Kelsey and Alex Meli - August 27, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ Keith was the cousin leading the fun and skiing at “the Lake” summer vacations! My favorite memories are climbing on his shoulders, practicing ski tricks in the yard with him and generally enjoying sun and fun. Thank you Casey for taking such care of him. So grateful for your love for Keith.

Blair Blackwell - August 25, 2025 at 11:33 PM

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“ Elizabeth lit a candle in memory of Keith Houston



Elizabeth - August 25, 2025 at 04:17 PM



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

August 25, 2025 at 10:26 AM



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August 25, 2025 at 10:26 AM



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

August 24, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Keith Ellis Houston.*



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