



## Mr. James Edward Key

November 23, 1923 - December 18, 2023

Statesboro, Georgia

Mr. James Edward Key, age 100, entered rest Monday, December 18, 2023, at his residence. He was the second oldest of twelve children born, November 23, 1923, in Rocky Ford Georgia, to the late Tank and Maude Riddick Key.

Mr. Key and his family relocated to Statesboro, Georgia where he met Rosa Baker, the love of his life, and the two married on May 23, 1946. From this beloved union of 70 years, they were blessed with five children.

Before moving to Florida in 1955, he attended Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church where he served as an usher. He was a prayer warrior, lifting his family in daily prayer. After spending 37 years in Ft. Lauderdale, he and his wife Rosa returned to Statesboro, and continued their lives on land they purchased and cultivated into a home of rural comfort that they cherished together.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife, Rosa Mae, three of his children, Jerry, Arlene, and Charles; a grandson, Akiva Levinsky Key; his son-in-law, Reverend E. Charles Lee, and nine of his siblings.

Edward leaves to cherish legacy of love: his daughters, Elizabeth Lee and

Cheryl Habersham; his loving grandchildren, Kelvin “Man” Key (Nikki), Oneiceia Howard, Kristopher Lee, Katrisa “Monique” Lee, Kimberly Lee, Latrice Key, Alicia Key; 17 great grandchildren, 7 great-great grandchildren; two sisters Beatrice Huff and Mary Lou Scott; dedicated nieces, Lillie Hill and Shirley Huggins, two god-daughters, Yvonne Bass and Christine Wilkerson, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A viewing for Mr. Key will be held, from 4 pm to 7 pm, Friday, December 29, 2023, at Hill’s Mortuary.

The funeral services for Mr. James Edward Key, will be held 12 pm, Saturday, December 30, 2023, at the St. Mary’s Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Timotheus Mincey, pastor/presiding and the Rev. Raphel Smith, officiating. Burial will follow in the Summer Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill’s Mortuary, Inc.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The family of the Late Viola Reddick-Summersett & the Late Carrie Bell Summersett-Thomas, send our most deepened condolences and Love. Truly cousin Edward was a Soldier in the Army of the Lord. After meeting him & his wife Rosa, they shared many memories of their lives in the segregated South, that left an indelible force within me, and has proven that our struggle continues, but with God All Things are Possible.*

*Family Love 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 Viola Thomas-Hughes*

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**Viola Thomas Hughes** - January 01, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Edward Key.*



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December 29, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Edward Key.*



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December 29, 2023 at 03:06 AM



“ *Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket* was purchased for the family of Mr. James Edward Key.



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December 29, 2023 at 12:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. James Edward Key.



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December 29, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ *A Full Life* was purchased for the family of Mr. James Edward Key.



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December 28, 2023 at 11:13 PM



“ *Cathryn D Martin* lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Key



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**Cathryn D Martin** - December 28, 2023 at 07:59 PM

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*We're sending our deepest heartfelt love and fervent prayers to you and an abundance of peace to surround you all Always. We bless you all with goodness and strength. The Martin & Daniel's family from Florida (Ma Daniel's. Cathryn and JayTonya) 🙏💛*

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**Cathryn D Martin** - December 28, 2023 at 08:03 PM

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*“ Oneiceia and family, I extend my deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Key. Oneiceia spoke fondly of him often. I'm so happy you were able to make memories in 2023 with your family reunion and a centennial birthday celebration. May God's love comfort you as you grieve the loss of Mr. Key. Best, Kimberley Pierce*

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**Kimberley M. Pierce** - December 27, 2023 at 05:09 PM

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*“ Oneiceia and family, please know your City of Norfolk, Dept. of Neighborhood Services family stands with you all as you navigate these next few days, weeks and months adjusting to your family's loss and sharing family memories. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. - Kelly Kirk on behalf of the team in Neighborhood Quality.*

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**Kelly Kirk** - December 27, 2023 at 09:28 AM

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“ Ms. Oneiceia - the Kirk family sending abundance of healing, prayers, and hugs to all in need of a little extra love, comfort and support during this difficult time.



Kirsten Kirk - December 27, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Edward Key.



December 26, 2023 at 11:26 PM

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“ Mr. Key was a customer at Munos store where i work part time. He was the sweetest man. Im sure going to miss him. He came in not too long ago it was his 100th birthday. Mr Key RIP my friend.



Sonya Maloy - December 21, 2023 at 01:08 PM

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“ Arnold Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Key



Arnold Perkins - December 19, 2023 at 08:22 PM