



Warner Charles "Shorty" Keef

November 23, 1927 - July 22, 2009

Warner Charles "Shorty" Keef, 81, of Fort Payne passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at his residence. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, July 25th at Second Baptist Church in Fort Payne with Dr. John Screws, Rev. Max Tucker, Rev. John Keefe, and Dr. Harvey Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery. He will lie in state from 1 until 2 p.m. at the church. The family will receive friends Friday from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Survivors include his wife of over 58 years, Verdie Ree Keef of Fort Payne; daughters Anita (Terry) Shirley of Hammondville; and Monia (Wallace) Smith, of Fort Payne; grandchildren Andy Smith of Birmingham, Melissa Smith of Montevallo; Dawn Posey of Fort Payne; Brandi (Farley) Green of Hammondville; four great-grandchildren Luke and Jessica Posey and Will and Bailee Green; sister Burma Casey of Rainsville; brother Robert Keef of Rainsville; half-brothers Jimmy, Bobby, Ronald, Ned, and Tony Keef; half-sisters Doris Jackson, Sue Gosdin, and Jane Martin; special sisters Cheryl McCurdy Carroll of Huntsville, Barbara McCurdy Casey, and Martha Blevins Gilbreath all of Fort Payne. "Special family" members include Frank and Shirley Daniel of Murphreesboro, TN; Susan and Bud Pollard of Fort Payne; Elaine and Alex Overstreet of Anniston; Bert and Leah Boykin of Scottsboro; Bill and Doris Fuller of Geraldine; Quinnion and Wynelle Harrison of Fort Payne. For almost 50 years, Mr. Keef was known throughout Northeast Alabama and Georgia as a farm equipment dealer with Ford and Massey-Ferguson Companies. He owned and operated W.C. Keef Tractor Company in

Geraldine for many years. He was an avid University of Alabama Crimson Tide supporter. He was a member of Second Baptist Church where he served in numerous positions including deacon, music director, trustee, and Training Union teacher. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and a friend to all who knew him. He was preceded in death by grandchildren William Charles Smith and Christina Nichole Shirley; and his parents Horace Keef and Myrtle Keef. Pallbearers will be Andy Smith, Quinnon Harrison, Bert Boykin, Frank Daniel, Gary Haas, and Tony Keef. Honorary pallbearers will be Luke Posey, Gary Johnson, Jimmy Keef, and Bill Fuller. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, online guestbook, www.wilsonfhinc.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Warner Charles "Shorty" Keef

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ I miss you, daddy.

Monia K. Smith - October 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I will always remember Mr. Keef's smiling face every time he would walk in my office. He will be greatly missed. Amy Moon Allstate Insurance

Amy Moon - July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. I remember Charles as a wonderful man and a Christian leader. I always looked up to him.

Anthony Hunter - July 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ lots of fun memories working with Charles at Bert Boykin Tractor Co. Enjoyed talking alabama football and going to some games with him. I know he was a good christian man and he will surely be missed.

Isaac Cox - July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The world is a sadder place without Papaw Keef. He was a wonderful man with a kind soul, and I am blessed to have known him. May God ease the pain of your loss and flood your hearts with many wonderful memories of the years you were blessed to have had him with you. He is among God's angels now. May you find comfort in knowing that he is no longer suffering and he is patiently waiting for each of you to join him in God's time. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Angela Baldwin*

Angela Baldwin - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I EXTEND MY SYMPATHY GRACE POE*

GRACE POE - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Monia Smith and Family you are in my prayers and I extend our sympathy.*

Kenneth and Brenda Brisendine - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM