



Keith M. Finch

October 30, 1970 - September 12, 2002

Keith Marquell Finch, the youngest son of Frank M. Finch and Linda Rascoe was born in Baltimore Md. on October 30, 1970. He was a gifted musician, talented pianist, arranger, composer, loving son, loving brother, faithful friend, born-again believer, and so much more. Here was quiet, unassuming young man, one whose life epitomized the true meaning of Christian love. He went about doing good and spreading joy to all those he met. He did things his own way and did not worry about the things that were of little significance. To him life was filled with too much good to dwell on the bad. He would simply smile in his quiet way, and say “ Oh, well. It really doesn’t matter.” Keith loved his family, his friends, and his church family and would do anything for them. He had a way of making each of them feel very special. He thought nothing of picking up an extra bag of groceries for someone in need, preparing meals for his buddies, or spending hours creating personalized gift items for those he loved. Well known for his musical genius, Keith’s love affair with ebony and ivory began at an early age when he and his brother, Kevin, learned to play the theme from “Hill Street Blues. At the age of 12, Keith attended Summer Camp at Peabody Institute, where he was first exposed to music theory and the art of the keyboard. While his brother and their friends played outside, Keith would practice after school on the piano, often sitting in the dining room practicing his scales in the dark. When asked if he played basketball, his response would be “ I play the piano.” His formal training began in earnest when he was accepted into Frederick Douglass High School’s Music Careers

Curriculum, studying piano and voice. More than just a hobby, more than a profession, from “The Maestro”, music was his life and his love. I touched every area of his life. He played at every assembly, in the Jazz Ensemble, in the Marching Band (playing the Tuba), in the Choral Ensemble, and First Sketches. Later he would play at senior citizens centers, at schools, community events, wherever there was opportunity and wherever there was a piano. Keith enjoyed all types of music including jazz and classical, but his real love was the beautiful Gospel melodies. He joined Southern Baptist Church as a teenager where he immediately joined the Youth Choir. He went on to become musician for the Early Morning choir, Junior Missionary choir, Youth and Young Adult Choirs, and the Midday Mass Choir. He was faithful to this calling and always strove for perfection. On Sunday mornings, he “tickled the keys” with such favorites as “Yes, Jesus Loves Me” “Order My Steps in Your Word”, “Going Up Yonder” and “Just A Closer Walk with Thee”. Even sickness could not diminish Keith’s love for the Lord nor his love for music. After being hospitalized in April with Leukemia, there were days and nights when the hospital lobby echoed with the sounds of Keith on the baby grand piano. He played for his best friends wedding at the hospital. His last night at home just hours before he returned to the hospital, Keith played some of his favorite songs on the piano as his mother sang –something they both always enjoyed. On Thursday morning Sept. 12, 2002 before the break of dawn, with his parents at his bedside, our dearly beloved Bro. Keith Finch departed this life. He has closed the baby grand of this life and has joined the Heavenly Band in Glory. He leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife, Alethea Finch; mother, Linda Rascoe; father, Frank M. Finch; stepfather, Rev. David L. Rascoe; stepmother, Mona Finch; stepson, Kenneth Melton; one brother, Kevin A. Finch and sister-in-law, Andrea Finch; sister, Kellie Finch; seven aunts, six uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of relatives and friends. “Sing unto Him a new song: play skillfully with a loud noise”. (Psalm 33:3)

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“ I am a friend and co- worker of Phyllis Smith at SSA. This was a wonderful write-up of this young man. God is pleased with Keith, so He was ready to have him play wonderful melodies in Heaven. London##imported-begin##London Johnson##imported-end##

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“ The family and friends of Keith Finch will truly miss him but we have great and meaningful memories of such a blessed young man. I have only known Keith for about a year but we had our good times at the lunch table playing cards or me joking with him about how he doesn't know anything about anything outside of baltimore. I am truly blessed to have met and conversed with such a man. I will continue to pray for your family to be strong and trusting in the Lord, because Keith is now our guardian angel. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Candice Jones##imported-end##

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“ Although I didn't know Keith I could tell by all the Guestbook entries that he was loved and he will be missed.##imported-begin##Kim Smith##imported-end##

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“ You were a joyous person and friend in deed. Through all the good days and bad days on WB5c you always seemed to have a smile. I am going to miss you so much for being you and a friend to talk to. I know you are looking down on us and all those lives that you have touched along the way. Your greatly missed but we know that your home with the LORD. Tammy from WBG5C##imported-begin##Tammy##imported-end##

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“ Linda and family, I am so sorry for your loss. It is very difficult to lose someone you love, but especially difficult to lose someone so young and vibrant. I hope you can overcome your grief soon.##imported-begin##Pat Callahan##imported-end##

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“ I really miss seeing his pleasant ever present smiling face. He was a wonderful person. Us at Allfirst Bank loved him a great deal. He certainly will be missed. To his family, we feel the pain of your loss. My favorite Hymm is "Does Jesus Cares? Oh yes, his hear is filled with you grief. My prayers is with his family and may his soul rest in peace.##imported-begin##Veronica Hesson##imported-end##

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“ Linda I am so sorry to hear about your son. I have been praying for you. I know the Lord will comfort you and take you through, because He loves you and so do I. One thing that we have joy in knowing Linda that you will see him again. Praise the Lord!##imported-begin##Diane Shields##imported-end##

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“ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neiher shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Rev. 21:4) Linda, To you and your family, what a testimony of a young man who loved the Lord and gave his time and talent back to the Father. The sad news pierced my heart for you and your family. But your memories are precious. Be blessed Mom and Dad for doing such an outstanding job with your precious gift from God.##imported-begin##MARTY LOGAN##imported-end##

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“ May God bless your family and Keith at this time. His smile will be missed at Northrop Grumman.##imported-begin##Christi Marasco##imported-end##

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“ To the Finch Family - During your time of sorrow, may you know you are in God's arms and our prayers. "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped." Psalms 28:7##imported-begin##Gamaliel and Karen Smith&Family##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family: Keith was dear and beloved to us. His kind and gentle nature will always be in our hearts. We all love Keith, but God does love him best. He has fought the good fight in the army of the Lord. Love the Hilton Family##imported-begin##Willie, Kyle, Tia & David Hilton##imported-end##

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“ To the Finch and Rascoe families: We would like to send our prayers out to you for your loss. Keith touched so many people in such a short time. He will always be missed at the piano at church. We love you Keith. God Bless you and rest peacefully in God's House.##imported-begin##Lisa Price##imported-end##

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“ *Maestro, if i only knew that meeting someone great as you i would have got to know you better. signing out DOC##imported-begin##jeff##imported-end##*

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“ *Linda and Family, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Rick Kanzler and Family##imported-end##*

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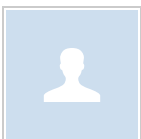
“ *My heartfelt condolences to you and yours.##imported-begin##Stephanie Benjamin##imported-end##*

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“ *KEITH, WE WILL MISS YOUR GENTLE WAYS.##imported-begin##PAT DAILEY##imported-end##*

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“ *REST IN THEE O GOD,WHEN WE WANDER FROM THEE,THOU DOST PURSUE US BY THY MERCY;AND WHEN WE APPROACH THEE,THOU DOST WELCOME US INTO THY LOVE.O GOD YOU TEACH US THAT THOU WILT NEVER ABANDON US UNTIL WE FIND OUR REST IN THEE,AMEN. LINDA AND FAMILY,MAY OUR GOD BE WITH YOU ALL.##imported-begin##RUFUS WHITAKER &FAMILY##imported-end##*

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“ May the Passage of time and the strength of good memories bring you comfort and peace. I will always remember Keith lovely smile.##imported-begin##Phyllis Edmonds-Collier##imported-end##

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“ I was a pleasure to have crossed paths with Keith.##imported-begin##Greg Handy / Allfirst Bank##imported-end##

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“ earth's loss is heaven's GAIN##imported-begin##trudy thigpen##imported-end##

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“ Family keep looking to Jesus who is the source of your strengthen. We will miss Keith's kind, loving, humble spirit but if we live like him we will see him again hold on and hold out God will see you through.##imported-begin##Peggy Kellam##imported-end##

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“ Linda: Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family during this time of bereavement. God will strengthen you. Keith is an angel who lived to please GOD. ... we will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And we will be with the Lord forever. 1 Thess. 3:17. To GOD be praised ... Norma A. Allen + Family##imported-begin##Norma A. Allen + Family##imported-end##

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“ Linda, Evey and I pass along our deepest sympathies. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Keith's loving ways and gentle smile will always be with us. You can be so proud of the wonderful son you have raised and given to the world. Rest assured he is in the lovig arms of the angels.##imported-begin##Ron and Evey Miller##imported-end##

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“ To the Finch family - I would like to express my sincere sympathy in your hour of grief. May God be with you.##imported-begin##Pat Thomas##imported-end##

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“ Linda and Family; You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Judi & John Letmate##imported-begin##Judi Letmate##imported-end##

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“ Dear Linda, I remember the day in Bible Study Class when we prayed for your sons recovery. I pray that God can be a comfort to you and your family now when you need Him the most. My deepest sympathy to you for your loss. Keith is in God's loving hands now and out of all pain. God bless his soul.##imported-begin##Debbie Cadden##imported-end##

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“ you will be truly missed may the words you spoke speak for you we love you but loves you more rest in pease.##imported-begin##charlene&waren davis##imported-end##

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“ To the Finch Family. Although I'm not with you physically I am with you spirtually. Keith you will truely be missed. I will always remember the good times and laughter we shared as cousins. I'll love you always. Rest In Peace.##imported-begin##Janice Finch-Tolliver & Family##imported-end##

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“ To Frank Finch and Family. We send our deepest heart felt sympathy in the loss of your son Keith. "May the peace of God that passeth all understanding, govern your heart, souls, and mind". Frank we are here for you now and always!! With Love, the Jones##imported-begin##Ernie, Sharon, Jamaar, Sherie and Jawuan##imported-end##

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“ Our sympathy is with you in your time of sadness. We will miss Keith very much.##imported-begin##Archie & Patricia Alston & Loreal Wells##imported-end##

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“ To Frank and the Finch Family, Please accept our heart- felt condolences on the passing of your son, Keith. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of bereavement. Let us know if we can be of any assistance to you in any way. May God comfort your hearts.##imported-begin##Charles Hughes and Family##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with the family of my brother Keith. Keith and I have been friends for many years and losing a friend like him is like losing a family member. I will never forget Keith. He will always be with me in my heart. Keith, Thank you for the friendship we had##imported-begin##Tracy D. Bullock##imported-end##

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“ May The Grace, Mercy, and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ sustain and uplift you as you go down this road. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.##imported-begin##Thaddeus Price & The Milford Mill Academy Choir Family##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of our beloved brother, former neighbor, friend, musician and church member, Keith M. Finch. We are truly going to miss him. May it comfort you to know that we share your loss and are grieving with you. Remember, "earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." Love Eternally!##imported-begin##Roger and Gwen Evans & Son##imported-end##

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“ He healeth the broken hearted...Psalm 147:3 Sometimes words just are not enough to take away our grief, so we rely on God for help and strength in our belief. May He uplift you greatly, take the sorrow that you bear, than comfort you with healing in the safety of His care... May God's love comfort you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##

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“ Linda, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry I cannot be with you. I know that your heart is hurting, but we know that Keith is in far better hands. God Bless you!##imported-begin##Donna Gillispie##imported-end##

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“ Linda, Our deepest heartfilled sympathy and condolences to you and your family.##imported-begin##The Brookins Family##imported-end##

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“ You will be truly missed##imported-begin##Carlise Stanley/Allfirst##imported-end##

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“ Keith, the genuiness and sincerity of your inner spirit is truly rare and will be truly missed...##imported-begin##Stacy E. Young##imported-end##

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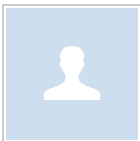
“ I'm so sorry I never knew Keith. He was born the very same month as my son. Please accept my deepest sympathies as you visualize him in Jesus' arms. Only those of us left behind grieve.##imported-begin##Jan Aamodt##imported-end##

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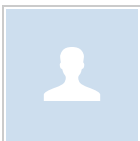
“ I so sorry for the loss of your son. He's home with the Lord now. Love ya, Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie Bell##imported-end##

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“ Sorry for your lose. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Carian Haskins##imported-end##

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“ KEITH WAS A VERY NICE PERSON TO HAVE KNOWN. WE ALL WILL MISS YOU.##imported-begin##CONNIE BUCKSONALLFIRST##imported-end##

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“ Linda -- Mary Edwards called me yesterday morning with the sad news of the loss of your youngest son. The following is a quote from a Hallmark card I received after the death of my sister. It gave me great comfort. I trust it will also help you in this trying time. Quote -- "From the Tree of Life, each leaf must fall - - The green, the gold, the great, the small... Each one in God's own time, He'll call-- With perfect love, He gathers all." Sorry we were unable to attend the viewing. We don't always understand God's Plan but He is always in control. Ecclesiastes 3:1- 14. We love you and will pray for you. Our sympathy. In Christ's love, Clyde and Millie Locke##imported-begin##Clyde & Millie Locke##imported-end##

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“ It was nice to meet Keith. He always kept a smile. Always so polite. He will be missed. God Bless.##imported-begin##Charlotte Williams/ Allfirst##imported-end##

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“ "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not Heal" Keith and i went to Douglass together and he was well loved by me and everyone he met. He will be missed but he`s playing the piano in God`s Heavenly choir. God`s blessings to all the Finch family and you will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Rev. Steven K. Brumfield Sr.##imported-end##

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“ To GOD be the glory for the things he hath done. you could tell that KEITH's spirit was there at his going away celebration. It was a beautiful service. you have my prayers.##imported-begin##M. LORETTA JOHNSON##imported-end##

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“ To God be the glory for the good things he has done through Keith.##imported-begin##Katrina Robinson & Parents##imported-end##

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“ We will miss Keith so much but we're comforted in knowing that he's safe in the arms of Jesus, no longer suffering, and waiting for us to join him. Until we meet again, Son..... TODAY I ASKED GOD WHY Today I asked God why it is that he would take Keith so young, One so talented and full of life. His journey had just begun. How do you decide, Lord, from day to day Who will stay here and who will go, It seems those who love and serve you most Sometimes are the first to go. I know and understand you Lord, You are Sovereign, full grace and mercy So in my grief, while my heart's in despair Please help me, your will to see. And as the Father does so oftentimes In a still voice that's as soft as a sigh Spoke peace to my soul and comfort to my heart As He responded with this reply. Often times I called those home Who have lived long and did their best. They fought a good fight and finished their course Then I called them home to their rest. But sometimes when I go to my garden For a flower to grace my dwelling place I pick one that's bright and full of life Sweet and fragrant, for my special display. Sometimes I pick a young flower, Whose bloom is still in its bud So I can behold its' beauty and splendor as it blossoms in glory and power. Keith had so much left to do, you say On this I do agree But understand that he's just been promoted-- To play his songs before my throne Throughout eternity. Lovingly, Phyllis (Finch) Smith###imported-begin##Levant and Phyllis Smith###imported-end##

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“ With deepest sympathy and heartfelt love.###imported-begin##Glenford&Carolyn Foy###imported-end##

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“ We extend our warmest prayers and deepest sympathy on the loss of your son, stepson, brother, and friend, Keith. While we never had the pleasure of knowing Keith, we felt like we knew him through Mona Finch, our colleague. Mona's calm faith and courage through Keith's illness and her love for him touched us all. We ask and try to understand why someone so young, so kind, so talented, and so loved by all could be taken in the prime of his life. As Mona has shown us, faith amidst adversity is the test of our strength and the one thing that ultimately sees us through life's storms. We hope that the wonderful memories of Keith and the comfort of friends will help you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##HRSA Office of Communications##imported-end##

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“ Your smile is still with us. Your hand we cannot touch. Thank God for tender memories of the one we love so much. It broke our heart to lose you But you didn't go alone. For part of us went you the day God called you home. They say time heals all sorrows and helps us to forget. But time so far has only proven how much we love and miss you, yet. God gave us strength to face it and courage to bear the blow. But what is meant to have lost you, no one will ever know. We may not be able to understand why, but God knows all things.##imported-begin##September##imported-end##

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“ Ms. Linda, Kevin, family, and friends Keith was a beautiful person with a beautiful spirit. He will always hold a special place in my heart. I'll never forget the impact that he made in my life. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Denise/Necie Cotto##imported-end##

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