

In Loving Memory of



Thomas Lester Keyes

Sunrise
March 5, 1953

Sunset
February 8, 2021

Service:
Monday, February 22, 2021 - 6:00 pm

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Obituary

God's love and peace surpasses all understanding. He came and released the pain and suffering of **Thomas Lester Keyes** better known as Mr. Keyes or his nickname "Poochie."

Thomas L. Keyes was born on March 5, 1953 in Harlem Hospital, New York, NY. Thomas was born of father, Marcellus Keyes and mother, Clara Keyes who are both deceased.

Thomas attended public schools in New York City until it became overwhelming to him. He went and received his GED. Thomas was a loyal employee in the custodial team while he worked at The City College of New York campus. He elevated himself and was assigned to Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, NY and was promoted to the custodial supervisor of the campus where he had his own office and secretary. It was there where he received the title "Mr. Keyes." He was highly respected by his supervisors, coworkers and family. He accomplished a lot throughout his career and ultimately retired.

Thomas found a loving friend and soulmate in Kathleen Crump. Thomas and Kathleen joined hands in marriage on July 11, 2000. Together, they lived a fulfilled and inseparable life until the passing of Kathleen in January 2021.

Thomas was a well-rounded, skilled and involved member of his community. He was a Mason. He was a talented artist and painter. He had a green thumb shown by his contributions to the community garden and the plants he nourished all over his home. Thomas was also a proud Black man who believed in the importance of educating younger generations about the history of the African diaspora. Thomas was one of the New York Knicks biggest fans and no one could talk down on his favorite team in front of him. Humorously, his faith in the Knicks never wavered and he would always say "don't worry, the Knicks are going to win next year!"

Thomas leaves to cherish, his sons Shavor Keyes and Shawane Keyes (Nicole Jackson); his granddaughters Diamond Williams and Shanelle Keyes; his stepdaughter Stephanie Williams; his sister-in-law Cheryl Huggins; his sisters Carol Miller and Catherine Bailey; his brothers Marcellus Keyes II and John Admore; his aunt Learley Hill; his uncles William Hill and Russell Strickland and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and many friends.

He was truly loved by everyone.

Order of Service

Minister

Reverend Edgar Howard

Prayer

Old Testament

Psalms 121

New Testament

Matthew 11:28

Psalmist/Chaplain

Jaelyn Jones

Song 1:

Angels By Anita Baker

Card Reading

Jocelyn Dorsey

Song 2:

“Going Up To Yonder”

Acknowledgment/Remarks

Reading Of The Obituary

Jocelyn Dorsey

Song 3:

“I Am Free Praise Lord”

Interment

Ferncliff Cemetery
Hartsdale, New York

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've found now peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
don't lengthen your time with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now – He set me free.

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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