



## Willard Edward Key Sr

September 6, 1936 - July 30, 2019

Willard Edward "Ed" Key, Sr., 82, of Greenville, passed away Tuesday, July 30, 2019 in Fort Payne, AL.

He was a son of the late Charles Edward Key and Gladys Marie Lowery Schneider. Mr. Key retired from Owens Illinois Manufacturing Company, and was a member of Greenville First Nazarene Church.

Surviving are his wife: Geneva Gertrude Taylor Key; two sons: Willard Edward Key, Jr. (Marie) and Scott Bradley Key (Julie); three daughters: Ruthie Marie Webb (Phil), Patricia Kay Rumsey (Stephen), and Janet Lynn Lee (Patrick); one brother: Charlie Key; two sisters: Kathy Key Casey and Eileen Key Schubert; one step-brother: John Schneider; one step sister: Sally Schneider Marley; seventeen grandchildren: Jeremy, Zachary, Micah, Logan-Seth, Hannah, Brittany, Brian, Taylor, Cherlyn, Maggie, Mia, Daniel, Joshua, David, Naomi, Evelyn, and Lincoln; and fourteen great-grandchildren: Maclairyn, Mitchell, Braelynn, Sebastian, Knox, Summit, Marlowe, Ruby, Judah, Hazel Jane, Della, Josiah, Emerson, and Owen.

Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife: Kay Frances Key; one son: James "Jim" Stanley Key; and one grandson: Bradley Key. The family will receive friends Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at The Howze Mortuary.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday in The Howze Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in Graceland East Memorial Park.

The family will be at their respective homes.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements. (864)  
834-8051

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland East Memorial Park and Mausoleum

2206 Woodruff Rd.  
Greenville, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

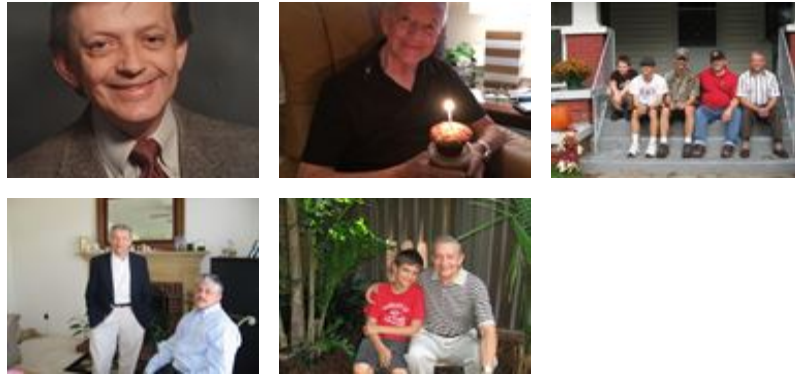
BF

“ We are so sorry for your current loss a temporary separation on this current earth. Prayers for all of you. May God comfort you as only he can do.

Betsy Colin Ferrell - August 02, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Howze Mortuary - August 02, 2019 at 11:06 AM

EF

“ EasyVote Solutions Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Willard Edward Key Sr.



EasyVote Solutions Family - August 01, 2019 at 04:45 PM

TT

“ *The VoApps Team purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Willard Edward Key Sr.*



---

**The VoApps Team** - August 01, 2019 at 12:01 PM

DF

“ *Dawn Rhoads & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willard Edward Key Sr.*



---

**Dawn Rhoads & family** - August 01, 2019 at 11:47 AM

JM

“ *John and Nancy Schneider, Sally Schneider Marley purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Willard Edward Key Sr.*



---

**John and Nancy Schneider, Sally Schneider Marley** - August 01, 2019 at 11:39 AM

KC

“ *Kathy Key Casey lit a candle in memory of Willard Edward Key Sr*



---

**Kathy Key Casey** - August 01, 2019 at 11:35 AM

KC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathy Key Casey - August 01, 2019 at 11:12 AM

RW

Thank you for sharing this photo of my dad, Aunt Kathy!

Ruthie Webb - July 12, 2020 at 09:20 PM

EK

The kids (in SC & GA) would call me & my Dad, "Mr. Ed" Thank you, Aunt Kathy, for the wonderful pic !

Ed Key - August 10, 2021 at 03:15 PM

KC

“ Kathy Key Casey sent a virtual gift in memory of Willard Edward Key Sr



Kathy Key Casey - August 01, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Willard Edward Key Sr.



August 01, 2019 at 11:06 AM

KC

“ *Kathy Key Casey lit a candle in memory of Willard Edward Key Sr*



Kathy Key Casey - August 01, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willard Edward Key Sr.*



August 01, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Willard Edward Key Sr.*



August 01, 2019 at 07:57 AM