



Mr. Bill "Billy" James Keene

April 15, 1951 - May 31, 2020

Mr. Bill "Billy" James Keene, 69 of Sylvester, died on Sunday, May 31, 2020 at his residence.

Mr. Keene was cremated and a memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 7761 Ga Hwy 133 North Doerun, Ga. 31744.

Mr. Keene was born on April 15, 1951 in Vansant, VA., to the late Melvin Monroe and Isabella Marara Brown Keene. He had lived in Sylvester for the past 25 years and was retired from Scott Forge Company where he worked as a machine operator. Mr. Keene enjoyed singing karaoke, playing the guitar and playing horse shoes but most importantly spending time with his friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Sonya Rogers Keene of Sylvester; children, Ronnie Keene (Christie), Tammy Bennett (Robbie), Scott Keene (Debbie) all of Mt. Juliet, TN., Shea Mims (George) and Dalton Keene all of Sylvester; 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; sister, Honey Jean Christofiles of Brookfield, IL.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Keene was preceded in death by his brother, Noah "Buddy" Keene and a sister, Betty Spicer.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Residence
7761 Ga Hwy 133 N.
Doeun, GA 31744

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bill "Billy" James Keene*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Shea and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are all in our prayers.*

June & Lee Odom

June Odom - June 02, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *My heart is broken , had some great memories with Billy. I was married to his first cousin Arthur and we use to sing and play music all night long.. Billy was the best man at our wedding in 1979, and after he and Sonia got Married they would come to our house in Elgin and we would play and sing all night, when my Son was born he always called him onion head because he was so bald!! Billy I hope your flying high with Angels and you had a great homecoming with your mama and daddy .. Love you and till we meet again R.I.P*

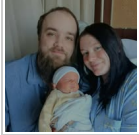
Martha Keene - June 01, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ *Olin & Phoebe Hobby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill "Billy" James Keene*



Olin & Phoebe Hobby - June 01, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Dalton Keene - June 01, 2020 at 09:27 PM

JO

“ June Odom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill
"Billy" James Keene



June Odom - June 01, 2020 at 08:58 PM

BM

“ We didn't know each other very long but I'll never forget how much
you loved when I would paint something for you. Maybe now you're
actually seeing the real mountains instead of the ones I made you.

Brianna McCarty - June 01, 2020 at 08:56 PM

KC

“ I’m sorry to hear about Billy. I was married to his first cousin Roy Brown. The first Christmas I was around him he bought me a pair of house shoes and wrapped them in 2 separate packages and had me guessing what he had bought me. He thought that was so funny. He liked playing around with people. I hadn’t seen him in over 30 years until this past summer. I was so glad to get to see him again. Love and prayers. Berlie kay Brown Christian

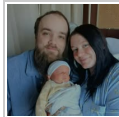
kay christian - June 01, 2020 at 06:28 PM

SM

“ I love you daddy. I hope you are having the biggest plate of biscuits and gravy you have ever seen.
-fatpig

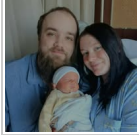


Shea Mims - June 01, 2020 at 05:40 PM

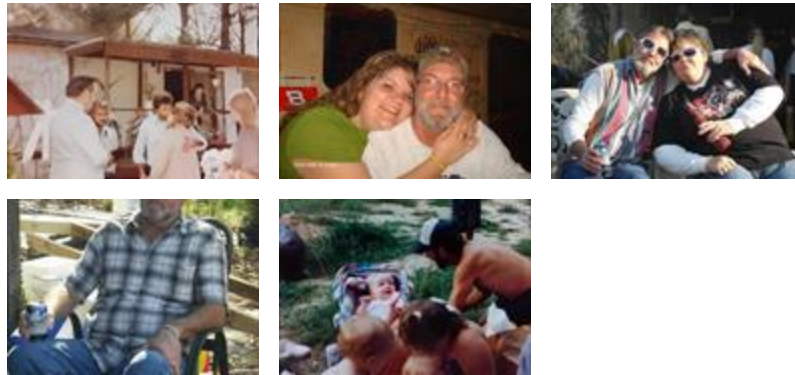


Brianna is about to cook that and I didn’t even make the correlation!

Dalton Keene - June 01, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Dalton Keene - June 01, 2020 at 04:20 PM

MK

“ So sorry for the family loss. He was a great Father-in-law. Sending prayers and hugs to the family. So wish I could be there with you all.

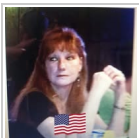


Milissa Keene-Czerwinski - June 01, 2020 at 03:36 PM

HM

“ I am so sorry Sonya for the loss of your husband. I will be praying for you and your family. I love you.

Hope Manley - June 01, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ I'm sorry for our family's loss wish I could come to honor his life. I love you & miss you ALL very much.



Debbie McClain - June 01, 2020 at 02:29 PM

BC

“ *Shea and family, so sorry about your dad. You are in my prayers.*

Brenda Cox - June 01, 2020 at 09:39 AM

RS

“ *Sending prayers to all family!!*



rhonda saylor - June 01, 2020 at 07:44 AM

JB

I love you Uncle Billy so many words we didn't stay you can never be replaced you my uncle were definitely one of a kind thank you for so many memories, I love you Uncle Billy until we meet again I will never forget you I will see you on the other side someday until then I will cry silently and love you forever this is not goodbye it's just I'll see you later.

Jerry Wayne Brown - June 02, 2020 at 06:41 AM