



Bessie Keene

February 25, 1918 - September 19, 2002

Bessie Keene was born on February 25, 1918 in Pamplin City, Virginia. She left this world to live eternally with Jesus on September 19, 2002. Bessie attended school in Virginia, and at an early age she moved on to live in Baltimore, Maryland. After moving to Baltimore, she settled down to establish her family. Bessie was employed as a Dietician with Sinai Hospital for a period of time, after which she became head cook at several school cafeterias in the Baltimore City School System. She worked for the Baltimore City School System until she retired in 1980. After her retirement she became an active member of the Govans Community Senior Citizens Organization. Mother Keene, as her church family called her, was a member of the Mount Calvary Freewill Baptist Church. She served on the Mother Board. She was a loyal member of the Pastor's Aide, and a strong alto voice on the Senior Choir. She attended Sunday school and Bible Study regularly. Mother Keene remained a dedicated and active member until her health failed and prevented her from attending service. However, she remained faithful, and retained her close relationship with God, which was evident in the way she continued on the face of her illness. When she prayed her fervent prayers made one feel blessed. Just as she was when in good health, during her illness, Mom never complained. When asked how she was feeling, she always answered, "fine". She had a dry wit, and although she was confined to bed, she always managed to come up with something that would make one laugh. She had the ability to make each and every one of her children feels individually special.

However, we all agree that gathering around the table to one of her delicious meals were the highlight of our lives. Many of Mother Keene's immediate family members preceded her in death: husband, Forrest Melton; husband, Leroy Keene; sisters, Catherine, and Elizabeth; brother, Joseph; daughters, Rosa Lee and Charlotte and sons, Patrick, Forrest and Clifton. She leaves to cherish her memory, sons, Walter David Melton, Edward C. Keene, Jaycee Keene and Stephen Keene; daughters, Lorraine Hamilton, Lois Bailey, Ava Sparrow, Bernadette Keene, Helen Keene Myles, and Angela Adams, sons-in-law, Alex Hamilton, Maurice Bailey, Douglas Sparrow, Louis Myles, and Donald Adams, daughters-in-law, Ann Pryor, Geraldine Melton, and Denise Keene. She also leaves her loving grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends who loved her and will miss her.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Keene*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Calida Murry was added to the Family Tree.*

Helen Keene Myles - April 20, 2012 at 08:23 PM



“ *Louis Myles jr was added to the Family Tree.*

Helen Keene Myles - April 20, 2012 at 08:22 PM



“ *K Hamilton was added to the Family Tree.*

Helen Keene Myles - April 20, 2012 at 08:21 PM



“ *How can fifteen different individuals all believe they are the favored one?
She was the best at making every one feel special.*

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“ *Darlene Davis was added to the Family Tree.*

Helen Keene Myles - February 24, 2012 at 12:01 PM



“ *Claud Davis was added to the Family Tree.*

Helen Keene Myles - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 PM



“ *Sister name ? was added to the Family Tree.*

Helen Keene Myles - February 24, 2012 at 11:59 AM



“ *Lillian was added to the Family Tree.*

Helen Keene Myles - February 24, 2012 at 11:58 AM



“ *Odel was added to the Family Tree.*

Helen Keene Myles - February 24, 2012 at 11:56 AM



“ *Ann Simpson was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *John Pryor was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Thomas Pryor was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ George Washington Talley was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Darian was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Katira Eaton was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Makela Talley was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Son #8 Stone was added to the Family Tree.

Helen Keene Myles - February 24, 2012 at 11:46 AM



“ Son #7 Stone was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Son \$6 Stone was added to the Family Tree.

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“ *Son #5 Stone was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Son #4 Stone was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Son #3 Stone was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Son #2 Stone was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Son #1 Stone was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Lisa Henderson was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Samuel Allen Henderson was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Bernadette Keene was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Larry Hamilton was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Denise was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Diane was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Troy Melton was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Charles was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Inez Melton was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Karen Renee was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Carla Regina Hamilton was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Charlotte Ann Hamilton was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Clifton Melton was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Rose lee Elmore was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Leroy Edward Keene was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ Joseph Stone was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Hattie Pryor was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Please accept our condolences in this time of great sorrow for you. The love you shared will help sustain you and bring you peace.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ Helen, may it be a source of inner strength, a special comfort too, to know there's a loving God always watching over you, and that throughtout your hour of need, He'll stay close by your side. To help ease your sorrow and to be your friend and guide.##imported-begin##Francine Myles##imported-end##

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ MOTHER BESSIE YOU WAS OUR HEART WE LOVED YOU BUT GOD LOVE YOU BEST SLEEP ON AND TAKE YOUR REST.##imported-begin##ANN & ANDRE' PRYOR##imported-end##

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I love you Ann. Your sister-in-law, Helen.

Helen Keene Myles - February 24, 2012 at 09:38 AM



“ *REST IN PEACE. WE ARE OLD NEIGHBORS OF PAT, ANN AND ANDRE.##imported-begin##BEVERLY & CANDY##imported-end##*

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Thank you, Helen.

Helen Keene Myles - February 24, 2012 at 09:39 AM