



## Russell Edward Key

January 11, 1923 - January 20, 2012

Russell Edward “Snookie” Key, 89, was born January 11, 1923 to Beatrice Eaton Key and Richard Key in Richmond, Virginia. Russell was one of five children, four of whom preceded him in death, Jean Meade Girdy, Purcell, Bernard and Richard Key. He was reared in South Richmond on Decatur Street and became a member of First Baptist Church of South Richmond at an early age where he remained a member until his health began to fail.

Russell graduated from Armstrong High School in 1940 and in 1942 during World War II he entered the United States Navy where he served until 1946. Upon his return to Richmond, he found employment with the American Lace and Leather Company in the tanning yard where he joined the labor union working to bring equity to the pay and benefits available to its workers. He eventually became President of the labor union. The company eventually closed its doors. After that employment, he found new employment with the Virginia Alcohol and Beverage Control Board as a warehouse worker where he remained employed until his retirement in 1985.

Russell loved bowling and joined bowling leagues at Cool Lanes, North Bowl and Azalea Bowl. He also loved playing tennis; swimming and salt water fishing. He passed on the love of these past times to his daughter.

Our beloved Russell will be missed by all. I know that he lives in the hearts

and minds of those who knew and loved him. We were so fortunate to have had him in our lives and we feel empty without him.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted daughter, Rosalyn Key-Tiller and devoted son-in-law, James E. Tiller, Sr.; a devoted nephew, Michael J. Girdy (Lisa); and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends, one of them devoted, Doris L. Lewis.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

## Service

JAN 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Edward Key*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *The Staff of the Employment Transition Center would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you during this time of bereavement. When you need to be comforted look to Matthew 11:28-30. God's Spirit is our Comforter, Standby, and Strengtheners. Look to Him during your time of grief, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.*

*What a blessing God gave Rosalyn in her Father, who was also her twin!!!*

*God Blesss the Key Family*

Lovelee Morris - January 25, 2012 at 03:18 PM



“ *My condolences to the family on the loss of your loved. May you find peace and comfort in Jehovah God's Word, the Bible.(Romans 15:4; John 5:28,29)*

M. Johnson - January 24, 2012 at 10:46 AM



“ *The Leadership Metro Richmond family extends our condolences to Rosalyn in the passing of your father. Blessed are the memories that will provide you with peace and joy in the midst of your loss.*

Myra Goodman Smith - January 24, 2012 at 08:36 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

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**Ms Springer** - January 24, 2012 at 02:54 AM

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“ Michael J Giridy Sr lit a candle in memory of Russell Edward Key



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**Michael J Giridy Sr** - January 23, 2012 at 04:13 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - January 23, 2012 at 01:37 PM